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ST. JOHN LETTER.

The editor of the Oxford, Maine, Advertiser, took a vacation of a month a short time ago, which he spent in the woods. He does not tell why he took to the woods; whether it was to escape from duns, irate readers of the Advertiser or the exchange fiends, or for recreation, but he tells of what he saw during his sojourn in the wilderness, which briefly stated was as follows, unless he exaggerates:—

17 bull moose; 12 cow moose; 3 calf moose; 4 fawns; 1 white deer; 307 bucks and does; 3 families of beavers; 2 foxes; 40 broods of shell drakes; canvas backs and wood ducks; 20 broods of partridges; 920 muskrats, squirrels, seagulls and herons. This is an average of about thirty game animals and birds a day. If the editor belonged to any of the minor professions, if he were a lawyer, a doctor or even a clergyman it might be thought that at times he saw double, but under the circumstances no one can think such a thing probable or even possible.

The Knight of Pythias has owned the city during the last few days and enjoyed themselves hugely. Two more escaped lunatics from the Asylum are touring the country. The site will soon be selected and plans made for the St. John dry dock.

Messrs. McAvity & Sons have a contract with the Canada Atlantic Railway to supply bushings to the value of about \$15,000.

Dr. Hannay of the Telegraph does not forget the compliment paid awhile ago by Commodore Stewart of the Chatham World to his History of Acadia. He says in a recent issue of the Telegraph that the paper of the gallant commodore "is always a favorite in the sanctum by reason of its suggestiveness and vigor."

What will the gallant commodore say now? A portrait of late Grand Master, B. Leslie Peters, painted by F. H. C. Miles, will be unveiled at the meeting of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. on the 22nd inst.

The death of Hon. A. L. Palmer, aged 79 years, occurred at his residence in this city on the 10th inst.

The Lunatic tourists referred to above, returned to the Asylum of their vocation after a few days absence.

Agass Shand, florist, shows in his store near the Royal Hotel, a very beautiful assortment of flowering and foliage plants and homes many of which may be kept in bloom in the parlor or sitting room all winter. Flowers and plants add much to the beauty of the home in winter and generally they are inexpensive and cause little trouble.

Flour at this writing is somewhat firmer than last week. Highest grades Manitoba are quoted at \$4.65 and \$4.75; best Ontario \$3.90 and \$4.00; Oatmeal \$3.95 and \$4.00; American cornmeal \$2.25 and \$2.30. Beef, pork and lard are unchanged. Sugars are very firm; standard granulated 4 1/2 and 4 3/4; bright extra C. 3 1/2 and yellow C. 3 1/4 cents. Manufacturers of matches have advanced prices three cents per gross. Hampton star brand are quoted at 30 cents and Flewellings at 33 cents per gross. Small lots of P. R. molasses arrived last week; prices firm at 34 cents with usual advance on small packages. New teas are coming forward and some small parcels have arrived. George S. DeForest & Sons report the China good while the Ceylons and Indias are inferior to last years. This firm have orders placed for between 3000 and 4000 chests and half chests of Chinas, Indias and Ceylons, some of which are expected to arrive in two or three weeks.

EDWARD EDWARDS.

St. John, Aug. 12.

American Breach of Faith.

MANILA, Aug. 2, via Hong Kong.—Gunboat Napidan last week shelled Paeta on the lake near Santa Cruz. The town was full of people, who had been encouraged to return after Gen. Lawton's expedition, having been assured that they would not be molested if they peaceably attended to their business. Lieut. Copp, who was in command of the Napidan, heard that the insurgents had re-occupied the town, and, steaming close in, opened fire with his six pounders without warning. The people, seeing the boat approaching, fled to the hills in a terrified condition and with barely time to escape. One child was killed, and many buildings were damaged. The authorities express great regret on account of the incident. After the taking of Calamba by the Americans, Gen. Lawton ordered that Capt. Oris, of the Washington regiment, be relieved of his command and placed

under arrest on account of slowness and seeming reluctance of the companies under his command in obeying the order to disembark from the cascos and wade through the marshes under fire. The men say that a majority of them have been sick and unfit for duty and were given to understand that they would not be asked to do any more fighting.

Aguinaldo has appealed to the powers for recognition of 'Filipino independence' in a document dated from Tarlac, July 27, and signed by Buencamino. It has been received by all the foreign consuls in Manila with the request that they forward it to their respective governments.

