

THE DAILY EXAMINER

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The St. John Sun asks: "What has become of the undertaking of the government to deepen the entrance to St. John harbor? A great deal was said about this a year ago. We have had borings and we have had soundings. We have had engineers' reports. We have had promises. But where are the dredges? The government's undertaking in regard to St. John harbor has apparently gone to keep company with Sir Louis Davis' pledge concerning the Belfast-Murray Harbor Railway and the Hillsborough Bridge.

Farming: In all probability we shall see low prices for hay during the coming fall and winter. There is an exceedingly large crop reported from all parts of Canada especially from Quebec. Last year there was a large quantity of poor hay in the country, which has been a drag on the market of late. As the haying weather has been the best for years a fine quality is looked for in this season's crop. The condition of the market will depend largely upon the export demand. With a superior quality this market may be developed, though it is not known what the European crop is.

The Scotch iron and steel founders have formed a powerful federation on the lines of the Engineering Employers' Federation. It is intended to form a class union with the English employers with a view to pursuing a general policy in all future disputes. The Federation embraces the entire trade.

The Montreal Witness, one of the Ministerial journals, gives this pleasing information:

"The growth of the public expenditure has made it necessary that the administration should devise means of raising additional taxation.

"During the last two years the ordinary expenditure has gone up by a couple of millions annually, while the capital outlay has been augmented at the rate of four or five millions.

"New duties on spirits, tobacco, and sugar have been levied, and although these have materially helped to swell the revenue, it is calculated that they will not more than compensate for the cut of a quarter in the tariff, which has now taken effect."

Under these deplorable circumstances the Government contemplates asking Parliament next session to authorize a graded duty on tea."

It is calculated that five cents a pound on black and six cents on green tea will bring in a revenue of \$1,565,769. The beauty of paying a tax on tea, says the Witness, is that "it will be British!"

Mr. Foster, in the course of a recent interview with the Mail and Empire, declined an invitation to express an opinion as to the probability of a general election next fall. "One cannot tell," he said amusingly, "what the present Government may do. Their actions are so erratic that one scarcely dares to prophesy at all. The Liberal Conservatives should be prepared, and to that end push a thorough and efficient organization in every province. If an election is held this fall it will be an indication that the present Government is so certainly on the down grade that it considers its only chance for longer life is to precipitate an election. Such a confession, however, would be a great source of weakness in the face of an intelligent electorate such as we possess. Anyway it would be a severe wrench for the various Ministers to tear themselves away from their pleasant junketings at home and abroad. By the way, he added, "I saw we had six of them together in London the other day. A short life and a merry one seems to be their motto."

The present issue of the Canadian Militia Gazette contains a stinging article in connection with Major-General Gascoigne's retirement from the command of the Canadian militia. It is in opposition as it were, to the rather bitter statements which have appeared in the Army and Navy Gazette, complaining of General Gascoigne's "scandalous" treatment in Canada. It remarks that the trouble, heretofore, with most of the officers sent out from England to command the militia has been their unfitness. General Gascoigne is characterized as having been "most erratic, egotistical and inconsistent in the decisions he has given on the matters referred to him for decision, and he has shown an utter want of tact and consideration in his intercourse with experienced militia officers." It remarks also that army officers of ability, tact and consideration have no difficulty in getting on in Canada; and Col. Lake is instanced as an officer who, during his tenure of the office of Quartermaster-General, has been a success in every way. Looking from the Army and Navy Gazette's article to this, one can see very plainly the feeling that still prevails on each side and the bitterness which the discussion of the matter evokes.

Sylvester Scoville slapped Shafter in the face, and he may have had some reason for doing so; but if you call at the market and fill your basket with some of our early cucumbers, cauliflowers, carrots, beets, turnips, onions, cabbage, tomatoes, lemons, mushrooms, &c., you will have no reason to slap us in the face. Stalls open until 7 tonight. Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m. The above vegetables direct from "mother earth" at Nursery Gardens, Head of Prince Street.—J. J. Gay & Son, (Telephone)—Fri, Sat, Tues, 2w ex & pat Sat Mon & Thu.

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THE SANTIAGO SURRENDER.

Twenty-four Thousand Men to Send to Spain.

