LOWER PROVINCE REPRESENTATION IS VANISHING

Senator David Says Commons Needs Reforming as Well as Upper Chamber

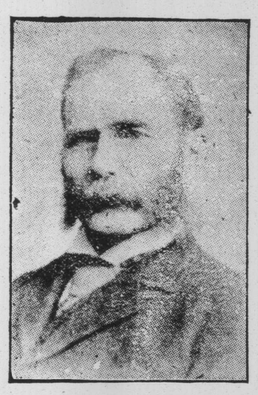
RESENTS ATTACK

In the Commons Mr. Foster Accuses Government of Helping Friends to Sow Their Grain

(Special to the Morning Graphic.)

OTTAWA, Wednesday — In the Commons today the talk centered on the Canadian banking system and in the Senate the reform of itself.

Dr. Sproule censured Canadian



DR. SPROULE, M. P.

banks and banking system. He said the system should be able to give the people good security.

Mr. Foster moved for a return of the aid the government had secured from the banks for aiding the western crops stating that the aid had been given to supporters of the government.

Mr. Fielding replied that a return would be made.

The House adjourned at 6 p. m.

In the Senate, Senator David declared the Commons had overlooked the fact that they too would have to re-organize. Quebec could not keep up with the growth of the west and as the Maritime Provinces were not growing their representation in the Commons was diminishing and approaching the vanishing point. He wanted Senators elected every second term and resented the Senate being called a useless expense. He moved an amendment to Senator McMullin's motion.

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LITTLETON LEAVES JEROME A HARD PROPOSITION

Makes an Able Appeal in Behalf of His Client Harry Thaw at Yesterday's Session

REFERS TO EVIDENCE

Says District Attorney Jerome Has Answered it only by Sneers and Insinuations

(Special to the Morning Graphic.)

NEW YORK, Wednesday. — Martin W. Litleton, chief counsel in the defence of Harry Thaw today asked for the acquittal of his client upon the grounds of insanity, declaring he could not conceive how in the face of the evidence the jury could render any other verdict. The serious and sincere evidence of the defence, tending to establish the insanity of the defendant, Mr. Littleton declared, has been answered only by the sneers and insinuations of the District Attorney. The address of the defending attorney occupied all of the day's session and the District Attorney is expected to reply tomorrow. If he should conclude at the morning session, Justice Dowling will charge the jury during the afternoon. If Mr. Jerome should extend till into the afternoon however the case will not go to the jury until Friday morning. The speech was crisp in epigram and the short sentences were filled with the quality of appeal. The jurymen followed it with intense interest and it was generally conceded that Mr. Littleton had left District Attorney Jerome a difficult task.

GRAND CASCAPEDIA

(Special to the Morning Graphic)

GRAND CASCAPEDIA, Tuesday.—The weather of the past week has been the coldest of the season, but has now turned milder and has now the appearances of rain.

The many friends of John Robertson regret to hear of his serious illness and all join in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Joseph Harvey of England is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. John Gilker. His father was a native of New Richmond, having moved to England some time ago, settling there. We trust that Mr. Harvey will enjoy his visit among his many friends here.

Peter Nadeau and Arthur Nadeau spent two days of the past week in St. Omer on business.

Nevin Stewart of New Richmond, was the guest of Mrs. John Gilker on Sunday evening.

Miss Alice Garrety returned to her home in Oak Bay on Friday, after spending a few weeks with friends here..

Many an enjoyable evening is spent by a few of the young ladies and gentlemen on a private rink, kept open on the lawn at the residence of Dr. L. Crepault, of New Richmond.

A FEW GOVERNMENT ACHIEVEMENTS IN A NUT-SHELL

The organization of a Colonization and Industrial Bureau designed to increase our population and promote our prosperity.

Increased grants to Teachers and the adoption of a Teachers' Pension Scheme.

The encouragement of the International Railway, a project which will result in Campbellton becoming a great railway centre.

The erection of high grade bridges in all sections of the province.

Promotion of the Iron Industry in Gloucester the result of which will make that county one of the great industrial centres of Canada.

