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Canada's Credit.

Sir Charles Tupper, on asking the House of Commons yesterday to empower the Government to make a loan for twenty-five millions of dollars, to pay off the floating debt and make the necessary provision for the carrying on of public works, offered some explanations of the highest importance bearing upon the credit of the Dominion. He had previously explained that the Government borrowings from savings bank depositors had received a check through the restrictions now imposed by the Government and the inducements offered by chartered banks, and that as a consequence the Government had of late borrowed in England, where there is now a floating debt of a million sterling. As the fact of the Government asking for another loan will be handled in a political way by the Opposition, Sir Charles seemed to think the moment favorable for showing that, although the public debt was nominally increasing, in reality the burthen imposed upon the people would not increase in the same proportion, owing to the enhanced credit of Canada, which enables it to borrow at a reduced rate of interest. Sir Charles starts with the proposition that the principal of the public debt is not to be paid off as an ordinary debt must necessarily be, but is a debt in perpetuity, renewed from time to time by the issue of new securities. He holds, therefore, that the measure of the burthen on the public is the interest account. The reduction of the interest, as the country's credit improves, is therefore tantamount to a reduction of the principal; and, viewed from this standpoint, notwithstanding the heavy recent expenditures of the country, nearly the whole of which were for the actual construction or the promotion of public works of great value and the general development of the Dominion, the position of our debt is eminently satisfactory. Sir Charles held that so great had been the improvement in Canada's credit in the world's money market, he could demonstrate that from the present debt of $227,000,000 there could be deducted not less than $53,000,000 by reason of the ability to replace existing indebtedness by securities bearing a lower rate of interest. Instead of the four and three-quarters per cent. paid in 1876, securities to replace those of that date could now be floated at three and a quarter per cent., the difference representing the enhanced credit of the country. Sir Charles pointed out that were the public debt—the securities which go to make up the $227,000,000—not committed to any rate of interest, the improved credit would reduce that debt of $227,000,000 to $155,000,000, measured by the rate of interest it is now bearing. That is to say, that applying to the $227,000,000, actual debt the rate of interest for which the Dominion's bonds can now be sold—three and a quarter per cent.—the total of interest is the same as would be payable on $155,000,000 at four and three-quarters per cent. Sir Charles Tupper's calculations in this connection will be examined with keen interest by financiers. They certainly place the improved credit of the country in a very striking light —*Empire.*

—With one of those strangely distorted ideas which afflict the *Mail*, it says that Sir Charles Tupper "will hardly assert that he and his colleagues are able to regulate the rate of interest in London." Certainly not, but what they can do is to bring the rate of interest for Canada nearer to the rate for Great Britain, and this is what they have done by improving the credit of the Dominion by the progress it has made under their successful management of our public affairs. It is with similarly distorted reasoning that the *Mail* and its friends cry that Sir John and his colleagues cannot fix the price of Wheat at Liverpool. It is true they cannot, but they can bring the price of wheat in Canada nearer to the price in Liverpool, and this, too, they have done. It is by such services as these, by improving the relative position, that statesmen distinguish themselves from "flies on the wheel."—*Empire.*

—Crop prospects are already being published in the Western States. A large area has suffered from drought and the winter wheat has in some States been greatly injured by the frost. From Illinois, Indiana and Ohio the reports are discouraging, but in Kentucky, Missouri and Kansas the prospect is promising. Seeding is far advanced in all these states, and in some of them the oat crop is already above ground. The complaint of want of rain is general. Farming operations are well advanced in the Canadian North-West. The weather has so far been favorable to the farmers in that region.

—The *Telegraph* says that Messrs. Harris & Co. will shortly turn out the last box car of the contract for 170 for the I. C. R. Work will then be started on 30 ballast cars for the same road. The firm have purchased more ground and will begin the erection of the new car sheds when the ballast cars are finished.

Montreal.

The Commercial Metropolis of Canada as Seen by a Detroit Man.

