

The Quebec Conference.

The great conference which is to be held in Quebec, opening early in August, will have it is hoped and believed, the effect of bringing the United States and Canada, and of course England, closer together in the direction of these hopes. The men who are to participate in the conference are of national reputation. Lord Herschell, ex-Lord High Chancellor of Brittain, is the nominee of the Imperial government. With him are associated as representative of the Canadian interests, more nearly concerned, the first minister, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Hon. Sir Richard Cartwright, the Hon. Sir Louis Davies and Mr. John Charlton, M. P. The American commissioners are General John W. Foster, sealing commissioner; Senator Charles W. Fairbanks, Senator G. Grey, Representative Dingley, Hon. John Adam Kasson and Hon. Thomas Jefferson Coolidge. In deference to Newfoundland's desire to secure representation on the commission, their receiver general, the Hon. A. B. Morine, has been deputed to watch the interests of that colony.

Wants to Fight a Duel.

Moncton, N. B., Aug. 2.—Professor Louis P. M. S. Dornano, a music teacher, and a very respectable resident, has published a open letter to Mr. E. P. Welles, a manufacturer of Minneapolis, challenging him to fight a duel on account of what he calls some remarks made by Mr. Wells which were bordering on insanity, regarding the disaster to 'La Bourgogne' and the cowardly actions of her crew. After defending the actions of the master and the crew of the ship, and indulging in some hard language in regard to the United States criticisms of the disaster he closes thus: 'You have insulted the French navy and I retaliate, sir, and insult you with all the strength of truth where you were false. In some less businesslike countries such matters are settled face to face, with seconds. Suit yourself, Mr. Welles, you know my name and address.'

Remember in buying farm implements that sometime you will need repairs for same. The Massy-Harris Co. carry a full line of parts for their different machines with Shaw and Dibblee.

The Crops.

Many farmers have finished haying and others have begun to cut grain.

Some old residents say this season's hay crop is the heaviest ever cut in the county.

Potatoes are looking fine and little evidence of rust is seen.

The wheat crop is a signal failure. Nature should have been more considerate of Mr. Emmerson's new policy.

D. H. Keswick cut two fields of oats on Thursday. The crop promises well.

Excursion! Excursion! Climate R. R. One ticket from Hot to Cold 5 cts. At Estey & Curtis Soda Fountain.

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SUNDRY NOTES.

The price of flour dropped 10 cents per barrel at Winnipeg Saturday.

It is said the tourist business in the Maritime Provinces suffered a great falling off over last year and before.

J. Brothers, an ex-Mounted Police officer and returned Klondyker, is at Victoria, B. C., with \$55,000 in gold.

Colonel Beachly has been appointed to the commands of the Canadian militia to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Gen. Gascoigne.

The registration of births at the City Clerk's office, Toronto, this week includes Blanco Stephenson, Shafter Donaldson, Camara Walker, Cervera and Hobson.

James McDermid of Westville was drowned Monday at the Methodist picnic. The accident occurred by the capsizing of a boat. The body of the young man was recovered.

John Keith an old resident of the Kennebecasis Island died very suddenly yesterday afternoon. He was rowing across the river to church when he dropped dead. He was 83 years old.

Four men, named Trainor, Hughes, Carroll and Thorne attacked William Proude on the Loyalist road, near Wiltshire, P. E. I. on Monday night and beat him to death. A blow on the jugular vein was the fatal one.

A family at Kingston, Ont. were poisoned by eating canned salmon that had been allowed to remain in the can after it had been opened. If people would be careful to empty cans as soon as opened such accidents would be avoided.

Dr. Phillip LeBlanc, formerly of Moncton, but for the last year or so resident in Dawson City, claims to have struck it rich in the Yukon. He writes that he has four claims, for which he refused \$50,000 each. He will pay a visit to New Brunswick this summer.

For the last two or three years there have been efforts at times to start a shoe factory in this city. On each occasion the enterprise has fallen through from lack of support on the part of those who had the means, but who appeared to be fearful of the investment paying. Recent efforts have been more successful, and it is now confidently believed that sufficient capital will be subscribed and sufficient inducement offered by the city to make it beyond a question of doubt. That such an establishment in the city would be of inestimable benefit to the community goes without argument. Every ratepayer will wish it the fullest success.—F'ton Reporter.

How He Married Them.

A newly appointed justice of the peace in a Western town was greatly embarrassed the first time he was called upon to marry a couple.

He made many halts and mistakes before the proceeding was over; but at last he closed his book with a sigh of relief and delivered his final sentence in a sonorous tone.

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