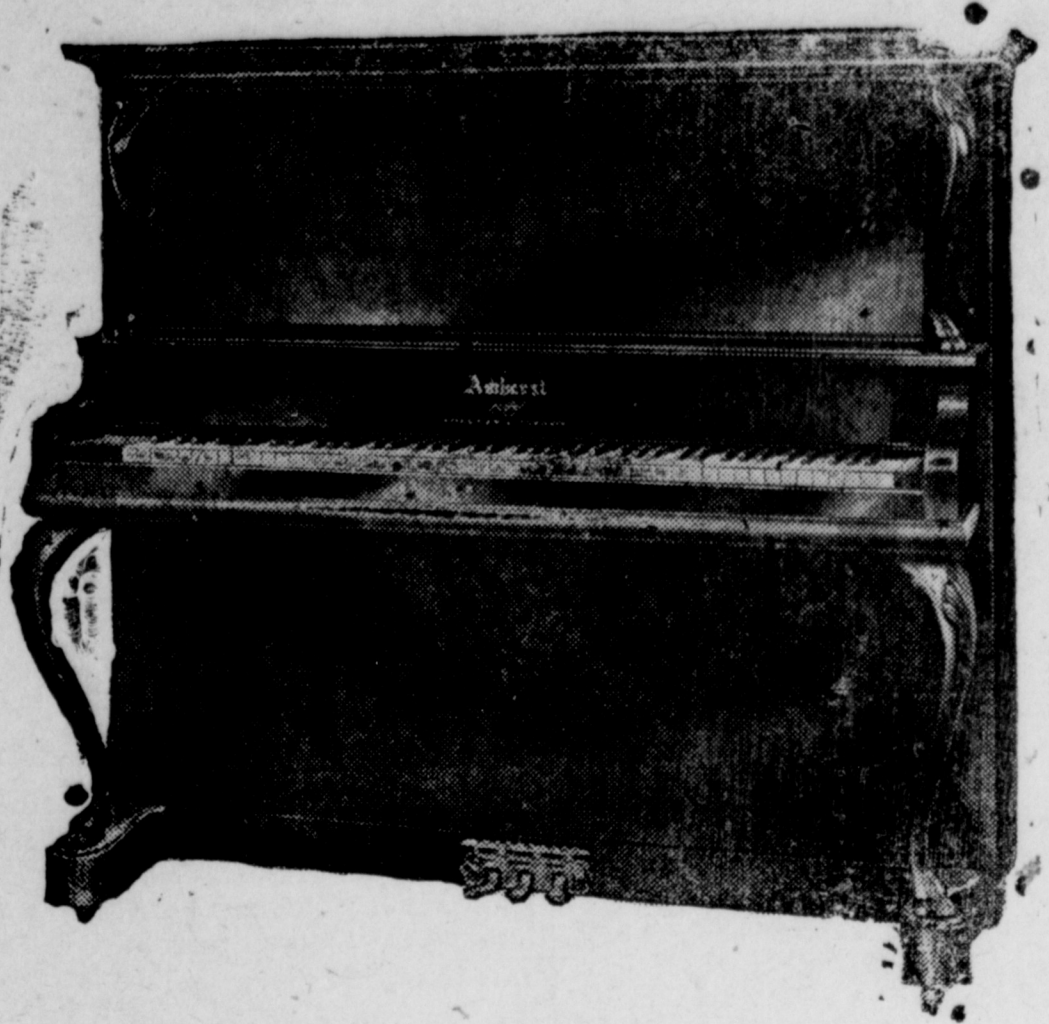


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In addition to the pressure which Mr Redmond is able to bring to bear on the Cabinet, his chief lieutenants have been assiduously lobbying among the rank and file of the radical party and beating up opinion against concessions.

King George, who has been making great efforts to bring about a settlement of the Irish Home Rule crisis, decided this morning to postpone until later in the day his proposed visit to the great British fleet, now lying at Spithead. His reason for this step was that he might be on hand in London to receive early reports of developments in the conferences going on between the various party leaders. It is understood that when the opportune moment arrives, His Majesty will throw his great influence toward the side looking for an amicable settlement.