"Luke Sharp" (Mr. Barr), has contributed a very pleasing article on Montreal to his paper the Detroit *Free Press*. He describes it as one of the most picturesquely situated cities in the world, and says that its mountain is a "sweet boon." "The river is one of the largest in the world," says Luke Sharp, "and it, like the mountain, stays right there summer and winter, but in spring it cannot be depended on with the calm confidence that the people repose in the hill. The mountain never slops over or land slides or avalanches or anything of that sort. It is content if it manages to maim a few strangers every year on its toboggan slides. I was told, and I have every reason to believe the statement, that never in the memory of the oldest inhabitant has the mountain attempted to come down town and interfere with the business interests of the city. The river does not maintain this commendable course of non-interference. In spring its fancy lightly turns to thoughts of going up town and having a night of it with the boys. Nothing so annoys a Montreal merchant as to have to go to his office in a canoe and enter by the second-story window. He seems to think that there is a certain incongruity in entering his store in a flat boat under the sign "dry goods," and I don't blame him. However this freak on the part of the river will likely add to the attractions of the great city. They have built a sort of wooden levee which it is thought will teach the river to keep its place. This breakwater extends along the whole city front and if it succeeds in keeping the river out this spring there is a chance that it will be made permanent and will be built of stone. If this is done it will form a waterside wall that will be away ahead of the Thames embankment in London and will be one of the many wonderful features of the chief city of the Dominion." Referring to the climate of the country the article proceeds:

The Montreal people don't pretend to raise oranges, nor do they go around in winter in linen dusters. They know winter comes to stay, and they prepare for it. They welcome winter as their best friend, and the grim old tyrant likes that and is good to them. He comes for the season and there is no nonsense about him. He sits right down on the mountain and the Montreal folks, with their well-known hospitality, make it lolly for him. Everybody has a fur overcoat, also a fur cap and all the necessary accoutrements for meeting winter on a friendly basis, and so the inhabitants thoroughly enjoy their term of cold weather. A Montreal man never needs to worry about the sleighing giving out. That is where he has a big advantage over a Detroiter. * * * In Montreal, when the sleighing is twenty-seven feet deep and well packed they don't mind a little sunshine. They have no fears that the sleighing will go, for they know that when spring comes round the leading citizens will have to shoulder their picks and dig up about ten feet of solid sleighing, for the double purpose of getting the City Council to do something and encouraging spring to put in an appearance. Thus it is that the Montreal man, freed from all care about the weather, is the best natured person in the world. Besides being good natared, he understands how to get the most out of life better than any one else I ever met. Montreal is a busy commercial city. It reminds one of Liverpool in the massive solidity of its buildings. The streets are narrow, and in the business hours of the day are as thronged as Broadway or the Strand. * * * Montreal is particularly well supplied with the means of social enjoyment. There are several clubs in the city that are the peer of the best London clubs. The palatial St. James is so like a first-class London club in every respect that it is hard to believe that a person is in Canada when one sits down in its luxurious rooms. It is very English, you know. Most of the papers are from London and the liveried servants help to carry out the Londonish illusion. The Metropolitan Club is more like one of the New York institutions. It also has a fine building and there you don't regret so much that you are not a lord or duke as you do at the St. James.

Down town is the Fish and Game Club, a most jolly rendezvous. The fish is represented by the tall fish stories that the members tell, and the game by euchre and that sort of thing.

The Athletic Club is one of the most perfectly equipped institutions of the kind in the world. It has an extensive gymnasium, reading rooms, billiard rooms and everything that goes to make a resort of that kind successful.

Then there are the numerous snowshoe clubs, with their beautiful club houses behind the Mountain, and some of them with club houses down town.

The Montreal Snowshoe Club is the oldest and the largest. It has many distinguished members, among whom I may name the Duke of Connaught, Lord Lorne, Dufferin and myself. Next time I go over to England I think I will drop a card to my fellow members there, and propose that we put on our snowshoes and club costume and go up Oxford street some day. I think I can promise their Lordships a good deal of fun before the London police rakes us all in.

GENERAL NEWS.

—In looking for coal at Smithville, near St. Catharines, Ont., a six-inch vein of merchantable mica was struck.

—Wm. O'Brien of *United Ireland*, has been sent to prison again for three months for violating the Irish Crime's Act.

—The Kingston Cotton Co., has made a second shipment of one hundred and twenty thousand yards of cotton to China.

—Of rags, for paper-making, the import into Canada in the year 1878 was $92,000 worth. In 1887 it has grown to $193,000 worth.

—Railways consume more than half the world's production of iron, the car wheels required in the United States alone taking more than 2,000,000 tons.

—The Mayor of Vancouver has received the required deposit of $5,000 from the English parties who are proposing to erect smelting works in that city.