Baptist Convention.

At the approaching session of the Maritime body to be held in Fredericton two very important questions are likely to come up for discussion. The Temperance issue, now actively discussed by various religious bodies and societies will, according to a Halifax correspondent of the Chicago 'Standard' receive its full share of attention. The writer observes: "Prohibition is at present kicked about by politicians like a football. Sir Wilfred Laurier, the Premier, promised prohibition to the temperance people when he came into power. He fulfilled this promise by taking a plebiscite of the Dominion at a cost of about \$500,000. His French ministers appealed to Quebec to say nay in the plebiscite, else Sir Wilfred might lose his government in the prohibition struggle. Quebec said nay. All the other provinces said yea. The net majority of all the Provinces is over 13,000 for prohibition. Sir Wilfred says this is not large enough to justify him in keeping his pledge to give prohibition. The Baptist convention of the Maritime Provinces will meet at Fredericton in August. It is likely the politicians will appear among us. But there will be a deliverance on the Temperance question."

Owing to a diversity of views among the members of so large a gathering it is quite likely the discussion will be animated. The Baptist position has been in the past one of non-interference as far as possible with state and political questions. This body has long held to a complete separation of Church and State, in this respect being the religious antipodes of Roman Catholics who in European governments and elsewhere have asserted a right of denomination in State affairs. Baptists maintain that the Saviour's express statement, "My kingdom is not of this world, if My kingdom were of this world then would My servants fight" etc., with kindred passages forces them to a position unique and peculiar to them as a denomination.

Another question that is to receive a full consideration at the coming session is that of the N. B. Home Missions. Last year notice of a proposed amendment to the constitution was given, so as to introduce another H. M. board into the Province. In view of the fact that the Board of the New Brunswick Convention has for the last five years had charge of this department and has been indorsed by the three associations of the Province there will without doubt be a strong opposition to the introduction of any element of disruption in this department of work. The New Brunswick Board incorporated by act of the provincial legislature, has of late received important legacies in aid of its work and has by its economy of administration, as well as by its general efficiency and success commended itself to the hearty sympathies of the churches. The consideration of these important matters will doubtless occupy a considerable portion of the Monday and Tuesday sessions, 21st and 22nd, and a large representation of the churches is expected.

The New Brunswick Convention is to hold its meetings this year at the Narrows, Queens County, beginning Friday, September 6th. There is to be a Provincial Sunday School Convention the day previous in the same church. The Baptist annuity Association holds its annual session with this body, meeting usually on Monday afternoon. The interest in these gatherings promises to be above the average.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Wm. Brander went to St. John on Monday.

Mrs. Georgie Bissett and daughter Miss Muriel, of Boston, who have been visiting here, returned home on Thursday.

Mrs. N. K. Simpson is spending a few days in St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall who have been visiting their son, Mr. H. B. Hall, returned to their home in St. John on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hamilton were the guests of Mrs. A. T. McAllister on Sunday.

Mrs. Hampton and family, who have been spending a few weeks here returned to St. John on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Bradley, of St. John, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cooper.

Miss Annie Hamilton who spent the winter with her aunt, Mrs. J. B. Ralston in Boston, has returned home.

Mrs. Walter Coy, of Boston who is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. H. Brooks, of Upper Gagetown, spent Monday with Mrs. R. H. Weston.

Miss Stella Parkhill, who has been spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Parkhill, of Chipman, returned to Gagetown on Thursday, much pleased with her trip.

Misses Pearl Dingee and Tilley Fowlie, of St. John are spending a few days with friends here.

Miss Annie Mahoney of St. John, is visiting her parents here.

Mr. A. S. Dingee, of Fort Worth, Texas, arrived here on Friday to spend a few weeks with friends and relatives.

Mr. Harold Simpson and Miss Sophia Harding left on Saturday for their homes in Boston.

Misses Mary Kilpatrick and Ella Denison returned to St. John on Thursday.

Mr. John P. Bulyea left on Saturday for the Narrows where he will take charge of a school.

Messrs. Onslow Purdy and Harry Colwell, of Jemseg, spent Sunday with friends here.

Miss June Bulyea returned on Saturday from a trip to St. John.

Mr. D. L. Mitchell returned to Gagetown on Saturday.

Mr. Fred Cooper spent Sunday evening at Mr. John McKinney's.

Mr. C. S. Babbitt was in St. John last week.

