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GENEROUS CONSTITUENTS.

There is nothing small, narrow-minded or ungenerous about the electors of Colchester County, N. S., if we are to credit their representative in the House of Commons, Mr. Seymour E. Gourley. The Colchester M. P. is a Tory, but instead of finding fault with Sir Wilfrid Laurier for introducing the resolution increasing members' indemnity from \$1,000 to \$1,500, Mr. Gourley hammered the government for not putting the raise up to \$4,000. Hansard thus reports Mr. Gourley's observations:

"I have been at home for a fortnight, commingling with my constituents, and I am very much opposed to an increase of the sessional indemnity to \$1500, on the ground that it is an insult to parliament. Any member that is fit to be in this parliament ought not to be insulted with the offer of an indemnity of \$1500. I repeat that it is an insult to this parliament. The people of my county, before I was here, thought that we had an indemnity of \$4000, and they were very much surprised to find that the people of Canada had insulted them by rewarding a man like Sir Adams Archibald, a member of the late government, with the miserable indemnity of \$1000. I am glad that I represent a county in which there is not a man who is so small as to discuss a question of \$1000. They want the indemnity to be adequate to the services of the men they send to parliament, and I will undertake to say that the day for the discussion of these miserable indemnities has gone by in my county. They will have none of it, and they will not disgrace themselves by offering a member who is fit to be here an indemnity of \$1000. I think the government should have been much stronger, and that when they approached this question they should have put the indemnity on a basis that would be commensurate with the qualifications of the men who are here. No man is fit to be in this House who can be indemnified by \$1500 and he ought to be turned out. I believe in frankness and integrity in matters of this kind, and while I support the government in doing it I condemn them for not rising to the occasion and making this indemnity larger."

FOOLED DEWET.

After so many reports of how Dewet fooled the British forces in South Africa, breaking through their lines and escaping just when our generals thought they had him for certain, it is pleasant to read how the Highland Light Infantry neatly tricked the wily Boer leader. It is true there was no clash of arms or bloody victory, but a lucky escape when Dewet thought he had surrounded the little British garrison. Sir Hector Macdonald tells the story. The in antry were stationed at Wepener, and were about to evacuate that place and retire westward to Edenburg, on the main Bloemfontein line, when Dewet made up his mind to attempt the capture of the little garrison. The Boer leader marched south with about 5,000 men. Fortunately, Lord Kitchener heard of the project, and he despatched General Macdonald to effect a rescue, with the result that for once, at all events, the slim guerilla chief was foiled. It would have been courting disaster to have trekked west from Wepener—into the arms of the waiting Dewet and his powerful force. So the Highlanders slipped away eastward instead, trekked into Basutoland, marching south through Mafeteng and crossing into Cape Colony at Pelle Drift. Thence they marched via Herschell to

railhead at Aliwal North, which was reached without a single casualty. It was a splendid feat. In Basutoland the Highlanders were received with evident welcome. The Basuto braves fraternized with the British soldiers and marched with them through Basuto territory to the accompaniment of the ear-splitting music characteristic of the Basuto warrior.

CENSUS RETURNS

Some of the census returns are leaking out at Ottawa. The first New Brunswick figures to become known are those of Gloucester county. From these it appears that the French population has increased over 4,000 in the last ten years, while the English population has decreased 1,500, making a net increase in the county of over 3,000. Returns from other counties and cities of Canada also showing most gratifying increases. In Maissonneuve, Mile End, St. John Baptist and St. Denis wards, Montreal, the returns show that the population has increased from 21,932 in 1891 to 46,674 now, an increase of 26,242, or over 100 per cent.

The population of the city of Winnipeg by the census is 42,597.

The census returns for Compton county, Quebec, show an increase of 3,000 over 1891, being now 25,000, but Missisquoi shows a decrease of 700.

LORD MILNER.

Not so many years ago Sir Alfred Milner, now by the grace of the King, Lord Milner, was a promising student at Oxford, one of his associates at that great seat of learning being Dr. Parkin, a former Frederictonian, now principal of Upper Canada College. The rise of Lord Milner to a leading place in the British public mind has been phenomenal, and had he remained in the political arena at home he might have aspired to the leadership of the Liberal party. Diplomacy however is apparently more to his taste, and the value of his services to the Empire in South Africa can scarcely be estimated. That work, however, has only begun, and it will require all the tact and energy that Lord Milner can control to meet the difficulties which are bound to meet him in the pacification of Britain's new colonies, and in starting them upon a career of prosperity.

The signal honor conferred on the great diplomat by the King, meets with the hearty approbation of the British public. Lord Milner is still a young man, not much above forty. He has spent four years in South Africa, difficult years filled with exacting labor, and it is little wonder that in appearance he is prematurely old.

There was a big Tory gathering at Toronto last night, Dr Borden, Mr Monk and the Ontario Opposition leader Mr Whitney, being the speakers. As usual the startling prophecy was made that the Tories will be in power after the next election. The country got rather sick of these prophecies previous to the last election. Tupper claimed everything in sight, but he and his party were soundly beaten. The Tories can do the prophesying while the Liberals continue to govern the country.

Some of the big newspapers are engaged in a round the world trip, and a record breaking feat is anticipated. Le Matin of Paris started the thing, and now the Journal and World of New York, the Chicago American, the San Francisco Examiner, a London and a Berlin paper are into it, all sending representatives on the long journey. Not to be outdone, Le Press of Montreal, Canada's leading French newspaper, has started two of its keenest young men to take part in the contest.

Hon. A. G. Blair's host of friends will hope that his projected trip to England will result in great benefit to his health, which has suffered from overwork and an aggravated attack of lagrippe. There is no more popular or progressive minister in the federal cabinet than the head of the railway department, and all who value incessant, patriotic and successful public service will join with the Herald in wishing Mr Blair a pleasant holiday.

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(Special correspondence to the Herald).

May 22 — Ex-Councillor John McKeen, one of our esteemed farmers on the ridge, says this is by far the most favorable season for putting in crops that we have had for many years. He states that last year he and his neighbors ploughed the first furrow the 26th day of May; this spring they all started in farming on May 1st. The series of crops that are planted here for this season are, potatoes, wheat, oats, peas, corn, carrots, turnips, beets and buckwheat.

Ex-Councillor John McKeen has one of the best teams of horses in this county. They are splendidly matched and are in the pink of condition. Both are standard bred, one an Island Chief the other a Saladin. The average weight of each is 1300 lbs. The young man who cares for them is Master Wedderburn Christie. It may be mentioned that Mr McKeen is taking quite a hand at the swine raising business, he has several shapely porkers. He says he has a litter of March pigs that will be apt to make some of his brother farmers get a move on to compete with, at the exhibition to be held at Fredericton this fall.

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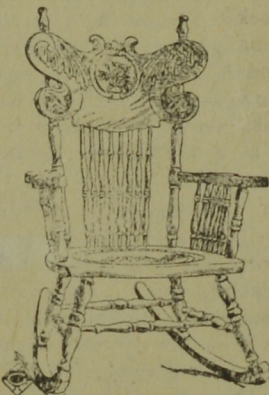
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