—The immigration agent at Winnipeg reports that in April he had applications for over seven hundred and fifty farm and ordinary laborers, and could hardly supply a quarter of the number.

—According to the recent report of the United States Department of Agriculture, there is a shortage of 30,000,000 to 40,000,000 bushels in the winter wheat crop as compared with last year.

—A gold watch which a Missouri farmer lost last fall, and for the theft of which he sought to send his hired man to prison, was found in the stomach of one of his cows which died the other day.

—Fifteen banking houses in Buenos Ayres have suspended within ten days. Their liabilities exceed 7,000,000 pesos. The Government bank refuses to discount bills. Italian seaport houses suffer heavily.

—The Halifax Church of England Cathedral committee have purchased from the Dominion government the old penitentiary building and grounds for the sum of $10,000, the stone in which is to be used in the construction of the Cathedral.

—Exports of spring salmon from British Columbia are said to be larger this season than ever before, and the demand is very active. Ewen's canneries are quite ready to begin, and will this season "pack the white salmon for the first time on record."

—The owners of the steamers Carroll and Worcester intend to withdraw these boats from the Nova Scotia and P. E. Island route, and replace them by two of the steamers now running between Boston and Savannah, probably the Macon City and Gate City.

—All the Cape Breton coal companies have made extensive preparations for the coming season's business. None of them have less than 10,000 tons banked, and several are yet banking. When the ice moves off it is expected that shipping will be very active.

—The Dublin *Evening Telegragh* publishes a despatch from Sydney, N. S. W., saying in an interview Cardinal Moran advised that if the National cause was condemned, Irishmen should disregard even the command of the Holy See, that the agitation for Home Rule must continue until victory was attained in spite of all opposition.

—Truro is a live town and has made great progress during the last eight or ten years. When incorporated in 1875, its total property valuation for assessment (about one-third its real valuation) was only $885,150; in 1887 it was $1,200,000. Much building is continually going on, and a number of new industries are being set in operation. It is destined to become one of the most progressive towns in the Maritime Provinces.

—Attention is called to the great, and in many cases wanton, destruction of fishermen's nets off the coast of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton. One steamer owned by the Dominion, when placed on the marine slip, was found to have portions of no fewer than 50 nets on her keel and other parts of her hull. It is said many thousands of dollars are annually lost by Nova Scotia fishermen in the destruction of their nets by coasting vessels and steamers.

—The old theory that lightning never strikes twice in the same place appears to need revision. The Kentville *Chronicle* tells of damage done by the electric storm of the 1st inst. on the premises of Mr. Isaac Marsters, of Cornwallis, and adds that "just nine years ago, on the 1st day of May, 1879, at the same hour of the day, Mr. Marster's place was visited in the same manner." In both instances a man was rendered unconscious for an hour or more by the shock, and damage was done to property, but in the storm of nine years ago a horse and an ox were killed.

Marriage of an Electric Woman.

Queer Things that the Bride Does Apparently Without Effort.

(From the Memphis Avalanche.)

Among the supernatural manifestations now exciting attention among the curious, the so-called electric women of Georgia are not the least wonderful. For several days past one of these ladies, Miss Dixie Haygood, has been in the city giving exhibitions of her power. A reporter of the *Avalanche* yesterday, by invitation of the little lady, assembled with several other gentlemen at the parlor of the Clarendon Hotel, to test these remarkable manifestations, and discover, if possible, their source and secret. Among the gentlemen present were Mr. Lawrence Lamb, Mr. Zeno Harris, Mr. Henry Walsh and several others. It is needless to say that the *Avalanche* man is a skeptic on all such matters, and does not believe in ghosts, spirits, or any other supernatural phenomena, and it was his determination, as also that of several of the other gentlemen present, to detect if possible any trickery or legerdemain that might be attempted.

Miss Haygood is of small stature, compact mould, and apparently muscular beyond most women, and weighs about 104 pounds. She has brown hair, blue or violet eyes, and a pleasant expression of countenance, but an air also of firmness and decision of character. The first two tests, viz., drawing a gentleman easily around the room by applying her hand to a chair or an umbrella held by him, or the third test of holding a billiard cue in her open palms at an angle of about 45 degrees with such firmness that a strong man, or even two strong men, could not force the point to the floor, were certainly remarkable in a woman so small, but might have been accomplished by a woman of very great physical strength. Therefore the reporter felt disappointed to some extent, and argued with his companions that it was either a matter of sleight or else a remarkable development of muscular power.