Promotion of the idea of government ownership of the branch railways.

The flotation of a loan of $1.250.000 on terms lower than the prevailing rate of interest.

TWENTY OR THIRTY FISHING NETS ARE LOST

Ice at Chatham Drifts Out Taking Smelt Nets With it

CHORAL SOCIETY

(Special to the Morning Graphic.)

CHATHAM, Wednesday.

A rehearsal of the Chatham Choral Society was held Tuesday evening in the town hall when a very fair company was in attendance. Mr. E. S. Peacock was appointed director and Miss Synott to preside at the piano. It is the intention to form an orchestra and to secure the services of some prominent vocal artist to assist at the concert which is to be given as soon as the new hall is ready. It was also decided to increase the membership from forty to about sixty.

The first monthly meeting of the Men's Union of St. Andrew's church was held Monday evening and the officers were elected.

Warren Benson leaves tonight for Montreal.

Miss Della Ullock is spending a few days with relatives at Black River.

The Misses Maltby have returned from Newcastle where they were on a visit to friends.

A basket ball match was played yesterday in the Y. M. C. A. hall between Chatham and Moncton.

An opposition convention is to be held in the Masonic hall, Chatham on Monday, Feb. 3 at 3 o'clock to nominate candidates for the coming election.

On Tuesday morning about 5 o'clock the ice at Oak Point cracked and drifted out taking with it about twenty or thirty nets. Luckily no fishermen were on the ice at the time, but the nets will be a complete loss.

OPPOSITION NOMINATIONS.

(Special to the Morning Graphic.)

ANDOVER, Wednesday. — The opposition of Victoria County today nominated J. B. Manseer of Andover and Chas. Curliss of Grand Falls. Their chances are however regarded as quite hopeless.

NATAL BILL MAY NOT CONCERN THE JAPANESE

Question as to Whether Province Has Right to Pass Such Legislation

AFFECTS OTHER ASIATICS

(Special to the Morning Graphic).

VANCOUVER, Wednesday. — The government admitted in the house in the Natal bill debate which passed its second reading today that unless the Courts decided that the British Columbia Legislature has the constitutional right to pass such legislation, the present bill could not apply to the Japanese. The bill has a clause which the treaty makes necessary, that the act will not apply to persons the terms of whose entry into Canada are sanctioned by the Dominion act. The socialists have an amendment to strike out the clause, but the act would still be in fatal conflict with the treaty. The amendment will not be accepted. The legislature intends to pass the present bill, which will in any case restrict the immigration of other Asiatics, should Ottawa not veto it; but it is doubtful if Dunsmuir will assent.

PREMIER PETERS OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DEAD

Succumbs to Bright's Disease After an Illness of Several Weeks

PUBLIC FUNERAL

(Special to the Morning Graphic.)

CHARLOTTETOWN, Wednesday.—Premier Arthur Peters died here this evening. He has been ill several weeks with Brights disease. Premier Peters was born in Charlottetown. He was a lawyer by profession being senior partner of Peters & Ings. He has represented the Fort Augustus district in the local legislature for many years. He was prominent in the affairs of the government during the administration of his elder brother Hon. Fred. Peters who is now a partner of Sir Hibbert Tupper in Vancouver. He was called to the cabinet by the late Premier Farquharson after whose death about four years ago he became premier. He was a son of the late Justice Peters of the Supreme Court of Prince Edward Island. He leaves a widow and several children. A public funeral will be held on Friday.

EDWARD VII REFERS TO THE JAPANESE TROUBLE

States That the Difficulty Between Canada and Japan is Settled

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

(Special to the Morning Graphic.)

LONDON, Wednesday. — King Edward opened Parliament today with the usual ceremonies. An outbreak on the part of the female suffragists was feared but it did not take place. Premier Campbell-Bannerman whose health is still feeble was absent from the House. His Majesty referred to the pleasant relations existing between Germany and England and also to the fact that England had joined France, Germany and Russia in a treaty for the preservation of the Kingdom of Norway.

