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TERCENTENARY.

Hon. J. W. Longley Arrived
Here Saturday.

Will Meet the Local Committee—Mr.

Longley Said Nova Scotia Com-

mittee Had Their Work

Well in Hand.

Hon. J. W. Longley, author, philosopher, and incidentally attorney general of Nova Scotia, came to St. John Saturday night and returned on Monday.

Mr. Longley's particular business in this town is non-political and not strictly literary. He has come to confer with the joint committees of the various societies and others interested in the question of the tercentenary of the first European exploration of the Bay of Fundy. There has been a good deal of talk, but not very much action, in St. John on this matter. In Nova Scotia less talk has been made and more work has been done.

This is because Mr. Longley, as president of the Nova Scotia Historical Society, provincial ministry, and representative of Annapolis county, has taken hold of the matter himself and carried on a large correspondence. Inquiry by a representative of the Sun elicited from Mr. Longley the statement that he had sent out hundreds of letters on this business during the last six months.

The Nova Scotia idea is to hold a celebration at Annapolis as near as may be on the anniversary of the arrival of De Monts and his party at Port Royal.

"We regard it as a very important American anniversary, since Port Royal was the first permanent settlement made by Europeans in Canada, and about the second in North America."

You call it a De Monts and not a Champlain anniversary? Of course, since De Monts was the chief of the expedition, though Champlain may have been an able man and was the writer of the story.

Mr. Longley states that replies to his invitations have been received from the Historical Societies of New York, the United States Historical Society, the Massachusetts Historical Society, the Vermont Historical Society, the Maine Historical Society, the Historical Societies of Montreal, Quebec, and Ottawa, and the Royal Society of Canada. He expects that many more which are not yet heard from will be represented at the Annapolis gathering.

All the universities of the Northeastern States and of Canada have been invited, and the presidents of some of them will be there and others will send representatives.

"I am struggling now with the governor general and the premier of Canada, neither of whom is able to give a definite assurance that he will attend. All the lieutenant governors and provincial prime ministers have been invited. We have the promise of Premier Ross of Ontario, and of Mr. Fielding and Sir Frederick Borden and of the leader of the New Brunswick government. The government of the United States has been asked to send an official representative, and so has the government of France, but the communications in these cases must go through official channels, and no final announcements can yet be made."

What about ships of war? The admiral has promised to send his ship, and we hope that some foreign vessels may honor the occasion. Can a ship of war go up to Annapolis town? I presume so, said Mr. Longley. I know the water is deep enough in the harbor. Besides I do not suppose that the admiral would consent to send a ship unless he knew it could get there.

Mr. Longley's idea coincides with that expressed here at the various conferences, that the celebration at Annapolis should take place early in the week, beginning June 29th, and that the St. John events should take place immediately after. That would allow the St. John celebration to include St. John's Day. The delegates,

orators, distinguished visitors, ships of war and all the other machinery of the celebration could be moved across the Bay so that the affair would really be a continuous celebration.

At eleven a. m. today Mr. Longley will meet at the office of Dr. R. Jack, Fritz Wulff a street, the members of the St. John Tercentenary committee and any other persons who may be interested.

Mr. Longley General Longley has been president of the Nova Scotia Historical Society six or seven years. He has done a considerable quantity of historical work, including two biographies written within the last two years. His life of Joseph Howe in Morning's Makers of Canada Series, is now going through the press. Mr. Longley is not taking a political trip. He says he is not much interested in politics any way, except so far as is necessary in the line of his duty. He does not expect to be in St. John on the anniversary of the government and consequently has no expectation of the premiership. Nor does he seek it.

FREDERICTON.

Funeral of Late Herbert Wade—Got a Government Job—Confirmation at the Cathedral.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 20.—The funeral of the late Herbert Wade of Pemmias was held this afternoon. Deceased was operated upon a few days ago for bowel trouble and failed to rally. He was one of the best known lumber surveyors on the river, being employed by the boom company in the summer and by lumber operators in the winter. He leaves a widow and three boys. Mrs. Clarence N. Goodspeed, Pennias, was his sister.

Arnaud B. Miles of Mansfield, for many years surveyor for the New Brunswick Railway Co., has resigned his position and accepted an appointment from the local government as scaler for the upper Miramichi and lower St. John river districts.

The case of Haines v. school trustees No. 2 parish, Southampton, was up for trial yesterday before Judge Wilson in chambers. The action is one for wages alleged to be due the plaintiff as teacher. Crockett for plaintiff, Gregory for defendant.

Amos Obensh, who was recently appointed inspector of schools for Westmorland county, addressed the men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon. He leaves after the new year to take up his new duties and will reside in Moncton.

A confirmation service was held at the cathedral this evening. The ceremony was performed by Bishop Kingdon.

