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FRANCE AND SIAM.

The trouble between France and Siam, which has been brewing for some time, has, within the last few days, assumed a threatening aspect, and France has issued a declaration ordering a blockade of the Siamese ports. The immediate cause of this hostile demonstration was the reported murder of a French inspector and his escort through the treachery of a Siamese merchant, but the real cause is the desire of the French to gain possession of the valley of the Mekhong River, which would open up to them a means of communication with the rich and populous provinces of Middle China. France has for many years been practically the owner of the adjoining territory of Annam, and the present difficulty arises out of a dispute as to the boundary between the two countries. The Annamites claim that the Mekhong River is the boundary, while the Siamese contend that the boundary line follows a range of mountains running parallel with the coast. The territory in dispute embraces 95,000 square miles. The Siamese suggested arbitration as a means of settling the difficulty, but, before the suggestion could be acted upon, the murder of the French officer took place, and France, eager for a pretext to bully her smaller opponent into yielding up the desired territory, at once sent an ultimatum to the Siamese government, embodying a demand for the surrender of the disputed territory and the payment of 2,000,000 francs as an indemnity for the death of the murdered officer. Siam responded offering to pay the indemnity, but refused to cede the disputed territory. This answer was not satisfactory to France, and French war-ships have been despatched to Siamese waters with the declared intention of bombarding Bangkok, the Siamese capital. As Great Britain conducts the principal European trade with Siam, the British government is deeply interested in the outcome of the difficulty, and before the matter is settled it may be compelled to interfere. The English journals with one accord declare that British interests in Siam must be respected, and warn the French that any interference with British rights will not be tolerated. Unless the British conclude to stand by Siam, there would seem to be no alternative for the helpless little eastern empire but to accede to the demands of the stronger power. France may not have right on her side, in fact it is generally admitted that she is in the wrong, but she is the stronger nation, and, unless Great Britain feels called upon to interfere, she will compel poor little Siam to come to her terms.

Latest despatches are to the effect that Siam has decided to accept France's ultimatum without reservation. The blockade will doubtless be raised as soon as the French government has had time to obtain a guarantee of the fulfillment of its demands. The difficulty yet remains of settling the boundary question between British territory and the newly acquired French possessions.

THE BYE ROAD GRANT.

In many, if not all, the districts of this county, the annual expenditure of the bye road grant is looked upon as a matter of considerable importance, not only because of the provision thereby made for the repair of roads and bridges, but also for the financial benefit to many of the ratepayers, who, through it, get employment on the roads when other work is slack. The delay in the expenditure this year has caused a great deal of comment and enquiry, and it would appear well that the responsibility should be placed in the right quarter. The communication from Mr. Phinney, in this issue of THE REVIEW offers to some extent an explanation of the situation. If, as would appear from the statements therein made, the grant has already been mortgaged, and only a small amount remains to be distributed, it is well that the fact should be known at once, so that the ratepayers may be advised what they have to depend upon, and make as much out of the statute labor as possible. The mode in which a large portion of last year's grant (\$1,074) was misappropriated may be ascertained from the auditor general's report submitted in the last session of the legislature. By reference to page 199 of that report it would appear that a considerable share of that amount went into the hands of others than the bye road commissioners, and that up to the date of the publication of the report no returns had been received from these parties. A sharp discussion in connection with this subject has gone on for

some time in the columns of the Moniteur Acadian from Mr. Gogain, M. P. P., and Mr. A. Leger. Mr. Gogain positively states that much of the money has gone to meet bills incurred because of promises made by members of the government to secure support during the bye-election of 1891.

The legislation passed last session by which the Chief Commissioner of Public Works is given charge of the bye road appropriation may possibly only be a part of the machinery considered necessary to prepare the municipalities for the gradual withdrawal of the grant, and imposing upon the counties the burden of maintaining the roads and bridges. This will be in a line with the legislation of recent sessions by which taxation has been imposed upon the ratepayers for other and similar purposes. Such a result will only be what those who have for year to year watched the increase of the public debt and expenditure under the present government have anticipated. The outlook for the municipalities appears far from encouraging.

The Worst Form.

DEAR SIR,—About three years ago I was troubled with dyspepsia in its worst form, neither food nor medicine would stay on my stomach, and it seemed impossible to get relief. Finally I took one bottle of B. B. B. and one box of Burdock Pills, and they cured me completely.

MRS. S. B. SMITH,
 Elmisdale, Ont. *

The Bye Road Grant.

To the Editor of The Review:—About this time of the year the people of this county have been accustomed to look for some public statement of the appropriation of the annual Bye Road Grant, and to expect the commissioners to be engaged in expending it, either on the roads or the bridges, where required.

