

PRESBYTERIANISM.

Erection of the First Synod of British Columbia—Its Constitution.

Meetings of the Assemblies—Deliverance on the Death of Hon. Mr. Robson.

VANCOUVER, July 20.—(Special.)—The first Synod of British Columbia was erected by Rev. Mr. McLaren at St. Andrew's Church, to-night. Mr. McLaren read the authority for forming the Synod from the General Synod, also his authority from Rev. Mr. MacRae, Victoria, who was appointed the first Moderator by the General Synod to open the proceedings. The Synod was declared constituted and consecrated by prayer. A telegram was read from Moderator MacRae, praying that the Synod be adjudged as soon as erected, as the Victoria members would consider it a great hardship if they could take no part in the regular business of the Synod. Mr. McLaren said he would not for a moment of adjournment; but no motion came, so the business was proceeded with. Rev. W. R. Ross was appointed Synod clerk, and Rev. Mr. MacRae, Victoria, Moderator for the ensuing twelve months.

Objections were then heard from Calgary at general business being conducted in the absence of representatives. Delegates did not like to come so far with a possibility of no business being done. It was decided, however, to proceed. Rev. J. M. McLeod, Vancouver, was appointed Moderator pro tem.

The three assemblies will meet as follows: Kamloops, at Vernon, the second Tuesday in August, at 2 p.m.; Rev. Mr. Murray, Moderator; Westminster, at Westminster, on Monday, 25th inst., at 2 p.m.; Rev. J. M. McLeod, Moderator; Vancouver Island, at Victoria, on Tuesday, 26th inst., at 3 p.m.; Rev. P. McLeod, Moderator. The last resolution was carried as an amendment, Mr. MacRae, Nanaimo, having moved as an original resolution, that Nanaimo be the place of meeting, as if the delegates went to Victoria they endangered their health, and as they were more largely represented on the Mainland, and as Nanaimo was centrally located it was the proper place of meeting.

Rev. Mr. Jamieson, Westminster, spoke strongly in favor of the capital. The Victoria brethren would feel aggrieved at the synod going on with business in their absence. It was wrong and untrue to ignore them altogether, when they were not here to speak for themselves. Mr. Jamieson's amendment was put first. Nine hands were uplifted.

On Mr. MacRae's Nanaimo resolution nine hands were raised. The Moderator called for a show of hands again, "I don't want to vote, it's too much responsibility." The same results followed, when the Moderator gave his casting vote in favor of Victoria. A committee was appointed to draft standing committees and a committee was appointed to draft a deliverance on the death of Hon. John Robson.

It was decided that the Moderator be not appointed a patron of the B. C. Methodist college.

The Synod adjourned until to-morrow.

CABLE NEWS.

Gladstone and Silver.
LONDON, July 19.—The Journal of Finance London special asserts on the highest authority, that the rumors that Gladstone's elevation to the Premiership may interfere with Great Britain's position in the international silver situation are wholly baseless. In a memorandum, written by Gladstone within the past week to a London friend, a prominent banker, the former declared that he is decidedly in favor of the intelligent move toward a better understanding on this question between the nations of the world, and he does not think Britain's dignity can in any way be hurt by her consent to the second position taken by the Washington administration.

In the Steps of Royalty.
LONDON, July 19.—William Waldorf Astor has purchased the mansion of Carlton Place, occupied by George IV, when Prince Regent.

Atta Still Threatening.
ROME, July 20.—The terror of the people in the vicinity of Mount Atna is increasing. The renewed violence of the prolonged rumblings is becoming more frequent. The poor inhabitants of Nicolai, who have been driven from their homes by the advance of the lava, are being supplied with free bread and soup. The houses in Catina were shaken last night.

British Storms and Shipwrecks.
LONDON, July 20.—High winds and heavy rains are general in Great Britain. A number of minor shipping casualties are reported. The ship Maxwell, which sailed from Liverpool for San Francisco was totally wrecked off the coast of the Canary. Her crew of 29 were rescued by a life boat with the greatest difficulty. The schooner Argo foundered off the Isle of Man and her crew of four were drowned.

Principle, Not Faction.
DUBLIN, July 20.—The Independent (Irish) says that nine of the elected supporters of Parnell's principles will be simply independent, owing allegiance to no Irish party. Justin McCarthy will again be chairman of the Anti-Parnellites, with a council of eight to support him.

Relief for St. Johns.
LONDON, July 20.—The fund for the relief of the St. Johns sufferers, now amounts to £12,000.

BLIGHTED BEAUTY.
Miss Mary Belanger Gets \$10,000 Damages as Balm for Her Wounded Heart.

