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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Nova Scotia Government proposes to lease a thousand square miles of land to a New England pulp syndicate for \$6,000 a year, the term being thirty years, that may be extended for another thirty. It has been remarked that "the rental seems low, but the Government may need the money. The Liberals control it."

A few days ago Mr. Chamberlain stated on the floor of the British House of Commons that the so-called British preference had resulted in an increase of one per cent. in British exports to Canada. But Sir Wilfrid Laurier has declared on the floor of the Parliament of Canada that the increase amounts to six per cent. It appears that statisticians, as well as doctors, lawyers and judges will differ.

On the 4th of March, Liberal organs printed a statement to the effect that at the close of February the Government had a surplus of over five and a half million dollars, and printed figures to prove their claim. The Montreal Gazette points out that the bank statement just out shows that all the cash the government had on that date was \$2,683,762. Who got away with the missing three millions?

Sir Wilfrid Laurier informs us that the plebiscite was simply an ingenious device to cause the members of the Liberal party to come to an agreement among themselves as to the question of prohibition. Sir Wilfrid will probably have to use a lament that the device has not been successful, while all economical tax payers must regret that it cost about \$250,000 of the people's money.

That Canadian beef is sold in Great Britain as "prime English" has long been believed; but it is satisfactory to have legal proof of the fact. An action has been recently brought in the Westminster County Court to recover the amount of a butcher's bill. The butcher indignantly denied that he sold anything but English meat, but it was shown that the beef came from Canada and the mutton from New Zealand. He is by no means the only English butcher who conducts his business on these principles.

We are content to leave the discussion of the Springour matter between The Patriot and The Guardian. But there are two or three questions to which we would like to have an answer: (1) Suppose a Tory could have been found who had been convicted of violation of the Canada Temperance Act ten times and upwards, would he have been granted the privilege of a bonded warehouse in his own cellar? (2) Or suppose Mr. Springour had not been a Liberal heeler and canvasser, as well as a notorious violator of the law, would he have obtained the advantage of being able to store his liquors on his premises and pay duty thereon as they are purchased by retail? (3) Are we to understand that every liquor retailer in Canada, will, upon application to the Customs Department, be granted the same privilege?

It is pleasing to learn that Mr. Hazen has been selected as leader of the opposition in New Brunswick. We feel sure that he will not remain long without an ample following; for Mr. Hazen is naturally a leader. More than that he has already championed several reforms which the good sense of the people must approve in the near future. He demands a ballot law that will give to the people the fair play and independence which a ballot is intended to afford. He asks that the provincial auditor shall be an independent auditor, and not the mere creature of the Government of the day. He wishes to have public contracts let at the market price as ascertained by tender. Mr. Hazen also proposes the abolition of the office of Solicitor General. He demands further, a public investigation into recent expenditures of the Government. He has begun well. We wish him success as Provincial leader of the Liberal Conservatives of New Brunswick.

THE HAZARDS IN P. E. ISLAND.

Some Ancestors of Wellesley's New President and our Fellowcitizens. (Boston Transcript, March 14.)

Miss Hazard, the recently elected president of Wellesley College, is aside from her personal prominence, distinguished as a member of the well known Hazard family of Rhode Island. And out of an old scrap book comes a record interesting in connection with this family, newly brought into prominence.

About a dozen years ago, Thomas R. Hazard, then eighty-six years of age, and noted for his historical researches, visited that portion of the Maine Coast extending from Monhegan Island to the Kennebec river. A portion of his journeyings around Wiscasset and on the Wiscasset and on the Sheepscot River, he described as "an August Visit to Fairy Land," in an attractive article in the Sheepscot Echo, a local paper. Later he wrote the following communication to the Providence Journal, his facts being derived from that entertaining chronicle describing the life of the famous Tory parson of old Pownalboro, in Maine, then Massachusetts.

Rev. Jacob Bailey appears to have been one of the best-known and conspicuous characters in Maine during the revolutionary period. In his voluminous journal he gives an account of some of his visits to the numerous parishes under his care, to which he had to proceed from the boat in which he journeyed to the shore, "knee deep in mud," and in that plight preach his sermon. He incidentally spoke of "Dr. Gardner and Mr. Hazard being present at his house on a certain occasion. This is the first time I ever heard to my remembrance of a 'Hazard' being in Maine, and as Dr. Bailey peremptorily refused to cease praying for the king, in obedience to rebel orders, and hated with his whole heart every disloyal Yankee, I think the Hazard he speaks of could have been no other than 'Virginia Tom Hazard' so called because he married a Virginia lady and to distinguish him from some fifty other 'Tom Hazards' then living. 'Virginia Tom' was also a Tory, and before the close of the war left his country. He afterwards returned, and through the influence and intercession of his brother, Jonathan J. Hazard, a zealous and influential patriot, the General Assembly agreed to restore to him his large estate, on condition that he would make a proper acknowledgement. But 'Virginia Tom' refused the boon, on the grounds, as he signified, that he had never said he was sorry for anything he had done. He went, I think, to Prince Edward Island, to live and die. The Tory parson, Jacob Bailey, as a result of his adherence to the royal cause, abandoned his home in Pownalboro, and fled to Annapolis, N. S."