I have recently been applied to, either personally or by letter, by several of the commissioners and others interested in the road expenditure in the different districts for information as to the division of the grant this year, and I have had to say that I could not give any information either as to the amount of the grant, the date of payment or the mode of expenditure.

As there are probably several others who are expecting to be advised on the subject, I take this means of communicating with them, and thus, I trust saving unnecessary correspondence.

Since I have been a representative of the county, I have had—whether in sympathy with or opposed to the government of the day—in conjunction with my colleague, the duty of distributing the Bye Road Grant, by either ordering special appropriations and payments through the commissioners, or when these were not required, directing a certain proportion of the grant to be placed in the hands of the commissioners, to be expended according to their judgment for the payment of debts or road and bridge repairs where most required. A detailed list of the division was printed each year and distributed throughout the county, so that every rate-payer, if he desired, could ascertain where and to whom the money went. In the discharge of this duty, I endeavored to make no distinction between political supporters and political opponents, and I believe succeeded in fairly satisfying the electors generally.

Whether this mode of expenditure was the best that could be suggested, I am not prepared to say, but it seemed to be generally acceptable.

At the last session of the Assembly, at the instance of the government, legislation was had, placing the control and management of the Bye Road Grant more directly under the Department of Public Works.

In consequence of this, some time in the month of May, I wrote to Mr. Emmerson, the Chief Commissioner of Public Works, calling his attention to the fact that the time had arrived when steps were usually taken for the division of the grant, and asking whether his Department purposed entrusting the division to me and my colleague as heretofore, and if not to whom I could refer the commissioners and others having legitimate claims on the fund, for information.

In reply, the Chief Commissioner did not directly answer my inquiry, but in a somewhat diplomatic way, gave me to understand that I would be relieved of the responsibility, and also led me to infer that the duty of dividing the appropriation this year would not, under any circumstances, be a very onerous one.

He says, "The bye road bridges of Kent County have already claimed a large share of attention from the Department, and I have about concluded that if all the bridges to which my consideration is asked are urgent, the bye roads themselves must be deferred I fear." * * * "If all are necessary this year there will certainly be no surplus for the roads."

A fair interpretation of this would seem to imply that the grant has been already pretty well eaten up. Where it has gone or is likely to go, I cannot say. The commissioners and rate payers must judge for themselves. I presume no further responsibility rests upon me, and for this reason I feel justified in giving the public the information I possess.

As is probably well known, I have not seen my way clear to approve of a good deal of the legislation and administration of the present government and am, I presume, recognized as an opponent of it. Whether my position in this respect has anything to do with the attitude of the Chief Commissioner is not for me to say.

My colleague, Mr. Gogain, may be in a position to advise the Bye Road Commissioners more fully than I can. On that point I am not informed.

I would, however, suggest that the commissioners should communicate direct with the Chief Commissioner of Public Works, who, I have no doubt, will be pleased to give them all the information desired, so far as in his power.

J. D. PHINNEY,
 Richibucto, July 31, 1893.

Bass River.
 JULY 29.—The farmers of this place are busy cutting their hay. The hay crop is below the average this year, owing to the dryness of the first of the summer. Harvest crops are, however, much better than was first anticipated.

The funeral of the late Mrs. James Allan took place from the residence of her brother, Mr. Geo. Brown, and was largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. J. H. Cameron.

The hot weather is, as usual, bringing our friends home from Boston. Among the late arrivals are Mrs. Vradenburg, and the Misses Thompson.

We hear that one of our fair young ladies is about to leave us, and take up her abode in Main River.

Miss Letty Murphy, who has been visiting her cousins, Misses Agnes and Bella Murphy, has gone home to Rogersville.

Miss Maggie Brown, who has been home spending the summer, purposes returning to Fredericton next week.

While working in Walker's mill a few days ago, Matthew Marsh had his foot badly crushed by a deal falling on it.

Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Brown, two aged ladies, are both quite ill with inflammation of the lungs. With good nursing and under the skillful treatment of Dr. Keith it is hoped they will soon be around again.

JULY 29.—Miss Hanson wishes to state that the correspondent in last week's paper is altogether wrong in saying she is going to be married. She has not the least notion of getting married. And if she did wish to change her state it would be a hard matter to get a partner, for it is not an easy matter sometimes to get two hearts to beat as one. But there are some persons who are so busily engaged looking after other people's affairs they have no time to look after their own. Probably the correspondent, whoever he or she may be, would like to have a partner as well as Miss Hanson.