SEATTLE, July 19.—Miss Mary Belanger, the Port Townsend beauty whose charms captivated R. H. Crawford, the millionaire trustee of Prince Edward Island, was the subject of sincere congratulations, yesterday morning, of a host of sympathetic friends when the verdict in her breach of promise case was read before Judge Ford giving her \$10,000 of the \$100,000 prayed for in her bill. The case, after a trial lasting five days, was given to the jury by 5:30 p.m., on Saturday. An hour and a half later they brought in a sealed verdict. The jury were all in the accustomed places, yesterday, when the judge scanned the verdict and handed it to the clerk.

to be read aloud. The plaintiff was more than pleased, as she afterwards expressed herself, for the reason that it vindicated her character in the eyes of the world. The defendant rubbed his hand with the other and cracked his knuckles, but submitted. The case had attracted such unusual notice that a number of curious persons were among the male attendants upon the trial, who seemed equally divided as to the known result. The main question with the jury was the amount to be awarded for the young lady's blighted affections. The attorneys for the defense did not give notice of a motion for a new trial, but have 10 days in which to do so.

CANADIANS AT BISLEY.

Some of the Scores Made by the Dominion Champion Marksmen.

LONDON, July 19.—At the Bisley ranges the Daily Graphic cup was shot for, the competition being open to all comers. There were 126 prizes given in addition to the trophy, and Canada secured four of these. Staff-Sergeant Ogg, of Guelph, made the best shooting for Canada, scoring 29 points, and thus securing 56th place. Sergeant Morris, of the 13th battalion, was 61st with the same number of marks. Capt. Smith, of the 8th, John Wilson, of the 22nd, and Lieut. Wilson, of the 32nd battalion, were 118th with 28.

YATES' CABLE.

A Royal Betrothal—Movements of the Prince of Wales—Gladstone's Surrender.

Cabinet Making Gossip—The Friend of the King of the Belgians.

LONDON, July 19.—It is probable that in the course of the autumn the betrothal of Princess Victoria, Meira of Edinburgh and the Duke of Angustenberg will be officially announced.

There is no foundation for the statement that the Prince of Wales proposes to attend the autumn manoeuvres which are to take place in Hungary in September. The Prince is going early next month to Hamburg and will return to England about the second week in September, when he goes to Scotland on a long visit to the Duke and Duchess of Fife at Braemar.

Mr. Gladstone saved his seat in Midlothian only by an ignominious surrender to the miners on the eight-hour question. They were more than ready to believe that their member is in favor of an eight-hour bill, but as this impression has been conveyed to them more by private assurances than by public policy it will be strange if Gladstone does not manage to shuffle out of the position he now occupies.

The Gladstone cabinet is to be limited, if possible, to 14, and according to present indications neither the Secretary of Agriculture, the Postmaster General, the Secretary for Scotland nor the Chief Commissioner of Works will be included in it. Messrs. Lachlan, Bryce, Campbell-Bannerman, John Morley, Trevelyan and Shaw-Lefevre are to be in the cabinet, but a dead-seat is being made by some wirepullers against Lord Ripon, Stansfield and Lord Salisbury.

One of the most frequent companions of the King of the Belgians, as at present, is a military-looking man who bears such an exact resemblance to the late Emperor William, of Germany, that everybody turns to look at him. On the Flemish coast he is only known as Count Von Tecklenburg, but he is really Prince Alexander of Prussia, first cousin of the emperor of united Germany. He lives in perfect incognito at Villa Alice, with a small but congenial suite. Although Prince Alexander is very young, he enjoys the amenities of the coast, and takes most of his meals unrecognized, at a restaurant in a cosy little hotel known as the Nimrod.

IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

To be Called for the Dispatch of Business on August 4th.

LONDON, July 18.—It is stated officially that the new Parliament will assemble on August 4th.

LEAVING THEIR LEADER.

Three of Mr. Laurier's Supporters About to Withdraw From Public Life.

TORONTO, Ont., July 19.—The Empire's Montreal correspondent says the Liberal party is passing through a grave crisis in the Province of Quebec, and although the matter is being kept quiet, there is every probability that three, at least, of Mr. Laurier's French-Canadian supporters will immediately resign their seats and retire from public life. The names of the three alleged disaffected ones are, according to the Empire's correspondent, Messrs. Beaudry, of Richelieu, Favel, of Bonaventure, and Delisle, of Port Neuf.

THE CHOLERA.

Figures Demonstrating Its Ravages in France and Russia.

