

THE DAILY EXAMINER.

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MR. LAURIER'S INDEFINITENESS.

That the Grit papers will swallow anything emanating from the party leaders is evident by their ecstatic utterances regarding Mr. Laurier's latest pronouncement at St. John's. But, as a matter of fact, there is little or nothing in the whole delirious calling for appreciation unless it be the many items on the programme of the Liberal-Conservative party which the new Government have appropriated. Mr. Laurier's references to the tariff really mean little or nothing, as was pointed out by Mr. Cleland, of Montreal, in the letter which we published yesterday. Nothing definite was indicated, and really nothing was assured the free trader or the protectionist. The only light thrown upon the Government's tariff policy was that Mr. Laurier and his colleagues will make enquiry of the people regarding the best course to pursue, and in accordance with the light thus obtained their policy will be formed. Under these circumstances it will be all of six months, if not more, before anything really definite is known as to what the Government will do. In the meantime merchants and manufacturers will be obliged to carry on business in the dark and with the feeling hanging over them that by the time the enquiry is over the conditions of trade may be changed radically by a Government the members of which, before the election, made all kinds of rash assertions with respect to the existing tariff. It is highly probable, however, that the policy of protection under which Canada has prospered during the past eighteen years will be maintained, notwithstanding Mr. Laurier's pre-election bluster and anti-election sniffling. But the demon of indefiniteness still pursues Mr. Laurier, and he declines to take the people into his confidence.

THE CLIMATE OF CANADA.

The climate of Canada is peculiar when compared with the climate of some other countries. In Canada, for instance, the degree of heat or cold is rarely excessive, and visitors from countries less favored in this respect are delighted, and invariably come back again. There is also freedom from cyclones and tidal waves and similar disturbances which cause great loss of life and damage to property. In Japan, a few weeks ago, a tidal wave caused the loss of thousands of lives, and the United States newspapers are kept fairly well occupied detailing the damage by cyclones and tornadoes in that country. From far away Australia comes news that the heat there has been most intense, and that the people in some sections have become panic-stricken in consequence. The Sydney Herald says:—

"In many of the inland townships the inhabitants have become panic-stricken. Eye witnesses describe the alarm as taking a superstitious form. On some stations the remarkable sight was witnessed of the Australian magpies—wild of birds—taking shelter among the domestic fowls of the yard in their endeavor to escape from the heat. Their behavior was that of dazed and stupefied creatures. They are perfectly indifferent to the presence of human beings. Perhaps the most striking effect of the unexampled heat was furnished from a place named Nyngan, from which came the brief and pointed message: 'Mosquitoes are being killed by the heat.' A thermometer hung in the shade at the coolest point of the River Darling, the largest stream in New South Wales, registered 107 degrees as the lowest at the coolest hour of the night, and 129 as the highest during the heat of the day for these 26 days. During the same time the heat one day in the city of Adelaide was 172 degrees."

This extract tells its own story, and needs no elaboration at our hands. Contrast this extreme heat with the pleasant weather we are enjoying in Canada, and especially in Prince Edward Island, and then consider how highly favored we are in other respects as well. The conclusion arrived at must be eminently favorable to our own country, and the verdict "there's no place like home."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Officials of the Interior Department estimate that immigration to Canada to date this season is fully five per cent. below the arrivals of last spring. —Some of the Grit papers are publishing editorial dealing with the popularity of protection. It is wonderful how popular protection has lately become with the Grits. —Montreal Gazette: Sir Oliver Mowat travelled from Toronto yesterday in a private car. The chances are also that he travelled dead-end. It is used to be considered a sin by Liberal papers for Conservative Ministers to travel in private cars, but with Sir Oliver the case will, of course, be different. His trip may be a new evidence of Christianity. —Despatches from all parts of Ontario and the greater portion of the province of Quebec show the condition of the crops to be, on the whole very satisfactory, except prairie, the hay crop, which, in some localities, is a total failure. The prospects for the apple crop in the Niagara district are very favorable, and the peach crop, it is believed, will fall somewhat short. —As an exchange remark, it speaks well for Canada that we should have such revolutionary times politically without any great excitement, such as take place in other elections. Within the past few weeks we have changed our federal rulers in three provinces of the Dominion, and yet in these revolutionary times there does not appear to be any business entanglements or bad blood showing itself among our people. —The greater part of the Montreal exhibition buildings were swept out of existence by fire early on Tuesday morning. The fire brigade from the portion of the city was out in response to a third alarm for a fire in the premises of Howden, Stark & Co., wholesale hardware, St. Peter street, consequently the flames burned uncontrolled, and from the fire apparatus did get to the scene the main building and many smaller ones were burned to the ground. Quite a number of electric cars were destroyed. The loss will be about \$150,000.

