

PRESS COMMENTS.

The following are some of the comments by the newspapers when Mr. Cropley retired from THE CAPITAL in 1889. The reader is referred to the editorial in this connection on our first page:—

St. John Sun, November 4th, 1889.
 * * * His misfortune is not due to any lack of ability, and certainly not to lack of industry. Mr. Cropley deserves well of Fredericton, for he has been, as a journalist, intensely loyal to the town, and devoted to its interests. The place is overstocked with newspapers, but it has none which discuss matters from a higher and more honorable standpoint than THE CAPITAL or give such indications of strong personal convictions, though some of them contain more news from surrounding districts. Mr. Cropley is yet in his prime, and has a right to expect at least as good a career as can be found in conducting one out of half a dozen journals in a town which can only support half that number properly.

St. John Telegraph, October 29th, 1889.
 The friends of Captain Cropley, of THE CAPITAL, heard with regret, to-day, that he had found it necessary to retire from the printing and publishing business. Captain Cropley has had an up-hill fight for several years past, and those who know him best know that his record has been as honorable as his task has been difficult. It would be a graceful act on the part of the Conservative party, whom Captain Cropley has served so faithfully, to secure for him a position which would give him a respectable income—an act that would give general satisfaction.

Fredericton Reporter, November 2nd, 1889.
 There was a general feeling of regret in the community on Tuesday last, when it became known that Mr. H. A. Cropley had been obliged to retire from the control of THE CAPITAL newspaper and printing office. Mr. Cropley has been identified with the best interests of the city for many years, and has gained the reputation of being thoroughly loyal to his country, and an enthusiast on the welfare and prosperity of the City. Each issue of THE CAPITAL showed an anxiety to press upon the people the importance of prompt action in improving railways and business facilities, and undoubtedly much good to the community has resulted from these weekly admonitions.

Mr. Cropley retires from journalistic work, we understand, with the expectation of serving his country in another capacity. We sincerely hope that the reports current of a Dominion appointment are well founded, for we know of no more worthy applicant, or one who would give more entire satisfaction to the general public.

Fredericton Farmer, November 3rd, 1889.
 * * * * * Mr. Cropley was an industrious, hardworking gentleman who deserved to succeed. Possibly, however, he will find greater rewards and a more congenial occupation than running a newspaper. Whatever his future may be, he may feel assured of the best wishes of THE FARMER. We have heard that some of Mr. Cropley's friends are interesting themselves in his behalf, to secure for him an appointment in the Dominion Government service. Mr. Cropley certainly has strong claims on the Conservative party, to which he has given a loyal support, and we hope that any recommendation on his behalf will be most favorably entertained by those in authority.

The Capital, Nov. 2nd, 1889 (Mr. C. H. Lugrin.)
 Mr. H. A. Cropley having retired from the proprietorship of THE CAPITAL newspaper and printing establishment, it is fitting to say that during his long business career in Fredericton he has gained the reputation of an industrious, honorable man. During the nine years and upwards in which he published this paper, he was a staunch advocate of everything which seemed to him calculated to benefit this City. In selecting the name for the paper he was doubtless influenced by his ever present desire to put Fredericton first in all public matters. He has done the City much excellent service by his pen, and however much others may at times have differed from him in opinion, no one ever doubted his sincerity and good intentions. His views as to the future in store for Fredericton, if its people aroused themselves to the

advantages of the situation, were always put with force. He aimed at leading public opinion in these matters, and was more than ordinarily successful in so doing.

A report has been published that Mr. Cropley will receive an office under the Dominion Government. His long service in connection with the military, and his stalwart support of the Conservative party, ought to count for much in that regard, and his appointment to an office of the kind intimated would be a graceful act and very popular here.

Religious Intelligencer (Rev. Dr. McLeod) Nov. 6, 1889

Mr. H. A. Cropley, who has for about a quarter of a century carried on a Printing Establishment in this City, has found it necessary, on account of financial difficulties, to give up the business. All who have known of Mr. Cropley's industry and public spirit regret his retirement, and hope he may be able to resume soon.

THE TRANSVAAL CAMPAIGN.—“Briton” in Montreal “Star:—Lord Wolseley was not employed against the Boers (in 1881,) neither was Sir Evelyn Wood, nor yet Lord Roberts. The only British general engaged was the brave and lamented General Colley, who sought and found death sooner than fly at Majuba Hill. Lord Wolseley was not near the spot then nor at any time of the war. Sir Evelyn Wood simply took part in the negotiations, and pending the arrival of General, now Lord Roberts, commanded the comparatively large army that would have wiped the Boers off the face of the earth but for Mr. Gladstone's change of views. As for General Roberts, he was placed in the position of being appointed to a command of the first importance and arriving to find that everything had been settled during the time of his voyage to the Cape. With General Colley's miserable—in point of numbers—forces, and considering the determination and skill of the Boers, such a deplorable result was to be expected. At Ingogo, where our artillerymen were picked off at their guns, the loss was as terrible as at Majuba.

