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BEGINNING THEIR INSPECTION.

At last, the Maritime Provinces are to have their agricultural resources duly inspected by representatives of British farmers. Messrs Davy and McQueen, the one a notable English farmer, the other, a noted Scotch farmer are on the ground engaged in their task. They appear to have been selected for the work by Sir Charles Tupper. There can be no doubt of their qualifications for the satisfactory discharge of the duty assumed by them. The governments of the three Provinces should see to it that all the leading farm settlements in these Provinces be brought under the notice of these visitors. The leading Maritime Province farmers should aid their brethren from over the sea in the fulfilment of their mission.

No doubt, these gentlemen will see much land badly cultivated. They will probably be shocked at sight of rough methods for reaching desired results. But their aim will be to obtain a fair knowledge of the capabilities of the soil, the climate and the situation. Their report will likely prove a serviceable document.

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S TURN

Not long since the British fleet in the Mediterranean was made much of by the Austrian and Italian authorities and people. Later, the Emperor of Germany had a grand glorification time in England, being ovated there to the top of his bent by all sorts of people.

The French government noting all this, felt called upon to draw attention to France in turn. So it sent a fleet to Cronstadt, and its officers to St. Petersburg and Moscow. The fleet was enthusiastically welcomed in Russian waters, and its officers were dined and wind and ovated to repletion wherever they went in Holy Russia. Naturally the French were greatly gratified at the reception accorded to their naval representatives. Their journalists forthwith began to expatiate on the grand political influence of these fraternizations, but they have now to take up their parable anew. The French fleet steamed straight from Russian to British waters, and were welcomed thereto by a powerful British fleet, and by the Queen, her sons, her daughters, her ministers, her sailors, and vast multitudes of her people. The British welcome was hearty and universal. It would be wonderful if the French nation were not greatly pleased with the warmth and spontaneity of this welcome. It will no doubt have a good effect. It truly signified, without doubt, that the English admire many traits in the French character, and desire to be on the best terms with their sprightly neighbor. England desires peace and prosperity for France, though she has certain interests of her own she feels forced to guard.

THE CHIGNECTO SHIPWAY.

The promoters of the Chignecto shipway have for the present come to grief, and work on their project is at a standstill. But there is, we should think, no just ground for fearing that the work is or ever will be abandoned. Its claims to support are so large and pressing, the necessity for its completion is so urgent, the amount of good work done on it is so great, and its apparent feasibility is so encouraging, that the money required to finish it seems to be forthcoming ere long. Its completion and successful operation are awaited with interest, especially by the engineering world. Once fairly at work, it would probably be speedily followed by like and much needed projects elsewhere.

BLIGHTED PROSPECTS.

A few weeks ago crop prospects throughout the Dominion looked uncommonly bright. In the Northwest, the wheat harvest promised to be the finest on record. In Ontario, Quebec, and the Maritime Provinces, both root and grain crops made a splendid showing. But the brilliancy of the prospect has been dimmed both in the west, east, and in the central portions of the country. In Manitoba and the adjoining territories the dreaded frost has done considerable damage. In other sections heavy rains have done much harm. What the final result will be does not yet appear. Favorable weather may yet work wonders, greatly lessening the fears now entertained. On the other hand, the reappearance of untimely frosts, and the recurrence of damaging floods may still further darken the prospect. It is encouraging, however, to remember that crop disasters generally prove less destructive

than at first reported, and and apprehensions thereby created often prove exaggerated. May it turn out to be so in the present case.

A WEARISOME SESSION.

The present session of the Dominion Parliament drags its slow length along. It has already grown tiresome almost beyond endurance. But it may still be stretched out. The scandal crop seems inexhaustible on one side or the other. It is to be hoped, however, that the harvesting will be pushed through as fast as possible. Some of the scandals are probably not quite ready for the sickle. The ingathering in these cases may be postponed for another year. But there seems no end to the want of confidence motions the opposition in Parliament have at command. It must have been apparent some time ago that none of these can carry. It was well enough to move the more important of these. The confidence question needed testing. But enough in these cases, as in others, is better than overmuch. It is more than time to stop for the present.

RECORD BREAKING STEAMERS.

The summer has been famous among ocean going steamers for record breaking in crossing the great seas of the world. In crossing the Atlantic some of these steamers have steamed nearly five hundred and twenty miles in twenty four hours. And the end is not yet. Every year almost witnesses the production of a swifter steamer than ever before swam the seas. Some of the more experienced of the navigators engaged in the work, anticipate that ere long the voyage from the Irish port of departure to the entrance of New York harbor will be made in four days. It is pleasing to know that a Canadian Pacific Railway Company Steamer has beaten the record on the Pacific Ocean, having made a marvellously swift voyage from Japan to British Columbia.

The improvement will probably go on, sometimes in the contour of the ship, sometimes in the development and application of power to drive it. As in all other things finite there must somewhere be bounds to improvement. But no man can certainly point out where they lie.

THE FINDINGS.