WASHINGTON, July 24. — The war department at midnight posted the following:

SANTIAGO, via Hayti, July 24. Adjutant General of the army, Washington:

Lieut. Miley has returned from San Luis and Palma Estriano, where he went four days ago to receive the surrender of the Spanish troops. The number surrendered was larger than General Toral reported; 3,005 Spanish troops and 350 volunteer guerrillas, gave up their arms and gave parole and have gone to work; 4,000 stands of arms were turned in, loaded on ox carts and started to the railroad. Spanish troops accompanied him to San Luis, and all apparently were delighted at the prospect of returning home. They were on the verge of starvation, and I have to send them rations tomorrow. If the numbers keep up as they have there will be about 24,000 to ship away—nearly 12,000 here, 3,000 from San Luis, 6,000 from Guantamano and over 2,000 at Sagus and Baracoa.

(Signed) SHAFER, Major general commanding.

ESTEEMED EXCHANGES

Mail and Empire: The full iniquity of the binder twine monopoly, so cleverly engineered by Mr. Fielding, aided and abetted by the Ontario Government, did not dawn upon the public until the Globe came to its defence.

Montreal Gazette: Sir Charles H. Tupper is among those who think a general parliamentary election within the possibilities, if not within the probabilities. He sees the effect on the public mind of the Laurier Government's record, and understands, as all must understand who keep their eyes open, that the effect will become more marked with the lapse of time. A Government cannot go on cynically disregarding all the pledges made by its members in opposition, and not suffer the loss of honest men's respect and support. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's chance is to snatch a verdict before the incongruous forces which united in his support in 1896 are hopelessly dissolved. He may find this out, and act on the knowledge. The New Brunswick Conservatives have set an example to the party everywhere. It is a time for the Tories to see that their arms be kept bright.

BORN.

On the 23rd inst., at Summerside, to Dr and Mrs McPhail, a son.

MARRIED.

At St. Alexis church, Rollo Bay, on the 19th July, by Rev. Dr. Walker, D. D., William A. Leslie, of Charlwood, to Mary Elizabeth McCormack, of Gowan Brae. The bride and groom were the recipients of many valuable and useful presents amongst which was a beautiful parlor lamp presented by the employees of Klondyke steam mill, New Harmony.

DIED.

Fell asleep, early this morning, July 25th, Frank C, second son of Frederick and Elizabeth LePage.

[Funeral will leave his father's residence, Fitzroy Street west, on Wednesday 27th inst., at 2.30 p.m., thence by train to Sherwood Cemetery.]

Friends will please accept this notice to attend.

At Tryon, on the 25th inst., of cancer of the stomach, James W. Robertson, aged 65 years.

[Funeral Wednesday, at 2 o'clock, to Tryon cemetery.]

At Kingston, Lot 31, P. E. I. on Sunday July 24, 1898, Mary McKinley, beloved wife of the late Charles Howard, Esq., in the 84th year of her age leaving five daughters, namely Mrs W F Fraser, Linwood, Lot 31; Mrs W P Colwill, Ch'town; Mrs Robert Frizel, Cornwall; Mrs James K Warren, R. J. U. S.; Mrs W T Pillman, Everett, Washington, U. S.; and twenty nine grand children and twenty-three great-grand children, and a very large circle of friends and acquaintances to mourn their loss.

(Guardian and Patriot please copy.)

News Notes.

Levi Z. Leiter, father of the famous wheat speculator, has borrowed \$3,000,000 on his real estate. Fame throughout the commercial world comes high, but they will have it.

Contracts have been awarded for the construction of a new shipping pier, cattle and freight sheds for the Intercolonial at Halifax. The plans for the elevator are in course of preparation.

The American members of the Canadian-American High Commission met at the state department at Washington on the 22nd inst. to perfect an organization preliminary to meeting the British and Canadian commissioners at Quebec about August 10.

The Birmingham Post says that despite denials there are good reasons for saying that Germany very recently made overtures to Spain for a naval depot and coaling station in the Philippines. The German officers at the London embassy believed such an arrangement was quite feasible.

The Czarina has provoked something of a rebellion in the Russian court by an edict forbidding her ladies to smoke cigarettes. So many distinguished women in other lands indulge in this form of the weed that the Russians regard the order as an unjust discrimination against them, and have protested.

Complaints are made of the poor quality of the postage stamps now issued by the Government. The Mail and Empire says that it would be absurd to expect the stamps to be up to the old standard. The contract was taken away from the Canadian maker by Mr. Fielding, and given to a New York company at a slightly reduced figure. No doubt we are getting all that we pay for.

