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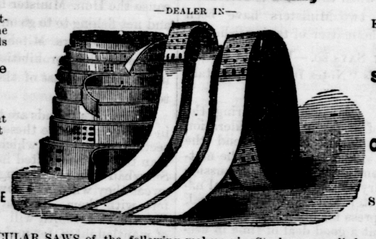

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CHATHAM, THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1878.

GENERAL NEWS.

IRON CLAD ORDERED TO BRITISH COLUMBIA.—The British Iron-Clad *Thunderer*, has been ordered to British Columbia.

WEATHER PREDICTIONS.—The number of predictions issued by the Meteorological Department at Toronto during March was 372. In the Maritime Provinces there were 127—of this number 100 were fully verified, 14 partly and 13 not verified, making a percentage of 78.7 fully verified.

DEATH OF Z. RING, ESQ.—A cable telegram was received by the Rev. Mr. Carey of St. John from Messrs. Wright of Liverpool, England, on the 25th ult., announcing the death of Z. Ring, Esq., of St. John, who died at Liverpool on the evening of the 24th. The body will be brought over by the first steamer.

NATIVE INDIAN TROOPS VOLUNTEERING.—A despatch dated Bombay, April 26th says:—"Troops are arriving here daily for embarkation. The first detachment leaves for Malta, April 26th, and the 2nd on May 1st. They will not stop at Aden. Fifteen ships and twelve steamers are engaged for the conveyance of the expedition, which will be convoyed by a man-of war. Great enthusiasm is manifested throughout India, and native troops are volunteering for service.

NEW METHOD OF USING THE RIFLE.—During the late war it was found that numbers of Russian soldiers were wounded by Turkish rifle balls, who considered themselves safe, as not only being beyond range but actually concealed by elevations of the ground, and even hills lying between them and their opponents. This has suggested the question as to whether there might not be developed a regular system of vertical or dropping fire, which might even reach an enemy when out of sight and far beyond ordinary range.

A PROPOSED CANADIAN WOOLWICH.—A Canadian industry of a somewhat novel character is spoken of at Ottawa. The suggestion is made in General Selby Smyth's latest report on the condition of our Militia and Volunteers, that we shall make our own cannon. It appears that we have now in the Dominion nineteen 8 inch guns; a hundred and thirty-five 32 pounders; two hundred 24 pounders; and thirty-two 18 pounders, nearly 400 guns in all. These can be converted, the smallest into 40 pounds, and the others into 64 pound rifled Palliser cannon, such as are largely converted in Britain and issued to the militia and volunteers. Captain Palliser says that the guns can be converted, field guns and their carriages and projectiles made, at the Gilbert Engine Works in Montreal, and he himself will charge neither royalty nor commission thereon. A gun is now being so converted at those works at Captain Palliser's expense. If, when tested, it gives satisfaction, a little Woolwich can be begun on the Lachine Canal near Montreal.

The New Brunswick Legislature.

MONDAY, March 25th.

MR. MURCHIE said he rose to support the Government and condemn the Opposition, and while doing so to advance reasons for the course he took. His judgment in the matter was based on his observations since he had become a member of the House. He had watched both parties, observed the way in which each worked, approved of the conduct of the public business by the Government, and must, therefore, follow his judgment which was in favor of the Government. They might, if they pleased, declare him to be a tame follower of the Government, but while saying that he was no tame follower, he would also say the Government had never yet asked him to vote with them, while the Opposition had done so, and if it had not been for the fact that he considered the Government were the best of the two parties for the interests of the country, he would certainly have joined the Opposition. Those who knew him would not say that he was the tame follower of any party or man.

Now, what was there in the Agricultural Report to find fault with? The Government, it appeared, very properly desired to place all the useful information possible before the farmers of the country, and they communicated with Manufacturers of Agricultural Implements both in the Province and in Ontario. They wanted to get just the same kind of information from one as from the other. How were they met? Why, with silence from our own people who took no notice of their application. With Messrs. Cossitt Bros. it was different. They responded by sending illustrations of their manufactures. It would not have been fair not to publish the Cossitt advertisements after they had sent them simply because the others had neglected to do so. Hon. gentlemen said these illustrations in the Agricultural Report were worth $1,000 to Messrs. Cossitt Bros. What if they were? if and so it was all the more of a wonder that the other manufacturers did not respond to the Government's invitation to receive like benefits. There was, therefore, nothing in all this Agricultural Report matter to censure the Government for, while there was a great deal for which the agriculturists of the Province would thank them.