A writer in the Sheepscot Echo, commenting on the foregoing article, which was reprinted in that paper, says: "The Hazard family have long been residents of the Narragansett shore of Rhode Island, contiguous to which is Boston Neck in South King-town, where the original settler of the Gardner family located, and where was born in 1707 Dr. Sylvester, Gardner, who exercised a most prominent part in the settlement of the Kennebec Valley in the latter half of the last century. It may be supposed that 'Virginia Tom Hazard' joined Dr. Gardner in a tour of inspection of the lands then being settled upon and opened up to the settlement through Dr. Gardner's energetic efforts, with a possible view to purchase. . . . Be that as it may further reading of the memoirs of Mr. Bailey reveals the fact that 'Virginia Tom' paid another visit to the Kennebec in the autumn of 1774, as appears by the following extract from a letter written by Mr. Bailey, who, returning from a visit to Boston, reached Brunswick September 23rd, where he was stopped, accused of being a Tory and an enemy of his country, and urged to sign the covenant or solemn league. This he refused to do, and was finally allowed to proceed, reaching Lomt that night. In the letter referred to he wrote under date of Pownalboro, Oct. 1774: "I arrived at Pownalboro about dark, where I found the people in great conster-

ation. . . . Mr Gardner [William, younger son of Sylvester Gardner] had fled, and tarried with us all night, expecting every moment to be attacked. . . . He returned after service, but was obliged to fly that evening and escape to Boston. About midnight 150 men, armed with guns and various weapons, surrounded his house, demanded a sight of him and insisted upon searching for tea. Mr. Hazard, a gentleman from Rhode Island, entered into a parley with their leaders and they firmly engaged that none except five chosen men, should enter the house; but they quickly broke their engagements, rushed in, rifled the house, broke open his desk, and perused his papers, and after having been treated with several gallons of rum, they stole Mr. Hazard's buckles. They insisted upon his signing the covenant, upon which he stripped open his bosom, and told them they might stab him to the heart, but nothing should induce him to sign that accursed instrument. They seized him with violence and threw him headlong into the river, and then dragged him about until he was almost torn to pieces, but all to no purpose; and they at length desisted."

"This account," the writer continues, "probably somewhat biased by reason of Mr. Bailey's Tory prejudices, shows that the revolutionary alarms reached the only settlements, and that the obnoxious Tory of the frontier was obliged to flee to Boston for protection under the British, even as they of Cambridge did. As to the ultimate fate of the Hazard buckles, or subsequent visit of their owner to the Kennebec the record is incomplete."

This Thomas Hazard, whose enterprising spirit led him into Maine, in the picturesque Pownalboro region in those days of stirring history, was a lineal descendant of "Collage Tom," whom Miss Hazard wrote about in a volume, compiled from family papers and village records, and entitled "Thomas Hazard, son of Robert called 'Collage Tom,' a study of life in Narragansett in the eighteenth century,"—a book which, with its careful minuteness, is a genuinely valuable contribution to vital history.

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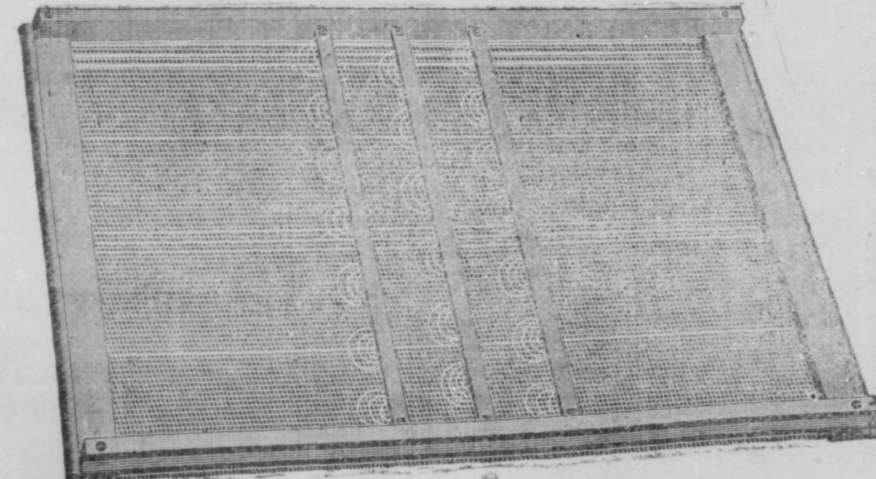
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