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DAILY

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AN IMPORTANT QUESTION.

The local opposition instead of criticizing the Attorney General's expenses to England to argue the representation question before the judicial committee of the privy council, will be rendering more efficient service to this province if they unite with the government and its supporters in the legislature to press on the federal authorities the injustice of permitting an arrangement by which the representation of New Brunswick in the House of Commons may be reduced to almost the vanishing point by the growth of the western provinces.

The able speeches of Premier Tweedie and Attorney General Peggley on this question are given in our legislative report, and they show that the government has been fully alive to the necessity of making every possible effort to protect the interests of the province.

There is still opportunity for an arrest of the plan, the operation of which will reduce our influence at Ottawa to a mere cipher, and the resolution moved by the premier should receive the unanimous support of the legislature.

THE CIVIC BLUE BOOK.

What would the members of the legislature and the country think of government management if the auditor general's report did not make its appearance until after the session, when its pages are open to criticism by the Opposition. An yet that is what happens in Fredericton civic affairs. The elections were all over this year before the civic blue book made its appearance, although the civic fiscal year closes Dec. 31st. This happens every year and everybody knows it is not the fault of the city treasurer, whose occupancy of that office gives great satisfaction to his fellow citizens. Neither is the delay due to the auditor. Perhaps the new city council will look into the matter and have the book issued next year within a reasonable time after the accounts are closed, and before the civic elections are held. The ratepayers are entitled to whatever information the book may contain before being asked to express their feelings at the polls on the civic management of the previous year, and a little hurrying up of the civic printer will accomplish the end in view.

Kuropatkin is not likely to get to Tokio to dictate terms of peace to the Japanese. For some days he has been making tracks for St. Petersburg followed very closely by Oyama, and if he escapes the Japanese pursuit he will be lucky. Indeed it is said he will be recalled from his command, for bad management of the Russian campaign.

This is St. Patrick's day, and as usual, the date marks the arrival of more spring like weather. It will be weeks yet before the snow all disappears, and the rivers, lakes and streams are released from the bondage of winter, but everybody will rejoice that the bleak, biting winter weather is no more.

Mr. John T. Hawke proved himself a most energetic and effective chairman of the Moncton School Board, and an effort is being made to induce him to withdraw his resignation, tendered some weeks ago because of disagreement with the board's action in a certain matter.

The arrangement to keep the Fredericton post office open to box holders every evening until 10 o'clock, reached between the Postmaster and the Janitor at the instance of the Board of Trade, will be satisfactory to the public.

The Sun calls the federal government as at present constituted, "a combination of second rate politicians." Well! well! and what was the last Tory government, pray you, besides being "a nest of traitors?"

A well-to-do man never refuses the pennies offered him in change. A well-to-do man is hard to do.

Let a man have an aim, a purpose, and opportunities to attain his end shall start forth like buds in the spring.

FORMER FREDERICTON LADY

Wedded at Windsor, N. S.—Church Beautifully Decorated for the Ceremony.

BRIDE CLOSELY CONNECTED TO WELL KNOWN FREDERICTON FAMILIES

Christ Church, Windsor, Nova Scotia, was the scene of a quiet wedding Wednesday afternoon, the principals being Mr. James Barbour Woodworth, son of the late John W. Woodworth, publisher of the Windsor Tribune, and Miss Annie Louise, second daughter of Mr. J. A. McCallum. Rev. S. Weston-Jones officiated. The church was beautifully decorated with plants and cut flowers. The bride wore a tailor made costume of brown cloth with pipings of brown silk and a becoming hat to correspond. Miss Grace McCallum, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and her costume was of brown cloth with trimmings of cream felt and a brown hat. Both ladies carried beautiful bouquets of bride roses and asparagus fern, and pink carnations respectively. Mr. Percy L. Wilcox was groomsmen. The bride was given away by her father. The ushers were Sydney C. Wilcox, Windsor, and Kenneth Woodworth, of the Union Bank of Halifax.

