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## OTTAWA LETTER.

### PROROGATION IN SIGHT.

Many Measures Have to Go By the Board.

New Schedule for Letter Carriers.

Ottawa, 9th May.—The spirit of unrest has taken the members in its grip, and there is now no danger that the session will be prolonged beyond Wednesday or Thursday next. The signs of prorogation are unmistakable. Some of these are of a painful character, and leave aching hearts behind them. Men who have been industriously and eagerly promoting measures involving large interests find at the last moment that Parliament is indisposed to give the necessary time for their consideration, and they have to go by the board. There has been a particularly heavy slaughter during the past week, and among the schemes that have been held over was that relating to the dry dock at St. John.

After my last letter had been written the Post Master General carried through his Bill providing for a new schedule affecting letter carriers and men in that branch of the service. This subject has been agitated a good deal during the past few years, and the Opposition have made use of it for the purpose of embarrassing the Government. The Post Master General has, however, made good his promise to go into the matter thoroughly, and the result has been a classification which will enable each employee to see just what are his chances of promotion and increase of pay. This plan is almost identical with that which has been adopted by Mr. Blair in relation to the Intercolonial, and which will soon be made applicable to every branch of the railway service.

The last shot was fired on Friday night last with respect to the census. The Opposition came to Ottawa this session with large expectations of being able to worry the Government over the enumeration of last year; but they will return in disappointment. The more the census matter has been stirred the clearer it has become that the enumeration of 1901 was taken with special care, and that it cannot truthfully be said there was any inflation about it. As much could not be said with respect to preceding censuses, and particularly the enumeration of 1891. Sir Richard Cartwright demonstrated in his speech on the budget that wholesale padding had been resorted to in all parts of the Dominion, so much so that no reliance whatever can be placed in the industrial returns of that year. The Conservatives came to Ottawa expecting to show up the mistakes and incompetency of the Liberal administration in respect of the census, and they have succeeded in doing no more than bringing to light their own misdoings in years gone by.

The same measure of failure has followed upon their efforts to discredit the administration of the Intercolonial. They did not leave a stone unturned to injure the Minister of Railways and to cast reproach upon him; but the men who conducted the attack are going home chagrined, and their supporters who were encouraged to believe that grave exposures would be made feel that they have been duped. Notwithstanding the threats which were made a week ago, Mr. Blair was able to carry through the remainder of his estimates without serious opposition. The alleged scandal with respect to the purchase of ties have vanished, and it is now clear that the Minister did a wise thing in stopping the old system of buying just enough ties to get along and in adopting the plan in vogue on all the large railways.

On Monday the Minister of Finance brought in a Bill to authorize the Government to borrow \$15,000,000. The last authority of this kind was given in 1897, and for a similar amount. It must not be assumed that the Government is in debt to this extent, or that the money will all be borrowed at once. Parliament simply confers upon the Government the power to issue a loan to the extent demanded by public needs, and covering a considerable period of time ahead. The Bill was not made the subject of any special criticism by the Opposition, for they know perfectly well that if there is any one matter with respect to which the Government has a strong case it is in relation to the public debt. In that regard the Liberals have amply redeemed their pledge to reduce the liabilities of the country to the lowest possible point. Thus far they have been able to carry on immense

public undertakings less than one third of the average annual additions to the public debt which occurred during the Conservative regime.

Mr. Tarte also cleaned up his estimate for the session on Monday night and incidentally he took occasion to give a few interesting details of cost in connection with the building a line to the Yukon. It will be remembered how fond Tory papers were of quoting items of account from the Auditor General's report arising out of that work. During all the dry season last summer, when very little was going on, these accounts were the principle stock-in-trade of the St. John Sun. Now that Mr. Tarte has been able to make reply, and to offer explanations, it is scarcely likely anything further will be heard of the matter. He showed under what extraordinary conditions the telegraph line was built the men being obliged to operate hundreds of miles away from civilization, through a dense wilderness and for many miles having to cut through six feet of ice in order to plant their poles. No reasonable man would expect that under such circumstances the expenditure could be kept down to such a limit as would prevent Tory critics from having a word to say.

