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CANADA'S GREAT DEVELOPMENT.

The Duke of York who is speeding over the prairies to the extreme western limit of Canada, will have a lot of news to tell his father, the King, about the wonderful development of this country since His Majesty, as Prince of Wales visited us forty years ago. The Prince's trip in a westerly direction ended at Sarnia, Ontario, but the Duke is going nearly three thousand miles west of that point, and all along the route finds flourishing towns and cities which have sprung up as if by magic.

There was no confederation in 1860, only a few scattered provinces, and the great unknown Northwest, was then the property of the Hudson Bay Company. The fathers of Confederation gave the provinces a union, a name and a nationality, and progress and development have been the watchwords ever since. The C. P. R. company stepped into the ring and girdled the continent with an iron band, and along this the Duke is travelling in safety and luxuriance that cannot be surpassed even in the old world. Canada has indeed attained to a vigorous young manhood since the Prince was here, and he can open the eyes of his royal father with tales of our remarkable development.

THE LONELY COLONY.

Mr McGrath, a prominent Newfoundland journalist, who is visiting Ontario, has given the press some interesting information about that ancient Colony. Referring to the approaching visit of the royal party, Mr. McGrath says that the Duke and Duchess will be greeted at St. John's by the cod and seal fishing fleet, numbering about 600 steam and sailing vessels, manned by some 30,000 fishermen. The demonstration will be unique, because the island contains the class of men who will eventually assist in recruiting the royal navy. Last winter the royal naval reserve was inaugurated among the fishermen, an experimental contingent of 50 strapping young fellows being enrolled and sent for a six months' cruise in the West Indies in the British warship Charybdis. The experiment was completely successful, and hundreds of reservists will be enrolled in the future. A naval training ship, the Calypso, is being fitted out by the Admiralty to be stationed in Placentia Bay, Newfoundland, for training these men.

As regards confederation with Canada, Mr. McGrath remarked that, while the question was not a live one at present, the sentiment in favor of union was steadily growing. The old-time, unreasoning animosity to it had vanished, and it was being discussed now on practical lines. If the union should come in the future it must be by liberal terms being granted to Newfoundland. In 1895, when the colony, being embarrassed, sought inclusion, the Bowell government refused to grant her terms which would make local administration possible. Now the colony is on the flood-tide of prosperity. Her mineral and timber resources are being developed and her potential wealth and probable expansion are such that no colonial statesman would think of considering terms now which would have been accepted in the day of adversity. The first consideration unquestionably in any scheme to bring about Confederation with the Dominion would be the assumption of the debt of the colony, which amounts to about

\$17,000,000. That, of course, would be a sine qua non of any arrangement.

One of the principal advantages to Canada of union with Newfoundland would be the improvement of the St. Lawrence route. At the present time Newfoundland spends on her lighthouse service \$50,000 or \$60,000 a year, and this is regarded as sufficient for the commerce of the island, and there are very few disasters to coasting vessels or to the fishing fleet. Were Newfoundland to become a part of Canada, the Department of Marine would, no doubt, establish fog alarms around Cape Race promontory and at Belle Isle. These were the real danger points. Off these no less than eight vessels engaged in the Canadian trade had been wrecked this season, involving a money loss of \$2,000,000, and greatly endangering the reputation of the Canadian route.

THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

Sir Claude Macdonald, who was British ambassador to China when the trouble broke out at Peking, was in Montreal this week on his way to his new mission at Tokio, Japan, and in answer to a question about the missionaries in China said:

"I do not care to venture upon an opinion as to what part the missionaries played in precipitating or breeding the recent troubles in China. There are good and there are bad missionaries in China, as everywhere else. What the good they do or what their influence is, is a matter of opinion. They certainly, however, have a very rough time. You see, missionaries only are allowed to live in provinces. The ordinary foreigner must remain within the ex-territorial limits, where only very seldom do the natives show their natural hatred. It is in the provinces where risings are ceaselessly taking place, and the missionaries are, therefore, constantly in the thick of the trouble, and too frequently they never live to tell of it." He added that British prestige was in no way diminished in the far east by the events in China.

