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Demarens and Dennison have progressed so well that ten of the fifteen articles in it are now completed.

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PORTSMOUTH, Aug. 31.—(Special)—Baron Komura tonight received instructions to proceed at once with the negotiations for an armistice.

A meeting will be held tomorrow for the complete suspension of hostilities between the belligerent nations.

St. PETERSBURG, Aug. 30.—The following is the text of M. Witte's cablegram to Emperor Nicholas announcing peace:

"I have the honor to report to your majesty that Japan has agreed to your demands concerning the conditions of peace and that consequently peace will be established, thanks to your wise and firm decision, and in strict conformity with the instruction of your majesty.

"Russia will remain in the Far East the great power which she hitherto has been and will be forever.

"We have applied to the execution of your orders all our intelligence and our Russian hearts. We beg your majesty mercifully to forgive that we have been unable to do more.

ONE MARITIME MAN ON BISLEY

Ideal Weather Prevailed at Rockcliffe Range Yesterday—Richardson of Victoria, Made Thirteen Bull's Eyes at the 900 Yards—Ontario Wins Cup.

OTTAWA, August 31.—(Special)—Ideal weather prevailed for Rockcliffe shooting today.

Richardson of the Victoria, B. C., artillery got great applause for thirteen consecutive bulls at the fine hundred range in the Governor General's match and Anderson of Moncton tied with two others for first place.

The Bisley aggregate was won by Pte. Ellen of the 7th Regt. Lieut. Sempole of the 78th was fifth and he was the only Maritime man eligible for the Bisley team next year.

The London Merchants cup was won by Ontario with British Columbia second.

puts on the conventional summer attire and takes it easy on the lawn or in the garden. He gets all the papers and thus is kept in touch with the outside world.

Sir Wilfrid's arrival in the little village always creates a sort of stir. All Quebec is proud of its most distinguished son, but particularly so is the place in the midst of which the Premier spent so much of his life.

Reading most of the time, resting, breathing in the invigorating ozone of the country, fondling the little ones or enjoying the company of the family circle—thus does the prime minister spend his vacation at Arthabaskaville.

On Sunday he always goes to church, attends mass and hears a sermon to the faithful from the reverend monsieur le cure.

After mass the villagers crowd around to give the glad hand to the distinguished enfant de la paroisse.

No barrier of haughty reserve surrounds Sir Wilfrid. It's "Bon jour Baptiste" here, "Comment ca va" there, and there is a general handshaking. Though away from there some years now, the Premier, with his faculty for names and faces, remembers affectionately the people with whom he labored in the erstwhile days when his political lot was in the cold shades of opposition.

Probably they are the nearest to his heart. After all is said and done, it is the genial manner, the simple ways, the firm but courteous manner and the possession of that indefinable something that draws people to him and wins their respect, that accounts in large measure for the Premier's success as a leader of men and as the head of the Government of this northern nation.

A Prominent Organist L. R. Beaudry, organist Church St. Louis de France, Montreal, speaks of the New Scale Williams Piano:

"About three years ago, I bought another make of piano through Messrs. J. A. Hurteau & Co. of this city, but since I have examined and played on your pianos I decided to change it for one of your New Scale Williams Pianos. It is with great pleasure I state that the one bought from your representatives J. A. Hurteau & Co. Ltd., of Montreal, has in every respect met my expectations.

The touch is simply perfect and the piano answers all the requirements of the most exacting artists, and responds to the most delicate as well as powerful demands.

I shall deem it a pleasure to recommend your instruments in every respect wherever opportunity presents, and I congratulate you upon your success as Piano Manufacturers of the first rank in Canada.

(signed) L. R. BEAUDRY, Organist Church of St. Louis de France, Montreal, Que.

Miller Bros., Sole Agents.

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DURNING AND HIS TOURISTS IN CITY

Party Arrived Last Night in S. S. "Halifax." A Hearty Welcome Extended—They Will Tour the Garden of the Gulf This Morning.

T. H. Durning and his big party of tourists arrived at the "Garden of the Gulf" on schedule time last evening after a very delightful voyage through the straits of Canso and Northumberland Sound.

They came on the S. S. "Halifax" (as they all ways have done), Capt. Ellis in command, and all speak in highest praise of the trip and the excellent service throughout.

Manager Durning is by no means a stranger to Prince Edward Island. Eight years ago when he conceived the thought of touring people via the Plant Line to this "Earthly Paradise" his thought became a great reality and it is not over-stating anything when we say that he has carried more people from New England (especially from Lowell, Mass.) to these parts, than any other agency in the same line of business.

A Guardian representative met Mr. Durning at the wharf last evening after landing, and renewed old acquaintance. His hair is perhaps a little whiter; his shadow a trifle larger; his heart a little lighter, and the only evidence that the grass hopper might some day become a burden, is a very small bald spot on top of the head, which one may see if he looks close.

The Guardian welcomes Mr. Durning and his party, and regrets that all cannot make a longer stay. However, the tourists will season much that is worth seeing in and about Charlottetown during their brief stay, the program for this morning being a carriage ride under the direction of W. F. Robins and his son Earl Robins who have always toured Mr. Durning's parties through Charlottetown.

