

**Strike on Monterey May Delay Sailing.**

HALIFAX, March 9.—The carpenters on the trooper Monterey are out on strike because outside men were given extra work. The strike may delay the sailing of the steamer. There is a possibility of the men going back to work this afternoon.

**Laval Will be Decorated.**

Enquiries at Laval University reveal the fact that there is no truth in the Montreal despatch to the Toronto World asserting that "an Irish-American Society" had congratulated Laval for showing disrespect for the British flag. Laval will be decorated on Monday on the occasion of the reception of the Strathcona Horse.—*Montreal Herald.*



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**HURRAH! BLOEMFONTEIN!**

Yesterday the flags were flung to the breeze again, the bells pealed joyfully, cannon thundered and the school teachers and children paraded the streets in hundreds with banners. And so it was round the world, wherever the proud standard of Britain floats. The British army had entered Bloemfontein!

Lord Roberts of Kandahar is sweeping on in his victorious march—Roberts, who like Wellington, is "the hero of a hundred fights and victor in them all," Roberts "who never yet lost a British gun," had occupied the Capital of the Orange State. It was good news, following the relief of Ladysmith, as that had followed the capture of Cronje and his army, and as that had followed the relief of Kimberley. All within a month. We might well rejoice.

Bloemfontein is by no means a great city. Its population is barely five thousand, considerably less than half of the number that Charlottetown can boast. The Free State itself has a smaller, white population than Prince Edward Island—only 94,000 in all, of whom 78,000 are Dutch and about 16,000 English speaking. We had no quarrel with the burghers; the people of Cape Colony were dwelling securely by them, when they devised evil against us, cast in their lot with Kruger and his gang and carried war and rapine into a peaceful British Colony. Now they are reaping their reward.

Their plan has failed. It contemplated that they should strike while Britain was unready; that Joubert and the Transvaal hosts should ride victoriously to Durban and capture Natal; that Cronje and Botha should ride victoriously to Cape Town, rallying the Dutch people to their standard by the way. Cape Colony and Kimberley were to become the prizes of the Free State and British power was to be swept out of South Africa. Pious (!) misguided burghers! They sang psalms as they plotted their nefarious purpose, and flattered themselves that God was with them. He also confounded their politics, frustrated their knavish tricks, and today the British flag floats over the Orange State Capital.

**THE TELEGRAPH SERVICE.**

A despatch to the Patriot from Ottawa tells that Mr. McLellan of West Prince brought up the question of our telegraph service in the Commons. Sir Lewis replied in terms that do him great credit, which we quote as given in the despatch; "Sir Louis stated that the cable across the Strait of Northumberland was in the hands of the Anglo American Co. They have no monopoly of the telegraph service, although they have claimed they have.

"In 1895 the Maritime Boards of Trade had called the attention of the late government to the grievance, but nothing had been done. Sir Louis, a year ago, had protested against the excessive rates and the absurd hours of closing to the General Manager of the Company in London.

"If these grievances were not abated something would have to be done, either by withholding the subsidy, by expropriating the present line, or by building a new cable. The grievance has become intolerable."

If Sir Louis Davies succeeds in effecting this reform, as we doubt not he will, he will add to many past important services and make still stronger his claims upon the gratitude and support of the Island people.—THE GUARDIAN has all along contended, as Sir Louis now states, that the Anglo-American Company's claim to a monopoly of the telegraph service has no substantial warrant.

The Kaiser has denied that he wired congratulations to the Queen on the British victories.

The seat of Government of the Orange State has been changed. President Steyn has been unseated. Bye and bye he will cease to be a President.

Yesterday some twenty to twenty-five influential residents of Flat River, Belle River and Wood Island were in the city, and on their behalf a deputation waited upon THE GUARDIAN to express their views in regard to the location of the Hillsboro bridge. In the first place they desire that the bridge shall be built with as little delay as possible. After that they would rely upon the judgement of the Government Engineer as to the proper location, having in view the cost of construction. In some respects the Kensington site would be preferable, especially for those coming to the city with teams, as the bridge would be out of the way of the shunting and traffic about the railway station by which teams would be frightened.

Moncton, quite foolishly as we think, has introduced federal politics into its civic elections. It does not appear which party brought about this condition, but the result has been a sweeping victory for the Conservatives who appear to have elected their candidates for the Mayoralty and nearly all the Council seats. We can see no utility in bringing federal party affairs into civic or municipal elections. We would gladly see them excluded from our provincial elections also. The affairs of cities, counties and provinces have little natural connection with the issues which divide the two great parties in the Dominion. They should be managed on a strictly business basis, and the best men of both political creeds ought to unite give us honest, efficient and economical civic and provincial governments. Fortunately for us, party politics have not entered largely into our civic contests in this Island. New Brunswick has for many years successfully tried the plan of administering its affairs by a composite Government. Our provincial concerns are on a smaller scale than those of the Province across the Strait, and the necessity for strict party control in the Government and Legislature is not apparent.

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Holders of Butter—and they are few and far between—are in the enviable position of being able to obtain, almost anything they want for their stock. As high as 33c has been paid for small lots of fancy creamery, while fine dairy rolls easily command 27c to 28c. There is some talk of importations from the States, and it is not unlikely that a little stock will find its way into the market from some near-by points.

The demand for eggs is fair, but the market is easier, and sales are reported at 16 1/2c to 17c. Montreal limed were quoted at 14c to 14 1/2c, and western limed at 13 to 13 1/2c per dozen.

There was no change in the bean market. The demand is still slow, but prices are maintained. Choice hand-picked pea beans are held at \$1.80 to \$1.95, and choice primes at \$1.70 to \$1.75.

Business in maple product is quiet, there being only a small demand for syrup. Choice syrup is quoted at 70c to 75c per wine measure, and large tins at 90c to \$1. Pure sugar at 10, 10 1-2c to 11c; common at 8c to 10c per lb.

The demand for honey is only in small lots, and as the offerings are not large prices rule steady. White clover, in comb, is quoted at 14c to 15c; white extracted in large tins, 9c to 9 1-2c; and in small tins at 10c to 9 1-2c; and buckwheat extracted at 8c to 9c.

There was no change to note in potatoes. Car lots on track, 42 1-2c to 45c per bag, and small quantities at 5c to 10c per bag advance, according to size of lot.

Receipts of ashes are small, in consequence the tone of the market is firm. We quote:—First pots, \$4.85; seconds, \$4.50; and pearls, \$5.00 per 100 lbs.

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