

HON. J. W. LONGLEY MAY BE ELEVATED TO THE BENCH.

What a Halifax Correspondent Tells a Boston Paper Anent Nova Scotia Politics and the Approaching Bye Elections--Predicts Changes in the Government Personnel.

A Halifax despatch to the Boston Transcript of Nov. 23 says:--Announcement is made today that the Provincial Government has issued writs for the bye-elections to fill the seven vacancies in the House of Assembly of Nova Scotia.

the liberals have four candidates in the field, and so far the opposition has not developed. Indeed, in view of the sweeping victory won by the liberals in this province in the Federal election, it is probable that the conservatives will allow seven seats to go by default; if so the parties in the provincial House will stand thirty-two liberals, two conservatives. Immediately after the elections Premier Murray will construct his Government. Hon. J. W. Longley, attorney general, who was one of the first and strongest advocates of reciprocity with the United States, will retire from politics, and will be appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia.

FAKIRS ARE ROUNDED UP.

The United States Government Unearths a Pretty Conspiracy in Land Claims.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 24.--Link by link the government is forging the chain of evidence by which it hopes to prove the existence of a conspiracy to defraud the United States out of thousands of acres of its public lands.

The government attorneys bent their energies to convince the jury by the testimony of A. W. Barber, a clerk in the general land office that the claims on the now notorious "11-7" district for which homestead patents were issued, were never improved or resided upon by any claimants to whom they were awarded and that the issuance of patents was upon testimony false from beginning to end.

Barber testified that last June he had proceeded to township 11, South, Range 7 east, on written instructions to examine into conditions there. Four men accompanied him. They went over the territory in question and found an inaccessible forest. His instructions were to examine a list of 22 claims as to improvements and residence. Mr. Barber read a list of claims examined and said he found that the homestead law had not been complied with in any respect, as regards residence, improvements and cultivation. The country is mountainous, there were no roads, no houses, no fields, no barns, nor any other homestead appurtenances of which testimony is made in the proofs.

A FATAL HAZING.

San Francisco College Student Paralyzed as the Result of Fake Execution.

San Francisco, Nov. 25.--The Examiner to-day tells the story of hazing practiced by students of the Hopkins institute of art in this city which in one case, it is claimed has resulted in serious injury to the youthful victim. A student named A. T. Derome, was, it is said, strapped to a chair with a metal seat an imitation of the instrument for electrocution and an electric current was then turned on the chair. As a result, according to the story Derome's body has become paralyzed from the hips downward.

THE NORTH SEA INCIDENT.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 25.--The Anglo-Russian North Sea convention will be signed by Count Hamsdorff, the minister of foreign affairs and Sir Charles Hardinge, the British ambassador this afternoon. St. Petersburg, Nov. 25.--The minister of Sweden and Norway in a letter published in the Journal de St. Petersburg to-day denies in the most formal manner that any Japanese naval officers visited Scandinavian ports for the purpose of chartering steamers to lay mines or other explosive engines.

ROYAL CONDOLENCES.

New York, Nov. 24.--The Italian Ambassador at Washington has communicated to the family of General Louis Palma Di Cesnola, the late director of the Metropolitan Museum, the text of a telegram from King Victor Emmanuel expressing his sorrow at General Di Cesnola's death. The Ambassador's telegram was as follows: "Miss Louise Di Cesnola, New York. His Majesty, the King of Italy cables me as follows: I have been informed of the death of General Di Cesnola and I order you to convey to the family my profound and heartfelt condolences. (Sgd.) 'Mayor Des Planches.'"

SNOW IN AUSTRIA.

Innsbruck, Austria, Nov. 24.--Snow has been falling incessantly for thirty hours. Telegraph and telephone communication is interrupted at many points. The trains to Vienna and Italy have been stopped. A train is snowed up at Brennerpass.

NEARER AND NEARER TO PORT ARTHUR.

The Japs Gain Another Important Position and Are Steadily Progressing Toward the End of the Long Siege--The Japanese Army Gains a Small Success Near Mukden.

Washington, Nov. 23.--The Associated Press learns on excellent authority that the Japanese army has been ordered to renew its attack on Port Arthur to-day and to take the main fortifications at any cost. New York, Nov. 25.--A Tokio despatch to the Times says the publication of unofficial news from Port Arthur is no longer prohibited in Tokyo.

