

THE SALE AT EARNSCLIFF

The Effects of the Late Sir John Macdonald Sold at Auction.

As a GUARDIAN reader and one who had the pleasure of attending many auction sales in Charlottetown, I thought your readers would like to learn of the sale of the effects of the late Sir John A. Macdonald. Earncliffe the home of the late statesman was thronged all day Tuesday. Rare pictures were disposed of for a song, and a single verse sung at that, while other articles of less value went for a high figure, partly, no doubt, on account of the associations of the hand of the dead statesman had attached to them. Thus his favorite inkstand, a plain glass affair, that could be bought for probably 25 cents at a bargain counter, brought \$2.25, after a brief but brisk sledge of bidding. His mahogany file was bought in for \$2.60, while two formidable looking rules were secured by a prominent railway official for thirty cents. The cash box, that, judging by its battered appearance, had seen constant service, only realized thirty cents, looks, not associations, ruling in this particular instance.

The paper knives the Chieftain had so often wielded received an opening bid of ten cents, and found a purchaser at 60 cents. The sight of an ordinary glass paper weight, that had been the companion of the other articles in constant use, aroused the desire of possession in many breasts, being bid up from 5 to 75 cents, at which figure it changed hands.

The greatest interest of the sale, however, attached itself to the disposal of Sir John's desk, at which he sat and worked evolving successful schemes that have made Canada the country it is. Referring to the desk, Auctioneer Lewis said: "The Chieftain worked at this desk for over 40 years. It was his favorite desk, and when

at home he would work at no other. If one of us possessed the state secrets that have been locked up in that desk, we would have material to write many volumes of Canadian history." The fight for the possession of the coveted article, shabby in appearance and impression, when shorn of its historic associations and significance, was a keen one. The rivals were Mr. J. W. Woods, manufacturer, and Mr. A. Ferguson, barrister, both strong admirers of the Chieftain. The opening bid was \$5, and from that the price leapt steadily but surely at the alternate figures, \$5 and \$1. Few thought the precious possession would in price pass the century mark, and when the bidders expressed in turn their determination to secure the desk, the excitement ran high. Exclamations of surprise and conjectures on the outcome were heard on all sides, and as the figures climbed steadily upward, the interest in the bidding grew apace. The desk was finally bought in by Mr. Woods for \$101. Many predicted that it would in course of years attain an even higher value.

Considerable interest was also attached to the sale of a complete Indian chief's war outfit, presented to Sir John Macdonald on the occasion of his visit to a Canadian tribe, which did him the honor of making him a full fledged chief. The outfit included a bead-embroidered suit of buckskin, gaudy in color and an unmistakably poor fit, bows and arrows, tomahawks, whips, leggings, etc. The whole, after considerable bidding, was knocked down at \$15.

Every person seemed possessed with a desire to obtain something that they could point to as being once the property of the late Sir John Macdonald.

A GORDON PRAISES CANADIAN.

Who Risked His Life to Save a Wounded Companion.

"One of the Gordons," writing to the Friend, a newspaper published in Bloemfontein, in referring to the Paardeburg battle, says:

Between the trenches and the Boer position lay Canadian dead and dying. About 5.30 a wounded man about 500 yards away was seen to be trying to make for our trenches under a heavy fire, but was at last observed to fall. Now and then between the volleys he was seen to wave his hands as if for assistance. Suddenly from the left of his trenches a form was seen to climb the earthworks in front of our trenches jumping down to make straight for the place where the wounded lay, about 90 yards from the Boer trenches. Utterly regardless of the scathing fire which hissed about him, he ran on and at last reached the wounded man and tried to lift him, but it was too late for the poor fellow had breathed his last. Seeing it was of no avail his would-be rescuer walked back over the ground he had covered, and although bullets whistled round him and tore up the ground in every direction, he coolly regained his trenches with a pipe stuck between his teeth. I have since ascertained his name was Private Thompson of the Royal Canadians, and although I do not know whether his case is one recommended for distinction or not, still I have never during the campaign seen a case of such coolness and pluck as that displayed by Private Thompson. Considering the galling fire that swept the distance of four or five hundred yards which he covered in his endeavor to reach the wounded man, also his close proximity to the Boer trenches, it seems marvellous that he ever lived to get within four hundred yards of him, not to mention getting back without a scratch. His case is one of the most deserving of recognition, coming as it does from amongst the ranks of the gallant Canadian Volunteers by whose side we have fought and marched since we left Graspan, and then whom a jollier or pluckier lot of boys never lived.