The belief prevails generally that such a settlement is not far off, and the Liverpool Post, one of the best informed newspapers on the government side, goes so far as to say:

"There is really an arranged settlement of the Irish question. Details have yet to be adjusted, but the broad facts can be regarded as fixed."

Other authorities do not go quite so far, but satisfy themselves with the statement: "There is a near approach to a settlement."

The government is believed to have offered the Unionists, in case they agree to abandon their demand for a "clean cut" of the province of Ulster out of the operations of the Irish Home Rule Bill, to arrange that the whole of Ulster with the exception of the country of Tyrone, which has a great Catholic majority, should vote as a single entity on the question of exclusion from the Home Rule government.

Premier Asquith and Augustine Birrell, who are carrying on the negotiations on behalf of the Cabinet, have remained in town for the week-end. The Premier today had another audience with the King, but the rest of the Cabinet Ministers scattered over the country for their weekly holiday.

The work of laying steel on the Valley Railway between Fredericton and Woodstock is progressing satisfactorily. The track laying crew was at Lower Dumfries on Saturday and are putting down over a mile of steel a day. The gap is now less than five miles in length and will be finished in a few days. Some bridge work is yet to be done before Woodstock and Fredericton will be connected.

Connell is a small place but it is represented, nearly every Sunday by young men from Greenfield, Boundary, Knoxford, Good Corner, and Wicklow, but then we always had the best looking young ladies to be found anywhere.



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Settlement of Irish Question?

New York, July 18—A cable to the Tribune from London, this morning, says:

The week has been full of political movements, and the negotiations behind the scenes have left the position of the two parties with regard to the Ulster question exactly what it was. The greater part of yesterday was spent in party conferences, and Premier Asquith had an audience with the King during the day, while the Cabinet spent many hours discussing the situation. Ministers met yesterday morning in the Premier's room in the House of Commons, and after an adjournment for luncheon, resumed their discussion.

An important consultation of the principal members of the Unionist party took place in Mr. Bonar Law's room in the House of Commons, and it is understood that the views of the Cabinet on the demand for the exclusion of the whole of Ulster from the scope of the Home Rule Bill were before the opposition members, and the Cabinet, in turn, was advised of the Unionist decision in the matter. The Cabinet will meet again on Monday, after which Premier Asquith will make a statement in the House. In spite of the fact that no definite progress has been made toward a settlement, there is general feeling that the attempts which have been made to arrive at a peaceful situation may not be altogether in vain.

The difficulties that ministers have to face is that if they wish to keep peace they must lose the vote of the Nationalists in the Commons, and there is yet no indication of any final decision regarding that dilemma but at least there are indications, small but significant, of their desire to avoid "civil war" and placate Ulster.

The efforts of the government are being directed to finding a path midway between absolute rebellion of the Nationalists in Westminister and of the Ulstermen in Belfast. The Nationalists are, of course, moving heaven and earth to prevent any weakening on the part of the government, and to nip in the bud any germ of concessions.

Lake Abitibi, an article on Newfoundland, the sportsman's paradise; the story of "An Off Week" on the outskirts of Jasper Park, Alta; Reminiscences of Fishing in Rideau Lakes; two good stories, Canadian Camp Life and Cupid Alias Uncle Zeb White; Goin' Fishin'; The Value of the Birds, a plea for an international treaty of protection; Skunks and how to take them; and a host of other material of the kind that readers of our door literature enjoy.

CONNELL AND FLORENCEVILLE.

Beautiful weather, dusty roads, men and boys at work in potato fields, autos flying by and the sound of the mowing machine, are the sights and sounds that greet the eye and ear, this lovely month with its cool nights and mornings, with the moon shining on the river at nights, and the mists arising from it in the morning, no more beautiful sight, can be seen, in this part of the Province.

Henry Good and wife and daughter Helen of Jacksontown, spent Sunday afternoon with his sister and family Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stephenson, and drove to their home in the cool of the evening.

D. D. McGaffigan, who has been spending a few weeks in St. John N. B. returned home on Monday 13th inst very much improved in health, his many friends are all very glad to see him regaining nearly all his good health again. Frank Lynch of St. John accompanied Mr. McGaffigan home and will spend a few days at his home. Mr. Lynch's sister Josephine Lynch is visiting the Miss McGaffigan at present.