As for Grey Dan, as they have styled him, he is a gentleman who looks before he leaps. It would be well if there were more young men like him. The young lady who is so successful as to secure a life partner such as he is would be very lucky indeed, for he is a steady, industrious young man.

From India's Coral Strand.
 DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in certifying that after suffering severely for 15 months from diarrhoea, which came on after childbirth, previous to which I had suffered from dysentery for some months I was cured by Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry.

ANNIE M. GIBSON,
 Brillipatam, India. *

Main River Notes.
 Haying has commenced once more and you can hear the busy hum of the mowers, but weather is not very favorable.

Mr. Thomas Tweedie has returned home from Greenville, Maine. His many friends here are pleased to see him.

Miss Aggie Graham who has been home for a week has returned to St. John. We very much regret her having so short a vacation.

D. Robertson and A. C. Graham paid a flying visit to Galloway last Monday.

The picnic in Bass River was not so successful as was stated, as they realized only \$45.00.

One of our young men earnestly longs for the blissful time when a certain fair one will return from Boston so that he may bask in the sunshine of her smiles and say much sweeter things than could be said in a letter. There is no doubt but that we all will get an invitation to the wedding this fall.

Mr. George Morton, of Harcourt was here giving a lecture on dancing. He intends bringing down his camera next time. Come on George there is to be a dance there the 5th of August.

LAZ.
 The basket social and apron sale held in the school on the 26th inst., for the benefit of the Rev. Arthur A. Slipper, of Welford, was largely attended although the evening was not very favorable, owing to the recent rains. Almost all the ladies of all ages attended. Dancing music was furnished by Robt. Goldie, Esq., of Kingston, and 'tis needless to say it was of a superior kind. Mr. Andrew Dale, of Harcourt, in a neat speech, introduced himself as auctioneer, and with remarkable wit and an abundant vein of humor, disposed of the upwards of 40 baskets, prices ranging from 20 cents to \$1. Dancing was resumed immediately after the supper, and continued until the faint line of red in the east told that day light was approaching, and all went home satisfied with the result.

The farmers, owing to the wet weather, are getting along slowly with their haying. Hay is not as good as in past years, but the grain and root crops promise a large yield.

The schooner Annie S. Keating Bros., arrived to-day for their last voyage this season. The boys were too late for the social, but a dance is promised on this side of the river.

Mr. William Fahey, jr., is erecting a large barn, which will greatly improve his farm. Billy's next step will be to secure a housekeeper.

The trustees of school No. 4, south side, have secured the services of Miss Mina B. Farrer as teacher.

Mr. Bert McKay, accompanied by his best girl, drove down to the social Wednesday evening. Bert takes in everything that lies within reach.

FIDDLEHEAD.

The Best Remedy.
 DEAR SIR,—I was greatly troubled with weakness, loss of appetite, restlessness and sleeplessness, and found B. B. B. the most strengthening and beneficial medicine I have taken.

MISS HEASLIP,
 34 Huntley St.,
 Toronto, Ont. *

Pic-nic.—A picnic in aid of the new public hall, Kingston, will be held in Temperance hall field Wednesday, August 23rd. A good time may be looked forward to, as the committee will use every effort to make it a success. There will be erected on the grounds a good platform for dancing, and music will be furnished by Prof. Goldie. Numerous other amusements will be found to make the day pleasant for those who attend. Dinner will be served at 12.30, and tea at 6 o'clock.

MEETINGS.
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. Wm. Hamilton, pastor. The usual services will be held on Sabbath first, viz.—Kingston at 11 o'clock a. m., and Richibucto at 7 o'clock p. m.

Rev. J. S. Allen will preach Thursday night at Molus River at 7.30, Friday night at Nicholas River Bridge at 7.30, Pine Ridge, Saturday night at 7.30, Sunday, West Branch, 10.30 a. m.; Kingston, 3 p. m.; Richibucto, 7 p. m.

Bass and Nicholas River Presbyterian church.—Rev. James Steven, M. A., will preach in Bass River on Sabbath first at 3 o'clock p. m.; and Rev. Wm. Hamilton will preach in Nicholas River on the same day at the same hour.

There will be divine services in the English Episcopal churches next Lord's day as follows (D. V.):—Richibucto, at 11 a. m.; Kingston, at 7 p. m.
 W. ARTHUR COWERFHWAIT.

MARRIED.
 ROBERTS-MORRELL.—At the Manse Kingston, on the 29th inst., by Rev. Wm. Hamilton, Peter Roberts, Main River, to Susan Morrell, Welford.

DIED.
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J. D. PHINNEY,
 Richibucto, July 21, 1893.

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