What has just been said applies to nearly all the business of the session. It is an easy thing for men who are opposed to the Government to impute reproach and to create suspicion; but when these men appear on the floor of Parliament, face to face with the Ministers who are responsible for what has been done and who are capable of offering a defence, the case wears a different complexion. It is to be regretted, however, that the explanation seldom finds its way into the columns of the newspapers which were so active in the attack prior to the meeting of Parliament, and as a result well meaning and fair minded Conservatives are kept from learning the truth. These tactics of the Opposition press are responsible for a great deal of the misunderstandings and bitterness which mark our political contests.

Tuesday and Wednesday were devoted to house cleaning, which is a fashionable domestic pastime at this period of the year. Nearly all the Ministers had little odds and ends to dispose of, and a good deal of useful work was done. From several standpoints the transportation problem came up for discussion, and it was obvious that this is one of the subjects which is bound to grow in interest each year. The enormously increased productions of the west emphasize the need for increased carrying facilities, and judgment is divided as to whether this need should be met by the railways or the canals. The Georgian Bay Canal, intended to connect the lakes with the St. Lawrence, has its advocates, while there are others who would like to see the Intercolonial extended to some convenient lake port and thus ensure for our Atlantic ports a large share of the grain annually coming down for export. In his recent speech the Minister of Railways gave a decided hint that his mind was running toward the latter project.

## Parish Sunday School Conventions.

The Executive of the Carleton Co. Sunday School Association have, with the aid of the Field Secretary and the officers of the different Parishes, endeavored to arrange a series of Parish Conventions and meetings throughout the County at which the Field Secretary will be present. They have so far succeeded in arranging as follows:

**RICHMOND PARISH CONVENTION**—At Kirkland, Presbyterian Church, Wednesday, May 28th.

**WOODSTOCK PARISH**—At Lower Woodstock, Methodist Church, Thursday, May 29th.

**NORTHAMPTON PARISH**—Grafton, Friday, May 30th.

**BRIGHTON PARISH**—Rockland, Baptist Church, Thursday, June 5th.

**PEEL PARISH**—East Florenceville, Friday, June 6th.

**WICKLOW AND SIMONDS PARISHES**—At \_\_\_\_\_ on Thursday, June 18th.

**WILMOT PARISH**—At \_\_\_\_\_ on Friday, June 13th.

The committee hope to arrange for one or two meetings to be held in each Parish, addressed by the Field Secretary, besides these of the Convention. The places of which meetings, also the times and places of the Convention in those Parishes not yet mentioned, we will try to announce. In looking this over notice if your Parish announcement is complete, and if not try and find out the reason.

## TOWN COUNCIL.

A full board of councillors greeted the mayor, at the Council chamber, on Friday evening of last week.

Coun. Dibblee reported for a committee which was to make repairs on a pier in the Meduxnakik, that Contractor McVay, who is to build the C. P. R. piers, and is getting granite for that purpose, had not visited the town since last meeting. He (Dibblee) thought it were better to buy the granite from McVay, and get a local man to do the mason work.

The committee was granted an extension of time to make a definite report.

Mayor Belyea said complaints have been made against the beating of the large drum by the Salvation Army at unreasonable hours. These summer evenings, windows are raised and a good deal of inconvenience is caused to the ratepayers in the vicinity of the Town Hall. Some councillors thought a reasonable hour for the large drum to cease beating would be 9 o'clock on Sundays and 10 o'clock on other evenings.

On motion Coun. Dibblee, seconded Coun. R. B. Jones, the hall committee was instructed to wait upon the captain of the Salvation Army, and if the committee is met with a refusal to grant the request, terminate the contract held by the Army when it leased the Town Hall.

Coun. A. E. Jones—In answer to Coun. Lindsay's question at last meeting I wish to say that when the poor committee decided to sell logs from the poor farm, I went to each of the mills, and found the price they were willing to pay was \$4 per thousand for hemlock logs. I sold 10,500 feet to Bradbury before Christmas, when there was a break in the hauling and since then I sold 6,450 feet to Gentle at the same price the mills were paying, \$4 per thousand feet.

Coun. Burt, chairman of electric light, said, in response to the request of the board, he made a thorough examination of the electric light and found the system could be put in good shape and run during the year, for \$1420, which was more than the amount of the estimates. The items are: Fuel, \$400; salary of electrician, \$480; new lamps, \$240; general expenses, \$300.