Bob Scarrow, of Green Bay, Michigan is visiting his old home at Mount Pleasant after an absence of many years.

John A. Peley, has gone to Bowdingham, Me., to assist his sister, Mrs. Albert Nevers with her extensive haying. His son George Perley, has been with Mrs. Nevers since November last.

Quite a number from this place attended the circus at Hartland on Wednesday last, and report a good circus.

Bob Scarrow, of Green Bay, Michigan was calling at Gilbert and C. E. Stephenson' on Tuesday last and renewing old friendships.

A large number of students wrote their examinations, at the Consolidated Schools at this place, three days the past week.

Thos. Strong, of Lindsay, was calling on friends in his new auto, the day he purchase it, a few days ago.

Hollie Estey, has put a very nice cement wall under his barn and Oliver Miller and Lorne Simonson are building large potato houses, Howard Taylor is putting in a large sifter in his cellar, and George Nicholson has built a fine verandah on his house. James Peters is erecting a large shed on his barn.

Dr. Kirkpatrick and family of Grand Falls were visiting friends in the village the past week.

Mrs. Richard Wheeler, is at St. Stephen stopping awhile with her brother, who has been in poor health.

The Misses Cora and Ella Ebbett went by auto to Caribou on Monday to enjoy the celebration.

Mrs. Edwin Mackay, who was quite sick last week, is now all right again.

Mrs. Odbur Ebbett, who was given up by three doctors last spring, is steadily gaining every day. We are Baptist enough to believe no one will die until their time comes.

Mrs. Wm. Anderson who has been spending a week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mackay returned home with her little daughter on Saturday.

Mrs. Casper Caldwell spent a few days with Mrs. J. A. Perley last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Oliver, from the East side, visited Mrs. Oliver's sister, Mrs. Thomas Bell, at Oakville Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Miss Vida Gardiner of Charlton, is dressmaking for Mrs. C. E. Stephenson at the present time.

Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCain for their son Jean who has been quite poorly with heart trouble, and it is hoped he will make a speedy recovery.

Kenneth Flannigan, of Dover Hill visited his friend Rex Stephenson one afternoon last week.

Moody Brooker, of River Bank, now runs a very tidy meat cart to Florenceville and through Connell.

Very many cattle are being brought up now, and droves of them are being taken over the line every week.

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Rhodes Scholar From U N B Wins Oxford Honors

Mr. John B. McNair, Rhodes scholar from U. N. B., in 1911, has won distinguished honors at Oxford University in taking his B. C. L. degree at the English institution.

The first news of Mr. McNair's success came in a letter to Chancellor Jones of the University of New Brunswick from Dr. George R. Parkin, of the Rhodes Scholarship Trust, in which he expresses pleasure at the "very distinct honor" which Mr. McNair, a man from his own University, has won.

DR. PARKIN'S LETTER.

Herewith is Dr. Parkin's complete letter:

The Rhodes Scholarship Trust, Seymour House, Waterloo Place, S. W., 29th June, 1914.

My Dear Chancellor;

I happened to be in Oxford on Saturday just as the Class List for the B. C. L. examination was being posted and I was delighted to see that one of the scholars you have sent us, Mr. J. B. McNair, was one of the three candidates who had secured a first class. Another was an American Rhodes scholar and the third, Mr. H. F. Angus, is a Canadian from McGill. Our scholars also took three second classes and four thirds.

The B. C. L. is one of the stiff examinations of the University, and to win a first class in it a very distinct honor. I am sure that you will be glad of Mr. McNair's success and I am naturally very much pleased that my old university should be sending us men who distinguish themselves in this way.

I have seen Mr. Carter also and he seems quite the right type of man. I hope that you have had a successful year.

Yours most sincerely,
GEORGE R. PARKIN.

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Red and Gun for July, published by W. J. Taylor, Limited, Woodstock, Ont., is out with a very striking cover design, an Indian shooter in full regalia, to the ordinary reader suggestive of a vanished race, to the trap-shooter a reminder of the annual "Canadian Indians Tournament" at Niagara-on-the-Lake. Within the magazine is contained an account of the recent Grand International Tournament at St. Thomas, Ont. For the sportsman, tourist and lover of the out-of-doors, there is an interesting bill of fare which includes: A Canoe Trip from Lake Temiscaming to