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THE HOLIDAY.

It is to be hoped that nothing that can possibly be avoided, shall be permitted to interfere with the proper celebration of coronation day in this city.

Thursday June 26 is proclaimed a public holiday throughout Canada as well as in every portion of the British Empire, and it is the duty of all good, loyal subjects of the King to respect his request. It may be impossible of every man woman and child to abandon his or her employment for the day, don holiday clothes and celebrate. There are lines of business, that must be kept moving, the railways and steamboat service the post office and other public institutions cannot entirely close up, but mercantile houses, industrial establishments, etc can and should shut down during coronation day.

In Fredericton there is a general disposition to make the observation of the King's coronation day a notable event, and arrangements that have been entered upon are a guarantee that the celebration can be made a great success, an honor to the city and pleasing to the citizens and visitors. It would be a thousand pities therefore if the action of any one citizen or any number of citizens should discount the success of the celebration.

The people will not be doing much shopping on coronation day, they are going in for a celebration of the crowning of the King, a good, old-fashioned holiday in honor of His Majesty, and they do not want business mixed up with their enjoyment. There are a large number of people in this city who will be in another world before another coronation, and they want to be able to participate in the crowning festivities of at least one sovereign.

There will be practically little loss to business if all the stores close on coronation day, and we trust that for the sake of the great event to be celebrated, and for the benefit of their employees, the business men will one and all close up their establishments on Thursday, June 26.

A SIGNAL HONOR.

It is seldom that a Sovereign of Great Britain bestows such an honor on anyone outside the Royal circle as fell to Hon. Mr. Choate the United States Ambassador at the court of St. James, and the result must be an increase in the cordial relations already existing between Great Britain and the great American republic. King Edward and the Queen last night dined at the United States embassy in London, and made themselves particularly agreeable to Mr. and Mrs. Choate and their other guests, who included two married sisters of President and Roosevelt, and the U. S. special ambassador to the coronation Hon. Whitelaw Reid, editor of the New York Tribune. Such eminent persons as Princess Victoria, the Duke of Norfolk, the Duke and Duchess of Portland, Lord Rosebery, the Bishop of London, the Earl and Countess of Pembroke, Earl and Countess Spencer, Sir William and Lady Vernon Harcourt, A. J. Balfour and Mrs. Balfour, the Earl of Derby, Lady Alice Stanley, the Russian ambassador, and J. Pierpont Morgan, were among the guests at the dinner.

The King had the honor of an introduction to J. Pierpont Morgan, the New York gentleman who is gradually buying up the earth and may be looking for an option on the British Empire.

The gathering was certainly unique as

it was distinguished, and was an evidence, not only of the tact of the King, but of the respect in which the American ambassador and the country he represents is held in British Imperial circles. Our American friends no doubt are delighted with the honor extended to their official representative, and the event should put the final seal of disapproval on the lion tail twisting proclivities of many American fourth of July and pre-election orators.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has received a lot of advice from the Dominion Board of Trade which met last week at Toronto, as to what his attitude should be when he goes to the Colonial conference. Parliament declined to give the premier any instructions in the matter, but the gentlemen of the Board of Trade felt themselves more competent to post Sir Wilfrid than did parliament. To the ordinary outsider it looks as if the Board of Trade was unnecessarily officious.

Col. Lynch M. P., will now have an opportunity to explain why he fought on the Boer side. He was promptly nabbed on landing in England.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Presbyterian Parliament Representing
All Canada in Session—Some Statistics.

Toronto, June 12.—Between 600 and 700 representative Presbyterian pastors and elders from all parts of Canada attended the opening of the general assembly in Bloor street church last night. The retiring moderator, Rev. Dr. Warden, instead of preaching the customary sermon, made a statement full of information as to the position and outlook of the church.