A MOTIVE FOR THE CRIME.

What is thought to be a Possible Clue to the Herbert Fuller Murders.

New York, July 30.—Jonathan Spencer, steward of the Herbert Fuller, was a sort of hero among the colored people in South Brooklyn to-day. It was with these people that Bram used to associate before his marriage and many of them remembered him to-day as a very young man, who went around with a prayer book, but in whom his friends did not have a great deal of faith. Something was said yesterday by Spencer, which, in connection with what is already known, goes to show that the question of color may have had something to do with the crime. Bram is almost white, and during ten years he has been sensitive in regard to color. It was one of the first things he brought up when he first met Spencer. He did not tell Spencer that he had colored blood and Spencer did not say anything about it, but the latter told a reporter about Bram coming to him and saying: "You would not blame a man for passing off as a white man if he could do it?" Spencer answered the steward, "You see," said Bram, "there is no 'prejudice against a colored man that he cannot get a show, and if he can fool people I think he is perfectly justified in doing so." The steward agreed with him, and was surprised some days afterwards to hear Captain Nash bring up the same subject. "The captain told me he thought the mate was a colored man," said Spencer to-day, "and Mrs. Nash also spoke about it, although I do not believe they ever said anything to the mate about it. After this, when the mate talked about the captain, I would tell him not to say too much, but I never told him the reason until after he was in prison."

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HORRORS OF RUSSIAN SUPERSTITION.

An Extraordinary Murder Case—The Prisoners Confess. Some peasants were tried at Moulana, in the government of Viatka, Russia, recently on a charge of murder, committed by way of human sacrifice to the heathen gods whose worship is still curiously blended with the Christian superstition of the people in many provinces. The prisoners were acquitted for want of evidence. From Ostrogsk there now comes the report of another extraordinary murder trial, which, though of a different character to that of Moulana, goes to show how rankly superstitious are some of the beliefs still prevalent among the Russian peasantry. Two peasants who had taken to dishonest practices, such as horse stealing, fell back upon an ancient belief that, if traced, they could render themselves invisible by holding a lighted taper or candle over their heads. They were caught by their neighbors, and to obtain these glowing lights the two thieves waylaid and murdered a young villager of 18 years of age. They disembowelled the body and carried off the intestines and other fatty organs. While melting these down in their lodgings they were surprised by their landlady, who, being suspicious of the peculiar odor pervading the room, and having heard of the murder, communicated with the police. The culprits were arrested and confessed their crime.

THE CHEESE TRADE.

Montreal, July 29.—The most striking feature in the cheese market is the positive refusal of the British consuls to be able to respond to the bulge that set in in the country last week, and still continues, apparently, if today's business at Belleville is any criterion. Shippers who have tried persistently to do business at the advanced cost, find it impossible to get limits that are workable. The only inference to be drawn from the situation, therefore, is that the move is due to the short sales of last half June cheese, and to speculations as it is understood none has been made in cold store for a lot of the recent purchases. Today spot business was difficult to come across. With first foot in view, a seller could not part with finest Ontario for less than 7 1/2c, and buyers' bids would not go higher than 6 1/2c to 7c. On Quebec makes they ranged from 5 1/2c to 6 1/2c, and with this difference between buyers and sellers it is quite easy to understand that the volume of regular business on the spot is light. At Belleville white sold at 6 1/2c to 7c. Last year, same date, 7 1/2c was refused. At Ingersoll Tuesday sales were at 6 1/2c to 6 13/16c; same date last year, 7 1/2c refused. At Massey sales were 6 1/2c to 7c. The Children's Enemy. Scrofula often shows itself in early life and is characterized by swellings, abscesses, hip discharges, etc. Consumption is scrofula of the lungs. In this class of diseases Scott's Emulsion is unquestionably the most reliable medicine. A two hundred million dollar Russian loan has been subscribed for twenty-five times over. The czar does not pose as the friend of the Republic for naught.

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