PROWSE BROS.

Ladies' Silk Waists.

We have just put on sale a line of Fancy and plain Silk Waists made with shirt waist cuff; they are handsome styles and were made to retail for \$3.50 we will close out the lot at a sacrifice, and have put them on our counters at \$2.25

Ladies' Wrappers.

A real good Wrapper made with separate lining, full skirt. assorted colors, all sizes. 85c up.

Ladies' Capes.

Ladies' Black Cape, very handsomely trimmed with fur trim applique, waist, ribbon and lace, especially designed for middle aged and elderly ladies. We have a very large assortment ranging in price from \$1.50 to 2.50

Ladies' White Waists.

Our large line of White Waists made out of pretty Piques Lawns, Linens, beautifully trimmed, tucked and fancily made in different ways; they are especially attractive values in qualities from \$1.00 to \$2.75.

Wrapper Snap.

Handsome percal wrapper in assorted dark colors, neatly trimmed with ribbon, raffis over shoulders, cheap at \$3.00 only \$2.25.

Ladies' silk waists.

It is a very large assortment of Silk Shirt Waists we are offering in Black, Blue, Pink, Silk and fancy weaves, as well as plain Silks, differently designed in all the latest fashions and colors. Also Evening Waists in new and bizarre designs, price \$2.75.

Colored shirt Waists.

Fancy Colored Shirt Waists, made up in a large variety of ways out of American and Scotch Ginghams, as well as Percales and Chambrays, the prices of the different qualities are 50c, 85c, \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$2.75.

Black Skirts

A large assortment of serge skirts \$1.10. Better goods in figured blacks \$4.75. Better still at 6.50. A little expensive, but they are worth it.

Ladies' separate skirts.

Ladies' separate skirts in Pique, Crash, Cord, Madras, the right thing to wear with Shirt Waists 75c. to 2.75.

What trade we have we'll hold, and what we haven't we're after.

Opinions of British Press.

UNFOUNDED SUSPICION
London Daily Express

The splendid loyalty which Canada has shown in the Empire's cause has been gallant, no doubt, to those with whom hatred of all things English, seems to be a sort of mad hereditary trait: No wonder suspicion has always fallen on the Fenians.

VERY COMPLIMENTARY
London Journal of Commerce.

Canadians in official positions are showing themselves worthy the traditions of any country, and we may expect that the efforts they are now putting forth on behalf of their country will have results gratifying to them and beneficial to the Empire.

BOERS SURPRISED AND FANDED.
Pall Mall Gazette.

The Boers do not understand General Pole-Carew, and are stated to be naturally ignorant at his incomprehensible proceedings. It was right enough for Boer invaders, and particularly for Cape and Natal rebels to loot and burn the property of British subjects in British Colonies guilty of the enormity of being loyal to the British flag. But General Pole-Carew has actually applied a much milder version of the same treatment, with the purely wanton mischief left out, to

Boers who had gone through the pleasant formality of taking oaths of submission, and then harboured rifles, sometimes with men engaged in letting them off at British troops. General Pole-Carew has not only been seizing those rifles, but commandeering the adjacent forage and live stock and burning the outhouses where provisions useful for the Boer fighting men were stored. A British general who thinks that an oath is an oath, treachery treachery, and war war, and not a "Heads Boers win, tails British lose" business!

A VERY CLEAR MATTER
LONDON TIMES.

"It is needless to enlarge upon the dangers of such an innovation, or the advantages to the Australians themselves, as to all other citizens of the Empire, of being able to have recourse to a court absolutely above the suspicion of partiality on matters which might conceivably provoke much local passion. The fact that the Parliament of the Commonwealth obtains the right to legislate on such matters as 'external affairs,' the 'relations of the Commonwealth with the islands of the Pacific,' 'naturalization and aliens,' and other thorny subjects of a kind which might embroil the Empire as a whole with foreign powers, is enough to show the imperative necessity which exists that the interpretation of the extent to which these powers pass to that body shall not rest exclusively with an Australian tribunal. The matter is so clear, when it is once fairly faced, that we cannot bring ourselves to believe that Australian statesmen and the Australian people will refuse to recognize the wisdom and the validity of the arguments in favor of the modification of these clauses."

