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OTTAWA LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Ottawa, May 23rd, 1901.

Parliament was closed today with the usual ceremonies. The weather was delightful and there was a large turnout to see the soldiers and the fine equipage of His Excellency the Governor General. A good many of the members had gone home, but there was still a respectable contingent on hand.

The leader of the Opposition moved the customary resolution yesterday, denouncing the Government for its extravagance and broken pledge of economy. The sincerity of the action of the Conservatives in this regard is open to question, inasmuch as they did not devote four hours of time to the discussion of a matter which, if they believed the words of their resolution, ought to receive the gravest consideration. It should not have been left to the closing hours of the session. There is also the further fact over against their indignant protestations that while the estimates were under consideration they took exception to but one item of \$16,000. On the other hand they complain because the Government had not done several things which would have added at least a couple of millions to the expenditure.

The resolution was particularly directed against the expenditure on the Intercolonial, and a rather mean trap was set for the Minister of Railways. Mr. Haggart had given notice that he intended to give special attention to this matter, and announced that he would require at least two hours of time for the purpose. He had collected a large amount of data and all through the session has been the critic of Intercolonial management. When the question came up, however, Mr. Barker led in the attack the object being to have Mr. Blair reply and thus enable Mr. Haggart to follow with the real assault. Under the rules of debate Mr. Blair's mouth would be closed after he had once spoken. The Minister declined to be sandwiched in this fashion, and the consequence was that Mr. Haggart shoved his bundle of papers into his desk in a rather petulant mood and the discussion came to an end. These tactics were rather discreditable, because they prevented Mr. Blair from making his annual statement with respect to the Intercolonial.

By the almost unanimous vote of the House the sessional indemnity of members and senators was increased on Tuesday last from \$1,000 to \$1,500. The annual allowance has been the subject of agitation for eight or ten years past, and it was thought prudent to finally dispose of it. Short sessions are a thing of the past, and the work of Parliament has more than doubled since the indemnity was fixed in 1867.

The Government proposes hereafter to pay a bounty on silver-lead smelted within the Dominion. The total sum to be paid in this way in any one year is not to exceed \$100,000, and the system comes to an end after a given term of years. It is expected that this measure will greatly stimulate smelting operations in Western Canada.

The trade of the country continues to increase. The statement for ten months of the current fiscal year has just been made public, and it shows an increase of over \$20,000,000 as compared with the corresponding period of last year. The growth has been wholly in exports, the products of the mines and manufactures leading in the list. Farm products have about held their own, notwithstanding a small depreciation in values. This ought to be considered very satisfactory in view of the very remarkable expansion of the past five years. In the very nature of things this rate of progress will not steadily continue.

ST. JOHN LETTER.

On May 20th, Loyalist day, during a ramble through the Old Burial Ground, the writer observed on the stone marking the grave of John Holman, senior, who died in 1831, apparently etched by the frost and rain, the life size portrait of a comely woman with a well developed bust, which had never before attracted his attention, and so far as he can learn, had never before been noticed by any one, though hundreds of men, women, and children are passing within a few yards of the stone daily. The writer, as newspaper men will, printed a paragraph concerning the phenomenon in the paper with which he is connected and since then curiosity seekers are always to be seen in the vicinity. The portrait when seen from a distance of a few yards or a few rods, appears as real as if it were the

work of a living artist; it is as perfect as the bas relief of Gioscap in the Narrows or the profile of the Old Man in the Mountains at Franconia, and like them is the work of the elements. The frost, rain and sunshine, though some are inclined to look upon it with considerable awe. On Tuesday night the picture disappeared to the great disappointment of hundreds who were on the ground the following day to get a view of this unique piece of workmanship.

John H. Harding, for many years agent of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, died last Wednesday morning. He was born in 1818.

An electric car, a sloven and a baker's cart had an altercation on Main Street last Thursday and all three were badly demoralized when the scrimmage was over.

William Guthrie is in jail for wife beating. The whipping post is badly needed in this city.

On another stone in the Old Burying Ground the life size portrait of a woman was first seen last Friday morning. These pictures are not the work of human hands but are developed by the elements.