Summarizing figures, showing the strength of the church, Doctor Warden said in connection with the 58 presbyteries of the church, there are 1,368 ordained ministers, of whom 1,198 are pastors of congregations, professors in colleges or filling positions to which they have been appointed by the assembly. There are 783 self-supporting charges, embracing 1,152 congregations and 203 charges embracing 370 congregations, aided by these augmentation fund. In addition to these, there are 506 home mission fields, with 1,461 stations, at which the gospel is more or less regularly preached by Presbyterian missionaries.

The elders number 7,559, the families 118,114 and communicants 219,470, a net gain of 5,799 to the membership reported a year ago. The number of communicants received during the year on profession of faith was 11,259, an average of seven to each congregation, not including mission fields; 228 congregations report no conversions during the year, no members received on confession of faith, and in 656 of the other congregations where additions were made on confession of faith the number in no case exceeds six. There was surely ground for humiliation.

Our people he said, contributed last year \$1,052,691 towards salaries of their ministers and \$2,857,489 for all denominational purposes. The value of property owned by the congregations was a little more than \$10,000,000 on which there was still indebtedness of about \$1,500,000.

There are 3,196 Sabbath schools connected with the church (an increase of 147 over the number reported in the previous year) with 21,717 teachers and officers and 183,335 scholars. The scholars show an increase of 626 over the number reported a year ago. There are 199 students in five theological colleges, 46 graduating last year. This number was not enough to supply the demand for pastors and home missionaries and a number of men were brought from Great Britain.

Dr. Warden spoke at length of the great home mission work done by the church. He said: "Home mission work in all sections of the dominion is most hopeful and encouraging. We have 78 home mission fields in the eastern section with 231 preaching stations, and 428 fields with 1,280 preaching stations in the western section. In connection with these fields, there are 16,474 families and 18,477 communicants. Of the members, 1,986 were received last year on confession of faith. We have missionaries among Icelanders, Scandinavians, Germans, Norwegians, Swedes, Bohemians, Galicians and Donkhorbs and mission day schools among the Galicians. We have two trained missionary nurses at Atlin, (B. C.)

Contributions of our people last year for home mission work were greatly in excess of any former year, amounting to \$122,731. In addition, funds were provided for augmentation of stipends in weak charges and for French evangelization, bringing the total for home mis-

sion work up to \$181,778. For foreign missions \$158,561 were given."

Rev. Dr. Bryce of Winnipeg was elected moderator.

Fanning to the West.

The influx of settlers to the Canadian West is simply wonderful. At Medicine Hat we are in a position to size up the great incoming, especially of Americans, as we see here daily train load after train load of would-be settlers, bringing with them car-loads of miscellaneous effects—horses, cattle, implements, household stuff. The exodus, this time from the States into Canada, shows that the undeveloped riches of Western Canada are becoming known, and Canada is coming into her own. The rush of settlers is unprecedented, and is taxing the railways to the limit to handle the business in connection with their trade.—Medicine Hat News.

The Long Flight of Birds.

A well known provincial ornithologist, in speaking of the migration of birds, says that the longest flight made, perhaps, is by some of the shore-and-water birds that nest in the islands of the Behring Sea and spend the winter at Hawaii and Fanning Islands. As some of these birds live altogether on shore, and are probably unable to rest on the surface of water, they must accomplish this entire distance in a single flight, a distance of about 2,200 miles. In spite of the absence of landmarks, they go straight to their destination.

A Clever Retort.

A legal dignitary who had risen from a humble rank of life was twitted by an opponent for "having begun life as a barber's boy." "It is true that I did so," was the answer, "and if you had begun in a similar station you would have remained there till the present day."

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The same being a portion of the property and logs mentioned in a certain security given by the above named Hale & Murchie to the People's Bank of Halifax, under the provisions of sec 74, of "The Bank Act," (1890 cap 31), bearing date the twenty-eighth day of March, A. D. 1902, default having been made in payment of the promissory notes mentioned in the said security.

In witness whereof the said the People's Bank of Halifax have caused this notice to be signed by their President, and the corporate seal of the said Bank to be affixed thereto this twenty-eighth day of May, A. D. 1902

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