

More Tariff Reform.

Montreal Gazette. The visit to Washington of Sir Richard Cartwright and Mr. Davies has resulted, somewhat contrary to expectation, in an understanding, the immediate effect of which will be to prolong the period of business uncertainty that has existed for the last ten months, and the serious effect of which on the country's trade is shown by the heavy decline in Customs revenue. If the Cartwright-Davies arrangement is carried out and results in anything, instead of one, we will have two revisions of the tariff. There will be one in March or April to provide money for the large expenditure the Government has undertaken, and another when, if that time comes, the Washington authorities approve of the finding of commissioners they are to appoint to discuss our tariff with our Ministers. There is only a slim prospect, it is true, that these negotiations will have any outcome; but the very fact that they are contemplated, or going on, will create uncertainty, will create enterprise, and provoke criticism. There has been a in the actual commercial conditions in Canada during the last twelve months nothing to produce a business depression. The harvest was fair; the dairy trade was the largest in the country's history and the prices high; in the West much money was put in circulation through the development of the mining regions; the export commerce of the St. Lawrence was unusually brisk. The influences, save one, were such as should have had promoting and depressing force was an artificial one, prolonged in its effect and aggravated by the months of delay intervening between the accession of the present ministers and the putting into force of their anomalous policy. Now we are threatened with a prolongation of the evil, because the Ministers cannot make up their minds how to legislate for Canada without the aid of the rulers of a fiscally hostile foreign nation. The extreme business insipidity of the Democratic tariff reform party in the United States, from whom the Canadian Liberal leaders copied their election cry, brought upon their country the severest commercial depression in its history. The Canadian Government went in to win, and that a great mischief to the country, and one that cannot be expected to result in anything but harm to its men responsible for it.

Lecture at Kelly's Cross.

Rev. D. J. G. McDonald, of Summerside, favored the people of Kelly's Cross and vicinity, on Wednesday evening, the 17th inst., with his popular and interesting lecture on the "Roman Catacombs." In graceful and highly descriptive language, he showed the necessity of these subterranean structures, viz., the secrecy to which the persecuted Christians were driven in the first two or three centuries of the Christian Era, i. e. before the advent to Roman power of Constantine, their geology and construction; their mural decorations which those historical, idiographical and symbolical epigraphs and characters, all typical of the religious tenets of those early martyrs who sought shelter during their lives there, and after death were laid in the rocky corridors by the loving hands of sorrowing friends. Aided by diagrams representing the murals symbols above referred to, the Rev. lecturer led his interested audience in fancy back to the infancy of Christianity, down the successive steps leading to the Catacombs, along the corridors, thro' the Chapels where the Christians worshipped Him whom they dared not in the free sunlight of Heaven, and concluded a thoroughly instructive discourse amid the plaudits of his hearers. Father Gregory was tendered a cordial vote of thanks by the Chairman, Rev. B. B. Reid, which was moved in a happy and complimentary speech by John Brady, Esq., ably seconded by Hon. Wm. Campbell, M. L. A. The night being fine and roads excellent, a large audience was present, among whom we noticed Revs. R. B. and J. E. McDonald, pastors of Rosic and Hope River respectively. M. A. S. Kelly's Cross, Feb. 19, 1897.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