The besiegers' works are progressing rapidly in spite of numerous petty sorties nearly all of which are made at night. A leading journal which deprecates inasmuch as it says the end is certain in the near future reflects the national mood which is calm and confident. The prospect of the arrival of the Baltic fleet causes much exultation. Among the men of Admiral Togo's squadron who are longing to exchange the monotony of the blockade for a decisive fight.

Lists published in Tokio give casualties in the assault of the permanent fortifications from Aug. 19 to Aug. 24 total 1400 including 550 officers, a hundred of whom were killed. Prisoners state that the strength of the garrison does not exceed 8,000 men, of whom only one third are provided with winter clothing. There are numerous cases of ophthalmia, owing to want of sleep. "The number of Russians who died in battle and from dysentery from Oct. 30 to Nov. 12 is given as 2,000.

Russian Deserters.

Vienna, Nov. 25.--The relief committee of Lemberg, Galicia, says a telegram from that town, has dispatched 300 Russian deserters by train yesterday to Craco whence they will be sent on here. On their arrival in Vienna each man will be given a steamship ticket to America. Another batch of 400 will shortly follow from Lemberg. Nearly all the deserters are reported to be entirely destitute.

Active Near Mukden.

Field headquarters General Oku's army, Nov. 23.--6 p. m.--via Fusan, Nov. 24.--The Russians are showing some activity in front of General Oku's army. At dawn to-day detachments attacked the left and center divisions in two places. The center repulsed the attack immediately and the left did also after a hard fight. As a result of the attack the

Japanese occupied Pouteon. The Russians left many dead on the field. General Kuroki's headquarters in the field, Nov. 23 via Fusan, Nov. 24.--The report circulated during the past week in the eastern papers and probably telegraphed abroad to the effect that General Kurapatkin in making a general advance had pushed back the Japanese left a distance of three miles are wholly unfounded. The situation remains entirely unchanged during the last month except that the Japanese have undoubtedly strengthened their defences and accumulated supplies in that time. The Russians continue their reconnaissances in front of the Japanese left but there has been no general engagement or change in the Japanese entrenched positions.

The Japanese continue to ignore the daily shelling which takes place in front of the central army, and in many places the whole line of trenches are so close that the Japanese can draw fire at any time by displaying caps on sticks. A few casualties result daily from rifle fire. Headquarters of the Japanese army before Port Arthur, Nov. 23.--via Fusan, Nov. 25.--The possession of Rihung and Kekwan forts enables the Japanese to place an efficient force on the northern line of forts to execute a sweeping movement against the battery positions on the crest of the western ridge of forts and 203 Metre Hill, which as yet they have not captured.

Port Arthur Doomed.

Tokio, Nov. 25.--It is reported that the Japanese Saps directed against Rihlung mountain Sunshu mountain and East Kekwan mountains have reached the base of the centre ditches. The defensive works outside the parapets of Rihlung mountain and Sunshu mountain have been captured leaving the Russians in possession of the parapets only. The Japanese guns are shelling the parapets and inflicting heavy damage. The occupation of the forts is expected shortly. If the forts are taken the capture of Port Arthur proper seems to be assured within a short time.

The Bayonet Again.

Mukden, Nov. 24.--The Japanese made a fresh attack on Poutiloff hill

on the night of Nov. 22. Their advancing ranks were decimated by the Russian shell fire. Some of the Japanese secured lodgment on the slopes of the hill, but were driven out at the point of the bayonet, when the whole Japanese contingent fled. A similar attempt was made the same night south of Erdagou, which also was repulsed with a bayonet charge. The Japanese lost heavily, while the Russian loss was 30 killed. St. Petersburg, Nov. 25.--Unofficial advice only bring affairs at the front up to Nov. 23, and the absence of official news of later date, either from the Japanese or the Russian side, arouses the belief that more important operations than heretofore may be progressing.

General Notes.

London, Nov. 24.--The correspondent at Odessa of the Standard learns that the Russian Government has decided to start in January a general postal service throughout European Russia.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 24.--It is announced from Mukden that Don Jaime de Bourbon, son of Don Carlos, the Spanish Pretender, has been decorated with the Order of St. Anne with swords for gallantry in several engagements.