After seeing the sights of the Capital City, the good ship "Halifax" will sail through Northumberland Strait and St. George's Bay to Cape Breton Island. Later they will make the passage through the Straits of Canso to the "Garrisoned City by the Sea" and will be toured through the city under the supervision of the Robinson Tourist Service Company, on Saturday afternoon.

The party of merry voyagers left Boston, Tuesday, August 29th, and expect to arrive in Boston on Labor Day's season to witness the big Labor Day parade. The personnel of the party is: Thos. H. Durning, Mr. and Mrs. Othello O. Greenwood, John W. Cole, Miss Louise Augusta Kohrausch, Miss Esther M. Greene, Miss Ethel M. Brien, Miss Lena M. Bowen, Mr. Bram Stansfield, Mrs. Bram Stansfield, Mrs. David Lucy, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. George G. Rogers, Miss Mary E. Fletcher, Mrs. George E. Metcalf, Miss Mabel Metcalf, Mrs. Russell Fox, Mr. and Mrs. George C. H. Bean, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Norton, Miss Florence G. Cook, Miss Nellie L. McCann, William F. Senter, Arthur H. Senter, Arthur Perkins, Arthur Massey, Miss Maude L. Gohurn, Miss Gertrude M. Stansfield, M. J. Cossette, Joseph Gagnon, Hector O'Hair, Miss Edith Maker, Miss Phyllis Watson, Miss Rose Shanon, Miss Mathilde Larochelle, Edward Hoyle, James Senior, Miss Annie H. Bellows, Miss Elizabeth W. Leatham, Mrs. Guy Holbrook, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Moore, Joseph H. Miller, Charles A. Cross, Joshua B. Callahan, Miss Hannah Bannister, William I. Cummings, C. Edward Bartlett, Miss Eloise C. Bridges, H. M. McKay, Haverhill Mass, Chas. B. Gould, Haverhill, Mass; F. L. Sturgees, Patterson, N. J., Butler C. Davenport, Manchester, N. H., Miss Hortense Tenny, Orient Heights; Amanda Carice Douglas, Blue Rapids, Kansas; C. Ward Hamilton, Elmira, N. Y.; Walter T. Seasongood.

On Wednesday morning Mr. Callaghan one of the party presented each lady with a beautiful bouquet, he being the only single gentleman of the party. Mr. Durning was also the recipient of a floral horseshoe from the friends of Lowell.

TWO PROVINCES BORN IN A DAY

Saskatchewan and Alberta Will today form Two Provinces of the Dominion of Canada—Dignitaries now at Edmonton where Official Program Begins.

EDMONTON, August 31.—(Special)—Alberta and Saskatchewan will become provinces tomorrow.

The celebration here began today when Earl Grey, Premier Laurier and party arrived on the special train.

Lady Grey and Lady Evelyn Grey were fatigued and did not come beyond Winnipeg. The official program begins tomorrow.

GOOD RACING AT SPRINGHILL, N. S.

SPRINGHILL MINES, Aug. 31.—(Special)—The races were concluded today before very large crowds of visitors. Phelon W. took the free-for-all in straight heats with Czarina second and Simasse third.

The best time was 2:16 1/2. The two twenty class went to Red Pepper of St. John, Donsella second, Ruth Wilkes third in a field of ten.

The best time was two twenty. The two thirty class was won by Will Be Sure, Sleepy Jack second and Joe Patchen third in a field of seven.

The best time was 2:23 1/2. SPRINGHILL MINES, Aug. 31.—The races here yesterday were pulled off in showery weather but the track was in excellent condition and the afternoon's sport exciting and successful.

The number of entries was the largest in the history of the track. In the 2.15 class there were five starters and in the 2.30 trot and pace nine starters.

The program is as follows: 2.15 TROT AND PACE—PURSE \$300. General Fiske, E. W. Gahan, Boston. 1 5 1 1

Lady Blingen, Springhill Stables. 2 1 2 2 Rex Wilkes, C. A. Ridley, Oakland, Maine. 5 4 4 3 Gilly, E. LeRoy Willis, Sydney. 5 4 4 3 Sphinx B. G. W. Fowler, Sussex. 4 3 5 5

Time—2:17 1/2, 2:18 1/2, 2:19, 2:19 1/2. 2.30 Trot and Pace—Purse \$300. Lady Patton, Springhill Stables. . . . 4 1 1 1

Cambridge, Mass; W. J. Hudson, Hyde Park, Mass; F. B. Henton, Portland, Me; Julian B. Barnabe, Cornwall, Ont; Kirkwood Van Hesse, Atlantic City, N. J; Miss Inez Brooks, Scranton, Pa; Thos. P. Hayer, Troy, New York.

WHAT THE WHALES SAID. Jno. W. Coley proprietor of famous circus delighted Durning's Seven Day Bunch with many stories and also many equestrian exercises.

The ladies of the party were among the most charming and to them were owing the most pleasant moments of the voyage. All were free from sea sickness and no more enjoyable time could be realized. Mr. Durning was here, there, and everywhere looking to all to see to their comfort in every way.