PARIS, July 19.—Ten deaths from cholera were reported, yesterday, at Aubervilliers and one death at St. Ouen-sur-Seine. Both of these villages are only about five miles north of the city.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 19.—An official report was issued, yesterday, giving the number of cases of cholera reported and the deaths which resulted from the disease on the 15th and 16th insts. The following are the statistics for the various places at which the scourge has made its appearance, on July 18:

Cases.	Deaths.
Astrakhan.....	381
Saratov.....	223
Taishan.....	51
Samarra.....	4
Kazan.....	3
Totals.....	638
Deaths.....	302

On July 16 the following were reported:

Cases.	Deaths.
Astrakhan.....	241
Saratov.....	90
Taishan.....	23
Samarra.....	2
Kazan.....	3
Totals.....	408
Deaths.....	315

Eleven deaths from cholera occurred on board the Volga steamer, between Astrakhan and M. Sam. During three days 17 persons died from the disease on the Trans-Caucasian railway.

CAPITAL NOTES.

The Minister of Militia Will Not Visit Equinault for Several Weeks.

Rumor of the Governor General's Threatened Resignation Discredited in Official Circles.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
OTTAWA, July 20.—The Minister of Militia has postponed his visit to British Columbia until the end of August, having heard that Vancouver has established a 14 days' quarantine against passengers from Victoria. The principal object of his visit is to examine the defenses of Equinault.

Dr. Selwyn, director of the Geographical Survey, will proceed to the Rockies, and probably visit the coast before his return on August 1st.

The rumor that the Governor General intended to resign and shortly return to England is discredited in official circles. The Government has received from the Colonial Office a copy of the Imperial Act which establishes the validity of Canadian probate certificates in the English courts.

CABLE AND WIRE.

The Kaiser's Catch.
BERLIN, July 19.—A dispatch from Tromsø says that the Kaiser Alder, with Emperor William on board, is on the whaling grounds north of Karto. On the day the imperial party reached the whaling grounds the Emperor succeeded in catching a whale 54 feet long.

Tangier's Troubles.
TANGIER, July 19.—Great anxiety prevails among the Christians and Jews here, owing to the lawlessness of the Sultan's troops, which have been mobilized to suppress the Anger rebellion. The soldiers have committed many robberies and murders among the villages near by, and the authorities were unable to guarantee safety for the foreigners.

Mismarek Defended.
BERLIN, July 19.—The Prussians Jahrbuch, edited by Hans Delbrueck, and a very strong, influential periodical in Germany, takes issue in the last number with the editors of Jahrbuch. After analyzing the reflections cast on his foreign policy by the Norddeutsche, the writer says the people of Germany may well ask what the men of the new German empire have done to entitle them to be called the founder of united Germany with diabolical.

Edison's Latest.
PARIS, July 18.—A story is published here to the effect that Edison has invented an electrical machine which will destroy whole towns at a distance of 30 miles from it, and has sold the invention to the German Government. A professor in the university, it is said, wrote of the machine, Edison a short time ago, and Edison replied that he was not animated in what he had done by any wish to aid the enemies of France.

Frank for London.
SACRAMENTO, July 18.—At 10 o'clock to-morrow night, the first special train of five cars, will leave this city for London, transferring fruit at New York to the fastest steamer of the White Star line for Liverpool. If this shipment should prove a success, the present intention is to send out a train each Tuesday. The fruit is shipped by various firms, but the transportation is in the hands of the California Transportation Company. Agents of the company state that the outside cost will be \$5.75 per 100 pounds to London, where it is expected enormous prices will be received.

May Recommend Pardon.
LONDON, July 19.—Sir Charles Russell, Mr. Poland, Mr. Moulton and other prominent lawyers are convinced that the evidence given on the trial did not justify the verdict of guilty by virtue of which Mrs. Maybrick is serving a life sentence. If this statement is correct it is very important. Sir Charles Russell is likely to be a member of Mr. Gladstone's Government, post-humously Home Secretary, and in that capacity can hardly avoid recommending the pardon of the prisoner.

Little Micrographs.
WASHINGTON CITY, July 19.—The statement is made by officials of the Johns Hopkins university that the third great discovery of the century in the reading of hieroglyphics has been made by a young German scholar, whose name is withheld. He is said to have found the key that will unlock the mysteries wrapped in hieroglyphics, hitherto unknown.

The snobs obtained in deciphering the Egyptian inscriptions of Babylon has already thrown a light upon the third mystery of the past, which has now been laid to rest in historical view from the darkness in which its memory had been shrouded.

Thomas Cook Dead.
LONDON, July 19.—Thomas Cook, founder of the widely known Cook's excursions, died yesterday from paralysis.

Behring Sea Arbitrator.
PARIS, July 19.—Baron Courcel, formerly French ambassador to Berlin, who has been appointed by President Carnot, arbitrator in the Behring Sea affair, speaks English well, the language which will be spoken during the discussions. The arbitration will begin in Paris next October.

