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THIS IS THE LAST DAY for nominations in the stake races to be held on the Charlottetown driving park Exhibition week. 5428

ENTERTAINED.—Miss Florence Cameron entertained a number of her friends at her home on Longworth Avenue on Wednesday night. The evening was spent very pleasantly in music and dancing. Two solos by Mr. Harry Craswell, accompanied by Miss Mae Sterns and a reading by Mr. Edward White were very much enjoyed.

UNDERWENT OPERATION.—Mr and Mrs Benjamin McEwen of the P. W. College received a telegram yesterday stating that their son Mr Raymond L. McEwen had entered the Massachusetts General Hospital Sunday and on Monday morning was operated on for appendicitis. His many friends will be glad to know that his condition is favorable and will hope for his early complete recovery.

ESSAYS JUDGED.—The essay competition conducted by the I. O. D. E. on "My Favorite Canadian Hero," open to pupils of the public schools of this city under thirteen years of age, was won by Miss Marjorie Mitchell, aged twelve years, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles J. Mitchell. The successful competitor is a pupil in Grade VIII, Notre Dame Academy. The judges were Chief Justice and Mrs J. A. Mathieson.

AN ISLAND LADY DEAD.—Captain Andrew R. McDonald of the Bay Steamship Company, has been bereaved by the death of his mother, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth McDonald, and many Saint John friends will be sorry to hear of the sad news that has come to him. She passed away on last Friday in San Francisco, and will be buried there today says the St. John Telegraph Journal. Mrs. McDonald was the widow of Captain Angus R. McDonald, of Souris, P. E. I. She is survived by six sons and two daughters, and it is noteworthy that four of the sons are masters of vessels. These are Captain James Allan McDonald, of the steamship Andre F. Luckenbach; Captain Angus R. of a United States shipping board vessel; Captain Andrew A. of the Empress, and Captain Donald F., of the S. S. Mary S. Luckenbach, and the other sons are John D., electrical engineer, in New York, and Joseph H., in the shipping business in San Francisco. The daughters are Mrs. George M. Murphy, of Los Angeles, and Miss Florence, a registered nurse, in San Francisco.

PERSONALS

David Birt, Suffolk Station, Lot 34, was in the city today.

Rev. Charles R. Harris, rector of Parrsboro, N. S., is at present visiting his mother, Mrs. T. J. Harris and other relatives here.

Mr. Daniel A. McCormac arrived in the city from Summerside last night, and will leave for Georgetown today, enroute to his home at Boughton Island.

Mrs. John Murray and little daughter Myrtle of Borden returned home yesterday after a short visit to the city.

The many friends of Mr. Thos. Doyle, North Rustico who has been seriously ill will be glad to hear that he is improving.

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HOCHELAGA WILL RUN.—It is understood from a reliable source that the S. S. Hochelaga, which gave such good service on the Pictou to Charlottetown route during the last few seasons, would start this year on May 15th. A week or so ago it was announced in the Halifax papers that the Hochelaga was to be refitted and used by the Government for chugging run-runners. The Pictou Board of Trade and County Council protested against the removal of the Hochelaga from the service between Pictou and the Island before the contract was up, however, as a result, the historic yacht will be on her regular route this season.

Coat Inspired By Piano

(By British United Press) LONDON, May 9.—Vest and waistcoats, and the various open fronts of this season's clothes, have led to the elaboration of the front of dresses generally. Even where there is no real vest, another colour may be let down the front, and this may be profusely embroidered to give a rich effect to a plain dress. Coats treated in this way have a distinctly regimental appearance.

Some of them have considerable character, as in a long blue coat evidently inspired by a piano keyboard. The coat is in bright lapis blue crepe de chine, each side being fitted with a rectangle of white crepe de chine. This is braided in the blue to resemble the keys of the instrument. That is to say, one rectangle has lines in two and three to imitate the black keys, while the other side has even lines just to show the divisions between the notes.

The whole is perfectly symmetrical, and yet, with that differentiation of detail which is particularly French, a white belt and a big white collar of rabbit complete the coat.

It is worn with a dress of the same blue finished with white collar and cuffs of the crepe de chine.

Ten Thousand Troops To Tackle A Wolf

(By British United Press) LONDON, May 9.—Wolf stories have abounded in the papers of late, but they have all related to the alleged sucking of children by she-wolves. There are other wolf stories just as well telling—notably that of the celebrated Bete de Gervaudan which alarmed France in the middle of the eighteenth century.