CANADA AND JAPAN.

(Canadian Associated Press.)

LONDON, Wednesday. — The King in his speech at the opening of Parliament, referring to Newfoundland, said that negotiations are being conducted with the United States Government to refer to the International Court of Arbitration at the Hague, questions pending in relation to the Newfoundland fisheries. He also said:—'The difficulty which has arisen respecting Japanese immigration into Canada has been settled on terms agreed upon by their respective governments.'

FARRIS NOMINATED AMID GREAT ENTHUSIASM

Minister of Agriculture and His Colleague the Unanimous Choice in Queens Co.

VICTORIA OPPOSITION

Lautalum, Purdy, Sears and Skinner Likely Candidates in the City of St. John

(Special to the Morning Graphic.)

GAGETOWN, Wednesday. — Amid great enthusiasm here today Hon. L. P. Farris and T W. Carpenter were unanimously nominated to again lead the Queens County standard in the government interest. Stirring speeches were delivered by the candidates and Col H. H. McLean, the Federal candidate. One man walked to hear the speakers and another came fifteen miles on skates to be present.

ST. JOHN'S GOV'T SUPPORTERS.

(Special to the Morning Graphic).

ST. JOHN, Wednesday. — It is about definitely settled that the government candidates here will be Edward Lantalum, D. J. Purdy, Edward Sears and A. O. Skinner.

They were talking about the heavy tragedian.

'Poor old Hambeth,' related the comedian, 'it almost broke his heart when he fell overboard from the ship.'

'Indeed,' said the sweet singer. 'I suppose he was drowning and all his past life flashed over him.'

'Oh, it wasn't that, just as he was going down for the last time he heard some one shout, 'Get the hook.'

BLACK CAPE

(Special to the Morning Graphic.)

BLACK CAPE, Monday.—We regret to learn that J. H. West is confined to the house through illness.

N. Cyr, representing Singer Mfg. Co., was in Bonaventure on Wednesday in the interests of his firm.

N. D. LeBlanc, representing Red Rose Tea, passed through here last week on his way to Gaspe.

Dr. B. Sproul. dentist, of Campbellton, was at Mrs. William Johnston's Wednesday and Thursday. He reports having a successful trip.

Frank Prosseau, representing the Sherbrooke Cigar Co., passed through our midst last week in the interests of the firm.

J. C. Fair, representing J. C. McLaren Belting Co., of Montreal, is spending a few days at his home here,

Quite a number of people are ill with la grippe.

FRACKEAR GETS ONLY ONE YEAR IN JAIL

Light Sentence Imposed Upon Man Who Nearly Killed Ald. Mersereau of Chatham

TRIAL AT NEWCASTLE

Several Witnesses Tell of Former Liquor Dealer Kicking and Beating the Chatham Alderman

(Special to the Morning Graphic.)

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

In the County Court today, Archibald Frackear, who on Oct. 25th last assaulted Ald. Merscreau, chairman of the Chatham police committee was found guilty by the petit jury of common assault and sentenced to one year imprisonment in the county jail.

The trouble between Frackear and Mersereau arose out of Scott Act enforcement, Frackear having been fined for selling liquor.

Anthony Adams swore that on the forenoon of Oct. 25th defendant had told him that he was going to kick Mersereau's head off.

Ald. Mersereau sworn, said that between 12 and 1 o'clock that day on his way home to dinner, Frackear accused him of telling stories and denying them and calling him names. He turned to leave Frackear and after that remembered nothing but an indistinct sensation of receiving many blows.

James Watson, sworn, said that he was called to the window by his wife and saw Frackear kicking Mersereau who was down. He ran across the street, shoved Frackear back, stooped to pick Mersereau up when Frackear kicked Mersereau again in the head. Mersereau's face was covered with blood. Allan Mann came along and took Mersereau home in his cab.

The evidence of Mrs. Watson, Chas. Cribbs and Allan Mann was along the same lines.