Stumbled on Contraband Dope.
SAN FRANCISCO, July 19.—While a customs inspector, searching for opium, was digging in the coal in the hold of the steamer, which arrived yesterday morning from Nanaimo, he stumbled upon 52 tons of contraband stuff, five feet under the surface. The opium which was seized was worth \$520.

World's Fair Close Sunday.
WASHINGTON, July 19.—On a vice vote in the House the proposition to close the Fair on Sundays was carried by 78 to 74. On occurring in the Senate the amendment closing the Fair on Sunday was 102 yeas to 70 nays. The announcement was received with applause.

The German Press.
BERLIN, July 19.—The Hamburger Nachrichten protests against the conclusion drawn by the German press that the presence of Prince Reuss would have had a false political influence on the Government towards the Russian Government.

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Reciprocal Trade.
WASHINGTON, July 20.—The House Committee on Foreign Affairs today ordered a favorable report on the bill to enforce reciprocal commercial relations between the U. S. and Canada.

Chinese and Tacoma.
TACOMA, July 20.—There is likely to be considerable discussion here on the Chinese question before it is settled. There are a number of people represented by the celebrated committee of fifteen, and it is expected that they will not be responsible for consequences should, as has been suggested, a Chinese house establish itself in that city. The expressed opinion of others is: "If we expect to compete with the cities of the Coast, we cannot afford to shut out any class of people. That is not the cosmopolitan idea. If we are to have a truly great city we cannot shut out anybody and be able to compete with our competitors."

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WINNIPEG, July 19.—J. W. H. Wilson, registrar at Portage la Prairie, died in that town after a long illness, to-day. He was grand master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Manitoba. Mr. Wilson came to Winnipeg from Brantford, Ont. He was a successful contractor. He had been twice in the Liberal interests for the Ontario Legislature, and again for the House of Commons. He served as lieutenant in the 35th battalion during the Fenian raid. Three of his sons are respected lawyers of this city, another Mr. Rose Wilson, resides in Toronto. The Masons of Winnipeg will attend the funeral which will be held on Thursday at Portage la Prairie.

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CAPITAL NOTES.

C. F. R. Chinese Passenger Traffic Crippled by Abolition of Return Certificates.

Schr. Willie, of Quebec, Seized for Carrying Contraband Liquor—To Aid St. Johns.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
OTTAWA, July 19.—The abolition of return certificates to Chinese will greatly cripple the C.F.R. The Chinese passenger traffic will hereafter be strictly confined to one Chinese for every fifty tons of the vessel's tonnage.

Great satisfaction is expressed here with the vigorous efforts of the Victoria authorities to stamp out smallpox. The Department of Agriculture has sent out reassuring despatches giving the facts of the outbreak, and stating that there is no cause for alarm.

Ottawa has finally decided itself to aid the sufferers by the Newfoundland fire. The cutter La Canadienne, yesterday seized the schooner Willie, of Quebec, with large quantity of contraband liquor on board.

Alfred Patrik, formerly Clerk of the House of Commons, died to-day, from injuries received by a fall on Saturday. He was born at Kingston, 1811; entered the service of the House of Assembly, of Upper Canada, as clerk, 13th January, 1827; appointed Clerk of Committees at the Union of Upper and Lower Canada, and clerk of the House of Commons in 1873. He resigned this position in 1880, and was succeeded by John G. Bourinot.

The Government are anxious to secure a first-class guarantee steamer for Victoria. The steamer Earle, has been recommended, and if suitable, will be bought.

Hon. Mr. Haggart has started on a tour of all the public works of his department.

CANADIAN NEWS.

(Special to This Columnist.)
Delegates on the Way.
MONTREAL, July 18.—Mr. C. O. Swanson, with a party of eight, left delegates from Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, passed through this city via the C. P. R., on Saturday. They will travel through and report on the farming lands of Manitoba, Alberta and Assiniboia, and on their return, if they report favorably, a large number of their countrymen will settle in the places selected in the Northwest.

Liberals in the Revision Court.
TORONTO, July 18.—The Revision Court has concluded its 10 days' sitting at which the Liberals made a gain of 801 Legislative Assembly voters.

Divorce Wanted.
ST. JOHNS, July 18.—A sensation has been created here by the announcement that the manager of the local branch of the Merchants Bank will apply for a divorce.

Farmers' Alliance Campaign.
OTTAWA, July 18.—Louch, of South Dakota, President of the Farmers' Alliance, U. S. is here, on his way to Washington, to discuss the Alliance with the President. He is here to discuss the Alliance with the President. He is here to discuss the Alliance with the President.