GRAND BASKET SOCIAL at Rustico Monday, March 1st, at 7 p. m. Come one, come all. The Stanley reached Georgetown on Monday evening. She was to leave for Picton this morning. Sir Charles Tupper is strongly opposed to the postponement of the date of the meeting of Parliament. It appears that Sir Richard Cartwright has a bad fit of rheumatism, and has gone to Avon Springs for relief. The Dominion Government has entered into a contract for engraving, with the American Bank Note Company. Hon. Messrs. Blair, Mowat and Sifton have been appointed a sub-committee to grapple with the Crow's Nest Pass matter and report. JUDGE D. O'M. RADDIN, lectures in St. Patrick's Hall this evening, for the benefit of the St. Vincent de Paul Sewing Circle. Subject—"The Expulsion of the Aoidians." The board of managers of the Joint Traffic Association at New York has fixed a rate of 25 cents per hundred on coal from Chicago to Halifax, St. John and other points on the intercolonial railway, to take effect immediately. The shareholders of the Bank of Nova Scotia at the annual meeting at Halifax on Wednesday last passed a resolution authorizing the directors to increase the capital of the bank from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000, whenever they deem it expedient. It is estimated that twenty per cent. of Quebec's population is suffering from influenza. It is said that the Catholic ecclesiastical authorities are considering the advisability of exempting their flock from the usual abstinence and fasts during Lent. OTTAWA advises that Hon. Dr. Borden is far more seriously ill than was at first anticipated. He has been ordered South for a rest, and will be away some weeks. In some quarters it is believed that he will have to retire altogether from political life. The Dominion Parliament has been further prorogued to March 25th. The meeting for the despatch of business, which was called for March 15th, has been postponed for two weeks. The estimates are not ready and other necessary work is behindhand. Mr. ROULEAU, assistant clerk of the House of Commons, has been superannuated. Mr. Rouleau is a comparatively young man, and his retirement cannot be for any other purpose than to provide a place for some hungry politician. Thus the work of economy goes gloriously on. We are informed that a lecture on the Tenants League agitation of over 30 years ago will be delivered shortly by Mr. John Ross, late of "Bonaville" W. N. S. showing the cause and effect of that formidable uprising and the manner in which he was rewarded by many of the agitators in that movement. The argument in the West Prince election appeal, which commenced before the Supreme Court of Canada, at Ottawa, on Thursday was concluded Friday afternoon, when the Court reserved judgment. The appeal was argued by Dalton McCarthy, Q. C., and W. S. Stewart, Q. C., for the appellant, and Attorney General Peters for the respondent. The steamer Galileo arrived at Boston on Sunday last from London. She picked up the disabled tank steamer Diamond, (Ger.) Feb. 10th, and attempted to tow her into Halifax. But the hawser broke and the Diamond disappeared from sight. The officers of the Galileo fear the Diamond has capsized. She carried 25 men and was bound from Bremen Haven, to New York. The village of Port Richmond, Staten Island, has been seized by a sheriff under an execution for \$1,500. As a result of the construction of a grand boulevard the village is burdened with debt and has no money to pay. The sheriff has seized all public property, including the records and furniture in the office of the aldermanic board. Public debts do reach the acute stage occasionally. A MEETING was held at Detroit on Thursday last of many American lumbermen, who have invested in Canadian pines, for the object of preventing the \$2 per 1,000 tariff from going through congress, as decided upon by the house ways and means committee. A committee of a dozen leading lumbermen were appointed to again visit Washington and endeavor to influence the house to refuse to adopt the recommendation of the ways and means committee, except instead the McKinley rate of \$1 per thousand. REPUBLICAN members of the Ways and Means Committee have taken another step in their work on the tariff bill, by deciding to restore the McKinley rates on coal and coke. The rates were 15 cents per ton of 28 bushels on bituminous and 30 cents on coal stock, such as will pass through a half inch sieve. The present rates are 40 cents and 25 cents. Coke is advanced from 15 to 20 cents ad valorem. The changes were made in response to a general demand from the coal interests, whose representatives declared that the Wilson rates had increased the Canadian competition so greatly that the mine owners had been obliged to reduce their works to keep in the field. The Almanac of the League of the Sacred Heart, for '97 is as usual full of bright stories, exquisite illustrations, music and verse. An effort has been made this year to make the Almanac a complete report of the work done by the Apostleship of Prayer in the United States, in 1896. Very few, even of the members of this great pious organization, comprehend the vastness of the work for which it has been founded. Among other things which make the Almanac indispensable for every Associate of the League is the complete League Calendar—the list of the Central Directors of the League throughout the world, of the various Messengers, of the publications of the League,—together with a chapter of directions on correspondence with the Central Direction of the United States, which has its quarters at 27-29 West Sixtieth Street, New York. Many Directors distribute these Almanacs among the Associates in their parishes. It can be obtained at the Central Direction for 12c, by mail.



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