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ST. JOHN STAR. ST. JOHN, N. B., FEBRUARY 22, 1905.

THE NORTHWEST BILL. The Northwest autonomy bill has been introduced and is before parliament. Elsewhere is given a report of Sir Wilfrid's explanation of the terms of the measure. On the first reading of a bill, the exposition of the member in charge is the only source of public information concerning it.

It is assumed that the population of these provinces is 250,000 each, or say three-fourths that of New Brunswick. But while New Brunswick has less than half a million revenue from federal subsidies, Saskatchewan and Alberta will each draw \$1,000,000.

When the population of one of these new provinces reaches 400,000, which, according to the premier's calculation would be in less than three years, its income from Ottawa would be over \$1,400,000, which is larger than the amount paid to any province in Canada.

In view of these large allowances the withholding of the public lands from provincial control will not be a source of profit to the Dominion. On the contrary the federal government is buying the lands from the provinces, paying interest on the values, while the lands themselves are paying no return.

No doubt if the lands were sold gradually as called for they would bring all the money that the Dominion places to the credit of the provinces on interest account. But the lands will not be sold. A portion of them will be given to the settlers as free homesteads.

While the Dominion government gains nothing financially, and the province gains a revenue by the retention of the western lands in the control of Ottawa, the provinces would like to have the control and management of this property. With most of the real estate in the control of the ministers at Ottawa the local administration will be greatly hampered and impeded.

The Dominion authorities will always have an excuse or reason for interfering in local affairs. The provincial authorities will be constantly finding their jurisdiction contested and their plans subject to Dominion veto. They will have to ask the consent of Ottawa to any scheme of settlement.

Any provincial project involving a right of way will be subject to federal approval. Ottawa will control the timber and stone, and generally will have the power to hold up the provinces. The Star predicted that the act would be antagonistic in the matter of separate schools, and would probably set forth that the provinces would be subject to the separate schools provision of the B. N. A. Act.

was taken up it struck the board of trade inquirers that they were intruding on the domain of the city council investigators. In vain have the members of the council commission assured the board of trade people that they would take such intervention in good part. In fact, they would welcome the assistance. The gentlemen of the board of trade absolutely refuse to intrude.

IT IS HARMLESS. Certain excellent friends of the Star are somewhat worried over a local paragraph in this paper describing a stray consignment of drift ice which recently floated down the bay near the mouth of this harbor. Broken ice does happen along our coast occasionally. One need not mind saying that in the barmy spring time fragments of shattered river ice are sometimes seen in the harbor itself.

WINTER. How strangely clear on the still winter air! Float far-off sounds; the rumbling cars I hear. O'er rilles of field and woodland, and more near, Blithe sleigh bells chime along the thoroughfare.

The stripped and gnarled oak branches snap with frost. A last shrill whistle from the smoke-wreathed town pierces the night—and over all, the host of watchful stars in silent guard look down. —Eugene Dolson in Madama.

“There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip.” Used to be, but not now if you take Tiger Tea.

BIRTHS. BLAKNEY.—At Cambridge, Mass., February 19th, to the wife of George M. Blakney, a daughter.

DEATHS. LATHAM.—In this city, on the 20th inst., after a painful illness, John Latham, aged 53 years, leaving a widow and five children, four daughters and one son, to mourn their very sad loss.

FUNERAL (private) from the hospital, on Thursday at 2.30 p. m. APPELEY.—At Halifax, N. S., on Feb. 21, Theodore Thomas, eldest son of John F. and the late Mary E. Appeley, of this city, in the 32nd year of his age.

FUNERAL from his late residence, 50 Pitt street, on Thursday at 2.30 o'clock. Service at 2.15. CAMPBELL.—Entered into rest, at Dorchester, N. B., on Tuesday, 21st February, Anna, beloved wife of the Reverend J. Roy Campbell. Funeral from St. Paul's (Valley) Church on Thursday afternoon, 23rd February.

UNDERTAKING. In all its details with thorough knowledge of its requirements. N. W. BRENNAN, 715 Main Street. Telephone: Day, 222 A. Nights, 222 B.

A few days ago the Lurcher lightship was reported with distress signals flying. The government steamer Landsdowne, Captain Bisset, has, for about ten days, been awaiting a chance to get alongside of the lightship with supplies. The weather has been so rough that the Landsdowne has been compelled to remain at Brier Island. It is expected that the government tender will get into communication with the lightship today.