Berlin, Nov. 24.--The German Red Cross society has prepared another sanitary train for nursing the Russian sick and wounded. The train is now at Potsdam station, and will proceed to the frontier in a few days, where it will be turned over to the Russian officials. A similar train went to Manchuria a fortnight ago.

Tokio, Nov. 24.--Several charitable organizations, headed by the ladies of the Patriotic Societies are arranging to send new year presents to every soldier in the field. The contributions already assured indicate that there will be enough to give each soldier two presents. The people of Tokio are contributing thousands of packages, each containing a number of useful articles.

Port Said, Nov. 25.--A division of the Russian second squadron (which arrived yesterday), has entered the Suez canal. Local representatives of Russia are accompanying the squadron on board the flagship. The ironclads are being towed through the canal.

MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE BLAMED UPON THE JUDGE.

Committee of Inquiry in the Case of Adolph Beck Returns a Sensational Report--Beck Served Five Years For Another's Crime.

London, Nov. 25.--The report of the committee of inquiry in the case of Adolph Beck, who for the crimes of Wm. Thomas alias John Smith, served a term of five years imprisonment in England on the charge of obtaining money and jewels from women under false pretences places practically the entire blame for the miscarriage of justice upon the judge, Sir Robert Fulton who excluded from Beck's trial in 1896 all the evidence favorable to the accused and who refused to state a case for the consideration of the higher court.

The committee remarks that it is an extraordinary fact that in the trial of 1904 the innocent man Beck was convicted through the ignorance of the police and public prosecutor of the material fact known to the home office and the prison authorities that Beck and Smith were not the same person as alleged by the prosecution and points out the necessity for bringing the different public authorities concerned into such co-ordination as to make the information acquired by one available to all.

the home office in dealing with the case was defective owing to lack of legal training on the part of subordinates. The committee expresses the opinion that the establishment of a criminal court of appeals is not necessary if the present machinery of review is made more efficient by the introduction of a stronger legal element in the home office ought to be adequate to give relief of innocent persons convicted through mistakes of law or of fact.

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HORSE WAS NOT STOLEN.

It was reported that a horse and buggy owned by Mr. Taylor, who is an agent for the Johnston Piano Co., was stolen yesterday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock. Mr. Taylor left the rig at the corner of Union and Waterloo Sts., while he made a call on a client. When he came out of the house his team had vanished. He notified the police and Sgt. Baxter found the outfit in Hogan's stable. It appears that a man noticed the horse wandering up Waterloo St., without anyone in charge and took it over to Hogan's stable, where it remained all night.

COUNTRY MARKET.

The country market is well supplied with produce today. Following are the prices:-- beef (roast and steak) 10-20c; mutton, 6-12c; lamb, 6-12c; pork 12c; sausages, 12c; chickens, 50c-\$1.00; turkey, 20-25c; rabbits, 20c; duck, 90c-\$1.35; geese, \$1-1.25; potatoes, 30c; onions, 5c; butter, 15c; eggs, 15c; beans, 25c; pk.; pork tenderloin, 16c; moose steak, 20c; squash, 9c; celery, 6-12c; butter, (roll), 22-25c; cabbage, 5-10c; canned mushrooms, 40c; cranberries, 12c.

FEARS HIS SON WILL BE FORCED TO FIGHT.

Zacharias Rambeze, on His Way to Russia For His Family--His Son Has Reached Conscription Age and the Parent Expects Trouble in Getting Him Out.

Yesterday afternoon there arrived from the Northwest. A somewhat elderly gentleman who registered at the Grand Union. He was a Russian and his command of the English language is decidedly limited. A Times reporter happened to get into conversation with him, and he was an interpreter with him, but after some time the man's story was learned. He belongs to Kaphkaz, Russia, and came to this country four years ago, with the Doukhobors, settling on a farm in Manitoba, a few miles from Winnipeg. His name is Zacharias Rambeze and he sails on the Ionian on his return to his native land.

He assured the Times that the Russians in Manitoba and the Northwest are doing well and in the main of cases are contented and happy. The object of Rambeze's present trip to his old home is to bring back with him his wife and family of four children one son and three daughters. The son is within a few months of the age of conscription and Rambeze is very anxious to get home and bring him to Canada before he is placed on the list and sent to the front to fight the Japanese. Rambeze says he is contented in his new home and will soon be happier with his family around him. He is much worried about his son and fears that he will be forced into the ranks before he can get him to Canada.