A good deal had been said against the Government in reference to the Stumpage Regulations. The House was told that under that system the large Operators got all the Lands and that there was no chance for the poor men, etc. If hon. members were fully acquainted with the subject they would realize that there was not much in the Stumpage matter to bring against the Government. Now, his idea was that the Public Domain belonged to the people of the country, not to the Lumberers alone, therefore, if one class wanted the lumber, which belonged to all, then they should be willing to pay a fair price for it. Several years ago—he might say a good many years ago—the Lumber Lands of the St. Croix were bought up by private parties and the Operators there were obliged to pay from $1 to $3 per M. Stumpage, for the past five years—the rate for the past three years being $3 per M. While this high rate of Stumpage was being paid in the Southern part of the Province the Operators of the Northern part were getting off at the low price of $8 per square mile under the Mileage System.

MR. BURNS—But you had the advantage down there of running Lumber into the United States without paying Export Duty.

MR. MURCHIE—This meant a very large profit on the business in favor of the North Shore Operators, for reckoning the difference between Mileage at the North, and Stumpage on the St. Croix, and in an operation of twenty millions, the advantage to the North was no less than $44,000.

MR. BURNS—Yes, but we at the North would have to pay $2 per M. which you'd get clear of down there.

MR. MURCHIE—That was not so, and St. John Operators were now paying $2 per M. Stumpage in Aroostook, taking the Lumber all the way to St. John to be sawed and then shipping it to Europe. Just think of it! The estimate of the operations on the Crown Lands of the Province for the present year, was 160,000,000 feet, from which a revenue of $128,000 was to be derived by this Government, which was not increased in the home markets. The fact was well known that it had decreased—in other words that the price of Logs had gone down. When the Lumber trade abroad became depressed and consumers could not afford to pay the former prices the effect upon the Manufacturers in this Province and elsewhere was immediate They, however, had large mills and interests in their hands which they must operate. They could better afford to go on at a loss than to stop, which in most cases, would mean ruin. It was quite clear that with a falling market and a general reduction of wages, etc., going on, it was not a proper policy to raise the Stumpage for that but added to the burden. The merchant must get the Lumber cheaper to meet the condition of the foreign market and then the paring down system was put into operation. It was well known that most of those who did the real work of obtaining Lumber were paid in what was called trade, for they must live and they seldom cared or were in position to buy what they required to keep them for cash. The Merchant, then, in his en, deavor to make both ends meet, must put perhaps $2 per barrel on flour, from 10 to 15 cents per gallon on Molasses and this increase must come out of the pocket of the laboring man. It was quite apparent, then, that the policy of the Government, under such circumstances, should be in the direction of lightening these burdens instead of increasing them, and for these reasons he must agree with those who thought that the raising of the Stumpage by the Government was not a wise policy.

The Attorney General had been pleased to observe that whatever Messrs. Covert and Burns might say must be accepted as the policy of the Opposition. He repudiated that doctrine, and would say that he for one thought and acted for himself, and, as he understood it, every other gentleman on that side of the House did the same thing. At least, he acted for himself and had attended no caucus; neither had he been a party to the formation of any platform. His impression was, however, that Mr. Burns had never said that he was opposed to Stumpage. At least he never understood Mr. Burns in that way. But he said he thought the present was not an opportune time for raising the Stumpage.

Respecting the assumed Opposition policy of having seven heads of Departments, he wished to say most emphatically that he did not consider himself as being bound to it in any sense.