George S. de Forest & Sons report an active spring business in staple groceries and a large influx of orders from all parts of the Maritime provinces. They quote:—

Oatmeal	\$3.90 @	\$4.00 per bbl.
Cornmeal	2 45 do	
Manitoba flour	\$4 85 @	4 00 do
Ontario Patents	\$3 90 @	4 00 do
Ontario Mediums	\$3 80 @	
Clear Pork	3 90 do	
Domestic Mess Pork	19 50 do	
Extra Plate Beef	14 75 do	
Plate Beef	14 25 do	
Domestic Plate Beef	13 00 do	
H. P. Beans	1 65 per bus.	
Feed Flour	1 39 per bag	
Meddlings	21 50 per ton	
New Cheese	91 per lb.	

Other quotations are the same as last week.

William Romke of this city is again under arrest for criminal assault. Outrages of this sort are never adequately punished, hence their frequency. The friends of aggrieved parties should always take such matters into their own hands and by their action make further assaults from the same quarter improbable.

John R. Smith, of the "Old Curiosity Shop," Union street, died last Friday, aged 67 years.

A young son of John McAllister narrowly escaped drowning at the May Queen wharf last Saturday morning. He was rescued by Charles McKinnon. Two marriages, twenty births and sixteen deaths were reported in the city last week.

EDWARD EDWARDS.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, May 24, 1901.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's statement, to the Canadian Parliament, that he expected the Anglo-American Joint High Commission to meet again this year, was discussed with interest in Washington, where it caused no little surprise, owing to the belief in official circles that the commission will never reassemble. At the Department of State, it was said that there had been no correspondence with either Great Britain or Canada on the subject of another meeting of the commission for many months, and that when the last communications were exchanged there was no prospect that there would ever be another meeting. Perhaps Sir Wilfrid was playing politics.

The announcement that the Secretary of War had approved the dismissal of five West Point cadets and the suspension of six for one year for connection with the recent insubordination, as recommended by a board of army officers, and that he would not consider applications from Congressmen or anybody else for modification of any of the sentences, indicates a determination on the part of the War Department to show these young men who are being educated at public expense that they must either behave decently or get out and make room for others that will. While, of course, the friends of the cadets punished may not be able to see it that way, there is general public commendation of the sentences.

Young men do not half realize the progress of the last half-century. This fact was emphasized by a conversation of Mr. John N. Bland, of Arizona, who stopped in Washington on his way to his old home in New York, which he has revisited only once before in fifty years. He said, reflectively: "This world is getting to move on a little too fast for an old man like me. I wondered the other day as I came across the

plains what the world would have thought if a President of the U. S. had proposed visiting the coast when I first went to California. It would cause no more amazement today should President McKinley announce that he intended setting out on an expedition to the North Pole. Even if a President had been willing to devote a good share of his administration to visiting the most distant part of his domain, the lack of communication would have rendered his going impossible. Us fellows who crossed in prairie schooners had to leave the world behind us, and it was almost a ten-to-one chance that we would never get back to civilization. And to think that people now go from Washington to California on a summer vacation trip, purely for the pleasure of it."

In a report to the Department of State, the U. S. Commercial agent at Moncton, N. B., gives some interesting facts about the subsidized railroads of Canada. The total subsidies given by the Dominion government to railroads is \$98,884,557 and 39,725,130 acres of land, of which the Canadian Pacific has received 25,000,000 acres of land and \$62,742,816. Besides, the provinces have given \$31,310,170 and municipalities \$15,884,542, making a total of \$136,079,269 of public money paid in subsidies to railroads, every mile of which is in private hands. The Province of Ontario has, in addition to the above, given 2,500,000 acres of land to the Manitoulin and North Shore Railway, said to be the boldest railroad scheme ever proposed in Ontario, which will begin at Medford, run up the Bruce Peninsula, cross by ferry from Tober Moray to Manitoulin, and run through Manitoulin to Little Current, whence it will go north and west toward Lake Superior, with a branch to Sudbury, and a possible line to connect with the trans-continental system at Port Arthur. The conditions of this subsidy are: the railway shall be in operation by June, 1906; the erection of a smelter of 300 tons capacity for nickel or other ores, within two years; that no spruce shall be exported in an unmanufactured state, and that at least 1,000 settlers shall be yearly placed on the lands granted.

