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DAILY HERALD.

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INVITATION DECLINED.

His Majesty King Edward is not coming to Canada.

The disappointing news is contained in a despatch which the governor general has received from Lord Elgin, the colonial secretary.

The King says that he could not visit Canada without extending his trip to his other colonial possessions, and, anyway, he is a very busy man and cannot spare the time.

The regret throughout Canada at His Majesty's decision will be exceedingly keen, but he furnishes very good reasons for declining.

No doubt the other colonies would be exceedingly jealous if the King were to honor Canada alone with his presence.

A chorus of disappointment would go up from Australia, New Zealand, India, South Africa and all the other spots of red on the map of the world, and His Majesty would be compelled, from a sense of fairness, and duty, to visit every strip of land where the grand old Union Jack flies.

Possibly, however, the chief reason for the King's declining to visit this country is the fact that his time is practically all hemanded in the transaction of the affairs of his great empire.

Besides attending to the routine duties of his position, he has to keep an eye on all Europe and Asia, and it is believed that in many instances through his tact and active mediation serious international difficulties have been settled.

There is this satisfaction, however, to Canadians. The King wants to come and see us dreadfully bad. He remembers his visit of forty-six years ago when Canada was in swaddling clothes, he has heard that we have since grown and developed into blooming womanhood, and he is proud, indeed, to claim such an important colonial empire.

The King throws us many fragrant bouquets, and makes us glad that we invited him over to take tea with us, but, having furnished us with good excuses for his non-acceptance, we can only express our sincere regrets that the conditions are such as to exclude the possibility of a visit. We shall, however, sing, "God Save the King" none the less heartily, and feel a pride in the fact that His Majesty has not forgotten the "land of the maple leaf," or his loyal subjects in Canada, although he finds it compulsory to decline our hospitality.

NEARING COMPLETION.

The engineering parties who have been making the location surveys of the rival Transcontinental Railway routes through New Brunswick, are closing up their work, and it is expected that by September the commissioners will be in a position to make a recommendation to the government as to whether the central or the valley route is the best for the purposes of the enterprise.

Through the efforts of the friends of the valley route, it is expected information with respect to the rival routes will be full and complete, and that when the government is called upon to make a choice it will be in a position to give the matter much more intelligent consideration than would have been possible had such action been taken a year ago, when some of the engineers appeared to think that the question could have been settled.

The data at that time before the commissioners especially respecting the valley route, was crude and incomplete, so the commissioners, on the suggestion of the government ordered a resurvey, and it is this work that is now nearing completion.

We trust that the question of routes will be decided on the merits, and if this is done, the friends of the valley route have good reason for hoping that their views will prevail.

CURRENT COMMENT

The cabinet ministers at Ottawa are in a happy frame of mind just now. No more puzzling questions for them from the M. P. for York until next November.

A band concert on parliament square would have been a good thing with which to entertain the visiting yachtsmen last night. Wonder somebody didn't arrange it.

A wealthy London merchant, deceased, left \$1,250,000 for temperance work in England, under the direction of the Wesleyan conference, conditional that that body raise an equal amount for the same purpose.

If the King is so busy that he cannot visit Canada, let him send Queen Alexandra over to this country, and see what an outburst of enthusiasm there will be. Her Majesty has got her family raised and pretty well married off, and would enjoy a trip to Canada. She, unlike the King, has never been here.

The dedication of the new St. Anthony's Church today at St. Mary's, marks an important epoch in the history of that energetic parish, and its able and industrious pastor. The new church is, indeed, a credit to Rev. Father Ryan and his people who applied themselves so energetically towards its erection. The presence of His Lordship Bishop Casey and a large number of other clergymen gladdened the hearts of the people of St. Anthony's, who with their pastor, well deserve the encomiums passed upon them.

BITS OF NEWS.

One death and sixteen cases of prostration due to heat, a season's temperature record and unusually high humidity tell in brief the story of Tuesday's oppressively sultry conditions in Boston.

In solid leaden caskets, encased in oak coffins, with massive brass trimmings, the bodies of the late Charles A. Pilon and Walter Barwick, K. C., who were killed in the railway wreck at Salisbury, England, arrived at Toronto Tuesday morning on the 10:50 C. P. R. train from New York.

Eluding the vigilance of a special watch set on him, Christopher Spindemann cheated the gallows by hanging himself in Windsor, Ontario jail, on Tuesday morning. His dead body was found by Turnkey Her, who was on his morning rounds. The murderer had successfully wound a pair of shoe laces around his neck, tied one end to a chain which is attached to his cot, and slowly strangled himself.

Henry H. Rogers' steam yacht, Wild Goose, arrived at Portland on Tuesday, having on board in a dying condition, Charles D. Brown, rear commander of the Docton Yacht Club. Mr. Brown was immediately taken to the Maine General Hospital, where he passed away at 11:30. Mr. Brown suffered a stroke of apoplexy while the fleet was on its way to Cape Porpoise, and he was at once transferred to the fastest boat and the quickest possible run was made for Portland.

AT BISLEY BUTTS.

Canadians Shot in the First Stage for the King's Prize.