Only the immediate relatives and a few friends were present as guests. Frank Walker, organist, played the marches as the bridal party entered and retired, also at the close of the choir were present. After the cere-

mony the party were driven to the ceremony. Several members of the home of the bride's parents on King Street, where a dainty tea was served. Mr. and Mrs. Woodworth left on the express from the westward to enjoy a brief honeymoon in Upper Canada and the United States. Many friends were at the station to see them off.

There was a splendid array of presents from friends in the Maritime Provinces and the United States. The groom's present to the bride was a sunburst of pearls and to the bridesmaid, a pearl crescent. The bride and groom are popular young people, who have the best wishes of many friends. They will return in two weeks and reside at Windsor in the furnished house recently occupied by Mr. P. H. Smith. Among the guests from outside were the Misses Mollie and Grace Gossip, of Dartmouth and Mr. and Mrs. Avery Bowser of Grand Pre.

(The bride was a former resident of Fredericton, her father, Mr. John A. McCallum, being an employee of the crown land office and her mother is a sister of Mr. Duncan McDiarmid, of this city.)

POLICING THE PLAINS.

How Canada's Vast Empire of the Plains Is Governed.

The duties of the Northwest Mounted Policeman are perhaps more varied than that of any other officer in the world of like position. The little force of which he forms a part, numbering scarcely more than 500 men, have to police a vast area, almost an empire in extent, extending from the international boundary to the Arctic Ocean. His scarlet uniform is a synonym for law and order. Wherever he rides lawlessness is kept in check, criminals are pursued and brought to justice, the predatory instincts of the Indian tribes are repressed, and the settler sleeps in perfect security, though his nearest neighbor may be miles away.

The Northwest Mounted Policeman's life, active figure is the very embodiment of Canadian justice, swift and unerring, a veritable terror to evil-doers. Whether engaged in tracking a murderer, rounding up horse or cattle thieves, pursuing a redskin into the very heart of an Indian reserve, dominating the mining camps of the Yukon or paddling his lonely canoe on the borders of the Arctic Sea, his conduct is always the same, cool, fearless and indomitable. There is a good deal of human interest in the reports of the men of the Mounted Police. Cattle-stealing is a crime they have frequent experience with, and it is often a difficult thing to prove. Sometimes, however, the perpetrators are caught red-handed.

Here, for example, is an account of how three alleged cattle-thieves were rounded up near MacLeod, Alberta. It is taken from the report of Sergeant Piper of "D" division: "On the 13th of September, accompanied by Constable Pennycook, I left MacLeod for Rocky Coulee to investigate cattle-stealing, which has been reported to have been carried on for several months. I visited the place of R. N. Train, a butcher, formerly of Morris, Man., and afterwards of MacLeod, but now residing on section 8, township 11, range 24, about 16 miles from the town of MacLeod, and about 150 yards from his house towards a coulee found all appliances for butchering cattle. Noticing several hides in the corral, and not wishing to throw any suspicion, I watched the place carefully on the evenings of the 13th and 14th. Nothing happened, and no cattle were butchered. On the 15th we went about seven miles north of Train's place and received information that Train's boy was seen that day driving three steers, brands unknown, towards the home. I determined to keep a close watch on his corral that night. Reaching at about 7.15 p. m., a butte about 300 yards from his corral, we waited. At 7.19 p. m. we heard a rifle shot, sounding as if it had come from the corral. At 7.30 p. m. another rifle shot and a groan from an animal. We immediately made for Train's corral, it being dark when we reached there, I heard the voices of two or three men, and at once ordered them to throw up their hands, which they did. I asked who was boss, and Train replied that he was. Obtaining a lantern, I inspected the place and found three men there—Train, Bram and Carr—also the carcasses of two three-year-old steers that had just been shot. I asked Train what brands were on the cattle, meaning the two just shot. He replied: 'No brands at all. I bought them from a man two or three months ago.' I then told him to go ahead and to take the hides off without injury and dress them properly. He said: 'If I have made a mistake I wish to pay for them.' I then sent for the assistance of three farmers, who lived near the place, meaning to hold the three prisoners at all costs, the night being very dark, and knowing that I had a good case. On the hides being taken off the carcasses they were both found to have the brands Y. T. on the left ribs and the wattle brand on the lower right neck. I then recognized them as the property of George Lane of Calgary. I at once placed Train, Bram and Carr under arrest, and handcuffed and cautioned them."