Mr. J. F. Miller, Chief Engineer of the Isthmian Canal Commission, reached Washington this week from Nicaragua, where he has been having a survey made, including extensive borings, of the proposed route of the Nicaragua Canal. He says his report will at once be submitted to the Commission, and that he thinks the full report of the Commission will be made about July 1. There is no doubt that the full report, like the preliminary report sent to Congress at the last session, will strongly favor the Nicaraguan route.

President O'Connell, of the International Association of Machinists, and his associates on the board have been very busy this week in connection with the strike of the machinists throughout the country for a nine hour day without reduction of pay. Mr. O'Connell says the strike will very shortly be over, as the demands of the men are being met almost everywhere, and he and his associates are consequently much pleased, not only because they think they see success ahead, but because the strike is one of the most orderly, considering the number of men participating, ever seen.

VICTORIA DAY.

It seems quite too bad that Woodstock allows its public holidays to pass by without public celebrations of some kind being held in the town. Victoria day should have been celebrated in good style, as it was in several towns of the Province, with less population than Woodstock. The merchants and manufacturing concerns, with few exceptions closed their places of business. No salute was fired, probably owing to the mourning period for the death of the Queen; a few fire crackers were discharged by the small boy and girl, a few flags were unfurled—and that was all. The town was deserted, seemingly a general exodus having taken place. Buckboards had been engaged weeks in advance. A score or more citizens went to Skiff Lake next day weary, and not very successful. The steamer Aberdeen, carrying 200 excursionists to Fredericton. A buckboard party went to Jacksonville. Several buckboards and express wagons went to Houlton, and at least 50 Woodstockers were at Nickerson's Lake during the afternoon. The small driving parties were too numerous to mention. However, the holiday was celebrated, and everybody it appears had a good time.

BOARD OF TRADE.

The Board of Trade held a meeting Monday evening, the president, A. D. Holyoke, occupying the chair.

The secretary read two communications re Old Home Week. President Upham, of the Canadian Club, Boston, in his letter, said he thought the provincial boards should try and get the government to select a month, either August or September, as an Old Home Month. Canadians in the States would all make an effort to visit their old homes during the month selected. A Carleton county boy, residing in Boston, suggested to him that they charter a car, and all the Carleton county boys could come together. The letter from the Toronto board said it had the circular of President Upham under consideration and the members were unanimous in favor of the object. That board thought every detail could be perfected and the first visit to the old home made in the month of June, 1902.

The secretary read the reply from the management of the steamer Aberdeen, on the request for a later departure, of the steamer from this town, than at present. They were sorry that they could not comply with the wishes of the board, but it was impossible to change the hour. A large amount of freight had to be handled in Fredericton and it was necessary for the crew to get in that city as early as possible.

Ernest Holyoke and George W. Gibson were elected members of the board.

The committee appointed to interview the band as to giving musical concerts during the summer evenings reported that the band's charges would be \$5 a night.

Moved by Mr. Baird, seconded Mr. Ketchum, and ordered that Messrs Holyoke and Sheasgreen, the president and vice-president, be instructed to get signatures to a petition asking the Town Council to donate \$5 for the proposed concerts.

On motion, Messrs J. T. A. Dibblee and H. P. Baird were added to the committee.

A letter had been received by the president from the Maritime Board of Trade requesting this board to elect delegates to the convention to be held in Chatham during the month of August. Delegates elected, A. D. Holyoke, I. E. Sheasgreen, H. P. Baird; substitutes, T. C. L. Ketchum and Charles Appleby.

Mr. Baird thought that at the next meeting of the board the question of instructing the delegates to present the name of Woodstock, to the convention when in session, as a suitable place to hold the next convention of the Maritime Board, should be taken up. He was in favor of inviting the Maritime Board to this town.

Mr. Sheasgreen agreed with the late speaker. Woodstock is able to entertain the delegates equally as well as Chatham will do. This is a live town and having the convention here, would be an "ad." for the town as well as an honor for the board.

