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Government House,
Fredericton, March 10, 1905.
His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Snowball will be at home Tuesday afternoons from four to six.

R. S. Barker,
Private Secretary.
March 10, 1905, d3i.

LORD ROBERTS COMING.

It is announced on Lord Roberts' own authority that he will visit Canada this autumn, and that he will formally open the Toronto Exhibition. He will be a great card for that institution.

The noble Lord will be given a very hearty reception in this country. Seems we have heard a good deal to his credit. He did something in India many years ago which struck the empire that he was a rising young man, and in more recent times he took quite an active part in settling a somewhat vexed question in South Africa.

Next to the King himself we suppose there is no Englishman who could arouse more enthusiasm in Canada, or in any other part of the empire for that matter, than the same Lord Roberts. Everybody will want to see him and press his hand, but especially will the Canadian boys who fought with him in South Africa be anxious to renew their old commander's acquaintance.

Efforts should be made to secure to New Brunswick a visit from the distinguished gentleman, and if he comes to this province of course he will want to see the capital. This brings up another important question in which Lord Roberts might be induced to figure.

His Lordship is to open an exhibition at Toronto, and why not one at Fredericton. If the managers of our show can secure Lord Roberts for the opening, the Herald is willing to offer them—how much?—two thousand dollars for the gate receipts that day? Well, we'll think about it, but first secure your man, and you'll be sure of the money anyway.

We could give Lord Roberts a pleasant time in Fredericton, and what would be appreciated by him, the true homage of loyal hearts, who honor him for the great part he has played in rounding out the British Empire.

Let us get out our invitation early and make sure of the visit of the grand old grizzled hero. Perhaps the legislature will think it worth while to extend an invitation to His Lordship to visit Fredericton and then there is the Agricultural Society and the civic authorities, who can join in the general plea. If Mayor McNally wants to achieve distinction and rub clothes with nobility, now is his opportunity for prompt action.

ADDITIONAL HALF HOUR WANTED.

There does not seem to be any good reason why the Fredericton Post Office should not be open to box holders up to ten o'clock at night.

That the staff is short is no excuse, the Post Office clerks do not need to be on duty after their usual hours. All that is necessary is for the janitor to lock up the front door of the office at 10 p. m. instead of 9.30 and doubtless he would do that under orders from the Postmaster, who according to the Post Office Inspector has authority to act.

It is not such momentous matter that it need be brought to the attention of the Postmaster General or Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and it should be settled at once in the interest of the Fredericton business men and others who contribute largely to the Post Office revenue.

The Board of Trade should keep on pressing the matter until it is satisfactorily settled.

THE SUN CONTRADICTED.

Mr. A. O. Skinner, who was the local government candidate in the recent bye election in St. John city joins with Premier Tweedie in calling down the Sun for its misstatements respecting Mr. Skinner's attitude during that contest.

The Sun stated that Mr. Skinner publicly repudiated the government

during his campaign to which that gentleman replies.

"I beg to say that the only time I spoke in public was at Berryman's Hall the night after the election when I thanked the voters who voted for me and the workers who worked for me. One more statement which is not true in said article is that I did not canvas as the government candidate. I challenge the Sun to produce a voter that I asked to vote for me, except as the government candidate. I have always supported the present government and given my reasons for so doing and if the affairs of the country are conducted in the interest of the people in the future as they have been in the past you will find me a strong supporter and if it is in the interest of the party, a candidate when wanted."

This should be sufficient to stamp the Sun's statements respecting Mr. Skinner, as altogether unreliable and practically untrue, but it is very tiresome work following that erratic newspaper in all its misstatements respecting its political opponents.

CHEAP BY COMPARISON.

The Sun affects to be very much shocked at the cost of the revision and consolidation of the statutes, but compared with what its friends pulled out of the useless Royal prohibition commission the New Brunswick expenditure is but a flea bite.