But the next tests were different. One of the gentlemen present was requested to lift the lady by her elbows, held taut at the waist. This he did, but when told to try it again he utterly failed to raise her an inch. Two strong men then raised her by holding her elbows on each side with the greatest ease, but on attempting it again they could not raise her weight a particle from the floor. This was a poser and was tried several times, the party offering many explanations, but none at all satisfactory. The fact remained unexplained, that she could at will allow herself to be lifted as other people, and immediately thereafter bringing into play such a force without apparent effort, that two strong men could not move 100 pounds of weight try they ever so hard.

The next test was still more inexplicable. A chair was brought—an ordinary dining-room chair—and a gentleman weighing about 130 pounds was placed in it. Astride of his knees another gentleman of about 145 pounds weight was placed, and between the two a third gentleman of at least 150 pounds was seated. All raised their feet from the floor as the chair was tilted back and held balanced. The little lady then approached the back of the chair and placed her open palms along the arms or staffs supporting the chair's back.

Observing the reporter narrowly watching her, she requested him to place his hand between her hand and the chair to prove that no pressure was exerted. This was done, and only the lady's thumbs touched the back of the chair. Then, without an effort or the contraction of a muscle, or the slightest pressure on the reporter's hand, the chair and its living freight was raised about fourteen inches from the floor. The weight, including the chair, was at least 450 pounds, and John L. Sullivan could not have performed the feat so easily accomplished by the little woman.

This test was convincing, but the next was no less so. Miss Haygood stood on one foot and holding a billard cue horizontally before her at half arm's length, three strong men essayed in vain to push her, by throwing their combined weight against the cue, from her balance on one foot or press her arms back to her chest. The reporter offers no explanation of these strange exhibitions of hidden force. He says the shapely womanly hands lift the three great strapping fellows from the floor by simply touching with open palms his own hands placed on the chair back, and he saw the dainty No. 2½ boot standing unmoved on the floor with the combined weight of the same three Memphis gentlemen thrown powerfully and persistently against the small figure of its owner. Explain it, who can.

But in one respect, at least, the modest little lady is like other mortals, she has a woman's heart; and last night, at 7½ o'clock, in the parlor of the Clarendon, gave her hand confidingly to the man of her choice, Mr. Thomas L. Embry of Cincinnati. The pair were quietly married by 'Squire J. J. Barry, without previous notice even to the hotel clerk, and a few minutes later went to the theatre to give the regular performance. The bride was richly dressed in velvet costume, and wore an exquisite corsage bouquet of white flowers without other ornament. The young husband has certainly a deal of temerity to place himself in the hands of one so capable of enforcing conjugal o'edience but seemed to be a very happy man.

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WILL LEAVE SACKVILLE:

Express for Halifax, Pictou and Mulgrave	5.42
Accommodation for Moncton	8.30
Express for Halifax and Pictou	12.58
Express for St. John	13.50
Spring Hill Accommodation	18.50
Express for St. John and Quebec	20.18

WILL LEAVE DORCHESTER:

Express for Halifax, Pictou and Mulgrave	5.13
Accommodation for Moncton	8.53
Express for Halifax and Pictou	12.28
Express for St. John	14.20
Spring Hill Accommodation	19.17
Express for St. John and Quebec	20.45

All Trains are run by Eastern Standard Time.

D. POTTINGER,
Chief Superintendent.
Railway Office, Moncton, N. B., November 25th, 1887.

N. B. & P. E. RAILWAY.

THE Monday morning Regular Train (No. 1 on Time Table) from Sackville to Cape Tormentine will be cancelled from this date. Instead of it a Special Train will run to connect with Ice Boats for P. E. Island. The return from Cape Tormentine to Sackville will be as usual.

JOSIAH WOOD,
President.
Sackville, March 28, 1888.

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1887-8—Winter Arrangement—1887-8

ON and after MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28th, 1887, Trains will run as follows: Leave Sackville for Cape Tormentine daily (Sundays excepted) at 1.52 P. M. Returning, will leave Cape Tormentine at 4.31 P. M.

Every Monday a Train will leave Sackville for Cape Tormentine at 5.20 A. M. Returning, will leave Cape Tormentine at 7.40 A. M., arriving at Sackville at 9.40 A. M.

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