J. Ken Breau said Frackear in his barber shop said something about beating Mersereau. Mersereau then passed, Frackear followed him, Frackear struck him and Mersereau fell. Witness went into his shop, came out again and saw Mersereau on the ground Witness told Allan Mann to go to Mersereau.

There was no evidence for the defence.

Guyer—'I hear your friend Matchem is married again.'

Myer—'Yes, this is his fifth wife.'

Gyer—'Well, as a friend you should advise him to be careful.'

Myer—'Careful?'

Gyer—'Yes, some day he may marry a woman who may live to become a widow'

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

As we intend to bring the Events out Thursday morning instead of Thursday afternoon, all advertisements for same must be in by Tuesday morning. All advertisements for the Graphic must be in on the morning previous to the day of issue, otherwise insertion will not be guaranteed.

DUNKERS INVADE BRITISH COLUMBIA

Large Colony is Arranging to Come to a Vast Area Near Ashcroft, British Columbia.

SIMILAR TO QUAKERS.

(Victoria Times.)

There is a deputation in town today to interview the local government.

It is worthy of special note in that it represents a special class of people who have started a colonization movement in British Columbia. They are known as the Dunkers, who are said to have ideas and fancies similar to those of the Quakers. They believe in love. At least, it is rumored that they disbelieve in hate. In any case, their arms are religiously folded against the suggestion that any sort of offensive weapon should repose in them.

The deputation which is in town today is headed by F. E. Hopkins, an American. Mr. Hopkins is officiating as the agent for a colony of Dunkers, which proposes to settle at Ashcroft, this spring. On behalf of these people he has already purchased about 100,000 acres of land, including the Langley ranch. He informed a reporter this morning that they had also bought out the plant of the Ashcroft Water & Light Company, and proposed to utilize the same as a commercial venture, and for the purpose of lighting their own settlement. The money consideration said to have been involved in these purchases is figured at about $500,000. About one thousand Dunker families are expected to locate in the colony this year.

As to the purpose of the representation, which is in Victoria on behalf of these people today, Mr. Hopkins was reticent. Generally, however, they are seeking certain privileges from the government with respect to the use of water for irrigation works.

The information was vouchsafed by Mr. Hopkins that his colony was being gathered from 'all over—from Maryland to North Dakota.' But the reporter was not permitted to unfathom the cause of their migration into a strange land. He was only allowed to guess that it was because the beauty, peace and solitude of the mountains are suited to the Dunker taste; and that there are special opportunities in British Columbia for establishing a settlement after their own heart. A number of leaders of the sect accompany the visitors who number about half a dozen persons more or less. They will see the government today.

READ WHAT THIS MAN HAS TO SAY

An Englishman Who came out With Mr. Malcolm's "Batch" Says they Were the Scum of the Earth.

REGRETS BEING IN THE CROWD.

To the Editor of the Morning Graphic:

Looking over the columns of your esteemed paper this morning, I notice certain comments passed on an editorial published in 'The Fredericton Gleaner' wherein the editor attacks the management of the International Railway in general, 'and all through the case of an Englishman who preferred charity to work.' It may be a party cry, but when an editor becomes intoxicated with the exuberance of his own verbosity, not all his cries will ever avail his party much, for they will never appeal to the right judgment of any intelligent people.

I myself being one of the Englishmen coming out with that 'beautiful batch' for Mr. Malcolm lest summer, can testify without any fear of contradiction that they were, in fact, the great majority,' the worst class of men that could ever have left old England's shore, and the only regret I ever experienced was to find out when too late that I was travelling with some of Britain's worst, men whose only objections to the life here was because they could not do just as they liked, and because tents and good food were not half so good an investment as lumming on Liverpool and Manchester streets. Charity, they say begins at home, and I beg to differ with the St. John's Charitable Society for giving any help whatever to these men for it was a misplaced trust in the bona fida of those who had no bona-fidas at all.

