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In our last issue a correspondent calls the attention of the people of this town to the necessity of clearing the streets. It is about time that those in authority should look after the streets of our town—see that they are not used as a dumping yard for all the rubbish, filth, etc., that people throw on them.

The War of 1812.

(Hamilton Spectator.)

To the Editor: I read with much interest your comments upon the great battle between the Shannon and Chesapeake, a fight that was full of glory for Great Britain; but were there not some other naval duels during that war in which John Bull was not so successful?—Inquirer.

Yes, there were. But in each case in which the British arms suffered defeat the Americans had the advantage in strength. We take the liberty to quote from an article recently printed in the Brantford Courier, which seems to cover the ground, recent statements in some misinformed Atlantic papers, having induced the Courier to overhaul its history. The Courier says:

"1. The statement that the Essex captured the Alert is quite true, but it would have been nothing short of a miracle had it been otherwise, for the United States ship was out of 46 guns, manned by 328 men, and the Alert only a 16 gun sloop with 86 men.

"2. The Constitution did capture the Guerriere, but in this instance also there was every reason why she should have done so. Here is a table of the comparative force of the combatants:

Table with 2 columns: Guerriere, Constitution. Rows: Broadside guns, Weight of metal, Crew, Tonnage.

"3. No one can question the fact that the Constitution likewise captured the Java, but it may once more be remarked that she had every reason to do so, for she had 10 more guns and 63 more men.

"4. It is undeniable that the Wasp secured the Frolic, but here again a comparison of the two boats affords a very good reason:

Table with 2 columns: Frolic, Wasp. Rows: Broadside guns, Weight of metal, Crew, Tonnage.

"The 92 Britishers gave the 138 Americans a most severe fight and after the whole thing was over another English ship, the Poictiers, hove in sight, recaptured the Frolic and secured the Wasp.

"5. The United States, after a desperate action, did not do up the Macedonia, but the American boat, although called a frigate, was in reality a formidable man-of-war, according to the rating of those days, while the Britisher was not only a frigate in name, but also in fact. Here is the comparative table in this instance:

Table with 2 columns: Macedonian, United States. Rows: Broadside guns, Weight of Metal, Crew, Tonnage.

"When the United States papers speak in an off-hand manner of this having taken away the boasted glory of England they conceal the disparity between the contending vessels in instances such as those given by the Cleveland paper.

"In reality the great test fight of that struggle—one in which the conditions were about as nearly balanced as possible was the contest between the English Shannon and the American Chesapeake. Even on this occasion the Britishers had the odds against them, as this table will show:

Table with 2 columns: Shannon, Chesapeake. Rows: Broadside guns, Weight of metal, Crew, Size in tonnage.

"It is scarcely necessary to dwell on the details of this well known encounter. The action occurred off Boston, and so sure were our neighbors of a victory that

numerous pleasure boats followed at a safe distance to see the Britishers get the worst of it. Instead the representatives of Uncle Jonathan were glad to surrender in about twenty minutes after the actual firing commenced, and in that time they had three-eighths of their crew either killed or disabled, while the Shannons aggregate was one-fourth."

But there is nothing particularly damaging to a Briton's pride in the history of these engagements. In the war for independence it was Briton against Briton, and in 1812 the American was, so far as fighting ability is concerned, still a Briton. The chip off the old block was necessarily a good sea fighter, and with the odds in his favor was pretty certain to win. And he seems to have the same fighting quality yet.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, May 31.—The supplementary estimates for the financial year ending June 30th, 1899, were laid on the table of the House early this morning. The following is the summary: Amount chargeable to capital, \$1,130,432; chargeable to income, \$1,861,933; amount chargeable to railway subsidies, \$65,961, or a total of \$3,053,376. These estimates contain several very heavy items which are entirely new and which will yield in return a large revenue. For instance, there is \$760,000 for the working expenses and rental of the extension of the Intercolonial to Montreal. This, of course, it is expected the revenue will recoup. There is \$25,000 additional for the Yukon government. There is a further item of \$140,000 for the taking of the plebiscite of \$250,000, which is also a new item, and another new item of \$180,000 to provide for a new steamer to take the place of the Stanley between P. E. Island and the mainland.

