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THE NEW PROVINCES.

Committee of Parliament Arranging Re-adjustment of Constituencies.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—(Special)—This forenoon there was a meeting of a special committee of the house of commons to consider the re-adjustment of constituencies in Saskatchewan and Alberta, on the basis of the last census.

Under the new arrangement, Saskatchewan will have ten constituencies, and Alberta seven. The chairman of the committee, Mr. Turin, submitted a map giving the proposal of the government, side which is as follows:—

Souris, with a population of 35,263; Qu'Appelle, 30,590; Salcoats, 22,135; Mackenzie, 26,554; Regina, 29,705; Moosejaw, 24,281; Saskatoon, 27,757; Battleford, 17,359; Prince Albert, 20,222; Humboldt, 23,903; Alberta, Edmonton, 26,391; Victoria, 23,888; Strathcona, 29,431; Red Deer, 27,806; Calgary, 29,259; Macleod, 24,701; Medicine Hat, 23,983.

The opposition appeared to have a map in their possession, but if so they did not submit it.

ALARMING CONDITIONS.

Many Thousands of Chinese Starving and Likely to Perish—An Appeal for Help.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—(Special)—Dr. Lambert, who is stationed at a hospital at Nanking, China, in a letter dated Jan. 5, reports a terrible condition of affairs, resulting from famine.

About the city of Nanking, he says 50,000 refugees are encamped in grass huts, and the authorities are trying to supply them with old rice. Distribution is made about once a week. The weather has been favorable, but when it becomes wet and cold, there will be a severe time, the people's constitutions being already weakened by short rations and unsanitary surroundings.

The doctor adds that there is extreme need of money to buy materials for clothing.

Dr. Lambert further says that trouble has arisen from the dishonesty of Chinese officers, the Viceroy's son having cornered the rice market.

BESIEGING THE CAPITAL.

Large St. John Delegation Urging Claims of Winter Port on the Federal Government.

Montreal, Feb. 18.—(Special)—While in Montreal yesterday, Mayor Sears of St. John sought to arrange a conference with the Shipping Federation, but instead of meeting the St. John delegates, the Federation will take up the report of the St. John board of trade on the needs of the harbor, and after a study of its recommendations will probably express an opinion, or make recommendations to the government.

Some of them were meeting Mr. Emmerson, laying all the facts before him and others were arranging for an interview with Sir Frederick Borden in regard to the site for an armory.

Mr. Skinner has largely charge of this matter. It is a mere matter of arrangement between the city, and the militia department, and once this is settled, the new armory will be built.

The views of the delegates in regard to the question of dredging has been laid before the minister of railways and Mr. Emmerson will accompany the delegation to see Mr. Fisher who is acting minister of public works.

The only danger seems to be that the delegates may not be of the view. Side issues may creep in and if so, this is to be regretted at a time when so much depends upon the future of the port.

The interests of the contractors, and just who is to blame for delays which have occurred, ought to disappear and a proper and united arrangement made for the future.

Andrew A. Allan of Montreal arrived at noon, and had a half hour interview with Sir Richard Cartwright.

His opposition to the turbines coming to St. John are two-fold. He says that there is not enough of freight and not sufficient water.

Later on Mr. Emmerson and the St. John delegation waited on Sir Richard. They presented their case and are perfectly satisfied from what Sir Richard told them that the mail contract will be kept intact.

The railways will have enough of freight at St. John soon, the motive power being required largely for the west at present. Then the delegation assured Sir Richard that the harbor would accommodate the turbines.

The delegation told the Herald correspondent that they were well satisfied with the results.

The interview with Sir Frederick Borden takes place this afternoon, and with Mr. Fisher tomorrow forenoon.

The interview with the cabinet has not yet been arranged.

Mr. Allan being seen by your correspondent, said that his chief grievance was the lack of freight at St. John.

Being asked what freight he could get at Halifax and not at St. John, he said that they had to go to Halifax with the mails any way.

This largely carries out the idea already expressed in this correspondence, that the Allans do not want to go to St. John if they can help it.

SCOTCH SETTLEMENT.

Feb. 16.—The farmers in this vicinity have their hay nearly all off the islands and are getting their wood up.

Mr. Lorenzo Grant is helping F.W. Clark and James Shaw is working for William Haines.