TURKEY AGREES

To the Demands of the United States Government.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 20.—The Porte has agreed to the demands of the United States government and has ordered the governor of Alexandria to make ample apology to Consul Davis for the insults offered him and the assault committed upon him by the consul's police. It is expected that the consul will be accompanied on board a departing steamer a naturalized American citizen named Attarin, who had been liberated from prison through the intervention of Mr. Davis.

United States Minister Leisham arrived at a friendly understanding in the premises with Tewfik Pasha, the Turkish foreign minister. The Porte notified the United States legation orally and in writing of the instructions telegraphed to the Vah of Aleppo to order the governor of Alexandria to call on Consul Davis immediately upon his arrival at Alexandria and offer to him a complete apology.

The Porte has also promised to punish the police officials who assaulted Consul Davis and will allow Attarin to depart unhindered.

The United States cruiser San Francisco, with Rear Admiral Cotton, which left Beirut Friday evening for the purpose of taking Consul Davis to Alexandria, is expected to arrive here today and if the Turkish government carries out the programme it has formulated the Alexandria incident may be considered closed.

It is felt here that delay or complications are not likely, but Rear Admiral Cotton has received instructions to meet all eventualities.

THE FAR EAST.

War Reports Appear to Have Some Solid Foundation.

Russia Assuming a More Defiant Role Than Ever Before—Japan Cannot Accept the Ultimatum.

(U. S. Associated Press.)

PEKING, Dec. 20.—The report cabled from Tien Tsin to London on Saturday to the effect that Japan had sent an ultimatum to Russia is discredited here and no information of a corroborative nature is in the possession of the foreign legations.

While the knowledge of the legations on the situation led them to believe that the sending of an ultimatum is impossible, the prospects of war are, however, evidently increasing. The British legation some days ago received a telegram indicating that war was possible and the Japanese legation is officially informed that Russia's recent reply to the Japanese proposals was unsatisfactory.

PEKING, Dec. 20.—While no news has been received at the Japanese legation that Japan has sent an ultimatum to Russia, it is recognized at the legation that a grave crisis is approaching. Major General Yamani, the Japanese military attaché, and the Japanese consul Xuan Shai Kai's troops, have both started for Japan.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Reuter's Telegram Co. has learned that considerable anxiety exists in the best informed circles of London regarding the possible outcome of the situation in the Far East. Fears, it says, are expressed that the Russian government may have overstepped the boundary which

would make a continuation of peaceful negotiations with Japan possible. It may be regarded as quite certain it asserts that Japan will not accept the principles of the last Russian note which are altogether at variance with Japan's main contentions, and that Japan's reply must necessarily be cast along this line. Apart from the delicate state of the negotiations between the two nations, Reuter says, it is also known that Russia is assuming a more defiant attitude and the outlook may be regarded as more gloomy than it hitherto has been, although it cannot yet be said that the resources of diplomacy have been completely exhausted.

It concludes by saying that there is no actual news of fresh developments and that no ultimatum has been sent by Japan to Russia. The native press recently related a circumstantial story to the effect that in the event of Manchuria being retained by Russia it was the intention of Great Britain to establish a protectorate over the Yang Tze Valley as compensation, and to appoint a viceroy therein, so that her prestige in the Far East would be equal to Russia's. Some of the native papers gave the Chinese foreign board as authority for the story. This fiction is largely credited and is causing hostility against Great Britain. The increase in the matter of increased dividend was not considered, and will not be till February next, as the dividend in the common stock is not payable till March 15th.

LAURIER GOVERNMENT

Thinking About Annexing Newfoundland and Greenland.

Matters Which Will Necessitate Negotiations With Denmark as Well as With France.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—It is understood the government has now under consideration the question of bringing Newfoundland into the Canadian confederation, and also of annexing Greenland. The decision of the Alaska boundary commission, which has given the United States a permanent title to a large strip of land on the Pacific coast which should have been in possession of Canada, has at last put the government thinking. As far as Greenland is concerned the Canadian government will have to negotiate with Denmark through the Imperial authorities with a view to purchasing the island.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The Globe's Ottawa despatch says there is good reason to think that the dominion government has under consideration the institution of negotiations with a view to their object the admission of Newfoundland and Greenland into the confederation. It is not known whether the subject has been before the cabinet as yet, but there is no doubt that it will be a matter of discussion before long. True, the French shore question remains unsettled, but it is pointed out that Great Britain and France are better friends at present than they have been for a long time, and this is expected to make the settlement a comparatively easy matter. As to Greenland the Danish government would probably be willing to part with the island for a sum of money, but it is provided that a suitable compensation was offered.

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N. S. STEEL & COAL CO.

Meeting of the Directors
Yesterday at New
Glasgow.

