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## OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

OTTAWA, 22nd May.—Now that the members have shaken the dust of the Capital off their feet, and the sedate Senators have also gone home, it is possible to take a calm review of the session and to measure the results of the political contest which had raged during the three preceding months. It is part of the game of politics that each side will claim to have scored an advantage; but the unprejudiced historian will fail to find anything in the records to show that the Opposition have been able to improve their position in the judgment of the people. They have done much talking, they have filled Hansard with assertions, they have endeavoured by sheer force of vociferation to show themselves in earnest, they have declared with loud thumping of desks that the Liberals are wrong and they are right; but in all this they have neither done nor said anything which would be apt to convert sober-minded citizens to their way of thinking.

It must not be supposed, however, that the situation was wholly one-sided. The Opposition certainly succeeded in showing that they have in Mr. Borden a capable and courteous leader. He has confirmed the good impressions which were formed of him last session, and the Liberals uniformly speak well of him. Nevertheless, it would not do to take it for granted that he has accomplished anything that is likely to favourably affect the fortunes of his party. He is still a stranger to the vast majority of the people of Canada, and his strength lies in Parliament rather than on the platform. His chief disadvantage, however, is that he is only nominally the leader of his party. Dr. Sproule, Mr. George Taylor, Mr. Haggart and Mr. Bennett have very much more to say than has he, and not one of these men has any particular standing before the country. They are third-rate men, and yet they dominate the Conservative party in Parliament.

If the Opposition came to Ottawa in February last with a single definite object in view, that object was to smash the Minister of Railways. Two or three things encouraged the hope that they could succeed in doing this. In the first place, the administration of the road during the preceding year had resulted in a large deficit. In the second place, it was believed that Mr. Blair's condition of health would prevent him from setting up as vigorous a defence as he had done during other sessions. Thirdly, a number of soreheads and busybodies had filled Mr. Haggart and Mr. Barker with the conviction that several scandals could be proven in connection with the management of the Intercolonial. Thus it came about that many witnesses were summoned before the Public Accounts Committee, and long debates took place in Parliament; but the session developed nothing more clearly than the strength of the Minister of Railways and the general cleanness and efficiency of his administration.

Equally significant was the failure of the Opposition to make any headway whatever in respect of the fiscal policy of the Government. For three weeks they debated a resolution which set forth the alleged weakness of the present tariff and called for a fair measure of protection for Canadian industries; but they were not able to advance a single sound argument in support of either proposition. They did not even interest their own side, and the country looked on with perfect indifference. They only succeeded in demonstrating the wisdom of leaving well alone, and the Finance Minister was able to make it quite clear that the Government was just as sensitive to public needs in relation to the tariff as the Opposition could possibly be.

If the fiscal policy of the Government had been in need of striking vindication, that vindication was found in a statement which was issued by the Minister of Customs on the eve of prorogation. It showed that for the ten months of the current fiscal year the aggregate trade of the country was something like \$30,000,000 better than for the corresponding period last year. It would be a crime to tinker with a tariff which secures such results.

The Premier has gone down to a quiet little village in Vermont for a couple of weeks rest before the final clearing up of official business, before departing for the Coronation. Sir Wilfrid has not been enjoying the best of health of late, and realizing the strain which will be upon him when he crosses the Atlantic he is naturally anxious to get himself into the best possible shape.

As far as can be learned, the Ministers who will be at the Coronation in addition to the Premier will be Messrs. Fielding, Tarte, Paterson and Mulock. It is also understood that Mr. Fitzpatrick and Mr. Fisher will go over; but it is not known that they will do so in any official capacity.

Immediately after prorogation the Premier was presented with a life size portrait of himself in oils by Forbes. This was the gift of the Liberal members in Parliament, and a happy feature of the presentation was the presence of the leader of the Opposition, who made a very graceful and friendly speech, at the conclusion of which he shook hands with the Premier and wished him a pleasant time in England.

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## COAL BRANCH STATION.