The Star's special cable from London says:—The Canadian governorship has been definitely offered to an English peer who is rich and is a good speaker, and of some experience of affairs. His name is kept strictly secret until he has been actually appointed. Lord Wolsley though willing to accept the position, is no longer a candidate. Either Lords Hope- ton or Joisty are possible.

Mr. W. H. Hay, of the Experimental Farm, who was in charge of the installation of Canada's exhibits at the Trans- missippi Fair, Omaha, returned from Omaha yesterday. He says Canada's exhibits at the exhibition are the most popular of the exhibits of foreign countries, and occupy the largest space at the exhibition. Canada's exhibit covers 5,000 square feet of ground, and consists of wood, minerals and grains. These are all of the first quality, and evoked very favorable and special comment from all who saw them.

A number of Indian relics and curios have been added to the already large collection of Indian curios at the Geological Survey at Ottawa. The relics are the relics are three Indian skulls from the Indian graves on Queen Charlotte Island, B. C. A number of wooden boxes, carved from single pieces of wood, belong to the collection. The remains were found in the district occupied by the Haida Indians. A number of other curios found on the Island will be set up in a short time.

Thos. Bennett has been an Orangeman for 50 years, and on the 12th July it was thought that he was the oldest Orangeman in the procession, but there was one that surpassed him named Geo. H. Pidgeon, a Kingstonian by birth, but who is now residing in Hamilton. Mr. Pidgeon has been an Orangeman for 58 years, and has also the honor of being the only member of the party living that fired the salute over the grave of Sir Isaac Brock at Queenston Heights.—Mail and Empire.

LAWN PARTY.—The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Methodist Church cordially invites the public to the Lawn Party at Inkerman on Thursday afternoon. Inkerman is a charming spot, and for a small admission you can enjoy the scenery and a worthy enterprise.

LOCAL NOTICES.

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Did Loti Tell the Truth?

"Can you or can you not trust novels for a true picture of life?" asked a gentleman who reads much. "Not long ago I read Pierre Loti's beautiful story founded on personal adventures in the tropical island of Tahiti. The author was a naval officer on a French vessel and was stationed for many months at Tahiti, a bit of land lost in the vastness of the Pacific. While there he fell in love with a beautiful young native girl and married her according to the customs of Oceania.

"His book deals with the idyllic days that he spent in her company; with her artless manners and strange, imaginative nature. But in this book he gave reason to believe that nearly all of the naval officers were enamored with the pretty native girls, and thereby hangs a tale. A few days ago I happened to meet an officer of a Danish ship, and he told me that Loti caused a great deal of annoyance to his married friends by his island stories.

"When they arrived in France, after the publication of the book, their wives asked them very awkward questions, and they were kept in a stew for many months. Whenever anything unpleasant happened, the girls of Tahiti would become the subject of a very animated conversation. As a result they were forced to tell their wives that Loti's book did not present a true picture of life in Tahiti. Now, did it or did it not?"

Ingenuity of Boys.

In physics and natural history there are opportunities to direct and control the out of school activities of young people of which the enthusiastic teacher of science is not slow to avail himself, says D. S. Sanford in The Atlantic. One of the most astonishing facts of the time is the ingenuity of boys in constructing electrical apparatus, with but a few hints and out of the most meager materials. I know boys who have belt lines of electric tramways circulating in their garrets, and a boy who last year was the despair of his teachers won deserved recognition in the manual training exhibit as the clever inventor of a most ingenious electrical boat. An invitation to boys to bring to school products of their own ingenuity, or the natural history specimens that they have collected, will result in an exhibition which in variety and quality will be a revelation to one who is not used to following them in these interests.

So general and so wholesome a tendency is too significant to be ignored, and yet one almost hesitates to meddle with it lest official recognition may rob it of its independence and spontaneity. With sympathy from the school, however, it may be directed and made more intelligent. Interest in nature, for instance, may help to fill profitably the long summer vacations.

Charlottetown Board of Trade.

A special general meeting of the Charlottetown Board of Trade will be held at their room, in the Masonic Temple Building, on Thursday evening next, 28th inst., at eight o'clock, to afford Sir Louis H. Davies, K. C. M. G., an opportunity of speaking to the members re Winter Communication, Direct Steamship Service, Improved Telegraphic Service and other matters. A full attendance is requested. EDMUND T. HIGGS, Secretary.

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