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THE MORNING GUARDIAN.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Caledonians had a glorious day for their sports yesterday, and a good attendance witnessed the manly contests.

Nigeria, as the fine country around the Niger River is called, has been purchased by the British government from the British African Company for something under \$5,000,000. The inhabitants number thirty millions and some of the tribes possess a fair measure of civilization.

Mr. Bell appears to approve of the attitude of the Federal government towards the prohibition question. Not long ago he was a member of the Provincial Legislature, and many of his old friends, including this journal would be glad to learn what he thinks of the recent liquor legislation in this Province.

It is now believed that the new Commonwealth of Australia will be called into being by an Imperial Act not later than the year 1900. Premier Reid of New South Wales last week laid on the table of the House a notice that he would move an address to the Queen praying that the Commonwealth Bill may pass the Imperial Parliament. The majority of 22,000 votes for federation in New South Wales appears to have exceeded expectations.

The esteemed Examiner does us the honor to quote what THE GUARDIAN said yesterday about the vacant portfolio of Attorney General, and says it was "evidently inspired by some one in close touch with the License Government." The Examiner is very much mistaken. THE GUARDIAN has not been, is not and does not seek to be inspired from the quarter indicated. But we try to keep informed as to what the people are talking about. By the way, there is some talk about Conservative candidates for the Belfast and Fort Augustus districts. We really do not desire to name them in advance of the Examiner, but it must not delay the matter too long.

A would-be poet has addressed the Gulf of St. Lawrence in language which we presume is intended to be respectful, entreating the aforesaid Gulf to "be kind" to his native Island of Prince Edward. This is well enough in its way, but the manner of kindness he asks for in his lines is not to our taste. "Don't moisten her banks, no, not even with spray," he entreats and goes on to say that if this petition is attended to, the Gulf aforesaid will receive the thanks and blessings of the fair daughters and sons of the Island "forever and aye." Why should not the Gulf continue to "moisten" the shores of the Island the same as it has been doing heretofore? There ought to be a substratum of common sense, even in alleged poetry.

TEST OF SPEED.

Torpedo Boats Will Run at High Pressure.

The naval officials will likely be relieved from the monotony, which now pervades the yard, by an interesting speed test, which is likely to take place next week or the week after. It will be a speed test between the torpedo boat destroyer Quail and torp. do boat No. 61. No 61 is a 22 knotter, and although an excellent boat is not of the latest design or of the highest speed attainable by her class. The Quail, on the other hand, is supposed to be able to reel off thirty knots an hour—not the best either but still she is a vessel of recent build and is considered an A 1 boat for the work her class of vessel is intended to fulfil.

The proposed test will demonstrate a two-fold object. First, it will demonstrate how long it will take a torpedo boat destroyer of the Quail class to overtake a torpedo boat of 22 knots, when the latter has a ten-mile start. Secondly, it will decide whether the torpedo boat in these days of destroyers is of much importance to a fleet.

"No. 61" will be given thirty minutes start on the Quail, in which time it is expected she will be ten miles out to sea. Then the Quail with steam at high pressure, will start in pursuit and if she sustains her reputation and that of her class in the 100-mile run, she should overtake the speedy torpedo boat on her way back, pass her and be at anchor

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All the "Middies" of the fleet are at MacNab's Island at target practice. They went down yesterday morning in boats towed by steam launches. They will be in camp until Saturday.

THE AMERICAN PRESS.

N. Y. POSTS FOOD TALK.

NEW YORK, August 7.—The Evening Post is somewhat sarcastic in its comments on Sir Wilfrid Laurier's refusal to attend the post-office corner-stone ceremonies in Chicago. It says that the circumstance is hardly of international importance, and yet it is unpleasantly significant. We fear that this interview will only make our press more violent. Our editors will regard it as a deliberate reflection on the good manners of the American people, which they will patriotically resent in their usual plainspoken and forcible way. They will remind the Canadians that they have an independent existence only because of our forbearance, and that unless they conduct themselves with proper humility, and gratefully accept any invitations that we choose to extend to them, we will give them a dose like that administered to the Spaniards.

N. Y. SUN AMAZED.

The Evening Sun says: It is amazing that Sir Wilfrid Laurier should decline an invitation to be present at the laying of the corner-stone of the Chicago Post-office, on the ground that he would be persona non grata and "might be subjected to some indignity by thoughtless persons."

It is not the Premier taking the boundary complication altogether too seriously? Have not all the Canadian officials behaved as though the Dominion could not get fair play from the United States, and so far as the relations of the two countries are concerned have they not been making a mountain out of a mole hill?

The people of Chicago will probably show their resentment in a somewhat florid way, but surely they have cause to protest. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's reasons for not accepting their hospitality will appear to them almost insolent. To an American it is astounding that the Canadian Premier should fear for his personal dignity at such a function as the laying of the corner-stone, or in any public gathering on this side of the border. The Americans are the most considerate and kindly of hosts, and Chicago would give Lord Minto and Sir Wilfrid Laurier a pleasant and neighborly welcome in which there would not be the faintest hint of that hostility which the Premier imagines to exist in the United States because the two Governments are at odds over the Alaskan boundary.

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