It was first heard of in June, 1764. Between that date and the following October, it had killed or gravely injured twenty-six persons. The peasants organized battues against it in vain; and it was also in vain that the Governor of Languedoc dispatched a company of dragoons—fifty-six men in all—to assist in the chase.

The Bishop of Mende then intervened with a pastoral. A Savage "Wolf" the prelate wrote, "has suddenly appeared in our midst, and no one knows whence it came. Wherever it appears, there its bloody traces are left, and consternation is spread. The fields are deserted, the boldest men are filled with fear at the sight of the horrible beast, and none go forth unarmed."

He directed, therefore, that prelates should be offered up for the suppression of the wolf; but there was no immediate response to the petitions; and the Intendant of the province drew an appalling picture of the beast's ferocious appearance. "This animal," he wrote, "is of the size of a bullock a year old. It has paws as strong as a bear, with six claws, each an inch long. Its jaws are of enormous size, the breast wide as that of a horse, the body long as that of a leopard, the tail stout as a man's arm and four feet long."

This graphic report was shown to the King. He issued an edict to the effect that the monster must, at all costs, be destroyed; and an army of ten thousand men took the field against it on a single day.

Then another report arrived. "Sire," wrote the Intendant of Auvergne to the King, "we are full of unspeakable joy. M. Antoine de Beaurerne, the porte-argueuse of your Majesty, has killed the Bete de Gervaudan."

M. de Beaurerne was then rewarded with a decoration and a pension; but both the recompense and the rejoicings were premature, and the wolf had been killed, but the wolf was still at large.

It remained at large, in spite of attempts to poison it by streeming in its supposed path the dead bodies of dogs poisoned with muskumica, until at least a peasant shot it.

Then its body was carefully packed up and remitted to Paris for examination, with the result that it was declared not to be a wolf after all but some remarkable variety of lynx.

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N. B. At Confederation

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or wrongly, I hastened to acquaint my principal, Mr. Livingstone of the Telegraph. And I thought I ought to also acquaint Mr. Tilley of what I knew and how I had acquired the information. Accordingly, on Monday morning, I called at his office, introduced myself as the representative of the Telegraph, came to report the legislative proceedings. He received me very graciously. I artlessly inquired who was to be the new Senator? He was on his guard in a moment and with grave face and half-closed eyes inquired "What Senator?" Then I told him frankly that I knew all about it, and had been an enforced listener to all the Cabinet wrangle of Saturday night. He at once endeavored to impress me with a sense of the impropriety of publishing any information so obtained. In this I entirely concurred and stated that I had no desire or intention to do so. But there was another matter. How came it that I had been dismissed from the railway service? He inquired the circumstances and I related them. "This took place when I was in England, and, of course, I had nothing to do with it," he said. "Come back at 10 o'clock. The Cabinet is to meet then and I will take you in with me and we will have it all explained."

At ten I returned, and he took me with him to the Council Chamber, introduced me as one of their friends, who by some mistake had been dismissed from the railway, and made me sit among the rest at the table. Of course he, Mr. Mitchell, and some others had been absent when the dismissal had taken place, he said. An awkward silence followed, which I greatly enjoyed. I was seated between Hon. Charles Connell and Hon. John McAdam. Mr. Connell turned to me and said: "Mack, I had nothing to do with it." Mr. McAdam, on the other side, said: "I had nothing to do with it, either." Two of the five members of the Executive who had been present at the meeting of Council which dismissed me had spoken. A third was the member who had called at my station assuring me that he was my friend and that I should not be disturbed, and as there was an awkward pause, I cited this circumstance. How could I have been dismissed by five men, three of whom were in my favor? Mr. Tilley, who sat at the head of the table opposite me, raised his hand as a signal for silence. I rose, thanked them for their courtesy, and remarking that I was still in doubt as to how and why I had been dismissed, withdrew.

I was half-way back to the Barker House when I heard some one behind me shouting my name. I turned and met Mr. McAdam. He was out of breath with his haste to overtake me. "You think there is a lie somewhere," he blurted out. I protested, no, not a lie, but still I could not quite understand. "It was this way," he said, "there were five of us at the meeting. I was called away on urgent business. It was understood that there were to be no more dismissals till our leaders came back from England. But in the event of a tie occurring between the two northern and the two southern members who remained, on any other matter, I left power with McMillan from the north, and McClelan from the south, to jointly cast my vote to decide the tie. When I was gone, McMillan brought up the question of your dismissal. The two North Shore men voted against you and Connell and McClelan voted in your favor. That made a tie, then McMillan and McClelan together threw my vote against you and you were dismissed." Of course, I afterwards called Mr. McClelan to account, and he quite properly declined to discuss the matter, what was done in the Council being under the seal of secrecy. For my part, I have never doubted the substantial accuracy of "Honest" John McAdam's version.