There was work here for all the men to do had they have had any inclination to do it, but the intention of the majority was not to work at all, they relied on the good faith of a generous democracy to believe every snivelling tale and lie they could tell. Every man was treated with the utmost kindness, a kindness however, which was grossly abused, for had they have behaved themselves as becomes men, the majority would not find themselves in the position they do today. But what cared they for wives and little children, for those at home or anywhere else, not one brass button, the only thing they cared for was to satisfy their own selfish and beastly natures, and to make the name of Englishman a common bye word for ridicule in these parts. I myself, as an Englishmen, have my faults, I admit them fully and freely, but, Sir, were I to find fault with the treatment meted out to me I should indeed be unworthy the name of man altogether and should only be a fit associate for gaol birds or lunatics.

I have always done my best to behave myself and have met with nothing but good fellowship and kindness from all who know me here. Just for a little while I am out of employment, owing of course, to the line closing down for the winter months, but, thank God, I was able while working to provide, and to provide well, for those I left behind me. Mr. Malcolm, I assert, and am prepared to back my assertion, is a man in the highest sense of the word, and no matter in what part of the Dominion I may be in fact, no matter what part of the world I may be in, if I could do him any service, I would serve him faithfully and well. I speak with the knowledge of truth, and 'I always found Mr. Malcolm worthy of all acceptation, and he will come out triumphant against the scurrilous abuse heaped upon his head by a lot of cowardly liars. I, for my part, never asked him for any favor but what was immediately granted, and others had they behaved themselves would have fared equally as well. The saying, Mr. Sir, that it is a fierce light that beats around the throne, but some uncouth nonentity tries to make a fiercer light beat around the head of one individual who is evidently too much of a man for their little minds to understand, a man who, God helping me, I am prepared to protect against the calumny of such scums as the majority of the Englishmen were composed of, who came out here last summer.

My name is the same as in England, I assure you, Mr. Editor, I am not ashamed to sign it.

Faithfully yours,

THOMAS MARTIN

AMERICAN FLAG IS TO BE SOLD

Colors of Frigate Chesapeake Lost in Battle of 1813 to be Sold in London To-day.

TROPHY IS GENUINE.

(Special to the Morning Graphic.)

LONDON, Wednesday.—It is announced that the flag of the American man-of-war Chesapeake, which was captured by the British ship Shannon on June 12, 1813, will be sold at public auction in London today.

The flag in question is one of the large number of relics related to memorable historical events which were collected by the late T. G. Middlebrook. These relics are to be disposed of in Debenham's auction rooms by order of the executors of Mr. Middlebrook's estate.

It is said that the fact that Mr. Middlebrook owned the Chesapeak's flag was known to a good many Americans, and that he received a number of invitations from the United States to come over and display the precious colors. It is said that at one time he seriously contemplated crossing the Atlantic, but was compelled to abandon the trip on account of a matter of business.

A statement relating to Mr. Middlebrook's ownership of the Chesapeake relic is in possession of the auctioneer. From this statement it appears that Mr. Middlebrook obtained the flag from William Chapman, of Kingston-on-Thames, and that it came to Mr. Chapman from Signor and Mme. Papi Wesnsci, the latter having inherited it from her mother, a Mrs. Grundy, whose husband was a captain in the British navy. Capt. Grundy's father, who also was a captain of the British navy, participated in the engagement between the Shannon and the Chesapeake, being at the time a midshipman, and in some way, came into possession of the American ship's colors.

It is not probable that an extravagant price would have to be paid for this flag by the American disposed to buy it and place it in some proper depository in the country where it rightfully belongs.

A relic, which according to English standards, is much more valuable than the Chesapeake's flag, will be sold at public auction. It is the bugle on which was sounded the order for the famous charge of the Light Brigade at Balaklava. Mr. Middlebrook paid $3,750 for this bugle, and when he bought it acquired also the medals and clasps presented to Trumpet-Major Joy, who sounded the call.

Cromwell's helmet, the spear that killed Gen. Gordon, and Dr. Johnson's spectacles and a number of Nelson's relics are included in the Middlebrook collection. The Nelson relics are two silver dishes weighing 150 ounces, and a pair of gold buckles the hero wore at Trafalgar.

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