Hon. A. S. White has put in some years of hard work in the revision. He is a lawyer of great attainments, whose services command a large figure, and yet he drew an amount only slightly in excess of that paid the royal prohibition commissioners, most of whom, when at their usual employment, received very small remuneration.

There is nothing on record to show that Mr. White or his fellow commissioners charged for Sundays or that they had free railway rides or Pullman fares.

This is to be remembered also that the statute revisionists and consolidators have rendered good service, while the prohibition commission's labors were absolutely useless to the country, and the \$200,000 the commission cost Canada might as well have been thrown into the sea.

Mayor White, of St. John, has decided in response to a requisition to be a candidate for a third term. His Worship has been an energetic and popular chief magistrate, he has abundant means and leisure for his civic duties, but speaking in the abstract we do not believe in third terms for mayors. If there is any honor in the position it should be passed around more frequently.

Mr. Borden has not yet defined his position on the autonomy bill. As the premier observed, the opposition is not yet sure on which bill to plant his batteries, but probably his constituents in Carleton Co., Ontario, will see to it that Mr. Borden is nerved up to leading an active campaign against the bill.

Hon. Allen Ritchie, a prominent Newcastle lumberman just returned from England, reports an improvement in the lumber market, bearing out the information on the subject which Mr. John S. Scott, of this city recently brought from the old country.

Now that we have a brand new mayor and council, perhaps they will take an early opportunity of giving the public their views on the water and sewerage questions.

Lord George Hamilton's Career.

Lord George Hamilton, who has announced his intention to retire from Parliamentary life at the next general election, has sat continuously in the House of Commons for 36 years, says M. A. P., and he has held office for 21 years. When he first entered Parliament as a very young man, Lord George was a junior esquire in the Guards. He has had a long and notable innings since, having held the post of First Lord of the Admiralty and Secretary of State for India for longer periods than any statesman during the last century. It is easy to understand that he has felt the wear and tear of Parliamentary work, but no doubt his resignation has been hastened by his retirement from Mr. Balfour's Cabinet. The effect of being out of office has in Lord George Hamilton's case been stimulating. His speeches have been prepared with greater care, and he has delivered them with such vigor and sincerity that friends and foes have been surprised. He has had to face hostile audiences whenever he has addressed his constituents, and this has, seemingly, braced him to spirited efforts, for he has displayed unsuspected powers of gentle irony, playful humor, forceful utterance, and clever marshalling of facts.

A Mistaken Intention.
He sent his photo to the maid.
It was a joke divine.
But that is why she threw him over—
She thought that he had meant it for
A comic valentine.

INDUSTRY AND LABOR IN 1904.

Less Disputes Than in Former Years—Fatalities and Their Causes.

The Labor Gazette for January, in addition to its usual monthly survey of conditions of employment, trade disputes, immigration returns, industrial accidents, etc., contains a series of special reviews, dealing with the calendar year of 1904 from an industrial and labor standpoint.

The leading article gives a detailed account of the general condition of industry throughout Canada. The year on the whole shows a somewhat lower degree of activity than was reported under the usual conditions of expansion which prevailed during 1903, though in the great majority of the branches a very favorable showing was presented, and a marked advance occurred in several localities, notably in Western Canada. The wages movement, as compared with 1903, was practically stationary, though farm and unskilled labor received higher remuneration than ever before. Prices of staple commodities were on the whole higher than in 1903, rents in particular showing a marked increase.

In the number of strikes and lock-outs, the year showed a great improvement as compared with 1903, the total number of disputes in existence being 103 as compared with 160 in the preceding year, and 123 in 1902. The number of workmen involved in strikes during 1904 was 15,665, and the loss of time in working days approximately, 278,956.