Mrs. John March is visiting relatives in this locality.

Mr. and Mrs. David Haines spent Thursday with Mrs. Frank Gordon of Springfield, Mrs. Gordon is very ill with congestion.

William Doleman has returned from the lumber woods. He has been working for D. Fraser and Sons at Plaster Rock.

Our school is progressing favorably under the management of Miss Hazel A. Gunter.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Moore of Scotch Lake visited their home last evening. Refresh-

DIED AT MARYSVILLE.

Mr. Joseph Fletcher died quite suddenly at his home at Marysville, this morning, from heart failure. He was fifty-five years of age, and is survived by a widow and two sons, John and George. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. William Scott in Massachusetts, and Mrs. C. H. Macpherson of St. Mary's, and one brother. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon, with services by Rev. Mr. Thomas. Mr. George W. Adams is the officiating undertaker.

Mr. W. S. Tompkins of Woodstock, is a guest at the Barker.

RESIGNED HIS POSITION.

Ex-Fishery Commissioner D. G. Smith is Now a Resident of New York.

Mr. D. G. Smith of Chatham, who for the past ten years has filled the position of fishery commissioner, has resigned his position and gone to New York, where he is now engaged in the insurance business. In his last report to the surveyor general, dated November 29th, is the following paragraph:

"After due consideration of matters which were subject of correspondence with yourself and the Premier in the early months of the year, I was led to the conclusion that I could not continue to hold the office of Fishery Commissioner, which I had filled for more than ten years. I submitted my resignation, which takes effect tomorrow, with much personal regret, not only because I was to leave work which it was a pleasure to perform, but it also meant the severance of official and personal relationships which had always been most pleasant. I beg to thank you for the appreciative expressions with which you referred to my past services when you accepted my resignation. Although I shall no longer reside in New Brunswick, my interest in its great natural resources of forest and stream will be in no way abated, and I shall continue to watch, with pleasure, its development in all that contributes to its well being, and that of its enlightened and progressive people."

Referring to Mr. Smith's resignation, the surveyor general, in his report says:

"In connection with the Provincial Fisheries, I wish to record my sincere regret at the loss the Province has sustained in the resignation of D. G. Smith, Fishery Overseer, who has removed from the Province. Mr. Smith was a painstaking and conscientious official, and his efforts in calling the attention of our people to the importance of this valuable asset of the Province have indeed been praiseworthy. In his removal from the Province my department has lost a good official, and the Province a kind and genial gentleman. I would suggest that this position be combined with that of Chief Forest Ranger."

NEILL AND SHERMAN.

Two Fredericton Boys Appointed Assistant General Managers of the Royal Bank.

Montreal, Feb. 18.—(Special)—Mr. E. A. Pease, general manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, announces the appointment of two assistant general managers. C. E. Neill, at present chief inspector, will be one, with headquarters at Montreal, and the other man will be F. J. Sherman, at present in charge of the bank's branch office in Cuba.

Mr. Sherman will divide his time between Havana and Montreal.

The appointment of the young men is confirmed by private despatches received here today, and their many Fredericton friends will be delighted to hear of their promotion. Mr. Neill is a son of Mr. James S. Neill, and Mr. Sherman of Mrs. L. W. Sherman, both of Fredericton.)

SMALLPOX OUTBREAK.

Ten Cases in a Musquash Lumber Camp.

Ten cases of smallpox have been discovered in the camp of the Inglewood Pulp Co. at Musquash, St. John County. The disease was pronounced chicken pox by the local doctor there, and two of the men from the camp came to St. John, afterwards leaving for Nova Scotia. The board of health authorities sent two physicians to Musquash to report on the cases, and last evening Thomas Gorman, chairman of the board of health, received word from Musquash that the cases had been diagnosed as smallpox. The houses in which the two men boarded while in this city were then immediately quarantined.

There are between ten and twelve men ill at the camp and ten of the cases have been pronounced smallpox, although the cases are not yet fully developed.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, Feb. 18.—(Special)—Canadian Pacific and Soo Common were the strongest features on the stock list today.

The former sold at 188½ to 1, while Soo sold at 125.

The tone of the market was generally strong but on the dull side. The leading features were:

Illinois pd. 93½ to 94.

