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THE PREMIER'S RETURN.

Canadians are looking forward with pleasure to the return of Sir Wilfrid Laurier from his European trip, and in at least two of the leading cities the Premier will be given a formal welcome which is certain to develop into a great popular demonstration.

Sir Wilfrid sails for Canada on Friday next, and should reach Quebec a week later. At the "great capital," his friends are planning a great reception and at Ottawa he will be tendered a non-political welcome.

Canadians, regardless of party, are proud of Laurier—proud of his achievements in bringing this country to its present stage of great prosperity, proud of his splendid record in Imperial concerns—proud, infinitely proud of his clean personal and political record.

The breath of scandal has never touched Laurier, a man of the highest moral sense, record and aspirations, a patriot, a statesman and a gentleman.

Sir John A. Macdonald, in his palmist days, never reached a greater degree of strength and popularity than is Sir Wilfrid Laurier's at the present moment. Sir Wilfrid has worked hard and successfully to broaden and deepen the foundations of a united Canada, to exploit and develop her great resources, to arouse and intensify a strong national sentiment, to break down race and religious prejudices, to teach toleration and patriotism to his people, and in all of these efforts he has been remarkably successful.

Few public men in any country have got so close to the hearts of the people as Laurier, winning them by his rare personal graces, his tact and ability in statesmanship, his high personal character and sincere devotion to duty, and his return home, to the land which he serves so well and loves so devotedly, will be the signal for rejoicing from the Atlantic to the Pacific, in every town and hamlet where Laurier's great fame and name have gone.

A STUMBLING BLOCK.

It would be a thousand pities if anything should stand in the way of the re-erection of the Aberdeen Mill in this city. The Messrs. Fraser are very anxious before commencing to build to secure a C. P. P. spur line to their property and unless this is possible they are likely to abandon their enterprise and this is where the trouble arises. The owners of the property through which the line would run, refuse to sell, but there should be some way out of the difficulty. Expropriation of private lands for the public good is not an unheard of proceeding, and the city which is deeply interested in the rebuilding of the mill could doubtless secure such authority from the legislature. It would be a great deal more satisfactory to all parties concerned if such a harsh measure could be avoided, but Fredericton wants the mill and it is evident that it cannot be obtained unless the right to build a spur line of railway is conceded. The question is one that demands prompt attention from the authorities.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has a total mileage of 9,154.

Great weather for the crops, especially for grass which promises an abundant yield.

Fredericton has still to combat the family compact. The landed interests stand in the way of industrial extension.

There is no grumbling this year among the lumbermen. The logs have all come down, lumber prices are good and freights reasonable.

The Liberals of North Ontario have unanimously renominated Mr. George D. Grant, M. P., for the House of Commons. Mr. Grant is the young gentleman who put it all over Hon. George E. Foster in North Ontario, a few years ago.

Mr. Tennyson Smith, before sailing for England from Montreal last week gave the citizens of the Canadian metropolis a dressing down for having a brewer in the mayoralty chair.

The old Chipman house at St. John, rich in historic associations, was sold at auction Saturday for \$28 King Edward and many other notable people had found shelter under its hospitable roof.

The drowning of a popular young banker by the upsetting of a canoe on the Kennebecasis, Sunday afternoon, should be a lesson to those who use that frail kind of craft. The canoe from which young Grieve lost his life appears to have been overloaded, and in a choppy sea overturned and threw its precious freight into the water.

Disheartened and dissatisfied with Mr. Borden's effort to lead his party Tories are looking for a new head. The latest suggestion is Sir William VanHorne who is seriously put forward by a Tory newspaper. Mr. Borden must feel very cheap in realizing that there is a feeling of general dissatisfaction with his leadership.

Hamilton Times:—"Are you a native Canadian? Take pride in it. Are you a Canadian by adoption? Be thankful. But get rid of the rags of the old world notions. Shed your prejudices. Forget your feuds and grudges. They are unsuited to the pure free air of the Dominion. Enjoy your liberty to the full. Exercise your capacities. The extent of your achievements is the measure of your manliness. And thank God that you are a Canadian."

The British colonies in South Africa are getting rid of their Chinese settlers as fast as possible. Last week in one batch 1948 of them were deported. Measures were adopted last month for the abolition of Asiatic immigration to Natal by Dec. 31, 1908, and providing at the same time for the repatriation of the Chinese coolies now in the colonies at the termination of their contracts.

The present unpleasantness between the United States and Japan is not likely to develop into war. The latter has not recovered from the financial straits brought on by her expensive war with Russia, and would scarcely court a conflict with so powerful and resourceful a nation as the neighboring public. At any rate before things reach a dangerous crisis, it is likely that King Edward the peacemaker, the friend of both nations will use his powerful influence to bring about an understanding.

Speaking of Mr. W. L. McKenzie King deputy minister of labor who is apparently being boomed for a cabinet position, Hon. Rudolph Lemieux, postmaster general at Berlin, Ontario last week, Mr. King's native town, declared that the young man is a true type of a Canadian. "A grandson of an illustrious patriot, the son of a noble sire, you can well afford to be proud of him. A great and good man, my predecessor, Sir William Mulock, secured his services a few years ago, as head of the new Department of Labor, and his name is now known throughout all Canada. No man is better acquainted with the labor movement in this country, and may I add, that no one has given more of his time and studies to the establishment of industrial peace in Canada."

