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—A contemporary remarks that "from present indications at Ottawa the Government seems likely to go on 'holding its fall' for at least another seven years."

—"Second thoughts are best," and it would not be surprising if a fair and friendly settlement of the Manitoba School difficulty were arrived at as a result of Premier's Greenway's taking time for "further consideration."

—Halifax Herald: In 1875 the amount of customs duties paid per head of our population was \$2.30. In 1894 it was \$3.46 per head. There are some of the outposts of which grist grinds manufacture their "enormous increase in taxation."

—When the Dominion Government spent freely on the militia, the grist never done so. The Government for its extravagance in so doing. When the Government, in connection with other measures of economy, proposed to restrict the Militia grant, the grist at once cried out that the Government meant to "destroy the efficiency of the militia."

—The North Sydney Herald says farming operations are earlier in Cape Breton this season than for many years. There was comparatively no frost in the ground last winter owing to a superabundance of snow, consequently the planting season is earlier than usual. The outlook at present is most favorable for early vegetation and a good season for all kinds of crops.

—The shase heaped upon Dr. Bourinot and Sir McKenzie Bowell, and Lieut. Governor Schultz, by Mr. McCarthy and other members of the opposition since the publication of Dr. Bourinot's opinion concerning the Manitoba School difficulty is very significant. It shows that the Opposition have "no case" and that the position of the Government in respect to that matter is a strong one. There is of course no good reason why Lieut. Governor Schultz should not ask and receive the opinion of the highest constitutional authority in the country, or why that opinion should not be published for the information of the people.

—We readily admit the Patriot's contention that the estimates are a "fair subject of criticism." But we decidedly object to critics who demand rigid economy and then proceed to leave the field as confederate champions. Whether the balance of their party will follow them is another question. There is sufficient antagonism to the project developing everywhere to make it extremely uncertain how a contest would result, and the odds are in favor of the "antis." The Whitesites would probably decide to settle it in the legislature, without consulting the electorate, but Whiteaway, Bond, Morris, Emerson, etc. are solemnly pledged to submit to a general election. So far the "antis" lack Mr. Davies and the other great representatives of the Island. The savage yell of opposition to the Belfast Railway which was set up by the Patriot and Greenway early in last winter is now heard no more, but the "snake in the grass" support of Messrs. Davies and Welsh is quite as dangerous to the success of the work.

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CANADA AND NEWFOUNDLAND

Conditions and Prospects in Respect to Confederation.

A St. John's correspondent of the Ottawa Journal writes: "Regarding confederation in the abstract, the situation is somewhat perplexing. On the 30th day of June next, if we are not able to provide to pay the interest on our public debt of which there is no prospect at present—the colony must default and England will abrogate our constitution and run us as a crown colony. The choice, therefore, is confederation vs. a crown colony. The more intelligent classes recognize this, and the belief is growing that union with Canada—apart from its intrinsic advantages—is become inevitable. The masses, while they dislike confederation, have a crown colony more still, and did they believe it was a choice between the two, would accept the former as the lesser evil. But just now they are being buoyed up by the arguments of the anti-confederate leaders that there is a possibility of saving the country by some other means, though what that particular means they are careful not to say. There is a remarkable indecision about their views on the subject that will prove disastrous to them when the fight is forced in a couple of weeks' time.

The antipathy to confederation in this country is more an inherited, unreasoning prejudice than a result of any study of the merits of the question, and it is weakened daily under the powerful educational work being done by the Herald newspaper. This is one of the many contradictions of the present political situation. The Herald, the organ of the Opposition party, is an uncompromising advocate of confederation; the Telegram, the Government paper, is an uncompromising advocate of the "anti" sentiment. Similarly with the political parties themselves, the Opposition contains a goodly number of confederates, while in the Government ranks there are two to one. The reason of this is that confederation has never been a live political question here since 1869. The elections always turned on local issues, and there was a general hostility to the confederate idea that nobody in political life dared avow himself openly as favoring it. The present Opposition has hitherto been regarded as the most favorable to the confederate cause, but the needs of the country compelled the Whitesites (or Government party) to seek terms at Ottawa, and these same needs will force its party to leave the field as confederate champions. Whether the balance of their party will follow them is another question. There is sufficient antagonism to the project developing everywhere to make it extremely uncertain how a contest would result, and the odds are in favor of the "antis." The Whitesites would probably decide to settle it in the legislature, without consulting the electorate, but Whiteaway, Bond, Morris, Emerson, etc. are solemnly pledged to submit to a general election. So far the "antis" lack Mr. Davies and the other great representatives of the Island. The savage yell of opposition to the Belfast Railway which was set up by the Patriot and Greenway early in last winter is now heard no more, but the "snake in the grass" support of Messrs. Davies and Welsh is quite as dangerous to the success of the work.