Dominion Iron, 22.

Mexican Bonds 85.

Toronto Railway 113.

HON. A. G. BLAIR.

Personal Recollections of the Much Lamented Statesman From the Pen of an Old Schoolfellow and Life Long Friend.

Mr. Charles H. Lugin, editor of the Victoria, B. C., Daily Colonist, former well known Frederictonian, and a life long friend of the late Hon. A. G. Blair, sends the Herald the following tribute to the memory of the deceased statesman, under the head of

"PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS."

"I suppose that I may call myself the oldest personal friend of the late Andrew G. Blair, with the exception of my elder brother.

He is associated with the earliest recollections of my childhood, and I think that perhaps I know his real character better than any one else.

As a boy he was a great reader, with a taste for solid literature beyond his years. I remember his recommending me, when he could not have been more than fifteen, and I was, of course, some years younger, to read Buckle's History of Civilization. He was very fond of Macaulay and fairly revelled in Shakespeare, at an age when most boys did not aim at anything higher than Robinson Crusoe and the Swiss Family Robinson, the latter of which I remember was his favorite piece of literature before he advanced to heavier reading.

He was not specially robust as a lad, and while he took part in all games, he was not very proficient in any of them, and seemed to tire easily. His fondness for innocent practical jokes was extreme, and he could carry off an embarrassing situation with consummate ability.

At school he was

STUDIOUS RATHER THAN BRILLIANT

and was always a well-behaved boy. I do not recall that he ever got into any scrapes at school. As a little fellow he was particularly fond of drawing, and at his suggestion my brother and I used to meet with him in the evenings, when it was not too late to play out of doors, and draw maps.

The adoption of map-drawing in the schools of Fredericton was the result of our being discovered at this work by a prominent teacher.

As a boy he always had a great ambition to be an orator, but he never attained his wish in this respect. He himself attributed his failure to lack of imagination.

I notice by the Herald, that my friend, Judge Wilson, says that the first time Mr. Blair addressed the constituency of York was in 1870. This may have been the first time that he did so on his own account, but in the once famous Fisher-Pickard campaign of 1865, Andrew Blair was very active. He espoused the cause of Confederation, and on more than one platform successfully met such a redoubtable opponent as the late W. H. Needham. In later years Judge Fisher told me that much of his success in that campaign was due to his young supporter, Andrew G. Blair.

Mr. Blair was at all times a somewhat difficult man to please. He was very chary about receiving suggestions. A man of strong opinions, he usually forced them upon others, and he was not always as judicious as he might have been in his reference to his opponents. I remember one occasion when he assailed the late Dr. Elder in such terms of sarcasm, that the Doctor, who felt sarcasm more keenly than any person I have ever known, came to me and said with tears in his voice: "Your friend, Blair, forgets that there are tomorrows in politics."

For a time it seemed as if there would

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when he and Mr. Blair could work together, but it was reached at last, although only after I had made to Dr. Elder, in Mr. Blair's name, an offer of the leadership of the opposition. The offer was declined, but with a promise that after Mr. Fraser was elevated to the bench, the Doctor would join forces with Mr. Blair, which he did, and the result

ITALIANS INJURED.

Port Arthur, Ont., Feb. 18.—(Special)—Five Italians were injured in a collision between a freight train and a working train on the C. P. R. near Schreiber on Friday. The injured men were brought to the hospital here, where two of them are in a serious condition.

OTTAWA SUICIDE.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—(Special)—Mrs. Florent, an Italian woman, living at 69 Besserer street, was found in bed with her throat cut from ear to ear. At first murder was suspected, but now it looks like a case of suicide.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

Montreal, Feb. 18.—(Special)—William J. McGee was today committed for trial on a charge of forging the name of A. G. Brown to a document of transfer of \$1,000 worth of stock in the People's Mutual Building Society of which he was treasurer. McGee has already pleaded guilty to many serious charges of theft.

PRODUCE MARKET.

Montreal, Feb. 18.—(Special)—The cheese market was dull with not more than ten thousand boxes on hand. The price is 13½ to 14 cents.

The butter market is unchanged, 25 to 35 for choicest creamery, and 24 to 25 for mediums.

CHARLES H. LUGRIN,
Victoria, B. C., Feb. 7, 1907.