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London, Nov. 9.—Two free churches in Tarbert (Scotland) are now appealing to the Toronto courts regarding a legacy of \$50, and are concerned over the fact that the costs in the case considerably exceed the amount of the legacy.

English politicians are watching Mr. Foster's speeches with keen interest. It is remarked as queer that the Canadian ex-ambassador is lending all his efforts to bind the empire together while the British ex-ambassador is working in the opposite direction.

Sir Chas. Dilke interviewed by the Canadian Associated Press about his views of treaty making powers for Canada a replied: "I always have been in favor of such power. It would not lead to separation but prevent it. You may say I sympathize in Canada's movement, but would rather not go into details just now."

Balfour's speech at the Guild Hall banquet is interesting to Canadians from the premier's suggestion that Canada ought not to weigh the terms of the Alaskan settlement so much as it was a blessing in getting rid of the boundary question by a definite final treaty.

Lord Alve-stone at the Guild Hall banquet last night said he was not there to justify his judicial conduct in any public speech. If the judges of England thought it necessary to justify their public utterances a death blow would be struck at public confidence. Discussions will arise between nations but if you don't want a judicial decision don't ask British judges to be members of the court.

Mr. Asquith, speaking at Worcester, said if free trade was justified in 1846 it was more so now. I deny we are living on the crumbs falling from the foreigner's table.

TOAD STORIES--ANIMALS EXIST FOR A VERY LONG TIME IN ROCKS.

The unfortunate toad has from time immemorial been an object of distrust and aversion, especially among the common people. A pleasing tale runs that a gentleman, walking along a country lane, came suddenly upon a village boy, belaboring the crushed body of a toad with a heavy stick, and exclaiming at each blow, "I'll learn 'ee to be a toad!" Whereat the indignant newcomer, seizing the miscreant by his collar, vigorously applied a cane to his legs, remarking, "I'll learn you to be a boy!" The popular hatred of the toad, indeed, is of such antiquity and is still so general as to seem ineradicable. That the creature is not dangerously poisonous it is hopeless to attempt to convince the ordinary rustic. Doubtless this belief has its origin in the acrid secretion which the toad has the power of emitting when disturbed or annoyed unduly, and which will cause a dog that has incautiously picked a toad up to foam at the mouth. Again, the uncouth appearance of the creature has had much to do with the feeling of repulsion with which it has always been regarded. "Squat like a toad" is the phrase by which Milton describes the evil one essaying to reach the ear of Eve.

Superstition, in truth, has laid a firm hold on the toad's misshapen figure. The belief, not only in the existence of "toad-stones," but in their efficacy as a sovereign remedy for certain ills, which is still common in parts of the country, is of very ancient date. "There is to be found in the heads of old and great toads," says Fenton, writing in 1569, "a stone they call borax or stolon, which being used as rings give forewarning of venom." In the Lonsborough Collection is a silver ring of the fifteenth century, in which one of these toad-stones is set. They were supposed always to bear on their surface a figure resembling a toad, being somewhat similar triangles, one may imagine, to the "scarabæus" ornament of the Egyptians. Another early writer remarks, "A toad-stone, called 'crepandia,' touching any part envenomed by the bite of a rat, wasp, spider, or other venomous beast, ceases the pain and swelling thereof." It was believed that when brought near to poison, the stone sweated and changed color, thus conveying to its wearer a timely warning of his danger.

Perhaps the most familiar superstition in regard to toads is that, still rife, which supposes them capable of existing for an indefinite period in the interior of rocks, stones, or hermetically sealed cavities. Numberless "authentic instances" of this remarkable power have been brought forward from time to time. The following example, from an old book, is typical: "In 1793, Mr. George Wilson, a mason, met with a toad, which he wantonly immured in a stone wall that he was then building. In the middle of the wall he made a close cell of lime and stone, just fit for the magnitude of its body and seemingly so plastered as to prevent the admission of air. In 1809 (sixteen years afterward) it was found necessary to open a gap in this wall, for a passage for carts, when the poor creature was found alive in its stronghold. It seemed at first in a very torpid state, but it soon recovered animation and activity; and as if sensible of the blessings of freedom, made its way to a collection of stones, and disappeared." It is known that toads can exist for a long time without food, and it is generally believed that they live to a great age; and doubtless these two peculiarities have had much to do with the superstition in regard to their supposed penchant for a hermit's life. The fallacy, however, was completely exposed by Dean Buckland, father of Frank Buckland, the great naturalist, who went to the trouble of testing the truth of the theory by an exhaustive series of experiments. It need only be remarked that none of his victims survived their incarceration.

In legendary, as in superstitious lore, the toad plays no small part. It may not be generally known that the fleur de lis of France was originally in shape a toad. Thus, at least, runs the tale. Clovis, King of France, bore on his banner the device of three toads, or "botes," as they were called in old French. His baptism gave great umbrage to the Arians, who rebelled and assembled a large host against him under King Candac. Clovis, while on his way to

meet the heretics, was granted a vision wherein he saw in the heavens his device of three toads miraculously changed into three lilies "or" on a banner "azure." Such a banner he caused instantly to be made, calling it his "liflambé." And even before his army came in sight of King Candac, the latter's heretic host lay dead, slain like the army of Sennacherib by a blast from the God of battles. In the quaint phraseology of Fabian's Chronicle, "It is wynnysyd of Maister Robert Gagwyne that before thysse dayes all French kyngeys used to here in their armies ill Todys, but after this Clodoveus had recognized Cristes relygyon ill Fleoure de lys were sent to hym by divine power, sette in a shyld of azure, the whiche syns that been borne of all French kyngeys."

It might be thought that the expression "toady," short for "toad-eater," contained a reflection upon the already much reproached creature. The opprobrious epithet, however, has a very different origin, which, though having nothing to do with the strict subject of this article, it may perhaps be of interest to give here. "Toad-eater" is a corruption from a Spanish word "toldita" (my factotum), being the phrase used by the lazy Castilians to describe the busy servants into which they made the vanquished Moors. Hence a cringing and officious dependent, ready to perform any sort of dirty work on his patron's behalf, came to be known as a "toldita," "toad-eater," or "toady."—London Globe.

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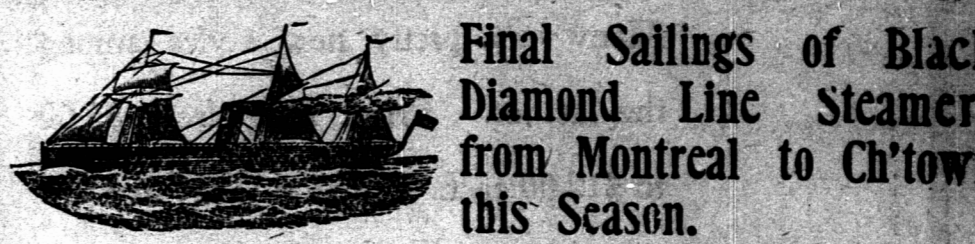
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