THE TENNIS MATCH.

The Fredericton Players had no Trouble Taking St. John into Camp.

The Fredericton tennis players won a great victory over St. John in the match here on Saturday. The weather conditions were ideal and everything passed off pleasantly. Out of twenty-seven sets played, Fredericton won nineteen and it was only in the gentlemen's doubles that the visitors got the best of their opponents.

The players were entertained to luncheon at the residence of George N. Babbitt at 1 o'clock and tea was served on the grounds by the ladies' committee. A majority of the visiting players returned to St. John by the evening train.

The following were the scores:

MEN'S SINGLES.
A. R. Babbitt vs. A. M. McAvity, 6-1, 9-11, 8-6.
S. W. Babbitt vs. W. M. Angus, 8-1, 5-7, 5-7.
W. H. Norton-Taylor vs. A. S. Peters, 2-6, 7-5, 2-6.
C. F. Randolph vs. Wm. Lockhart, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.
D. B. Winslow vs. C. F. Inches, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.
Prof. Perrott vs. H. McKay, 7-5, 6-2.
Total—St. John, 3; Fredericton 5.

LADIES' DOUBLES.
Mrs. Babbitt and Miss Babbitt vs. Miss Nan Barnaby and Miss Schofield, 6-3, 6-2.
Miss P. Babbitt and Miss Tibbitts vs. Mrs. Barker and Miss Barnaby, 6-7, 6-1, 6-3.
Miss Crockett and Miss Grace Winslow vs. the Misses Hazen, 3-6, 2-6.

Total—St. John 1; Fredericton, 2.

MEN'S DOUBLES.
C. H. Allen and S. W. Babbitt vs. W. B. Stewart and W. M. Angus, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.
H. G. Chestnut and H. R. Babbitt vs. H. Mackay and A. M. McAvity, 6-1, 6-8, 2-6.
H. R. Babbitt and C. F. Randolph vs. Lockhart and A. S. Peters, 6-3, 4-6, 4-6.
D. B. Winslow and W. H. Norton-Taylor vs. W. G. Pugsley and C. F. Inches, 7-5, 4-6, 5-7.
Total—Fredericton, 1; St. John, 3.

MIXED DOUBLES.
C. H. Allen and Miss H. Babbitt vs. W. B. Stewart and Miss Schofield, 6-2, 6-3.
Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Babbitt vs. W. M. Angus and Miss M. Barnaby, 6-1, 6-2.
S. W. Babbitt and Miss P. Babbitt vs. A. M. McAvity and Miss P. Barnaby, 6-4.
H. G. Chestnut and Miss Tibbitts vs. W. Lockhart and Mrs. Barker, 6-3, 6-3.
D. B. Winslow and Miss Palmer vs. A. S. Peters and Miss K. Hazen, 6-2, 6-3.
A. R. Babbitt and Miss Lenore Allen vs. C. F. Inches and Miss P. Hazen, 6-8, 8-6, 7-5.

Total—Fredericton, 6; St. John, 0.
Grand Total—Fredericton, 19; St. John, 8.

The Sun says, The St. John players had a most enjoyable trip and speak in praise of the hospitable manner in which they were entertained by the Fredericton Club. The day was fine and the courts in good condition notwithstanding a severe thunder and lightning storm of the night before.

UNIQUE SOUVENIR.

Fragments of an Historic Bell to be Sold at the Village Picnic.

Right Rev. Bishop Casey will arrive here tomorrow and go to Central Kingsclear where he will on Wednesday perform the ceremony of blessing the new bell on the Catholic Church at that place.

The bell was donated to the church by Miss Susan Goodine, a former resident of Kingsclear, who now resides near Boston.

At the picnic which will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday, the tenth instant on the grounds of the tenth instant on the grounds, adjoining the church a unique souvenir will be disposed of. It will be a small bell made from the remains of the historic bell destroyed when the church was burned in March, 1904.

The history of the bell, as taken from the old church records, is as follows:

"The Indian church of Saint Jean-Baptiste at Meductee was built by Jean Baptiste Loyer, Jesuit, in the year of 1717. It received among other gifts a bell from Louis XIV. of France. In August, 1767, the missionary to the Indians on the River St. John (Rev. Charles-François Bailly) caused the bell to be transported to Ekouipahag (or Aukpague) where it was placed in the Indian chapel and removed from thence to French Village in the year 1794.

St. Anne's Church, in which this historic bell was placed, was burned to the ground March 1st, 1904, and the bell which for nearly two centuries had pealed forth its silvery music on the banks of the lordly St. John, and in its pealings, told of least and dirge and duty, would alas! no longer ring out its sweet tones from its accustomed place, for it, too, like the sacred edifice that so long had harbored it, was totally destroyed.

The fragments, however, were collected, and out of them these two hundred souvenir bells were moulded and these will be sold at a small price during the picnic.

BIG FAMILY.

Moncton Transcript: Mr. E. H. Theriault, of the I. C. R. audit office, is being congratulated on having been presented with his eighteenth child, which event took place at Barachois, near Shediac, last night.

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