CARELESSNESS AND BIG LOSS

He Started a Fire While a Heavy Wind Prevailed at the Time

HALIFAX, Aug. 31.—(Special)—As the result of carelessness W. Henshaw of Clifton, Colchester Co. is homeless tonight.

Today during the high wind he started burning rubbish in the yard. Sparks set fire to the barn, the flames spread to the house and the entire property including the stored crops was destroyed.

The buildings were worth two thousand dollars.

WEATHER TODAY.

TORONTO, Sept. 1.—(Special)—Moderate winds, mostly northerly, and north westerly, fine, not much change in temperature.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, August 31.—(Special)—Wheat 81 1/2, Corn 43 1/2, Pork \$15.35.

School and College Text Books.

1905-6 Term 1905-6 City schools re-open Sept. 6th. Prince of Wales College Sept. 8th. Carter's Bookstore is headquarters for SCHOOL and COLLEGE BOOKS including the newly authorized Text Books.

SIR WILFRID AT HIS HOME

Something About the Domestic Life of the Man Who is so Much in the Public Gaze.

OTTAWA, Aug. 28.—The Citizen (Con.) says: Always under the calm light of the public gaze in the sense of his official life and his duties to the nation, little is heard about Sir Wilfrid's private life—the domestic life of his home and friends.

Ottawa a distinguished citizen lives quietly. He is an exponent of the simple life. His home, on Laurier avenue, named so in his honor, is a charming one, but several there are in the city which are more pretentious. Within its walls are furnished considerable entertainment and hospitality, but it is all done quietly and without ostentation.

The Premier is devoted to his home, its quiet, its domestic felicity, its freedom from the exactions of officialdom. He is a man of unvarying habits. He rises each morning comparatively early—about half-past seven or eight. After breakfast, his private secretary, Mr. Boudreau, comes to the library.

He has been with the Premier many years and is a young man with whose services Sir Wilfrid wouldn't part. He places in his secretary an unwavering confidence and implicit reliance. The two open the morning mail and the Premier dictates his correspondence. Were this left until he comes up to his office in the eastern block it wouldn't be reached except after annoying interruptions. Sir Wilfrid's mail is large, but there are other Ministers who get more personal correspondence, but the passing of many of his erstwhile associates of younger days has reduced it quite materially. People who have business with departments have learned the lesson of going to the responsible head.

The Premier doesn't often encroach upon the authority or prerogative of his Ministers, though any advice he may choose to give is always heeded.

The Prime minister comes down town about 10:30 in the morning. A man of democratic tastes, he seldom drives. He keeps no coachman. The streets cars, which almost every minute pass his door, are good enough for him. Everyone in Ottawa knows Sir Wilfrid. His presence is a commanding one and always attracts attention. Naturally enough he is held in the highest honor and respect. If the car he enters is filled half a dozen will rise, tip their hats and proffer a seat to the head of the Government. Once in his office, the strenuous day commences. There is a steady stream of visitors or deputations. The latter are received usually after appointments have been made. In the afternoon the callers, perhaps, are not so numerous, and if the House is in session the Premier is occupied by council at two and Parliament at three o'clock. Of late years he avoids as much as possible the night sessions. Leaving his coadjutors in charge, he goes home to his rest and quiet. When the House isn't in session his day's labor ends about five o'clock. He spends a great deal of his time in his library and often burns the midnight oil, seldom retiring before that hour.

He goes out little in a social way and rarely is seen at the theatre. The stage, with its glare and glamor, its tawdry music and its majestic utterance, has never very particularly attracted him. The Premier is fond of music, and few are more talented in that line than his partner in life, but the aesthetic side of things possibly appeals to him in a greater degree. He is very fond of art and painting and his home is very beautifully decorated.

Though Sir Wilfrid has said he loves Ottawa and hopes to end his days there, he has a very warm spot in his affections for Arthabaskaville—his home before coming to the capital. Thither he will journey in a few days. Other places are more attractive and Sir Wilfrid would be a welcome guest at the summer homes by mountain or sea of many of Canada's leading men. But nine times out of ten he goes to Arthabaskaville. He prefers to go home, back to the quaint little French village with its respite from the cares of a busy world, its pure air, its peace and tranquillity and its restful influences. He has a beautiful place down there, and it is kept open most of the year. There are lovely shade trees and roomy lawn, and once there the Premier

Never allows his horse to suffer pain. He always uses Nerviline which is noted for curing stiffness, rheumatism, swellings and strains. Nerviline is just as good inside as outside. For cramps, colic, and internal pain it's a perfect marvel. In the good racing stables Nerviline is always used, because it makes better horses and smaller veterinary bills. Twenty-five cents buys a large bottle of Nerviline; try it.

Boot Prices Degraded

Below the limit of respectability during this month. We are giving men's and boys' boots at decisively cut prices. Now is the chance for economical people to make their money talk. These boots are attractive, real substantial, made of solid leather buff tops and laced; single sole, pegged and made by Ames Holden Co. Come in to-day and have a look over this extensive line of boots and if you do not say they are a bargain at this price there is no such thing as boot bargains in this city. Price men's \$1.25, boys' 1.10.

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