FAMINE IN INDIA.

The Demand for Government Assistance is Unparalleled.

LONDON, May 18.—Dealing with the famine in the central provinces of India, which have an area equal to that of Austria and a population of nearly eleven millions, and which were formerly most prosperous, the Daily Chronicle's correspondent at Bilaspur writes:

"The demand for government assistance is unparalleled. In one district forty per cent. are dependent on the Sirdar for their daily bread. In two others the percentage is over thirty. In the whole area there are 1,500,000 people with no other sources of subsistence than government charity. "Three miles out from Bilaspur 1,300 persons are very busy adding to the long list of links constructed by famine labor. Further on stone breaking is in progress, and peasants who have never before handled any implement save those of husbandry wrestle manfully with rock bar and boring tools. When the row is broken women and youngsters busily ply little hammers. An able bodied man earns three cents, women two cents and a half, and children two cents. If the price of grain increases the wage is increased and vice versa. So that a full day's toil secures to every worker a sufficiency of food. No work, no pay. The old and feeble are drafted into the weekly gangs and even these wrecks of humanity lay by a few pices (quarter of a cent) of their miserable pittance and starve their shrunken bodies in order to get a morsel of opium or tobacco. "The type of relief work described at Bilaspur is found by the hundreds in the central provinces, and the aid given to the able-bodied people seems sufficient, and the kitchens and hospitals are well managed. But, the penny wage for a weekly gang is insufficient. I am assured, however, that it will be raised."

A Monctonian has one of Cronje's Teeth.

The steward on board the Milwaukee which took Cronje and the Boer prisoners from Capetown to St. Helena, while in conversation with a Monctonian at Halifax last week said that on the way to St. Helena, Cronje suffered severely for a whole day with tooth ache, and when he could stand it no longer Dr. L. H. Price extracted the bothersome molar. The steward said he tried to secure possession of the tooth but Dr. Price would not part with it for anything.—Moncton Transcript

Monterey at New Orleans.

The transport Monterey, which sailed about six weeks ago with Strathcona's Horse has arrived at New Orleans and will take a cargo of mules from there to Cape Town.

Every Kind of Backache

Yields to Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, Because They Act Directly on the Liver as Well as the Kidneys.

Pains in the small of the back, over the kidneys, are usually due to derangements of the kidneys, and disappear when the kidneys are set right. But there are other kinds of backache, by far the greater proportion, that can never be reached by treating the kidneys. Pains in the shoulders, through the centre of the back, and in the sides are caused by a torpid action of the liver, and can only be driven out when the liver is made healthy and active. To reach the liver, as well as the kidneys, to set the filtering organs in working order, and to cure every kind of backache, there is but one unfailing remedy, and that is Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. It is the only treatment that has this direct and combined action on both liver and kidneys, and the only one that positively and permanently cures backache, whether caused by liver or kidneys. Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose, 25 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmanston, Bates and Co., Toronto.

Prince Edward Island Railway QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY Excursion Return Tickets

One first-class fare will be issued from and to all stations on May 22nd 23rd and 24th, good to return up to and on 26th inst. No stop over allowed and tickets not good for passage going on journey after date of issue. G. A. SHARP, Supt. Railway Office, Charlottetown, May 18 to 23.

TO-LET

A nice Store and Office at Victoria, Lot 23. Possession given immediately. This store is situated at the corner of Water and Main St., at the head of Queen's Wharf in a good business locality. Terms reasonable. Apply to DONALD W. PALMER, Victoria. May 8 3d 3d

THE CITY IN WHICH WE LIVE

Planting of Trees, Grading and Beautifying of the Streets Necessary.

Charlottetown as the capital of the province should possess all or as much as is possible to attract people to it. The province in general enjoys the felicity of variety as a summer resort. In travel the pleasure seeker may enjoy the beach or the quiet country home, and after all what excels the June sunshine which floods sky and our Isle? During the present year an extra effort is being made earlier than usual to place the areas dedicated to our citizens' pleasure in an up-to-date condition. The parks are the natural breathing spaces of the busy work-a-day world of our city. From time to time the city fathers have very rightly had their attention directed to reasons which render these places less popular than they might be. A literary writer has said: "Charlottetown is attractively and generously laid out. Its public squares, full of flowering plants and well arranged walks, are surrounded by substantial, not to say handsome buildings, that might do honor to a more important city."