Among the other items are these: To pay for medals for military men serving during the Fenian raid, \$5,000. Widow and children of Joseph Cosman, accidentally killed by shot of Yarmouth Garrison Artillery, \$500. Col. Worsley, D. A. G., at Halifax, \$3,799. Increased accommodation at St. John, \$250,000. For elevator at St. John, \$75,000. Elevator at Halifax, \$75,000. Mail subsidies, steam communication, P. E. Island to Great Britain, \$5,000. Between Manchester and St. John, Halifax and St. Lawrence ports, \$40,000. Between Canada and South Africa, 5,000.

New steamer to take place of Stanley for P. E. I. service, \$180,000. Halifax drill hall \$26,000. Windsor public buildings, \$11,000. Windsor drill shed, \$5,000. St. John quarantine station, \$1,500. Railway subsidies—Halifax Banking Co., assignee of Nova Scotia Central railway, \$450. Central Railway of New Brunswick, to pay amount unpaid, \$61,461. Further grant to Artillery Association, \$4,500, \$2,000 being to provide for entertainment of visiting English teams. Rolling stock I. C. R., \$600,000. Stations house and siding at Humphreys, \$2,000.

To defray expenses in gathering information and otherwise with reference to a railway commission, \$5,000. Upper Tobique river, improvement of channel, \$800. St. John harbor hydrographic survey to complete, 2,500.

OTTAWA, June 1.—Mr. Foster asked Sir Louis Davies what he had done at Washington and what success had attended his mission.

Sir Louis Davies replied that he had interviews with the President and the officer appointed to meet the British ambassador himself and they daily went over the troublesome questions between Canada and the United States one after another, "discussing them in cordial spirit of good will and amity." Sir Louis continued as follows: "After long discussions we came to an agreement which has been forwarded to the governments of Great Britain and of the United States for their final approval. I have no reason to doubt that that approval will be given in both cases, and there will be a joint commission which will meet at an early day for the purpose of discussing and settling and putting in the form of a treaty, if possible, all the different questions discussed at our preliminary meetings. I am in hopes that when that commission is constituted there will be a disposition to arrive at an agreement to promote that harmony which should exist between these two great English speaking peoples."

Mr. Foster—Of course Canada will be represented on that?

Sir Louis Davies—Oh, yes. The number is not finally settled on, but it is definitely understood that Canada will be adequately represented.

Mr. Foster congratulated Sir Louis on the success of his preliminary steps and said: I do not think that Canada ever had anything but a favorable and friendly feeling toward the United States in all these matters. I am not sure, however, that the public men of the United States have always understood Canadians and our interests and sympathies as they should have done, and I am happy to know that at the present time there is a fair promise of the prominent people of the United States entering into sympa-

thetic relations with us. Congratulations are due my honorable friend, and everybody will be happy to have this result in a settlement in all questions which have disturbed the good relations between the two countries.

Sir Wilfred Laurier—I must express my satisfaction and more, my gratitude, for the words my honorable friends have just spoken as to the success of the minister of marine. It is quite true that our relations in the past with our neighbors have not always been as cordial as they should have been. We need not enquire at the present moment who was in the wrong. We may let the past be forgotten, let bygones be bygones, and hope that for the future the two nations may live in amity and peace and that this feeling may extend to wherever there are nations which acknowledge the sovereignty of England.

Mr. McPherson inquired whether the government had appointed an agent at Hamilton to enforce the alien labor law, and the prime minister replied as follows:

"The government has taken no steps to appoint an agent at Hamilton, and I have good reason to hope and believe that after a few months there will be no cause for the appointment of such officers."

Ministers promised to consider the question.

In supply Mr. Borden, of Halifax, brought up the case of the young man Dartt, convicted of murder at Truro and set free by the decree of the minister of justice. Mr. Borden contended that there was no justification for this action, though there might be ground for a new trial.

Sir Wilfred Laurier and Sir Louis Davies defended the action of the crown by asserting that the evidence was consistent with the innocence of the accused, and that under the circumstances it would have been judicial murder to allow the sentence to have been carried out.

The House got into supply late in the evening. On the item for West India steamship service Mr. Ellis asked whether the government were making an effort to secure a better class of ships.

Sir Richard Cartwright said that the service was under contract, but that the would make a note of it.