The finding in the McGreevy case is doubtless formulated by this time by the Committee of Privileges. If it is such as is alone warranted by the evidence a great many will be disappointed thereat. Some will deem it too severe, others will regard it as not severe enough. The truth appears to be that some of the charges were disproven, some not proven, and some clearly proven.

It is becoming a serious question in Quebec, what the upshot on the fortunes of the Mercer government, the Pacauc-Armstrong scandal, will be. One would suppose that the result would be very serious indeed.

It is very difficult to please some people. The Times man objected to bringing on the Westminster election in winter, now he kicks vigorously against bringing on the Kent election in summer. What particular season of the year will suit him anyhow?—Transcript.

The bungling mismanagement of the printing bureau at Ottawa is shown by the lumpy machines to do the typographical work in connection with the Tarte investigation. The machines were not equal to the work and the bureau had to purchase four thousand pounds of long primer to print the evidence of the Tarte investigation.—Transcript.

Our advices from Kent county are, that Mr. Legere, the Government candidate, has excellent chances of success in the election which occurs on September 15th.—Farmer.

Was there ever a candidate who did not have, according to his friends, 'excellent chances of success'? Our advices are that Mr. Gogain, the independent candidate, is sure of election by a big majority.—World.

Balmaceda Crushed.

New York, Aug. 29.—The Herald Valparaiso despatch says: Balmaceda's power in Chili is broken. His army was crushed yesterday after five hours hard fighting and is scattered beyond all hope of reorganization. The revolutionists have taken possession of Valparaiso. The whereabouts of Balmaceda are unknown and President-elect Vicuna is a refugee upon a German warship. The country is flocking en masse to the standard of the insurgents and the new government will be formed with possibly Judge Belisario Prak or Manuel Jose Irazaval at the head. General Canto and his army won yesterday's battle by superior generalship and good hard fighting assisted by good fortune in the killing of Balmaceda's generals and consequent demoralization of the army and desertion of entire regiments. These deserters were generally 'volunteers' who had been impressed into the service, but whose sympathies all along have been with insurgents. The fighting was of a desperate character. Fully 5000 men were killed and wounded. Admiral Viel sent a flag of truce to Gen. Canto with a proposition to surrender the city. It was

accepted and the victorious army entered Valparaiso shortly after noon. In the meantime there had been a general flight of government officials. The city is as quiet as could be expected under the circumstances and no trouble is anticipated.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The Herald's Valparaiso special this morning says: "The Chanaral regiment of the congressional army took formal possession of Santiago last night, and practically the last act in the bloody drama of the revolution closed. On Saturday night as soon as the news of the defeat of the Government reached Santiago the people knew Balmaceda's power was gone their enmity to his government burst forth. Balmaceda's house, the government newspaper offices were burned to the ground. The police, fire department and army were demoralized and made no attempt to maintain order. In addition to the destruction by the mob, the city is threatened by all the desperate characters, robbers and outlaws in the surrounding country. General Canto and staff, with additional troops, left Valparaiso last night and will reach Santiago to-day. Comparative order at least has been restored in Valparaiso. It required drastic measures to do it, many of the rioters being shot in the street. The damage to property in the city is estimated at \$1,800,000. The Junta is exceedingly anxious to secure recognition from the United States government. Numerous arrests of government officials have been made. The insurgents show a moderate disposition, however, and there have been none of those bloody butcheries that usually mark the success of South American revolutions. Balmaceda is believed to be on the way to Buenos Ayres or Montevideo.

Plucky Capt. Andrews.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—The British steamer Elbruz, from Baltimore, arrived at Antwerp to-day. On board of her was Capt. Andrews of the dory Mermaid, which sailed from Boston some time ago on a transatlantic race with the dory Sea Serpent, which was sailed by Capt. Lawlor.

Capt. Andrews said he had good weather until 35 days out from Boston, when a storm compelled him to reef sails and allow his boat to go before the wind.

On Aug. 16 a terrible wave filled the Mermaid with seven inches of water. The same day he met the steamer Stag, from Shields, and profited by a lull to empty his boat of water and put everything in order.

On the next day the tempest broke out with renewed violence. A wave capsized the boat, and Capt. Andrews, who was in the cabin, thought he was lost. He managed to open the hatch, and swimming around the vessel, climbed upon the keel. There he clung by a rope for half an hour, when the vessel righted, but everything had been lost.

He closed himself in the cabin, lighted the lamp to warm his hands, and remained the whole night dripping wet. He passed two days and nights in the same way, and then by laborious work put things in passable order. He saw a shark following and harpooned it in the eye. The storm continued all this time, the wind blowing with great force.

The lamp oil was now exhausted. Being too fatigued to keep watch, he lay on the bottom of the boat for four days. On Saturday, the 22nd, the water was exhausted. On the same day he was taken aboard the Elbruz.

Captain Andrews asked for ballast and water, desiring to continue his voyage in the Mermaid, but Capt. Brown strongly dissuaded him. Captain Brown gave Captain Andrews the first warm food he had touched in two months. Captain Andrews was then so feeble that he could not walk, and he remained prostrate for two days.

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