ANGRY FATHER; FOOLISH GIRL.

A Quebec Man in Hot Pursuit of His Daughter--She Ran Away to Wed a Man Already Married.

Woodstock, Nov. 25.--(Special)--Alphonse Trepanier, of Quebec city, where he has been in the employ of the C. P. R. for twenty-five years, arrived in town, last night. Not being able to speak English and wishing to send a telegram to Houlton an interpreter was found and Mr. Trepanier told the following story. His daughter, in Quebec, became acquainted with a traveller for a New York firm, who has a wife and family in New York city. His daughter did not know that the traveller was married and made arrangements to leave home and marry him. He was to meet her at Woodstock, on Wednesday, McAdam, where he met the young lady and both proceeded to Houlton, where they intended to be married today. The father was in hot pursuit and arrived here via Riviere du Loup. He sent a telegram to his daughter that he would leave by the early train from Houlton, today. He is in a mood to make trouble for some one in Houlton when he arrives there.

THE DEATH OF E. B. WINSLOW.

One of the Most Respected Citizens of Fredericton Died Yesterday--His Life.

Fredericton, Nov. 24.--At 3.15 this afternoon E. Byron Winslow, one of Fredericton's most beloved and esteemed citizens, passed away at his residence, Church street, after an illness extending over some months.

Mr. Winslow was taken ill in August last after a business trip to Halifax, but did not attach much importance to his ailment, which took the form of severe pains in the head. Mr. Winslow consulted an eminent Boston specialist. No hope was held out for a permanent recovery. Since then he has been failing rapidly.

Edward Byron Winslow, K. C., was born in Woodstock April 7th, 1849, being the youngest son of John Francis Woodworth and Jane Caroline (Rainsford) Winslow. He was a direct descendant in the seventh generation of Edward Winslow, who came to America in 1620 as one of the Pilgrims, and was the third governor of the Plymouth Colony. He had in his possession a silver tankard bearing the Winslow crest, beautifully engraved thereon, which his immigrant progenitor brought with him in the Mayflower.

The deceased gentleman obtained his education in the common schools at Woodstock, the Fredericton High school, and the High school at St. John's, Quebec. Soon after he began the study of law in the office of the late Hon. J. J. Fraser, afterwards judge of the supreme court and lieutenant governor of New Brunswick.

In 1865 he was admitted an attorney, and very soon he became a partner with Mr. Fraser, the association continuing until the latter was elevated to the supreme court bench.

Some years after entering into partnership with John J. Fraser, E. L. Wetmore, now a judge in the Northwest and residing at Moosomin, was taken into the firm, which was thereafter known as Fraser, Wetmore & Winslow. A few years ago Geo. W. Allen, K. C., became associated with Mr. Winslow in the partnership under the firm name of Winslow & Allen.

In politics he was a conservative; in religion, a member of the Church of England. He was a Free Mason. In 1871 he married Emma B. Orr, who survives him along with eight children, Wentworth Byron, Jasper A., Capt. J. J. Fraser, Elizabeth Caroline, Marguerite, F. E., clerk B. M., Robert N., and Bainsford H. Geo. Two brothers, Frank E. Winslow, formerly manager of the Bank of Montreal at Chatham, and T. Bradford Winslow, secretary of the provincial board of works, also survive him.

IMPERIALISM WAS HIS TEXT.

Toronto, Nov. 25.--(Special)--William Wilfrid Campbell, of Ottawa, addressed the members of the Empire club yesterday, at the club's weekly luncheon, on the subject of "Imperialism: the only hope for Canada, to become a great nation." The speaker described imperialism as a vital force, the only one by which this young country should hope to attain national standing.

WINTER PORT NOTES.

Furress steamer St. John City, sailed from London, for this port, last Wednesday. Steamship Ionian, now at No. 2 berth, will probably sail tomorrow for Liverpool, via Halifax, with the Royal mail. Manifests for 5 cars lumber, one car doors, and one car hams, were received at the Custom House today. American goods through in bond. Steamship Alcides, now at the Corporation pier, has discharged her inward freight from Glasgow. She will probably move to No. 4 berth this morning. She will take cattle and a general cargo to Glasgow via Liverpool.

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POLICE COURT.

Wm. Doody, an interdict, was fined \$8 for being drunk on Charlotte street. He said he got the liquor from a friend.