

Maxime Labelle. BY WILLIAM H. DRUMMOND, M. D. By Request.

Victoriana: she have beeg war, E-gyp's de nam' de place— An' neeger peep dat's leev'im dere, got very black de face, An' so she's write Joseph Mercier, he's stop on Trois Rivieres— "Please come right off, an' bring wit' you 'tree honder voyageurs.

"I got de plaintee sojer, me, beeg feller six foot tall— Dat's H'Englishman, an' Scotch also, don't war no pant at all; Of course, de H'Irishman de bes', raise all de row he can, But nobodee can pull batteau lak good Canadian man.

"I geev you steady job for sure, an' w'en you get 'im 't'oo I bring you back on Canadaw, don't cos' de man un son, Dat's first class steamboat all de way, Kebeck an' Leeverpool, An' if you don't be satisfy, you mus' be beeg, beeg fool."

"We meet upon Hotel Dufresne, an' talk 'i'u 'ill daylight, An' Joe he's treat so many tam, we very near get tight, Den after w'ile, we mak' our min' dat's not bad chance, an' so Joseph Mercier he's telegraph, "Correc', Madame, we go."

So Joe arrange de whole biznesse, wit' Queen Vict'riac; Two dollar day—work all de tam—dat's purty good bargain! An' w'en we start on Trois Rivieres, for pass on boar' de ship, Our fren' dey all say, "Bon voyage," an' den, Hooraw! E'gyp!

Dat beeg steamboat was plonge so moche, I'm 'traid she never stop— De Capitaine's no use at all, can't kip her on de top— An' so we all come very sick, jus' lak' one leetle pup, An' ev'ry tam' de ship's go down, de h'inside she's go up.

I'm sorry spoke lak' dis, n'a fren', if you don't 'tink it's so, Please h'ax Joseph Mercier heself, or Aleck De Coteau, Dat stay on bed mos' all de tam', so sick dey nearly die, But lak' some great, beeg Yankee man, was never tole de lie.

De gang she's travel, travel, t'roo many strange contrec, An' ev'ry place is got new nam', I don't remember, me, We see soue fenny t'ing, for sure, more fenny I can tell, But w'en we reach de Neel Riviere, dat's feel more naturel.

So many fine, beeg sojer man, I never see before, All dress 'im on green uniform, is wait upon de shore, Some black, some grand, an' red also, cos' honder dollar sure, An' hol' 'em out, "She's all right now, here come de voyageurs!"

Wa! all de tam, she go lak out, was busy every day, Don't get moche chance for foolishness, don't get no chance for play, Dere's plaintee danger all aroun' an' w'en we're comin' back We got look out for run 'im safe, dem sapre Catarack.

But w'ere's de war? I can't mak' out, don't see no fight at all! She's do'ing but une Grande Piquique, dat's las' in 'ill de fall! Mebbe de neeger King he's scare, an' skip amole't place, An' pour la Reine Victoriana! I never see de face.

But dat's not ma biz-nesse, n'a fren', I'm ready pull batteau So long she pay two dollar day, wit' pork an' bean also; An' if she geev me steady job, for mak' some more l'argent, I say, "Hooraw! for all de tam', on Queen Victoriana!"

OTTAWA, June 16.—Most of this morning was occupied with a discussion of the government bill limiting the right of appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada from Ontario.

The fast line contract was then taken up. Sir Richard Cartwright said he previously omitted to state that in addition to the Passenger service a line of freight steamers having a speed not less than the Beaver line was to be provided to go to Montreal in summer and in winter to that port which was not chosen as the terminus of the fast line.

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Messrs. Ritz, liberal, and Stubbs, McCartney, condemned the scheme. Hon Mr. Foster pointed out to Sir Richard Cartwright the disadvantages of the indiscriminate opposition which he had given to the late government in this matter. Sir Richard had denounced the project when proposed by the late government. He had made a swift right about turn, but his followers had not been quick enough to catch on to the changed programme. Turning to the contract itself, Mr. Foster reminded the house that the proposed new type of ships was an experiment and a risky one. Aside from this, he congratulated the government on their contract, which he proposed to support, leaving the government to work out its experiment.

After McNeil, Conservative, had spoken in support of the measure a vote was taken when the motion carried by 155 to 22. The minority was composed of 19 Liberals and patrons and 3 Conservatives.

OTTAWA, June 17.—This morning and this afternoon were devoted to the Grand Trunk contract. Hon. Mr. Foster, Sir Chas. Tupper, Mr. Haggart and Mr. Powell subjected Mr. Blair to a rigid examination on almost every clause. It was shown that the American manager of the Grand Trunk had taken exceedingly good care of his company's interests. It is supposed that the improvements to the Grand Trunk contemplated in the 35th section of the agreement will involve an expenditure of one to three million dollars and that they had been under consideration by the G. T. R. for its own interests. The agreement provides that these improvements shall be made by the Grand Trunk and that the government is to pay five per cent interest on one-half the cost. Mr. Foster showed that with a guarantee on the total cost of two and a half per cent interest from the government and with one hundred and forty thousand dollars a year subsidy guarantee from the government the Grand Trunk could get the money in the English market at three per cent or less. The result would be that the country would pay two and a half per cent and the Grand Trunk half of one per cent of the annual charge for improvements more than nine-tenths of which would be for the benefit of the Grand Trunk.

Another discussion of an hour grew out of some absurd mistake either in the drafting of the agreement or the printing of the copy. Mr. Haggart brought one of these to Mr. Blair's attention, and after defending the agreement as it stood for a while, Mr. Blair declared it was a misprint. This led to a demand for the original papers, which Mr. Blair refused after being pressed, a second to bring them down. Referring to the letters "L. S." indicating the place where the document was settled, Mr. Cochrane wanted the minister to tell him whether the letters stood for "Large steal."

Hon. Mr. Foster said: The inquiry must be put later; the minister of public works is not in his place. The house went into committee on the tariff on sugar. Sir Charles Tupper directed Mr. Fielding's attention to the effect of the sugar tariff changes on the West India trade. Mr. Fielding contended that the trouble with the West India trade did not grow out of the refined sugar duty but out of the level tariff on raw sugar in which the present government had made no change. The government had the whole matter of sugar duties under consideration but could not take further action now. He said the duty on refined sugar had nothing to do with the West India business, but Mr. Foster pointed out that if no sugar was refined in Canada the West India trade would not amount to much.

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