The president thought the suggestion a good one, and he would also like to see an effort made by the board to interest the firemen or some other organization, to have a day of sports in the town during the summer.

Mr. Ketchum was in favor of inviting the Maritime Board to hold the next convention in Woodstock, as the convention has been in the past and will be in the future, held in small towns. He was not in favor of the principle, however. All the gatherings should be held at St. John which is centrally situated; large conventions have been held there in the past, and the newspapers gave lengthy accounts of the business transacted, while the country newspapers dispose of the convention with a couple of "sticks" of news matter.

The question under consideration was laid on the table till next meeting, and the board adjourned.

Death of an Aged Resident.

Mrs. Martin Day, a lady of 83 years, died at the residence of William Dorey, Connell street, about 7.30 Saturday evening. Deceased was born in Ireland and came to Fredericton when quite young. She and her husband removed to Upper Woodstock over 50 years ago, where she resided until a few years ago, when she took up her residence in town. The deceased, who was a woman of many excellent qualities, is survived by a daughter Mary, and a son Thomas, both of whom reside in Woodstock. Her husband met his death in town, many years ago, from injuries received from a horse. The funeral took place Monday morning, from Mr. Dorey's residence to St. Gertrude's church, where a High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Chapman, thence the remains were taken to the Catholic cemetery for interment.

FEARFUL, IF TRUE.

The "Hartland Advertiser" Has the Following Sensational Story.

One of the most startling sensations that ever came to light in this part of the world comes from Bridgewater Centre. The death confession of Mrs. George Freeman gives the details of a horrible murder committed in the vicinity over 30 years ago, and the strange disappearance of old man Sargent is accounted for. The story that has shocked the people of this quiet spot in Uncle Sam's domain and makes the cold chills creep over us, their neighbors, is as follows: George and Charles Freeman are respected residents of Bridgewater Centre. A short time ago the wife of the former was taken violently ill and the attending physician, Dr. White of Boundary Line, told her she must die in a few days. The woman then told him that when he foresaw the immediate end to present himself and bring with him witnesses to a dying statement she wished to make. Dr. White advised her to tell her story at once, whereupon she began and told with many a sigh and a sob, that 35 years ago she accompanied her husband and Charles Freeman to the store of Sargent who was a bachelor and who lived with them. He kept a store and George was clerk. The three went to the house with the intention of killing Sargent and their purpose was speedily accomplished. One struck him a stunning blow on the head with a heavy instrument and he was brutally kicked and beaten until he was quite dead. The three then took the body out and deliberately cut it into small bits and threw it all down the old well where the water was dark and deep. All the old inhabitants of the section remember the disappearance of Sargent, and how that George Freeman, the clerk and confidante, was apparently the most mystified of any of them. Sargent's death was not suspected and as he was free from any family in-embarrassment his departure was taken only as a freak of his strangely eccentric nature. George Freeman always had charge of the store whenever the old man was absent, and he remained in control, acquiring all his property and whatever of value he had. This is the awful tale the dying woman told rather than face death with the terrible sin no doubt repented but unconfessed. This is the story that made sturdy Dr. White tremble as he listened and that shocked the peaceful people of Bridgewater. Awe, indignation and amazement possess all in that quiet town. The Freeman brothers claim the sick woman is in a raving delirium, but the people have sufficient faith in her story to investigate the matter and the old well is being dug up as we go to press.

One strange feature of the episode is that Mrs. Freeman is now likely to recover. Doubtless all will be taken into custody if any evidence of the man's remains are found.

King Edward VII Has A Close Call.

SOUTHAMPTON, May 22.—Circumstances have reduced the Shamrock II. to a pitiful, sparrow-like wreck. She now lies off Hythe. The story of the catastrophe is best told by Sir Thomas Lipton himself. After seeing his royal guests off to London, Sir Thomas gave the following interview to a representative of the Associated Press: "We had just begun to make for the starting line, when a fierce breeze sprang up. King Edward, Lady Londonderry, Mrs. Jameson, Mr. Watson, Mr. Jameson and myself were on deck, hanging on as best we might, for the challenger was almost at an angle of 45 degrees. The King started to go below. Just as he did so everything collapsed. A heavy block fell between the two ladies and a wire rope struck me on the head. The blow momentarily stunned me. A sudden squall, an unexpected strain, and everything had given away. King Edward was half in and half out of the companion hatchway. What happened, how all the falling spars and sweeping sails did not kill or sweep someone overboard is more than I know. When I came to I saw the King clambering over the wreckage, trying to discover the extent of the damage and asking: "Is anyone hurt?"