June 2.—Solicitor General Fitzpatrick's bill to increase the salaries of judges was read a second time.

Mr. Foster opposed the bill from start to finish. "We were paying too much," he said "for the administration of justice now. It costs us very nearly a million dollars a year. The judges were falling over each other, and Canada did not get an honest day's work for the money paid. One half the judges in his own province would do the work equally as well as it is now done." He opposed the idea of standing by the provincial governments in regard to the judges they appoint; on the contrary, the Dominion government ought to try and protect the people from the local governments appointing too many judges so as to give positions to their party friends.

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PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, June 4.—A lively cannonade followed for two hours on Friday morning after the American squadron began the bombardment of Santiago de Cuba. The Spanish batteries were silenced. The Merrimac, an American vessel, made a dash to force an entrance to the harbor, but after passing the first line of defences she was sunk by a torpedo. Only her funnel and masts-heads can be seen. An officer, an engineer and six seamen were taken prisoners.

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PERSONAL.

Miss DeVeber, Superintendent of the Waltham Hospital, Mass., is visiting Mrs. G. DeVeber, Claremont.

Mr. Wm. Allingham was in St. John last week.

We are sorry to chronicle that Mr. John Fleming is dangerously ill at his home here.

Master Charles Dingee, of St. John, is visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyte, of St. John, spent Sunday at the Rectory.

Mr. Geo. Gerow spent Sunday at Mr. Samuel MacDermott's.

Mr. Flood, of S. Flood & Son, St. John, spent Sunday at Hotel Dingee.

Mr. R. Davis, of Upper Gagetown, spent Sunday at Hotel Dingee.

Mrs. William Brander was visiting in St. John last week.

Miss F. Hamilton is visiting Miss Mabel Peters.

We are pleased to hear that Mrs. J. P. Bulyea is improving.

Mr. E. P. Dykeman was in town on Tuesday.

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. Rebecca Dingee, who has been seriously ill, is improving.

Mr. John Law went to St. John on Tuesday.

Mr. Stanley McMullin, of St. John, spent Sunday at Mr. William Cooper's.

Mr. Hall paid a visit to his son, Mr. H. B. Hall, last week.

MARRIED.

STEEVES-EDGETT.—At the Baptist parsonage, SUTREY, Albert Co., N. B., May 12, by Rev. J. Miles, Harry Steeves to Mabel L. Edgett, both of Edgett Landing, Albert Co., N. B.

GLENN-WHITE.—At the Baptist parsonage, Florenceville, May 24th, by Rev. A. H. Hayward, Ernest A. Glenn, of Northfield, Aberdeen, to Elsie White, of the same place.

TWEEDIE-ESTABROOKS.—At the residence of the bride's father, Gideon Estabrooks, Chester, Carleton Co., N. B., May 25th, by Rev. A. H. Hayward, William H. Tweedie, of Wicklow, to Maggie L. Estabrooks, of Chester.

WILSON-BOYD.—At the Baptist parsonage, May 25th, by Rev. Joseph Murray, Augustus Wilson to Charlotte Boyd, both of Windsor.

STIWELL-FANJOY.—At Union Settlement on May 21st, by the Rev. C. W. Townsend, Alfred Ernest Stiwell to Essie Ethel Fanjoy.

DIED.

KENNEDY.—At Youngs Cove, May 25th, Mrs. Mary Kennedy, aged 80.

WIGGINS.—At Youngs Cove, Thursday May 19th, Eliza M. Wiggins, aged 2 years and 2 months, daughter of Arthur and Debbie Wiggins.

Under the turf daisy starred and fresh springing. Our baby has folded her hands on her breast. They wanted new angels to praise Him in Heaven, And Eliza, dear Eliza was called with the rest.

Telegraph and Sun please copy.

COILLARD.—At Ironbound Cove, Chipman, N. B., on May 12th, of pneumonia, Annie Coillard, in the 22nd year of her age.

BURK.—At the Range, Queens Co., N. B., May 22nd, Lydia, widow of the late Geo. F. Burk, aged 83 years.

GRANVILLE.—At Cumberland Bay, Queens Co., N. B., May 22nd, Maria, widow of the late John Granville, aged 83 years.

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