The planting of trees on the principal streets is certainly a commendable act. The placing of a few seats in the park would be a move in the right direction. Except in the vicinity of the fountain there are few seats on which the wanderer may rest and the weary renew his strength. It is carrying the practice of realism a little too far to prevent the

Costs Something to be Sat on.

A woman passenger who rode on one of the cars of the Nassau Electric Railroad Company of Brooklyn, has been awarded \$2,300 damages for injuries received by being set upon by a "very fat man." The fat man had been standing, and lost his balance as the result of a sudden application of the brakes.

AN ENGINEER'S STATEMENT

Ben Rafferty, of Winnipeg Division says Dodd's Kidney Pills are O.K. Winnipeg, Man., May 21.—Probably the most enthusiastic man in Manitoba in regard to Dodd's Kidney Pills is Ben Rafferty, of the C.P.R. He is one of the drivers on the big trans-continental road, and the jarring of the engine and long hours combined to bring on Kidney Disease from which Mr. Rafferty suffered for twenty years. He was cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills. His case is so well known throughout Canada that a Toronto gentleman wrote to Mr. Rafferty recently asking him if he could recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills. Mr. Rafferty wrote in reply: Winnipeg Dear Sir—I received your note of yesterday. I will recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills at any time to any person with pleasure. They are O.K. Yours truly, B. Rafferty. Wanted.—Coats and vestmakers at D. A. Bruce's, 10, d&w 11

Did Not Have The Stuff.

The St. John Telegraph says: "U.S. Immigration Officer Miller brought three women in on last night's C. P. R. They were on their way to the United States and were turned back at Vancouver. They returned home last night, two to Moncton and one to Newcastle."

Stratford, 4th Aug., 1899 Messrs. C. C. RICHARDS & Co.

Gentlemen.—My neighbor's boy, 4 years old, fell into a tub of boiling water and got scalded fearfully. A few days later his legs swelled to three times their natural size and broke out in running sores. His parents could get nothing to help him till I recommended MILDARD'S LINIMENT, which, after using two bottles, completely cured him, and I know of several cases around here almost as remarkable, cured by the same Liniment and I can truly say I never handled a medicine which has had so good a sale or given such universal satisfaction. M. H. BENT, General Merchant.

STEAMER SOUTHPORT.—The steamer Southport will leave West River Bridge on Friday next, May 19th, at 7.15 for Charlottetown, leaving Ferry Wharf on return at 4 p. m. She will call at Westville both going and coming. This trip will be made every Friday until further notice. 5d & 1 mo.

Sounds of Activity AT THE BEE HIVE

Almost daily we are receiving additions to our stock. Already we have landed three cargoes made up of almost every size of dimension lumber in Hemlock and Spruce.

TO THE BUYERS' INTERESTS

We have made our season's purchase. The quality is always first and uppermost—and we never forget that there must be a combination of quality and price that will be appreciated by Bee Hive Patrons. It will be impossible to enumerate addition after addition to our stock as it arrives but lumber hunters will find at the Bee Hive a general supply for every day usefulness. The spring trade left our stock in a low state before the opening of navigation but we fully expect to be up to the requirements of the trade from this forward. PHONE 181.

James Barrett
The Bee Hive Lumber Yard.

Dr. McLAUGHLAN

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.

OFFICE—Kent St., Opposite Moreli House.

SALE OF Imported Clydesdale Stallion

DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS,

Charlottetown, May 17th, 1900.

The Clydesdale Stallion Crown Lights, No. 10,182, 5 years old, bred by Her Majesty the Queen on Prince Consort Show Farm, Windsor, imported this month by the Government of P. E. Island, will be sold at public auction on the Market square, Charlottetown, on Wednesday, May 23rd at 2 o'clock p. m.

Terms and conditions at sale. By order of Stock Farm Commissioners. RICHARD SMITH, Sec'y. Stock Farm. ROBERT BEARISTO, Auctioneer.

GAS STOVES

—OR—

GAS RANGES

for cooking and heating may be either purchased or rented at low figures on application at the Gas Works. Gas supplied at a reduced figure for above purpose. May 5th, 1900. Sat, Tues, Thurs 1m