Mrs. Dobson and son, of Boston, are spending a week at Mr. W. H. Bulyea's.

Mr. Joseph Allingham is spending a few days in town.

Mr. Smith Dingee returned to St. John on Friday.

Mrs. J. R. Dunn returned on Thursday from a visit to Chipman.

Mr. John Palmer of Hampstead, returned on Saturday to attend the Grammar School.

Messrs. Wm. Osburn and Humbert Gaunce left on Monday for the lumber woods.

Mr. Russia Williams spent Monday in Fredericton.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mitchell of St. John returned on Monday from spending a week's vacation with Mr. Stuart Law.

Miss Bertie and Mr. Fred Cooper spent Sunday with Mrs. Robert Hunter.

Miss Laura McKinney returned home

on Saturday from visiting friends at this place.

Mr. Alex. T. Hastings of Summer Hill was in town last week.

Mr. F. McAlpine spent Sunday in town.

Mr. Roy Fowlie, of St. John, spent Sunday with friends here.

Miss Della Dykeman of Lower Jemseg, is visiting Miss May Scott.

Mr. R. Gaunce of Hampstead spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Barnett.

Mr. Robertson, of Vickham, will attend Gagetown Grammar School during the present term.

Mrs. Bulyea sr., who has been confined to her room for the past two weeks is slowly recovering.

Mr. D. P. Kirkpatrick, of Gaspereaux Station, paid us a visit last week.

Mr. Holly Lingley returned to St. John on Tuesday, having spent a pleasant vacation with friends here.

War Inevitable.

TORONTO, Aug. 12.—"War between Great Britain and the Transvaal is, in my opinion, inevitable. From private information which I received tonight from London no other solution is possible." This was the startling assertion made by Mr. J. Davis Allen to a reporter at the Queen's Hotel last evening. Mr. Allen is an Englishman who has been a resident of the Transvaal for a number of years. He has always been prominent in upholding the cause of the Outlanders, and has made a close study of the conditions prevailing in the South African republic. He is visiting Canada as the representative of the Imperial South African Association, organized for the purpose of maintaining the supremacy of Great Britain in that portion of the world. Mr. Allen divides his time between the Transvaal, London and Cape Town, and is thus enabled to keep in touch with the currents of public opinion in these important centres. During his present trip he has visited Quebec, Montreal and Ottawa. His presence at the capital at the time when the important Transvaal resolutions were presented to the House of Commons and Senate was influential in securing the unanimous and enthusiastic adhesion of Canada's legislators to the cause of the Outlanders. "In the event of war, what is the probable outcome?" "There can, of course, be only one result. Great Britain will win, but only after a long and severe struggle. The Boers are not as they were twenty years ago. They have over 15,000 men well trained, well armed and prepared for an active campaign. And numbers do not furnish a true indication of their strength. For many years past the Transvaal Government has been importing German and other foreign skilled artillerymen and instructors under the guise of civil service men. These have been quietly working until the army of the republic has been brought to a condition not surpassed by many more pretentious countries. "The Outlanders in the Transvaal might be organized into a splendid army, numbering perhaps 30,000 to assist Great Britain, but this would be very difficult, as they have for the past three years been forbidden to carry arms. Any attempt to enlist their services would be instantly followed by rigorous measures on the part of the Boer Government. In time of war all who remain in Johannesburg will be held as hostages, and their future will depend upon the attitude they assume towards the cause of the republic." "Backed by the Orange Free State "will the Transvaal secure the aid of other countries?" "I cannot but believe that Kruger has been assured of the active support of the Orange Free State. Otherwise it is impossible to understand why he defies the Imperial Government. He evidently thinks that he can obtain the assistance of other countries and thereby force Great Britain to lose her control of South Africa. The Orange Free State has an army of 20,000 men in fine condition, and will prove to be a powerful ally. The strategic position of the State will be of vast importance, as it lies between Cape Colony and the Transvaal, and its troops, co-operating with those of the republic, will be able to put up a strong fight against the British forces." "What is the strength of the British force in South Africa?" "At present the total strength amounts to 14,000 men, including the troops en route from England. These are distributed between Natal and Cape Colony, the majority being assigned to the latter. They are being continually reinforced, and by the end of the year many thousands will be massed in South Africa. The troops are splendid fighting men, and the regiments from home include some of Britain's finest soldiers."

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