Coun. Balmain said the figures were not too large. If the service would be as good as it had been for 30 days past, the money would be well spent and no ratepayer could reasonably object.

Coun. Dibblee would not object to paying \$480 as electrician's salary. Of course, when there are moonlight nights he has no lamps to carbon, and he could work on the streets or at something else, dividing his time in the other departments. It was not fair to Coun. Burt to charge the full amount, \$480, to his department.

Coun. Lindsay thought it would be fair to charge \$400 of the amount to the electric light and \$80 to the fire departments. John Brown was the most experienced man for electrician, and he was always willing to do what work he was asked to do. He (Lindsay) thought a saving could be made in the wood account. Formerly \$150 was the amount paid for wood, but last year it was \$300.

Coun. Balmain was willing for the fire department to assume \$80 of the electrician's salary. He was satisfied the over expenditure in the electric light department would not be much. The ratepayers want the service, and it was a pretty good service for the cost, which was \$30 per lamp a year, while other towns are paying \$150 or \$200 per lamp.

Coun. A. E. Jones said they could not get along without electric lights. Coun. Burt should not be discouraged. A former chairman, ex-Coun. Gallagher, had the same difficulty, but after an examination he found that the carbons were crooked and would not work down in the socket. He was sure that Coun. Burt and Electrician Brown could put the system in good shape.

Coun. Burt was not at all discouraged. He made the amount \$400 for wood, but he thought the total amount might be less than \$1420.

Coun. Dibblee—If it does not cost that amount for fuel, the water department will charge less to the electric light department.

To bring the cost of the electric light within the estimates, before Mayor Belyea would entertain the motion, \$400 of the electrician's salary will be charged to electric lights and the remainder, \$80, charged to fire, and when the services of the electrician is devoted to the other departments, they will be charged at the rate of \$1.25 per day and amount credited to the electric light department.

On motion Coun. Lindsay, seconded Coun. A. E. Jones, John Brown

will be engaged as electrician under the terms as above, and the clerk was instructed to prepare a contract with Mr. Brown from May 1st.

On request of Mayor Belyea, Mr. Brown was requested to repeat what he had told His Worship privately as to the mayor's remarks, at last meeting, referring to the electric lights.

After Mr. Brown's statement, and Mayor Belyea's unqualified denial that he had said anything detrimental to Mr. Brown's salary or work, the matter dropped.

When the bills were under consideration, one of John Haines for road work \$50, brought Coun. A. E. Jones to his feet. Coun. Jones thought accounts as large as \$50, unless emergency bills, should be brought before the board, and, unless they were in future, he would vote against the payment of them.

Coun. Lindsay explained that this was a bad piece of ground at the tannery. He proposed to sell the making of the road by auction. The sale took place April 9th. The lowest bid was from Wm. Nevers for \$65; he (Lindsay) made a bid of \$60, because he thought the former amount was too much. Subsequently Mr. Haines did the work for \$50. The street department appears to be the only one "haunted over the coals," and probably the board had better elect a new chairman. There were two other pieces of road, one on the Houlton hill which was let to Mr. Fawcett for \$40, and one on Charles Street, back of the exhibition grounds, was let for repairs.

In response to a question as to whether the county should pay any part of the bills contracted in the town, during the late mild cases of smallpox, the clerk said it was customary for the Council to pay all bills certified by the chairman of the board of health. The town had to pay all bills contracted in its own district, health district No. 9, and the clerk thought the town had no legal claim on the County for part payment.

Coun. Lindsay said with the assistance of the clerk, a satisfactory settlement will be arranged with ex-Marshall Harvey in a few days. The Council then adjourned.

## OBITUARIES.

JAMES HARPER.

One of the oldest and most thrifty farmers in the county, James Harper, passed away on Thursday of last week, at his home in Jacksonville, in the 85th year of his age. He was born in County Donegal, Ireland, but came to this country when a mere child, and has been a resident for 77 years. He leaves seven children: John N. of Jacksonville; Aaron A. of Cass Lake, Minn.; James of South Superior, Wis.; Samuel, of Jacksonville; Mrs. Annie Perley, of Maugeville; Mrs. George Slipp and Mrs. Frank Slipp of Jacksonville. John Harper, Jacksonville, a brother of the deceased, is president of the Carleton County Liberal Association, and the deceased was also a stalwart member of that political faith.