MARRIAGE IN MEXICO.

How the Engagement and Wedding Ceremonies Are Celebrated.

The Mexican people are hospitable to a fault, always welcoming their friends even though they have not enough to eat themselves. And they religiously visit the sick, including those who have contagious diseases. They are also addicted to public social functions, the invariable mode of entertainment being the dance. They are fond of music, though not proficient in the art of making it, probably more from lack of opportunity than from lack of capacity. The violin and guitar are the usual instruments of music, the repertory of the local musicians being usually limited to a few tunes which are in equal demand for the dance and for the funeral.

One of the most interesting and beautiful of the social functions is the pre-dinner. When a young man wishes to marry he asks for the girl of his choice of the parents, not of the girl herself, and if she is given the pre-dinner at once follows, ushered in by shooting and demonstrations of joy. The bride and bridegroom are publicly presented to their future parents-in-law, after which the company pass in procession in front of the couple, each one dropping a piece of money into the hands of the bride. Then follows the inevitable dance. This public betrothal is considered almost as binding as marriage, and I have heard of but one instance in which the compact was not kept, the recreant bridegroom in that case being visited with ostracism. The betrothal is usually followed by marriage just as soon as the services of the priest can be secured. The marriage ceremony is followed by a feast more notable for the abundance of things to drink than for things to eat and by the usual dance. Indeed the festivities are often prolonged for several nights after the wedding.

THE CREEK INDIANS.

How They Lived in the Early Days in Indian Territory.

In early days in Indian Territory the Creeks had a simple but abundant food always on hand. Among the edibles were sweet potatoes, almost white in flesh, with a brilliant crimson skin. These were stored in dry sand in little cellars dug under the floor of the kitchen cabins, where they were kept perfectly until the next summer. Yellow yams, weighing often six, eight and ten pounds, were also raised. Corn was their standby, and the soil and climate seemed especially favorable to it in all the different varieties they cultivated for their household use. There was the early corn for the roasting ears, the kind that was cooked with the sacred new fire at the annual busk when the first fruits of the year had been offered to the spirits; the soft white flour corn that, beaten in the great wooden mortars, made delicious bread; the hard, flinty corn which, hulled in the mortars, was the basis for sofkey, the great national dish, and, besides, there was rank growing field corn for stock food. Where the cornfields were, pumpkins were also raised, and the late summer and autumn found scaffolds near the cabins with poles strung with sections of pumpkins drying in the sunshine. Corn was boiled on the cob and plaited in long festoons to dry for winter use, and many varieties of beans

and field peas were also dried and stored. Wonderful melons were raised in large quantities of such size and quality that they were surpassed by those of no other country.—Kansas City Journal.

MAX MULLER'S CHANGE.

The Famous Philologist Sorely Needed It When It Came.

When Max Muller, the famous philologist, first arrived in England in 1847, at the invitation of the East India company, he was often obliged to exercise the greatest care in order to eke out his somewhat limited income. Concerning this period of his life an interesting story is told in "The Life and Letters of Muller," edited by his wife.

One day Muller left his spectacles, which he had broken, to be mended at a shop in the Strand, and on calling to fetch them he laid down a sovereign to pay for them. The shopman returned him change for half a sovereign and persisted that Muller had only given him 10 shillings. It was in vain to remonstrate. The man only became abusive to the unmistakable foreigner in a well worn coat, and Muller left the shop, sadly aware that the missing 10 shillings represented several dinners which he must give up.

Some days passed dinnerless when one evening the man rushed out of the shop as Muller was passing with 10 shillings in his hand, which he held out to him.

"Oh, sir," he said, "I have watched for you several days. You were right. I found I had 10 shillings too much when I counted up my money that evening, and I have longed to give it back to you," adding, "for you look as if you wanted it!"

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