The representative of the Associated Press learned that Sir Thomas' first utterance on coming to was this: "Telegraph for more spars. We have got to sail on August 12 and this boat has got to do it."

When the distinguished participants in the mishap had been safely

transferred to the Erin, the King's first remark was:

"When shall we sail again, Lipton?"

Before His Majesty started for London his last words to Sir Thomas were:

"When you sail next, I am going with you."

In fact, the ruler of the British empire seemed keenly to enjoy the unusual spice of danger into which his love of sport had led him.

Sir Thomas calculates that a delay of three weeks or a month in the date of the contest in American waters will enable him to come to the scratch. He says that he is greatly handicapped by the fact that he has no duplicate masts for the Shamrock II, but by an unlimited expenditure of money and energy he believes the defects can be remedied in time to provide for an international race this year.

Suicide of a Former Well-Known Woodstock Man.

We find the following in the St. Croix Courier, concerning the death of one who was well known to many of the residents of the town and county:—

"Mr. W. H. Harrison, of Redington, who, with Mrs. Harrison, has had charge of the Redington Lumber Company's boarding house at that place for some time past, committed suicide in his room last Sunday night or Monday morning by shooting himself with a shot gun.

Mr. Harrison had been in a bad condition physically and mentally for quite a number of days previous. The act was not an entire surprise to the people at Redington for the reason that he had threatened to make way with himself upon more than one occasion.

On Sunday night, when he left the supper table, he told Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hough, who were with him, that he had eaten his last meal, or something to that effect. He tried to borrow a revolver from Mr. Hough. Failing in that he shot himself in the head with a shotgun, after Mr. and Mrs. Hough had gone to their home.

The body was not discovered until Mr. Hough arrived at the boarding house on Monday morning and went to call Mr. Harrison to breakfast.

Mrs. Harrison was with her sister in Shawmut at the time. Mr. Harrison was 61 years old last April. He leaves a wife and four children and has two brothers in New Brunswick and one in Massachusetts. The funeral services were held at Phillips, Tuesday afternoon, and the remains were interred in the new cemetery.

W. H. Harrison was formerly employed with H. & P. Cullinan and later with Ganong Bros in St. Stephen, and built the house on Marks street, now occupied by P. G. McFarlane. Many friends here will learn of his sad end with sincere regret.

Another Mystery Solved.

Body of Chas. Anslow of Newcastle, Missing for Nearly Four Years, Discovered.

Word was received by telephone in this city last night that explains the circumstances of a mysterious tragedy which caused great speculation throughout this province nearly four years ago.

In the fall of 1897, Charles Anslow, editor of the Newcastle Advocate, a man widely known and highly esteemed, left his home for a brief hunting trip in the woods near that place, and never returned. The country was roused and a thorough search instituted and kept up for several weeks with no result. J. J. Anslow of the Hants Journal, Windsor, N. S., visited the place, and spent many days in fruitless search for his missing brother, who was finally given up as dead, it having been supposed that he had been drowned in one of the lakes of that vicinity.

Last night a party of lumbermen arriving in Newcastle reported the discovery of a man's remains on the bank of a small stream not more than eight miles from the village. Only the skeleton remained, covered with scattered shreds of clothing, but the watch, knife and some money found lying by were sufficient to identify the remains as those of the long missing Mr. Anslow, who without doubt had become lost in the woods, and after becoming fatigued with wandering, had succumbed to the inclemency of the late fall season and died from exposure.—Sun.

Gus Taylor, who has handled the ribbons over Woodstock horses in times past, is now at the Worcester, Mass. half mile track. He has Ace of Diamonds, who was out last year as a pacer, but never got a mark. Gus is starting him as a trotter. He isy Heir-at-Law, 2:05, dam by Aleantara.