The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon, and a large concourse of friends attended, testifying to their great esteem for the deceased. Ven. Archdeacon Neales conducted the services at the home of the deceased at Jacksonville, the regular Sabbath services being held at the church, and the interment was made in the Episcopal cemetery at Jacksonville. The following life-long friends of the deceased acted as pall bearers: Hamilton Emery, Thomas Emery, James Good and James Watson.

MRS. W. R. SNOW.

The community received a severe shock on Sunday afternoon when the rumor spread that Mrs. W. R. Snow was dead. Those who saw her the day previous walking down Main street with her usual brisk and light step and with the wonted smile upon her countenance, showing no indication of any physical weakness, could not believe it possible, that in so brief a space nothing remained but her lifeless form. Mrs. Snow was, before marriage, Miss Caroline Dawson, a native of St. Andrews, but a resident of Woodstock, for nearly thirty years. She was a lady of pleasant social qualities, and had the happy faculty of making friends of all who came within the circle of her acquaintance. She was aged 53 years, and is survived by a husband, two brothers and two sisters. Although she had been complaining for some time, no thoughts were entertained of her being in a dangerous condition; neuralgia of the heart is supposed to have been the immediate cause of death. She was taken ill during Saturday night and died Sunday afternoon. Many did not know of her illness, until they heard

of her death. The heartfelt sympathy of the community go out to the so suddenly bereaved and heart-stricken husband. On Monday afternoon Nathan Treadwell brother-in-law of the deceased reached here from St. Andrews and at 9 p. m. Ven. Archdeacon Neales conducted a service at the house, which was a most impressive occasion. The casket was covered with flowers which loving friends had placed there to show at once their respect and regret. At 6 a. m. Tuesday morning, the remains, followed by a number of friends, were carried to the station and left for St. Andrews where interment took place on Thursday.

Ven. Archdeacon Neales left Wednesday morning for St. Andrews to conduct the funeral service.

## News From The Country.

Pioneer.

May 10.

Whereas Pioneer has not in the past enjoyed the distinction of having a correspondent to represent its interests to the people of Carleton County; and

Whereas such a state of affairs should not be allowed to continue indefinitely; therefore

Resolved by the writer that "a new leaf be turned over" and that in this issue of the CARLETON SENTINEL, a part of a column be devoted to a statement of a few facts and incidents in regard to this portion of His Majesty's dominions.

For the information of those readers who may not be acquainted with the geography of this place, the writer will state that Pioneer includes the northern portion of Williamstown, and extends from the southern limits of Centreville to within about two miles of Lakeville, and has, as its centre, the residence of Mr. Lindow Graves, postmaster.

That the farmers of our village are prosperous, seems evident by the many improvements that have been made on the farm buildings and residences during the past few years. By the use of a liberal supply of clapboards, shingles and paint, old buildings have been made to look like new and the general appearance of the place greatly improved. The palatial residence of Mr. E. A. Savage will bear comparison with the most elegant and roomy farmhouse in this part of the county.

Our Methodist friends are priding themselves on having the most handsome and attractive church interior that can be found for many miles. They have expended upwards of \$500 in renovating and adorning the interior of their house of worship, exclusive of the cost of putting in a magnificent stained glass window, or rather three windows side by side, the central one being the largest, and consisting of a single pane of glass some ten feet long and three and one-half wide.

Our day school is taught by Miss Alice Williams, a painstaking and efficient teacher. The schoolhouse has lately been repaired, inside and out, and now makes a creditable showing among other buildings of that class in the county. It is to be regretted that the attendance is so small. Apparently the matter of education does not receive the support it deserves among the parents of our boys and girls. In these days when education is making such strides in all the civilized countries of the globe, it is very important that our youth should avail themselves of every opportunity to acquire a good common school education at least. The young man or woman that has to fight the battles of life, without the help of the schools, will always be seriously handicapped.

Our oldest resident, Mr. James McAuley, is seriously ill. While walking along the road, a short time ago, he fell and struck his breast against a rock. He is 81 years of age and it is doubtful whether he will recover from the severe shock he received from his fall. His genial face, his jokes and reminiscences of olden days, will be missed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances in this section, should he be called away.

