

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN
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MR. FIELDING'S MISSION.

As to Mr. Fielding's visit to England there have been contradictory reports. It was first wired from Ottawa that he was going to London to make some necessary financial arrangements, presumably to borrow money, and thence on to Paris to help forward the ratification of the treaty which the French Senate has not yet sanctioned. Then a report was wired from Ottawa denying that his mission had anything to do with Canadian finances.

Now comes the editorial statement of the Toronto Globe which is as follows: "The Minister of Finance will take advantage of the interval (before the meeting of Parliament) to pay a visit to England to make certain absolutely necessary arrangements regarding the public debt of the Dominion." The Globe goes on to say that "the financial position of the Dominion" will be a fruitful theme of discussion during the approaching session, and it is better that it should be so. Nothing but good can come of searching inquiry and unreserved publicity." And much more of the same sort, which is obvious common sense.

If the Transcontinental Railway is to be completed within the next three years, as is promised and as we all hope it may be, there must be a good many millions borrowed within that time, without regard to the condition of the money market, especially as the revenue has fallen off seriously from last year's big figures. The Globe believes that the Government will have the courage to make perfectly clear to its supporters "the inevitable necessity for keeping down the controllable expenditure for some years to come."

So far the expenditure has not been kept down but has run a good way in excess of last year. There are a good many public works promised in all parts of the Dominion besides the Hudson's Bay Railway, the Transcontinental, the Quebec Bridge and rural free delivery of mail and it may be found more difficult to cut down the expenditure in the face of such commitments than The Globe supposes. Still it will be worth while to try, especially as the more recent Canadian loans were not made at the favorable interest rates of former years.

THE MARITIME WINTER FAIR.

President Elderkin of the Maritime Stock Breeder's Association has issued the usual invitations to the Maritime Winter Fair which will open at Annapolis on November 30 and continue till December 3 inclusive. The Breeders' Association was formed in 1897, and incorporated in 1902. The succession of Winter Fairs since held have been largely attended by stockmen and progressive farmers, and have proved not only of varied and general interest, but highly instructive and informing as well.

Dr. J. G. Rutherford of Ottawa is Honorary President of the Association under whose auspices the Winter Fair is held. E. B. Elderkin President, Col. H. M. Campbell, C. A. Archibald and Rev. Dr. Burke, Vice-Presidents respectively for New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and P. E. Island, in the order named. At the coming Fair addresses will be delivered as usual by leading men from the West and from the Eastern Provinces.

CHINA'S INFANT KING.

It is admitted on all hands that China is the oldest of nations now existing. The present dynasty, that of Tai-tsing is nearly three hundred years old, and Chinese history, more or less authentic, runs back to thousands of years previous to its establishment. China is also the most populous of nations, and increasing knowledge among western peoples of the intellectual status of her educated classes and the wisdom of her statecraft has brought with it increasing respect.

The late Emperor, Kwang-Su came to the throne in January 1875, when he was but four years old. His accession was due to the intrigues of the powerful ladies of the court. In his earlier years the senior Empress Dowager, Tsu Tsi, was the real sovereign, with Li Hung Chang as her astute and powerful adviser. After her death in 1881 the younger Empress Dowager maintained a like ascendancy, down to her death, which occurred almost simultaneously with that of the Emperor, the other day. He had held the throne nominally for thirty-three years, and died a comparatively young man, but he had never really ruled the Chinese Empire.

"Woe unto thee, oh land, when thy king is a child," wrote Solomon. Such has been the condition of China for a generation past. Her Emperor was a child in leading strings, with scarcely the semblance of power all his days. In that period China suffered many reverses, losses and humiliations at the hands of Russia, Japan and other powers, sometimes by a combination of powers, as at the time of the Boxer rising. And now again is to have an infant monarch enthroned at Peking.

This comes at a time when Japan has attained immense and world-wide prestige by her triumph over Russia, and is now acting as China's influential friend and leading the vanguard of a movement that may ultimately affect all Asia by infusing a spirit of new life and progress. The uncertainty of the situation is greatly accentuated by the fact that a regency of necessarily considerable duration is set up in China, of whose personnel and inspiring motives the western world has very little knowledge.

Following the announcement by Hon. Mr. Brodeur that the patronage list has been abolished so far as the Marine and Fisheries Department is concerned, Hon. Dr. Pugsley has now given out a similar statement in regard to the Public Works Department of which he is the head. He tells that the agents of his Department all over Canada have been notified to disregard all patronage lists and purchase all supplies needed at the lowest price in the open market, advertising for tenders whenever possible.

THE PATRONAGE LIST.

This is a most important department, and one which will be universally commended, outside of those who have hitherto been on the favored list. The Public Works Department is entrusted with a vast expenditure this year running up to some eighteen millions of dollars. The next largest spending department is that of Railways and Canals, which may be expected to follow in the same line. It may now be taken as the declared policy of the Government to abolish the patronage list altogether and this policy, if honestly carried into effect will redound to the Government's credit and will doubtless effect a large and necessary saving to the country.

Mr. Pugsley says he knows of no abuses in connection with the patronage list in his department. Probably he has not inquired very closely into that matter, but at any rate he admits that the disclosures at Quebec show that the system is open to abuse. The list is of itself not a creation of the Laurier Government. The previous government had such a list. But the country will feel relieved to learn that it is now to be abolished, and this action will constitute a binding precedent for future governments as well.

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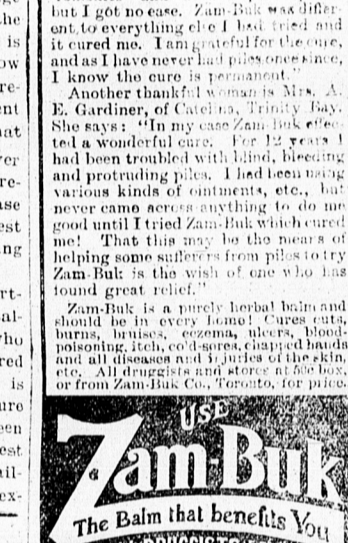
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