—However, it is quite possible the whole situation may be altered speedily. There is no knowing what new deals may be made for there are only two months left before re-election or bankruptcy, and prompt and decisive action will be necessary to prevent the impending crash. Of course all these speculations are based on the assumption that satisfactory terms of union will be obtained. Should such not be the case then a crown colony will be the only avenue remaining to us."

—A characteristic incident of a visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughter to the general post office, says London Tit-Bits, has just become known. The story is that, as they were passing through the telegraph department, the Prince suddenly marched up to an operator and tapped him on the shoulder. The telegraphist hastily dismounted from his stool and made a respectful salutation to the Prince. The reply of his Royal Highness was to take the young man's hand and shake it heartily. The incident was followed by the Princess and the rest of the Royal family. It was afterwards explained that this telegraphist was on duty at Sandringham during the fatal illness of the Duke of Clarence. The story embodies two of the Prince's most charming characteristics. First, of his great gift of retaining in memory the faces of those he has known ever so slightly. Secondly, his true royal gratitude and willingness to acknowledge services rendered.

—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE. The inland revenue for April was \$745,923 against \$747,570 for April, 1894. The customs receipts during the same month show a considerable increase, the figures being \$2,896,500, against \$2,442,538 in April last year. The expenditure on account of consolidated fund during the month was \$2,375,901. During April, 1894, the expenditure was \$2,183,624. The surplus of expenditure over ordinary expenditure in April was \$20,999; in April, 1894, the apparent surplus was \$258,914. For the ten months, however, the apparent surplus was \$1,228,806, as against \$4,773,003 at the corresponding time last year. The retrograde was accomplished during the month of April is practically illustrated in the comparative statement of capital expenditure. This during April, amounted to \$208,278, as compared with \$57,798 last month. If, too, the revenues have shrunk during the year the expenditure on capital account has also been kept down. To the 30th of April, 1894, the expenditure under this head was \$4,969,618. At the close of the ten months of the current fiscal year it had reached but \$3,330,924.

—Manufactured cottons have gone up 7 1/2 per cent. in price and are still on the rise. Mr. A. F. Gault, in speaking about the matter said: "The statement is true, the times are improving, and manufactured cottons have been sold at too low a price. As is but natural, when an article is sold at reduced rates every one buys it and gets into the habit of using it. The result is that there is at present a greatly increased demand for cottons, and a rise in price. Sheetings have gone up seven and a half per cent. and yarn about 10 per cent., and another rise may be expected. Printed cottons remain about the same." The primary cause seems to be that raw cotton has gone up from five to six and seven cents per pound, not because, as it has been stated, the cotton crop has been slight of late, but because the planters could not afford to grow it at five cents a pound any longer. A rise in the manufactured material in the United States was the direct cause of the rise here.

—Japan has abandoned permanent occupation of Manchuria territory, the proposed retention of which gave so much offence to Russia, and will merely hold strategic points on the Chinese mainland until the terms of the treaty of peace between her and China are fully completed with. Japan, however, will retain Formosa.

—SUPREME COURT. MONDAY, MAY 13. Dixon vs. Gorman.—The Court today set aside the verdict found for plaintiff during the present term, on the ground that one of the jurors was related to the plaintiff, and made the rule absolute for a new trial.

—Peters, G. C., and H. C. Macdonald for plaintiff; D. C. McLeod and J. J. Johnston for defendant.

—Maximilian Siversten was granted naturalization papers.

—Court adjourned sine die.

—PROBABLY FATALLY INJURED.—The thirteen year old son of Amos Mills of Joggins Mines, while sitting on the stairway banister on the second floor of the new school house, a few days ago, fell backwards on the floor below, breaking one wrist, hurting his back, putting out one shoulder, and sustaining internal injuries. It is feared he will not recover.

—Valuable property.—The executors of the Fierney Estate will sell at auction as advertised, on Wednesday next, May 15th, at 12 o'clock, noon, the property of that estate, on the premises, corner Euston and Upper Great George. This centrally situated property will be sold in bloc or in lots to suit purchasers and offers an excellent chance to buy at a bargain a desirable site for a private residence. Terms at sale.—A McNeill, auctioneer.