BRITISH ARMY PENSIONS.—The ordinary pension to the widow of a lieutenant in the army is £40, and £10 for each child. A captain's widow has £50 and £12 for each child; a lieutenant colonel's widow, £90, and £16 for each child; a general's widow £120, and £20 for each child. If death is directly traced to fatigue, privation or exposure, the pensions are increased by half as much again; if the officer is killed in action, or dies of wounds within 12 months of the battle, the pensions are doubled. The ordinary pensions are not granted if the officer was 25 years older than his wife.—*London Echo.*

Henry Russell, who was born at Sherness on Dec. 24, 1812, is the oldest living English composer. He has composed and published more than eight hundred songs. His song “Cheer, Boys, Cheer!” is the air played by the Guards' Drum and Fife Band when a British regiment leaves for abroad, and “A Life on the Ocean Wave” was in 1889 adopted by order of the Admiralty as the special march of the Royal Marines.

Mr. Harry Yelverton Goring, a tobacconist, of Tamworth, succeeds to the baronetcy of Colonel Sir Craven Goring, who has just died. The new baronet was formerly sergeant-major in the South Staffordshire regiment, and Lady Goring is the daughter of a Lichfield confectioner.—*Westminster Gazette.*

Fifty years ago England imported three eggs a head for its population, last year it imported forty for each inhabitant, the whole number being 1,589,387,000. Many came from Russia, which exported 1,500,000,000 eggs last year and more from Italy.

Easter came later this year than at any time in the current century, except 40 years ago, when it came April 23, and 1886, when the date was the 25th, the latest in the hundred years past. The earliest was March 22, the only one of that date being 80 years ago.

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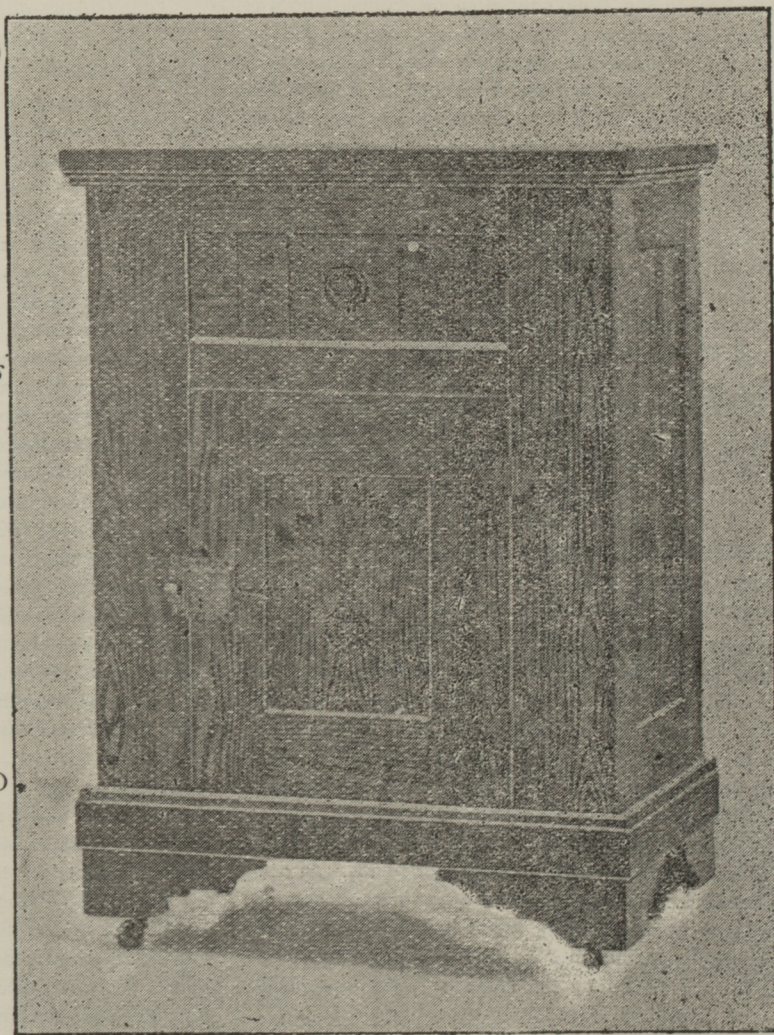
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