THE NORTHWEST BY SECTS. The population of the territories in 1901 was 160,800. It is assumed now to be 500,000. How the people are now divided religiously cannot be stated. By the census of 1901 they were thus classified in round numbers: Roman Catholics, 25,000; Anglican, 25,000; Presbyterian, 25,000; Methodist, 22,000; Baptist, 5,000; Mormon, 4,000; Doukhobors, 9,000; Greek Church, 7,000; Lutheran, 12,000; Mormon, 2,000; Pagans, 5,000. Eight denominations are mentioned having less than 1,000 each, and over 4,000 were enumerated as of various sects and unspecified.

HUGE DIAMOND ON WAY TO ENGLAND.

The Recently Discovered \$2,500,000 Gem Shipped as a \$25 Parcel by Mail

LONDON, Feb. 22.—After having been exhibited in the office of the Premier Mining Company of Johannesburg, South Africa, for a week, the monster gem, known as the Premier diamond, has been shipped to England on the Union Castle liner Briton at Cape Town, which is due here on Saturday.

The mammoth diamond—the value of which is estimated by its owners at \$2,500,000—has been sent here as an ordinary registered postal package. It is a fact that if the Briton founders at sea, if the registered package goes astray, as stolen, smashed or lost overboard, its shippers will be able to recover only \$25 from the post office.

This is the extreme limit of liability that the postoffice will assume for a registered package. The owners pay the registry fee of four cents in addition to four cents per ounce, according to weight for postage, so that the cost of transportation to the diamond company is only about 10c. The diamond has been carefully wrapped in cotton wool and packed in a strong box.

No extra precaution has been taken on the steamer. The box containing the gem has been placed in the ballast room of the Briton along with the other registered packages, and there it will rest until the steamer reaches port, when it will be regularly delivered to the person to whom it is addressed like any other registered package.

As a matter of extra precaution, however, the owners of the Premier have insured it with the underwriters to its full value—\$2,500,000—so that should the diamond be lost or stolen, the Premier Company is protected.

Here in London this stone will be exhibited for a while. After that, its fate is problematical. Neuman & Co., the London agents of the Premier Company, will hold it subject to the orders and on this point a correspondent had an interview with a prominent diamond expert on Holborn viaduct.

“These large stones,” said he, “are really white elephants to their owners. The Excelsior diamond, which weighed 870 carats and was at first valued at \$1,250,000 could have been purchased afterward for \$500,000. Wemmer, Bell & Co. finally had to cut it into pieces in the street and I have no doubt that the Premier will share the same fate after it has been exhibited here.

There are no monarchs or millionaires at the present time who would be likely to purchase the immense gem.” For a similar reason it is not possible that any thief would care to burden himself with the diamond, probably the possibility that it could be stolen.

According to the London agents of the Premier Company, the mine where the diamond was found is located 14 miles from Pretoria and has only been worked about eighteen months. Only Kafir laborers are employed in the mine and it is more than probable that the stone was discovered by one of the white overseers, who are always on the watch.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Rev. J. F. Floyd gave last evening in Coburg Street Christian Church the last of a series of interesting and practical lectures on Science, Travel and Love. His subject last evening was Getting Married and Staying Married. The water tank at the new roundhouse is not yet in use, but may come into service next summer. This tank has never yet been used, but it was filled with water, and then frost came along and burst the big frost-proof pipe.

Miss Estelle Cook, B. A., of Acadia university and lately instructor in literature and history at Mt. Allison Ladies' College, has been appointed to the position of teacher of literature at the new Provincial Normal School, Truro, Miss Cook, who comes well recommended from Acadia and Mt. Allison, has for some time been pursuing studies in voice culture and literature in Toronto, in the university and with private instructors. A memorial meeting to Frances Williams was held by the W. C. T. U. yesterday afternoon.

FOUR FROM ST. JOHN.

The Massachusetts General Hospital will grant graduation diplomas to eight maritime young ladies four of whom are from St. John. The following are the names of the successful students: Miss O. B. Golding, St. John. Miss B. M. Holder, of Carleton. Miss M. E. Rehalick, of Carleton. Miss Violet L. Kirke, North End. Miss Catherine Beattie, of Kent Co., N. B.

Miss Helen Cody, Centreville, Carleton county. Miss Nellie Steeves, Albert county, N. B. Miss Eulalia Smyth, Woods Cove, C. B. The course about completed is of three years' duration, including special study in the Sloan Maternity Home, New York; the new Corey Hill private hospital, Brookline, Mass.; and the Waverly Hospital of the same state. The nurses have worked under some of the most renowned surgeons and medical men in America. By a new regulation applicants for nurses' positions in the Massachusetts General Hospital are hereafter required to pay a considerable entrance fee.

CLOSE-FITTING.

“Does Mabel's new gown fit her figure?” “Well, it fits what she wants people to think is her figure.”—Cleveland Leader.

RACE TOMORROW NIGHT.

At Victoria rink tomorrow night during band intermission, Holeman and Whitebone will skate a one mile race.

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