

THE KING PAID MONEY.

To See Big Diamond on Which the Premium for One Hour's Insurance was \$725.

STONE WAS TAKEN TO PALACE BY A GUARD, WHO REFUSED TO LET IT OUT OF HIS SIGHT--THE KING'S REMARKS.

London, April 5.—The world's biggest diamond cost 75 cents carriage from South Africa to London, but to carry it from a safe in the Standard Bank here, where it was deposited, to Buckingham Palace for the King's inspection, cost \$725, that amount being paid as premium on a special insurance policy for \$2,550,000, granted for its hour's absence from the custody of the bank.

The packet containing the diamond was mailed in the ordinary way and sent with the rest of the registered packets, without any special precaution, from the Premier Mine to London, and was delivered by the usual postman at Messrs. Neuman's office, in the course of his regular round with a satchel full of other letters.

Parcels of precious stones almost as valuable as the Cullinan diamond which is estimated to be worth \$5,000,000, often are sent through the post the same way.

King Edward wished to have the stone taken to his private apartments by a court official, but its custodian, who took it to the palace respectfully refused to allow it out of his sight. The King was much amused and rallied his entourage on the suspicion evidently entertained of their honesty.

"It is a great curiosity," he said to the custodian, after examining it carefully and holding it in different lights to make it flash, "but I should have kicked it aside as a lump of common glass if I had seen it in the road."

DO AS CANADA HAS DONE.

Former Premier Deakin of Australia on Preference.

London, April 5.—Former Premier Deakin of Australia was asked to give his views on preference, and, replying to the question whether he was prepared to advocate preference to the United Kingdom without waiting for any return, said he favored action similar to that of Canada. Mr. Deakin also said he did not favor any general reduction in duties upon British goods, not unless they occur on the Canadian plan. Questioned as to his having stated he thought Mr. Chamberlain was not expressing his deliberate opinion in

saying the Canadian preference was not satisfactory, Mr. Deakin replied: "My recollection is that after Mr. Chamberlain had expressed disappointment with the Canadian preference at the colonial conference of 1897 the Canadian delegates put a number of facts and figures before the conference, which were not published, but which caused him to express a much more favorable opinion of the benefits the mother country derived from the preference accorded by Canada."

HANWELL.

(Special Correspondence to Herald.) April 1.—The weather for the last week has been very moderate. Several of our birds have returned and are warmly welcomed by the farmers as harbingers of spring.

Wild geese were seen the 27th of March, earlier than they have been known to migrate for several years. The roads are in a very bad condition at present, Mr. Lucy, the mail-carrier, being obliged to snowshoe to Fredericton for his mail.

Our prosperous English farmer, Mr. Ellingworth, visits the Celestial every week, and seems intent on supplying Fredericton with choice meat, etc. His spring pigs will soon be ready for market.

Our school is progressing favorably under the tuition of Miss Edith O. Bryan of Fredericton.

Miss Minnie Powers intends taking a trip to New York this coming season, for the benefit of her failing health. We hope she will return as buxom as ever.

Several of our young men have returned from the lumber woods, and others are expected daily.

Mr. Thomas Powers has just returned from Central Kingsclear, where he has been attending to business matters.

Mr. John Myshrahl and Mr. Napoleon Thomas of Myshrahl Settlement, paid us a flying visit last week, being rather heavily burdened.

We wish them success in poultry raising.

What might have been a serious accident happened at this place one day last week, when Mr. Alex. Myshrahl, engaged in hauling hay from Fredericton, caught his foot in a rope dangling from the hay, and, in less time than it takes to tell it, found himself suspended by one leg between Heaven and earth. He fortunately, did not lose his presence of mind, and managed to change his precarious position before he sustained any injuries.

Mr. William Goodine, one of our esteemed young men, has joined the band for the wild and woody west; although we regret losing Willie we wish him every success in his enterprises in the west.

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IN LAST YEAR'S NEST.

Nature's Lament at the Passing of the Year
—A New Point of View in Wild Bird Lore.

As the leafy curtains are drawn aside and the little cosy nooks laid bare we see the traces of a hidden world of summer life. The nests so carefully concealed from inquisitive visitors are freely disclosed, and their deserted and dilapidated appearance seems expressive of lament at the passing of the year. The falling leaves and naked branches seem merely to exemplify the universal law of change, but in the abandoned nests, prominent and distinct in trees and shrubbery, there is a feeble protest against the universal decree of oblivion. The little visitors may be as helpless and as evanescent as the leaves that concealed their dwellings, yet they strive to leave mementoes of their patient and active industry. Some are so typical of the handiwork of the builders that they can be seen in fancy working away with all the hope and energy of the spring-time of life. The mud-lined nest of the robin, baked hard in the autumn sun, has resisted the disintegrating forces of rain and wind. In the close dogwood shrubbery a catbird has piled up an unreasonably large foundation of heavy sticks for her loosely-constructed nest. Now that the concealing leaves are gone it makes a conspicuous object where it rested concealed by its size throughout the summer. Sometimes a big, straggling nest will blend more perfectly into the surrounding branches and be more completely hidden than the smaller and more compact nest of the careful builders. The circular and carefully wound nest of the bright redstart recalls the fiery glow of his brilliant crescents among the green leaves. The deep nest of the wild canary seems sufficiently compact to withstand the changes of many seasons. In the top of a straight, symmetrical red oak which still retains its withered leaves the big, broad nest of a crow seems a weather-beaten survivor of many winters, and the woven basket of the oriole hangs from the outstretched arm of the willow.

Close to the ground is the strange relic of a stranger conflict in the perpetual struggle for existence. Some little mother has had the courage to assert herself and refuse the imposition of an unjust burden. The nest is so loose as to seem unfinished, and is hanging a few inches from the ground in some close, low hazel shrubbery. All about the withered vines of the hog peanut twine in easy confusion. The leaves that must have made an ideal nook for a little domestic establishment hang shriveled on the slender vines, and the stems of the hazel are entirely bare. The pensile situation of the nest, its nearness to the ground, the many leaves used in its construction, and the absence of soft, downy lining suggest the indigo bunting. But in the bottom of the nest is the dry, empty shell of a cow-bird's egg. This persistent and shameless impostor has failed in one effort to impose her natural duties on the motherly care of another. The cowbirds, little black marauders that they are, assume no domestic responsibilities, but move about in vestment

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through the nesting season. The guilty mothers sink away long enough to lay their eggs in the nests of other birds, and the young impostors soon starve off and crowd out the rightful heirs. The little mothers are not always imposed upon. Sometimes when the spurious egg is discovered a new floor is built in the nest above it, and the brood is hatched and reared in safety. When the parent birds innocently submit to the imposition it means the destruction of their own offspring. The young cow-bird is as unfortunate as his parents are dishonest and deceptive. His callow beak is forever open, and his insatiable appetite leaves nothing for the weaker nestlings. They are crowded out in the struggle that seems often to result in the survival of the unfittest. The indigo bunting is a wise bird, which helps to sustain her claim to the ownership of this abandoned nest. She is unduly sensitive about any intrusion near that sacred spot, and if followed or watched will persistently and exasperatingly keep away and ignore its existence. When she found that the cow-bird had laid an egg during her absence she abandoned both egg and nest. It must have cost her a

Fatal Blunder.
"He is gone!" she wailed. "He is gone forever!"
"Don't be downcast," her friend urged. "He may come back."
"No, no; I shall never see him again. I gave up the letters he had written to me."

Had Her Appetite.
Harry—Molly, you look good enough to eat. Molly—All you have to do is ask me to dine. I'll do the eating all right.—Boston Transcript.

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