He now came to a matter that was original with himself and he did not know whether he would have anyone with him in it or not, but he deemed it a duty to invite the attention of the Government to it in the hope that it would receive their serious consideration and lead to such action as the interests of the people of the Province demanded. He alluded to the wholesale destruction of Hemlock trees that had been, and was still going on in various parts of the Province. At the present time Hemlock boards were very largely used in the rougher kinds of work, such as covering in buildings, making under floors, scaffolding, etc., and as the better classes of wood were becoming scarce the demand for Hemlock was increasing. The time was not far distant when our Hemlock Forests would be very valuable. But great destruction was abroad in them at the present time, and large tracts of them were being mowed down and left to rot, in order that the concerns known as Bark Factories might flourish. To give an idea of the wastefulness of this agency he might state that one "Factory," of which he knew, used forty cords of Bark per day, the obtaining of which involved the destruction of from 250 to 300 trees, or from 80,000 to 100,000 valuable trees a year. This immense sacrifice benefitted the country to the extent of only some five cts. per tree. He blamed the Surveyor General for not looking after this great interest before. He had taken it in hand to some extent and a little revenue was being obtained from it, but much more was yet to be done. There was some excellent Leather Manufactories in the Province, some of which he had the pleasure of visiting—one in Fredericton especially claiming his attention. There was another large one the other side of the River, others in the City of St. John, others in Westmoreland, Northumberland, and elsewhere, and the general complaint was that Bark was becoming scarcer and more difficult to obtain. The wholesale stripping of the Hemlock Lands that he had alluded to was for the purpose of obtaining Extract of Bark for exportation to the United States and other places to enable them to make Leather there to come into competition with the home industry. This would lead in a shorter time than most people imagined to crippling of our home manufactories. The Tanners of the Miramichi had great difficulty in procuring Bark on account of the large Factory on that River absorbing the supply, and if that were so in the comparatively early days of that concern what might be expected in a few years.

It might be said that he was speaking for himself to a large extent, as everybody knew that he was interested in the business thus affected, but he might say he was so situated as to be practically beyond the reach of those who were destroying other sections of the Province in this respect, so he was not advocating his own personal interests in the matter. He saw about him in this House men of all classes—Lumbermen, Farmers, Merchants, Lawyers, etc., and he must say that the Tanners of the Province were as important and respectable a class as any, and their interests should now be taken up in this connection and guarded more than they had been in the past. It was his intention to endeavor to carry through the House a Resolution for the purpose of impressing the desirability of checking the wholesale destruction of our Hemlock Forests upon the Government. In Maine they had taken hold of the matter and allowed no strangers to come in and carry away their Hemlock Bark, but reserved it for the use of their own Factories, and a similar policy would be best in this Province.

Referring to the Chief Commissioner of Public Works, he said the Secretary told the House that that gentleman was so kind and good-natured that he could not refuse the importunities of hon. members who asked for money to aid their Roads, etc., and, hence, the over-expenditure. He remembered the papers called for by Mr. Smith, and what they showed, which seemed to indicate that some members had not much to be thankful for. At all events he had ever found the Chief Commissioner able to say, no, to him.

There is another matter to which he would have been glad not to have heard allusion made here, but which had been referred to by the Attorney General—the Caraquet affair. He would prefer that no word should have fallen from any hon. gentleman within this House on that subject, that it would have passed away and been forever forgotten. The Attorney General when he was in Gloucester conducting those trials was treated with the courtesy and respect to which his position and abilities entitled him. In the proceedings before the Court, however, that hon. gentleman could not claim credit for that kindly disposition towards the unfortunate prisoners which he had expressed in his speech of Saturday, for one of the most experienced and able lawyers of the Province had declared that he had never seen law, usage and precedent so strained to secure a conviction. When the Attorney General complimented Gloucester on the good judgment she had shown, and the honor she had done herself in the choice of her representatives in the Assembly, he (Mr. Ryan) could not help thinking if these impressions were true, and if the people of the County were so intelligent and worthy, and their choice of at least one representative so commendable, he must know how false were certain telegrams which had been sent to him in connection with those difficulties at Caraquet. He (Mr. R.) had come into the possession of facts bearing upon what he now said in no dishonorable way. Some of the communications which had gone forth from that County were, as the Attorney General must now know, false. He felt like forgiving and burying the past, not that he would be afraid of it were the truth to be made clear and manifest, but in the spirit of that scriptural precept, "Love your enemies, bless them who persecute you, and calumniate you."

The hon Attorney General had chosen to apply the term "Ishmaelite" to his hon. friend from St. John, Mr. Willis. He believed the hon. gentleman regretted the use of that word, and would now like to have it back could he but recall it. If he were to pass an eulogy on his hon. friend (Mr. Willis) it would be that he had asserted his independence, and walked out of a Government with which he could not agree, showing that he had a will of his own, and was bound to assert it in the interest of the country.