Bisley Camp, July 18.—Sergeant Bayles of Toronto, took first in the secretary of state for war competition yesterday, winning £20. Pte. Smith of Ottawa, coming 38th, Mitchell, 39th. Major Dillon, 44th and Sergeant Major Caven 49th, each winning £2. The scores of the Canadians were:

Allen,	45
Blackburn,	43
Caven,	46
Drysdale,	39
Dillon,	46
Forrest,	38
Gilchrist,	45
Huggins,	40
Hayhurst,	41
Kerr,	46
J. Leaske,	40
S. Leaske,	40
Mortimer,	40
Nie, 1st,	39
Pinard,	42
Semple,	42
Skedden,	42
Smith,	46
Mitchell,	34
Whiteley,	34
Youhill,	34

First range of first stage of the King's prize, 200 yards, was shot yesterday. The Canadians' scores were:

Allen,	29
Blackburn,	32
Caven,	32
Drysdale,	32
Dillon,	33
Forrest,	31
Gilchrist,	31
Huggins,	31
Hayhurst,	32
Keer,	32
Leaske,	28
Leaske,	29
Mortimer,	31
Nicholas,	32
Pinard,	32
Semple,	30
Smith,	29
Skedden,	31
Whiteley,	32
Youhill,	32

Canadian prize winners in Alexandria shoot, shot Monday, were:

Semple, 4th,	£10.
Corp. Youhill, 10th,	£10.
Capt. Forrest, 19th,	£5.
Pte. J. Leaske, 24,	
Sergeant Mortimer, 108th,	£3.
Major Dillon, 138th,	£3.
Pte. Blackburn, 150th,	£3.
Sergeant Caven, 187th,	£2.
Sergeant Kerr, 198th,	£2.
Capt. Mitchell, 13th,	£2.

In the Prince of Wales, Pte. Allen of London was 15th and Capt. Skedden of Hamilton, 23rd, each winning £3. Pte. Drysdale of Montreal, was 36th, Capt. Forrest of Vancouver, 49th, and Staff Sergeant Kerr of Toronto, 61th, each winning £2.

CHURCH DEDICATION.

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or and glory of God and as Father Gannon said, it was a monument to the pastor and people and a credit to their zeal and self sacrifice.

What touched him so deeply this morning was the last sentence of the address which contained the assurance of the congregation's allegiance to the Holy See and their unflinching belief in the faith of our fathers. We glory in the faith which was committed to us by God and it is a source of joy to know that the people had the gift of faith, the greatest gift of God to men.

Less than two years ago His Lordship travelled in the Holy Land, and in his reply to the address introduced several scenes recorded in holy writ.

As the people believed in the real presence of God in the sacrament of altar they have erected here a magnificent temple for His dwelling place and he would congratulate the people and pastor over and over again and he could repay ten a hundred fold for any little sacrifice they had made for His honor and glory.

His Lordship is always a pleasing speaker and his address today was impressive and practical.

At the conclusion of the address the services were brought to a close.

NEW BRUNSWICK ROUTE.

Engineers' Reports on Back and River Lines for G. T. P. Nearing Completion.

Ottawa, July 18.—Two of the eight parties engaged in the resurvey of the two routes for the National Transcontinental through New Brunswick have reported, and the others are expected to turn in the results of their field work within a few days. It will take some time for the engineers to reduce their field notes to a statement of quantities and estimates of the cost so that a choice can be made between the river route and the back route.

It is expected that late in September or early in October the commissioners will be in a position to recommend to the government the letting of the contract on one of the routes.

About the same time it is probable tenders will be invited for the construction of another section of the line between Winnipeg and Quebec. This will be to the north of Lake Superior where the facilities for getting the supplies in are considered fairly good.

FIVE MEN DROWNED.

Dreadful Fatality in British Columbia. Victims Were Lumbermen.

Vancouver, B. C., July 18.—A terrible drowning accident occurred on Spillimachee river, 40 miles from Golden, Monday night, when five men out of a boat load of ten were drowned.

The Rock Mountain stream is very high at this time, but the men, who were all working in a lumber camp thought they could safely navigate it in order to get to their camp for supper.

Their confidence resulted in the death of five. The mountain stream was flowing swiftly and when in the middle the combined strength of the rowers proved inadequate to prevent the boat being dashed against a big rock.

The craft was completely wrecked, five of the men being strong swimmers managed to swim ashore, but the other five were drowned. The names are: James Tomlinson, foreman of C. E. Lumber Co.; E. Sanstrom, A. Kinmore, Stephen Norris and another logger supposed to be a foreigner.

HARVEY STATION.

July 18.—The annual festival of the Presbyterian Church, which was held at the lakeside here on Wednesday, was very successful. The day was favorable and the attendance fairly large. The tea tables which were looked after by a committee of young ladies from Manners Sutton, were well patronized.

The refreshment stand under the direction of Wm. Moffatt also did a rushing business.

Little's mammoth merry-go-round operated by Messrs. Briggs and Little, was run steadily all the afternoon and well into the evening and took in about fifty dollars.

The receipts of the day amounted to over \$230.

Miss Annie Taylor of Boston, a professional nurse, arrived on Monday evening to spend a few weeks with her brother, Mr. J. W. Taylor. Miss Taylor was accompanied by Mrs. David G. Taylor of East Boston, who is the guest of her brother, Mr. S. Allen Robinson.

The Misses Emma and Nellie Smith who have been in the nursing profession at Providence, arrived last week to visit their mother, Mrs. W. E. Smith.

REGAINED HIS HEALTH.

Mr. Charles Babbitt, who is now a resident of Colorado, where he has been able to completely regain his health, is home for his vacation, and looks the picture of vigorous young manhood. He is visiting his parents, Mrs. and Mrs. Geo. N. Babbitt, University Avenue.

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