MAY 26.—The funeral of John M. Woods who died at his home 6 Tyler Place, Lynn, Mass., Monday, May 13th, after a lingering illness of Bright's disease, took place on Thursday morning of last week from his late home at 8 o'clock, and a high Mass of Requiem was held in the St. Mary's church at 9, celebrated by Rev. Fr. Curran and served by his son John P. Woods. Solo, "Nearer My God to Thee," sung by W. Minton and Addie Downey. There was a large attendance of relatives and friends to pay their last respects and the floral offerings were beautiful, there being a large pillow from his wife, a standing crescent from the children, a wreath from friends at Parker House, a casket bouquet from Mr. and Mrs. J. Mahon, and a basket bouquet from baby Mary Perkins and baby Francis Daigle, grandchildren of the deceased. At the conclusion of the mass the remains were tenderly borne to their last resting place in St. Joseph's cemetery. Mr. Woods lived in Coal Branch for a number of years and his old friends here heard with regret the news of his death.

Mr. D. Gallant, one of the oldest residents of Coal Branch, passed away on Wednesday evening, May 21st. He had been ill only a week with pneumonia when death left a vacant place in his home. The funeral took place on Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn their loss.

The greatest sympathy is expressed for the Kenny family on account of the sudden death of Frank. He was a strong able young man and well liked by everyone so that the news of his death was felt keenly by all. The funeral took place on Sunday, May 18th, and was one of the largest that ever took place in Coal Branch. Mr. Bailey, the Methodist minister, conducted the services.

A pie social was held on May 20th in aid of the church and the neat little sum of fifty dollars was realized. The bidding was rather exciting.

Mr. Albert Kenny has returned to the U. S. again. He brought his brother's remains home.

Mr. Mark Gallant was home attending his father's funeral.

Mr. Joe Murphy, of South Branch, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. Swift last week.

The 24th passed off very quietly here. The crowds that formerly were here failed to make their appearance this year.

Miss Tower, of Moncton, is the guest of her friend, Miss Bessie Hudson.

Mr. James Howard, of Campbellton, spent the 24th with his sister Miss Howard.

Mr. Thomas Howard who is learning the blacksmith trade at Sussex, spent the 25th at his home here.

Mr. Walter Howard, of Rogersville made us a short visit this week.

Miss McKay, teacher at Canaan, spent a few days with her old friends here.

Mr. Baird spent the 24th at his home in Salisbury.

Mr. Gibson has gone home for a short time on account of illness.

Mr. F. Daughney, of Newcastle, who has been night agent here for the past two weeks has been removed. During his short stay he made many friends. His place has been filled by Mr. B. F. Waters.

Misses Lottie Howard and Katie Swift paid a short visit to Moncton this week.

## RICHIBUCTO VILLAGE.

MAY 26.—Mr. Bell, of the Massey Harris Co., was in the place last week in the interest of the firm he represents.

Rev. Father Martineau started Monday on a visit to St. John, he is not expected back before Saturday.

Mr. Peter McCaie who was ill last week is around again.

Mr. Laurent LeBanc has made considerable repairs to his barn and added a new shed to it, he is also laying the foundation for the erection of a new house on the old site.

Mr. Simon Richard of St. Anne paid us a flying visit on Sunday.

Lobsters are keeping quite plentifully, some fishermen have already more lobsters than they caught during all last summer.

Mr. Anthony Zion is having a new box put on his wagon, when finished it will be one of the best looking wagons of its kind.

Mr. Sesime Collett and family of Moncton are on a visit here, they are the guests of Mr. Augustin McCaie.

## COCAIGNE.

After a short and serious illness of inflammation of the lungs, on Sunday afternoon, Mr. Louis E. Leger passed away in his 74th year. On Wednesday, 21st, Miss Matilda, grand niece of Mr. Leger, died with the same illness. Deceased, formerly of Moncton, was well known and his death is much regretted by his many friends.

Our little village was quite alive Saturday, being visited by a number of Moncton sportsmen, among whom were Geo. P. Thomas, barrister, Tom Croke and Sam Seaman. Owing to frequent showers fishing was very unpleasant, and more so as the inhabitants visited all the important fishing ponds with nets under cover of night leaving no trout to annoy the baits of the eager Monctonian fishermen.

Lobster fishing begins to-day. Many wishes for a favorable season.