The Company Is the Second Largest

Producer of Coal in Nova Scotia

—Surprising Figures

for Next Year.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 21.—The directors of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co. met in New Glasgow today to consider the result of the year's operations. The coal output for the present year at Sydney Mines was shown to be in round figures eighty per cent. in excess of last year's yield, and the output of the Marsh mine, near New Glasgow, 75 per cent. greater than the previous year. Two new colliers started at Sydney Mines have been brought up to the producing stage, and although not fully complete or anything like up to their maximum capacity, they produced one hundred thousand tons during the year. This company is the second largest producer of coal in the province, and it is estimated that 700,000 tons of coal will be raised next year. These figures came as somewhat of a surprise to the public, as it was not thought that the company was developing its very extensive coal fields to this extent. The increase in pig iron and steel was shown to be a very considerable, and the output of ingots and finished steel considerably in excess of last year's. The matter of increased dividend was not considered, and will not be till February next, as the dividend in the common stock is not payable till March 15th.

HARD TIMES.

Three Thousand Actors in New York
Without Employment—Poor Theatrical Receipts—A Sign of Trade and Business.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—It is a significant indication of the present condition of hard times in the theatrical world that in New York alone 3,000 actors are without employment, and that 800 companies have disbanded for the season. An interesting article by W. H. Harrison on this unusual situation is published in the current Harper's Weekly. It seems that art and rubbish have suffered together; neither Shakespeare, with one of our most popular actors in the cast, nor the kind of farces and musical comedies which have usually appealed to the public, have met with success. It is said that the receipts of one night's performance of "A Midsummer Night's Dream," with Nat Goodwin as Bottom, ran as low as \$700. "The fact is," concludes Mr. Harrison, "that people are not in a theatrical mood, and that the plays which are called triumphs this year are playing to only small houses. Nowadays to pay expenses a matter of congratulation to theatre men."

A TOTAL WRECK

Sixty Miles West of Halifax Harbor in
the Fog—Crew Escaped.

HALIFAX, Dec. 21.—The torn schooner, which left Gloucester two weeks ago for a fishing trip, this morning ashore on Pansuke Island, sixty miles west of Halifax, at 4 o'clock this morning, and is a total loss. Her owner, Capt. Martin Walsh, and his crew of nineteen had a narrow escape with their lives. They lost everything else. Last night the schooner was in the fog and the wind was high. Capt. Walsh was trying to make out the light on Beaver Head, but he struck on the island with a great crash and his vessel leaped on her side. The stove that carried the fire to the vessel. The sea was washing the deck, and breakers spread out between them and the mainland, four miles away. There was no hope for the vessel and but little for the crew. They got the boats out as quickly as they could, determined to try for the shore. It was a long and hard struggle. Some of the dories slid as they went, through the ice, but they were able to keep afloat, and in about three hours after the schooner struck the crew found themselves on the mainland, half perished from exposure and exhausted, after their fight for life. The schooner had secured 4,000 pounds of cod and haddock. The vessel's total loss was \$18,000, valued at \$12,000 and insured for \$10,000. The crew will return to Gloucester tomorrow.

COL. TUCKER AND HIS SARDINES.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—Colonel Tucker is here. He says the machine committee will not conclude its labors for some time, probably till late next year.

Prices Cut 10 to 50 per cent.

All lines of Overcoats, Ulsters, Etc., in which the sizes are broken have been greatly reduced in price. Now is the time to buy.

A FEW OF THE CUTS:

\$7.50 Overcoats, - Now \$3.75 \$12.00 Overcoats, - Now \$8.00
\$9.00 Overcoats, - Now 7.00 4.75 Reckers, - Now 2.98

See our stock of Christmas Goods for Men and Boys, such as Underwear, Shirts, Ties, Collars, Cuffs, Mufflers, Gloves, etc.

J. N. HARVEY.

MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING,
199 and 201 Union Street, St. John

OTTAWA.

Government Turned Down
Two Classes of Civil
Servants.

King Edward's Birthday—Forged

Dominion Express Co. Order

—Fielding's Trips.

OTTAWA, Dec. 20.—Notwithstanding the official announcement that an order in council had been passed giving effect to the new civil service act in regard to increases in salary, it transpires that two of the classes granted increases by the act had been passed over by an order in council. These are Grade A, chief clerkships, a new class established by the act, and the third class, which was re-established under the act. It seems to be another case of defective government legislation.

Mr. Tarte was in town today for a few hours. He has consented to address the Canadian Club of Toronto on Jan. 8th.

Hon. Mr. Fielding, minister of finance, returned to Ottawa today after his second round of visits within a month to constituencies in the lower provinces, to tell the party leaders to rest easy.

Forged Dominion Express orders have been passed off on Ottawa merchants. You may store your money in a safe, but you may lose it.

A despatch from the colonial secretary says the King has consented to his birthday being observed on May 23rd each year. The official celebration, however, is to take place Nov. 9th.

TERRIFIC NEW

YORK FIRE.

Damage Last Night Over

Quarter of a Million.

Heroic Deeds of Firemen in Dragging

Their Comrades from the Ruins

—Sad Fate of Battalion