Mr. Fred. Nelson has also been ill, since his return to his native place from Providence, R. I. It is probable that the change of climate has brought a change for the worse in his health, which has not been good for some years. We hope the summer will bring better health and spirits to him.

THE SCRIBE.

Grand View.

May 12.

The weather to-day looks more favorable for general purposes than it has for some time past. It has been so cold and wet that farming has been delayed; grass is looking well but seeding will not be any earlier than usual.

The bank logs are about all rafted and run; the logs that were banked from the river last fall are all away and banks and river are both about clean of logs.

Capt. A. W. Grant, with his tow-boat, is employed with the corporation drive.

Mr. Wm. Grant, son of J. N. Grant, who has been living in Manchester, Maine, for some years past, has returned home and, in partnership with his brother A. W. Grant, is operating his father's farm.

Mrs. G. W. Brown has sold her farm to Abram Chronkite, who is that kind of a man that will make a good citizen and neighbor and is heartily welcome to our community.

J. N. Grant has moved from the home on the farm to a cottage in the village, where he being afflicted with a lameness intends to live a more retired life.

Mr. Herbert Fox, who has been ailing for some time past, was taken by boat to-day to the hospital at Fredericton for treatment for some kind of bone trouble.

Arbor day was duly observed by the day school and appearances are more tidy to-day than they have been for some time past.

J. E. Grant had a very successful run of thirty days of his mill in which he cut 250,000 feet of lumber.

River du Chute.

The young people are enjoying the evenings now hanging May Baskets.

Mrs. Samuel Brown went to Woodstock Tuesday for Medical Treatment.

Joseph Tweedie spent Sunday at Sprague's Mills.

Miss Alice Phillips spent Sunday at her home in Clearview.

Miss Addie Pomphrey of Summerfield is visiting her sister Mrs. Henry Cannon.

Miss Louise Jewett spent a few days last week, at her home in Florenceville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jackson of Kilburn, spent Sunday at Mr. Samuel Brown's.

Mrs. Samuel Brown who has been in poor health all Spring is now confined to her bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Watson are visiting friends here.

Miss Semple of Clearview spent Sunday with Miss Myrtle Flanagan.

There will be a Pie Social and Entertainment in the School House, Empire Day the twenty-third of May. Proceeds for school purposes.

Blaine, Me.

May 12, 1902.

A few cases of scarlet fever in town.

Mrs. Whitcomb is recovering from quite a severe attack of the measles.

Jas. Foster, of Ft. Fairfield, was in town one day last week.

The Teachers' meeting is to be held this (Monday) evening, at the home of Mrs. A. Anderson.

Miss Laila English, who is attending the R. C. I. at Houlton, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents.

Mrs. Clara White, of Amesbury, Mass., and Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Carvell of Lakeville, spent Sunday, May 4th, with relatives here.

The state of F. C. Robinson's health is not encouraging.

Mr. Burns, an agent from Easton, has succeeded in selling to Norman Tapley a "De Laval" cream separator.

Mr. Nelson Corey, an aged citizen of the eastern part of the town, died of pneumonia, April 30th. He was a veteran of the civil war. Quite a number of soldiers attended his funeral.

The Ancient Order of United Workmen have a lodge organized at Robinson, to be held on Monday evening in Sanborn's hall. The charter members number about thirty-eight. The Order furnished a supper a few nights ago under the auspices of the Sewing Circle. The proceeds, which amounted to ten dollars, was presented to the Circle, toward the completion of the church building in course of construction.

When about to leave the hall after lodge last Monday evening, Charlie Gilman in some way fell down the stairs leading from the hall and burst a blood vessel in his elbow, and it proves to be a painful accident.

ANON.

Kirkland.

Last week we had a thunderstorm followed by a snow storm and heavy frost, rather unusual weather for the second week in May.

Mrs. A. J. Slater has been ill for several days with Typhoid fever.

Miss Mary Jackson is reported to be ill with measles.

The Monthly meeting of the auxiliary of the W. F. M. Society, of Lakeville, was held last Tuesday, at the home of Mrs. Thompson Graham.

The annual meeting of the Mission Band of Kirkland and Bel River was held at the Manse on the 3rd inst. There was a large number of the boys and girls present. The old officers were re-elected for the present year. Commendable progress has been made during the past year. The yearly offering of the children amounts to over seventy dollars.