## WEST BRANCH.

The smoke from the forest fires is intense. The fire has destroyed a great extent of lumber and miles of fencing. Many persons have had their household goods removed to distant fields expecting every moment to witness the burning of their buildings. The recent rain has diminished the danger, but their is still fear of the flames raising again.

Mr. Johnson Murray paid West Branch a short visit.

Mrs. H. English of Kent Junction, was visiting friends here.

Mr. John Wathen of Harcourt, is on a tour through the country and visited us en route for Bass River.

Mr. Dickson, clock and watch repairer, has been around looking for work.

Humming birds are flying round enjoying the honey from the blossoms of the trees.

Mr. Joseph Morton lost a fine cow. She caught her horn under a root and fell over breaking her neck.

Empire day was kept quite patriotically by the pupils of our school, suitable recitations and readings were the order of the day.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. D. Fraser, B. A. Pastor. Rexton, Sunday 11 o'clock a. m.; Richibucto, Sunday, 7 o'clock p. m. Christian Endeavor Society meets at Rexton every Monday at 7.30 p. m., and at Richibucto every Thursday at 7.30 p. m.

ST. MARY'S (ANGELICAN).—Rev. H. A. Meek Rector. June 1st (1st Sunday after Trinity) Divine Service—Richibucto 11; Rexton 7; every Thursday at Rexton, 7.30 and Friday, 7.30 Richibucto.

METHODIST SERVICES.—Rev. H. R. Baker, M. A., Pastor. Preaching Sabbath—Richibucto 7; Rexton 3; West Branch 10.30; preaching at Pine Ridge Saturday evening 7; prayer meeting every Tuesday evening 7.30, in Richibucto. Fourth Quarterly meeting will be held in the church Richibucto on Friday June 6, at 2 p. m.

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A Hospital Doctor's Experience With an Out Patient.

There is an interval of silence; then a sudden peal as the accident bell is heard, and the next moment an agitated parent is seen running down the passage with a child tucked under the arm, its bare legs streaming behind it in the wind of its mother's rapidity.

"What's the matter, missis? Has she swallowed some poison?"

"No, sir; it ain't that," she pants; "but I'm that scared I don't know 'ardly which way to turn."

"Well, but what's happened? Has she hurt herself?"

"No, sir; and 'er father 'e's that upset 'e couldn't do nothink, else I ain't used to runnin' like that, and 'e'd 'ave brought 'er up, but 'e says as 'ow 'e daren't touch 'er, and I've run all the way, and me 'eart'—"

"Come now, missis, just tell me quietly what's the matter with the child."

The patient, a pretty little thing of 4, looks inquiringly at her alarmed parent; there seems to be little the matter with her.

"It's all very well yer a-sittin' there and a-tellin' me to be quiet," cries the mother. "If yer 'ad children of yer own yer wouldn't like ter see 'em die afore yer eyes. Oh, dear, oh, dear, and there ain't only two more and the baby!"

The doctor in despair examines the little girl, but fails to discover anything wrong. "Now look here," says he firmly, "I can't find anything the matter with your child, so you'll have to go away unless you tell me why you brought her up to the hospital."

"Well, doctor, we was all a-havin' our tea a minute ago as it might be, and 'er father was eatin' a nice bit of tripe as was over from dinner, when Susy, that's 'er, says as 'ow she loved God and was goin' to 'eavin' when she doied. What! in tones of horror. 'Ain't yer goin' to give 'er no medicine?"

## Dwarf Trees.

To dwarf trees as the Chinese do you must follow their methods. They take a young plant, say a seedling or a cutting of cedar when about two or three inches high, cut off its taproot as soon as it has enough other rootlets to live upon and replant it in a shallow pot or pan, allowing the end of the taproot to rest up on the bottom of the pan. Alluvial clay molded to the size of beans and just sufficient in quantity to furnish a scanty nourishment is then put into the pot. Water, heat and light are permitted on the same basis.

The Chinese also use various mechanical contrivances to promote symmetry of growth. As, owing to the shallow pots, both top and roots are easily accessible, the gardener uses the pruning knife and the sawing iron freely. So that the little tree hemmed on every side eventually gives up the unequal struggle and, contenting itself with the little life left, grows just enough to live and look well.

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