—Wells & Co. have just completed a big purchase of gent's white collars, cuffs and shirts and in today's advt. quote the price. For the next five days gentlemen can replenish their linen at little cost.—W. A. Weeks & Co., the people's store. m13 51 135

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—Avington Ducks.—Striped Flen, 60 inches wide, 44 cents per yard; red stripe and blue stripe cotton ducks, 31 inches wide.—Stanley Bros. 3—may10

OTTAWA CORRESPONDENCE.

The claims of P. E. Island regarding branch railways are being vigorously pushed by the Conservatives from the Province. About the opening of the session the Island Representatives in the Senate and Commons supporting the Government waited on the Premier and were introduced by the Hon. Mr. Ferguson. They urged the claims of the Province most strongly and placed a memo. in the Premier's hands which he promised to lay before the Cabinet. Sir MacKenzie expressed himself as desirous to do justice to Prince Edward Island as well as to every province of Canada. It is well known that our representative in the Cabinet, Hon. Mr. Ferguson, is most strenuously pressing the Island's claim for branch railways.

On Friday last Messrs Martin, Jenkins and A. A. McLean arrived here. The object of their mission is well known to be in connection with the railway branches. They had an interview on Saturday with the Premier, the Minister of Railways, the Minister of Finance, and Hon. Mr. Ferguson. Messrs McLean and McLeod, who are for King's County, were also present, and took part in the interview. The unity of sentiment prevailing amongst the Island Conservatives regarding this vital matter cannot fail to have a strong influence with the Government, and the presence of Mr. Ferguson in the Cabinet will be a great help in advancing the interest of the Island. The statements of the Finance Minister in Parliament regarding railway subsidies is not considered as affecting the Prince Edward Island branches, as action in this case would not be in the way of subsidy.

The movements of the Grit leaders for P. E. I., at the Capital, regarding the railway have been in keeping with the fair-like antics of their party in the Island for the past few months. Mr. Davies, who, notwithstanding his selection as Minister at the Caledonia meeting in 1891, never uttered a word in behalf of the Belfast Railway for the last four sessions has already made two references to the subject this session, and is now doing it in support of the Southern Railway. Judging by what he has already said it would be better for the Island that he should hold his tongue. An unexpected listener could form no other opinion from the remarks he has already made, than that the advocacy of branches for P. E. Island was simply a device for flying in the face of a most insignificant, but without success, to get the Finance Minister to say that no new railway enterprise would be authorized this session. It would be unwise more money in Mr. Davies to stand up and oppose the Island branches openly than to "damm them with faint praise," as he is doing. Besides, the main line of attack pursued by the Opposition, which is more than sufficient to stand up and oppose the Island branches, is on the ground that they are adding too much to the liabilities of the country. When we find the whole party shouting out in this way, just at the time that Prince Edward Island is claiming her share of the public works, it is not hard to determine that they are hostile to branch railways for P. E. Island.

If Branch Railways, against the Government, is in the spirit of the underhand tactics of Mr. Davies and the other great representatives of the Island. The savage yell of opposition to the Belfast Railway which was set up by the Patriot and Greenway early in last winter is now heard no more, but the "snake in the grass" support of Messrs. Davies and Welsh is quite as dangerous to the success of the work.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO THE EXAMINER.

MANITOBA SCHOOL QUESTION

An Amicable Settlement Probable.

OTTAWA, May 13. A compromise is probable in respect to the Manitoba School Question. Much significance is attached to the fact that Archbishop Langevin will remain here at the request of the Governor-General until after the arrival of Premier Greenway and Attorney-General Sefton, who have been invited to the Capital by His Excellency.

NEWFOUNDLAND MATTER.

Mr. Bond Leaves for Ottawa or the States

Sr. Jon's, May 13. Hon. Robert Bond has left for Ottawa. The Confederates say the Secretary has gone to adjust final matters with the Dominion Government, while the opponents of Confederation declare that Confederation has been abandoned and that he has gone to the United States to negotiate a loan to extricate the colony from its present difficulty.

Athletics in Boston.

BOSTON, May 13. In the B. A. A. handicap athletic games F. C. Barke, B. A. A., won the 880 yards run in 2 minutes 33 1/2 seconds. This is the fastest time ever made on a track. L. A. Carpenter, of Wakefield, in the broad jump, cleared 22 feet 8 inches, beating the New England record of Bloss by 1 foot 1 inch.

Priest Shot by an Insane Woman.

PARIS, May 13. Abbe DeBroglie, brother of the Duke DeBroglie, was shot dead yesterday by a woman named Anelot, one of his parishioners, who had become insane.

Found Drowned.

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