A review deals with the industrial accidents which were reported as occurring in Canada during 1904, this being the first return of the kind ever presented in the Dominion. These statistics are carefully analyzed from various points of view. The railway service with a total of 243 fatalities was shown to involve the greatest amount of personal danger to employees, though heavy returns were also shown under the heading of mining with 106 fatal accidents, general transport with 100 fatal accidents and the lumbering and saw-milling industry with 69 fatal accidents. Comparatively few fatalities were reported in the other branches of employment. Among the branches reporting accidents which did not result fatally the metal trades stood first with 492, the railway service following with 331. Under general transport 169 accidents of this class were reported, in the woodworking trades 153, in the building trades 133, in the agricultural industry 117, and amongst unskilled laborers 121. A large number of the fatal accidents reported to agriculturists are shown to have been the result of farmers being struck by trains while marketing their produce. In the lumbering industry the largest number of fatal accidents were caused by falling trees. In mining, explosions caused the greatest loss of life. In the building trades the largest number of fatalities resulted from workmen falling from buildings. In the metal, woodworking, food and tobacco preparation and leather trades the great majority of the injuries, fatal and otherwise, were received by workmen while employed about machinery.

Northward, Ho!

The Iron Horse has made another advance into the cold regions of the north. On Saturday last for the first time the shores of Ontario and Huron were made resound by the shrill blast of the same locomotive. The morning sun shone out clear and cold as we moved off from the Bay street station, the thin air permitting a distinct view of the opposite shores of the lake. We soon reached Bell Ewart, on the shores of Lake Simcoe, which, though yesterday reclaimed from the wilderness, is a place fast assuming the appearance of civilization and active business.

In a short time we found ourselves at Barrie station, and here we must confess we were disappointed. Having never seen Barrie before except on paper, we had formed in our mind a picture, whose truthfulness the reality was far from bearing out. We were told, however, to suspend our judgment until we had seen it in summer, when its beauties are marvelous, and we took the hint. The road being in good order, we made up for the loss of time, running through the sandy plains of Simcoe and other townships at a rate which would have astonished the primitive owners of the soil had any of them remained to witness the exciting scene. The only clearing we noticed on this part of the road is one which, we were told, is the nucleus of a youthful colony planted by the enterprising firm of Messrs. Jacques & Hay, who are about to erect a mill. Owing to the heavy snow which had fallen the previous day, the workmen had been prevented from laying down the ties and rails on a short portion of the road, so that we had to dismount and traverse the remainder (to Collingwood) on foot.

We all returned in safety, thanks to Mr. A. Brunel, after a very pleasant trip—a trip not intended as a formal opening of the road, but simply with the view of inspecting the line, which will not be practically in use until about next year.

(The road, then called the Ontario, Simcoe & Huron Railroad, is now part of the northern division of the Grand Trunk. Mr. Brunel was the superintendent.)—From The Globe, of Dec. 5, 1854.



PARENT EXONERATED.

Quebec Legislative Committee Absolve Him from Choquette Charges.

Quebec, March 15.—The committee appointed by the House of Assembly to investigate the charges against Premier Parent made by Senators Legris and Choquette, concluded its labors yesterday and completely exonerated the Quebec prime minister.

Following is a resumé of the report adopted:

First.—That accusations of Senators Legris and Choquette as set forth in the declaration of LeBlanc, member for Laval, afterwards amended on 3rd of March, 1905, are false.

Second.—That in crown lands, mines and fisheries department, the administration of business has always been carried on by Hon. H. N. Parent and his officers with integrity and honesty, and that no act of favor or impartiality has ever been committed.

In conclusion the committee wish to express regret that Senators Legris and Choquette did not think proper to uphold the stand which they had taken against the department in the face of the public before the committee, where the greatest latitude would have been afforded them.

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JAMES FARRELL,
Executor.

Fredericton, 6th March, 1905—d2eod2wks.

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1 Toilet Set, hand decorated, now \$3.90, was \$7.50
1 Toilet Set, now \$3.75, was \$6.20
1 Toilet Set, now \$5.00, was \$10.00
1 Green and Gold Band Toilet Set, now \$3.75, was \$7.50
1 Toilet Set, Bronze Band, now \$2.80, was \$4.25
1 Toilet Set, slightly damaged, now \$1.75, was \$2.75
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