The incident derives any interest it may possess from the prominence of the persons present at the two meetings of the New Brunswick Cabinet, at one of which I was an accidental listener and the other at which I was an invited spectator. The list of nine included some seven gentlemen who were afterwards members of the House of Commons, four who were afterwards Senators, two or three who were afterwards Judges, and three who became Lieutenant-Governors of the Province, one for two terms. They afterward showed a disposition to make right any real or imaginary wrong they had done me, and I was promptly offered one of the best railway stations on the line. This was not accepted because of an alternative offer of a clerkship in the House of Commons. The Telegraph wanted an Ottawa correspondent, and in those days the position of correspondent for a journal supporting the Government was not incompatible with a position in the Civil Service.

I came to Ottawa with the Maritime Senators, members and newspaper men, and entered the Reporters' Gallery and went to work. I said nothing and nobody said anything to me of the promised clerkship till weeks after the House met. Then one day a big envelope was sent me containing my appointment as Junior Clerk in the House of Commons at \$800 a year, conditioned on residing permanently at the seat of Government. I promptly notified Mr. Tilley that I could not accept this. He advised me to accept; the duties were merely sessional, he said, and members of Parliament only received \$600 per session in those days; promotion would follow shortly, and I could go on with my newspaper work, and between the two would have a fair remuneration. I still declined but when the session resumed in March, 1868, I went back to the gallery, and also reported duty as Junior Clerk. It was funny that my first official task was to draw my pay.

In those days the official staff of the House were paid half-monthly in advance. It was now the middle of March. I found the paying office busy, clerks and translators signing the book and being handed out money, and in not a few cases slips of paper called "bons." I was shown one of these by a fellow junior. It read, "Good for \$20 at my next pay. (Signed) \_\_\_\_\_." On these "bons" advances were regularly obtained by considerable numbers of the staff as it appeared. My turn came and I signed for \$33.34 for the latter half of March, got the money and turned away. Mr. Stansfield, the accountant, called me back. He handed me another envelope containing a like amount for the first half of March, and kept me signing for one-half month back of another to 6th November, 1867, the date of my appointment. So I received nearly five months' pay before I began work, and had loaned \$40 of it to a fellow clerk (he had little but "bons" that day) before I reached my rooms. It was promptly repaid at the time promised.

In subsequent sketches I shall have something to say of five years' experiences as a clerk in the Commons, and among the men prominent in political life who I met there in that capacity, and afterward as representative at Ottawa of the St. John Telegraph and Toronto Globe. Very pleasant experiences they were in the main. I found my official associates on the staff of the Commons capable, courteous and efficient public servants. And of the public men I trust I shall have no ill-report. Of Sir Leonard Tilley I

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have most pleasant memories. Since New Brunswick became a Province no one of its sons held greater sway in its affairs or for a longer time. He had a gift of leadership, was at once astute and kindly, and above all, a man whose private life was irreproachable. I think he was a little too sensitive of newspaper criticism, but perhaps our pens are sometimes sharper than his wit. Sir Leonard was not only the greatest political leader that his Province had hitherto raised. He was much more than that. He was a great advocate and exemplar of moral reform. After prohibition had failed of acceptance and his political fortunes had gone with it, he remained faithful to his total abstinence principles till the end of his days. Twice defeated in his constituency of St. John, he never sought another, and in each case, in about a year, he won his old seat again.

the owners of four good horses they evidently deem the tractor a better means of their large farms. Mr. James M. Intyrie has purchased a car from R. C. Clark. Mr. McIntyre is already the owner of a car, but decided to exchange it for a better one. The lobster fishers, a few of whom have run their lines, report a lot of ice grounded and due to the prevailing northerly winds the floating ice is kept pretty much in sight. A meeting of the Presbyterian Christian Endeavor was held Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Douglas. Miss Irene Douglas leading the service in the usual way. Services in the United Church were held at the usual hours of 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Rev. M. K. Charman, pastor.

Mt. Stewart Notes

Mr. Wilfred McKearney had a new car delivered Saturday last. Mr. E. Clark driving her from Charlottetown and except a couple of soft places, Mr. Clark reports the roads very good.

Mr. Eddie Gillis, accountant in the Royal Bank here is spending a holiday at his home in Belfast, P. E. I. so Mr. J. F. Place, Charlottetown, is taking his place. We learn that Douglas Brothers, Head of Hillsboro, have purchased a new tractor. Though they are

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