HE WAS A FIGHTER.

The Toronto Globe, in a very appreciative sketch of Sir Louis Davies recalls his fighting days in parliament, when a faithful band of Liberals led the great oratorical contests against the almost overwhelming power of Sir John Macdonald, and while few in numbers scored many notable victories, leading up to the capture of the government in 1896.

The greater part of the time Sir Louis spent in parliament, says the Globe, he spent in opposition, and in that band of good fighters there was none more skilful and courageous than he. He was a genuine debater, who seemed to require the stimulus of debate to bring out all his powers, and who fairly thrived upon and delighted in hostile interruptions. These passages-at-arms were so noteworthy that the interrupters at last became wary, but it was very rarely that he spoke without some victim unwillingly supplying him with a text. His voice was clear and strong, and his gestures full of energy and animation.

Rev Principal Grant's hopefulness and courage are assisting the doctors in restoring his health. To the physicians he said Wednesday night when hope of his recovery had well nigh been abandoned. "You need not be afraid, gentlemen; I am not going to die. My life work is not yet done. I expect to be spared to do a great deal more."

The estate of the late President McKinley is estimated at \$250,000. It is left to Mrs. McKinley during her life, and at her death to be equally divided between his sisters and brothers. To his mother he left an income of \$1,000 per year.

Hon. A. G. Blair appears to have taken a wrestle with Major Maude and thrown him. The Duke and Duchess will remain in St. John two days and will occupy the private residences that were being prepared for them.

It is thought in St. John that George Robertson, M. P. P., may accept the position of Sheriff.

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TEETOTALLERS SCARCE.

The prohibition people put two questions to the candidates in the Colchester N. S. election as follows:

1. Are you a total abstainer from the use of intoxicating liquors?
2. Are you in favor of the total suppression of the liquor traffic, and will you, as the representative of this county, if elected, use your influence to secure all possible legislation that has that object in view?

With the exception of Mr. Stairs, every one of the speakers questioned the right of this association asking the questions, but all, out of courtesy, gave their answers.

Mr. Pearson, Liberal, said he had not been and is not a teetotaler, and would not like to hold out any hope that he might be. He was in favor of the second question, and would obliterate the liquor business from the face of the earth if possible. I will do everything in my power to regulate and restrain the liquor traffic, but I cannot at this late date make a pledge to the temperance people of Colchester.

Mr. Black, Conservative, said he had never been a very hard drinker, though he had taken a drink occasionally. Now I am a teetotaler, and if elected I go to the House as a total abstainer and a prohibitionist.

Mr. Laurence, Liberal, said he was not a total abstainer before he was nominated, and when nominated he did not run and join a temperance society. He had always voted for every legislation against the liquor traffic, though lots of it had been absurd, and in any other business would have been absolutely unfair and brutal. He would continue to vote for prohibition.

Mr. Stairs, Conservative, felt the matter an important one, and that the people should have a right to ask their questions, though he is not a teetotaler. He would not vote for prohibition, because he does not believe it will be a remedy for the ills the people wish to correct. He was willing to do everything in his power to bring about true temperance.

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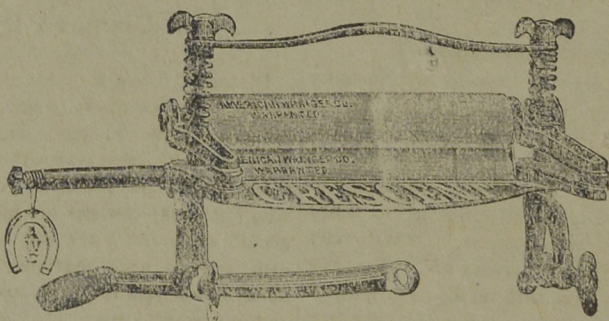
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