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Any Unauthorized Yacht or Vessel Flying This Flag May be Seized by Any Officer of H. M. Customs—Important Correspondence.

The following important correspondence was submitted to the executive committee of the Royal Kennebec Yacht Club at a meeting held last evening:

Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa, 12th February, 1899. Sir—Referring to your letter of the 15th November last, forwarding list of registered yachts of the Royal Kennebec Yacht Club, I have no objection to a warrant being issued for the seizure of any vessel flying the blue ensign of her Majesty's fleet.

The following conditions apply to the issue of a warrant for the seizure of any vessel flying the blue ensign of her Majesty's fleet: 1. The vessel must be a yacht or pleasure craft. 2. The vessel must be registered in the name of a British subject.

It is to be noted that the power of seizure is vested in any officer of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police or any other officer of the Customs or Excise.

Application will be made at once by the secretary to the admiralty for separate warrants for such yachts of the fleet as have been registered according to the regulations.

A yacht club holding a warrant must also take precedence over all clubs not possessing that privilege, and even over clubs holding a royal warrant.

The following new members were elected: W. F. T. Harrison, Fred H. Hart, George A. Conroy, Campbell Jones, H. H. Bairweather, Stephen R. Gerow.

It was decided to have the constitution, by-laws, etc., printed and distributed among the members.

Several improvements to the club house were decided upon, and a number of lockers will be added for the convenience of new members.

A committee was appointed to obtain figures for row boats for the use of non-yacht owners.

The secretary was instructed to order a site for the building to be ordered at the Millidgeville station.

MONKEYS PICKING COTTON. Many of Them Are Employed on a Mississippi Plantation, and They Work Well.

Two years ago at the Vicksburg fair, in the fall of 1896, as P. S. M. Tracey and W. W. Mangum were watching some trained monkeys performing their various tricks, Prof. Tracey said to Mr. Mangum:

"As sure as you are alive, Mangum, these monkeys can be taught to pick cotton better and more cheaply than our negroes do, and perpetual fame will be the part of the man who first tries the experiment."

At first Mr. Mangum was inclined to laugh at the idea, but the more he thought over the matter, and the more he watched the monkeys at their various tricks, the more he became convinced that there was something in it, and the next day, as he left the professor, he said:

"Well, professor, I have been thinking over your suggestion of teaching monkeys to pick cotton, and I am determined to try the thing and see if it will work. They have been taught to do much more difficult things than

that, and I am almost sure they can be taught to pick cotton. We can't rely on the 'darkies' much longer, and next fall I am going to buy a dozen monkeys and see what can be done."

The next fall, that is in September of 1897, Mr. Mangum hunted up the owner and trainer of ten trained monkeys in New York city, and made arrangements both to buy the monkeys and get the services of their trainer, who understood the business, and asked Mr. Mangum what it would be the simplest thing imaginable to teach the monkeys to pick cotton.

These were placed upon one of Mr. Mangum's Mississippi plantations, about the middle of September of that year, and the training began. The monkeys belong to the genus known to scientists as spheniscus vulgaris. The males weigh about 110 pounds, and the females about 90 pounds each. Bags were made which would hold about twenty-five pounds of cotton-wool, and a bag placed over the shoulders of the monkey.

It is surprising how rapidly the trainer taught the monkeys to pick the cotton. Baskets to hold the cotton were placed at the ends of the rows, and one man over and above the trainer was necessary to take the cotton out of the monkey's mouth, and put it in the basket. The females proved much better pickers than the males, for they not only picked cleaner cotton, but they would also pick more of it in a day.

In less than a month after the monkeys were started at their work, they could pick on an average of 150 pounds a day. They picked in weather in which the negroes would not pick, and picked cleaner. The cost of picking was much less, and in every way they made much better pickers than the average negro.

The first experiment, although on a small scale, proved to Mr. Mangum that monkeys could be used with great success as cotton pickers, so in June of 1898, he made an order for 300 monkeys of the same breed, on an export order of monkeys from Africa, with the understanding that monkeys were females. About the first of September of this year, the new batch of monkeys arrived, and the services of the old trainer were engaged to train this new lot.

This was not such an easy matter as was at first thought, for many of the new monkeys were still wild, but the trainer thoroughly understood his business, having served for a long time under Barnum as trainer of monkeys. Finally, with the aid of the ten old monkeys, who were of great assistance, and a great deal of punishment and reward, the new gang were pretty well trained by the middle of October.

I have watched this new experiment with greater interest than I have watched any new thing in years. I have kept in constant correspondence with Mr. Mangum about this matter, and about the middle of November I visited his plantation near Smedes to see the monkeys at their work. I must admit that it was a glorious sight to see, and one that did my heart great good.

The rows were filled with monkeys, each one with her cotton sack around her neck, picking away quickly and orderly, and without any rush or confusion. When they got their sacks full they would run to the end of the row, where a man, was stationed, to empty them into a cotton basket, which they would hurry back to their work. The monkeys seemed actually to enjoy picking.

That night I stayed all night with Mr. Mangum, and we had a long talk about this matter. Mr. Mangum said in substance: "I consider the day that Prof. Tracey suggested to me the training of monkeys as cotton pickers, as the most fortunate day the south has seen in many years. It means more to the south than a cotton-picking machine, for the monkeys are a success as pickers, while the machines have been failures. The monkeys are in every way superior to negroes as cotton-pickers. In the first place, the cost of picking is only about one-third. Then they are more careful than negroes, and pick a cleaner grade of cotton. Even in this rainy fall, when all other cotton was of a low grade, that picked by the monkeys was all middling, and sold for at least one-half more than that picked by the negroes. Then they will pick in weather in which you can't get a negro into the field. The negroes have made repeated threats to kill the monkeys, but as yet they have not done so, and I apprehend no very great danger in that direction.—New York Mail and Express.

IN THE YUKON. Seven Hundred Employes on Strike—Fire in Dyea Destroys Two Hotels.

SKAGWAY, March 2, via Victoria, B. C., March 7.—Seven hundred of the fourteen hundred laborers employed on the construction work of the White Pass Yukon road are on strike as the result of a reduction of wages from 35 to 30 cents an hour, and in increase in work to ten hours. After the men struck all others were laid off for a few days.

Fire in Dyea last night destroyed the Palace and Northern hotels, the Chilcoot tram stables and the Senate saloon and the court house. Loss, \$10,000.

A FLASH LIGHT REQUIRED. The loss of the Moravia was due, it is said, somewhat to mistaking the east and west light. It is a fixed light and some electric lanterns are nearly as bright. The light was visible by a flash-light before the steamer struck. A flash-light will probably be substituted for it.

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SENATE REFORM.

Attorney General Longley Moves His Resolution.

Nova Scotia Leader Says the Question is a Provincial One.

The Only Two Opposition Members Present Made a Strong Reply to Longley.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 7.—Attorney General Longley this afternoon moved the senate reform resolution of which he had previously given notice. The resolution asks for a joint ballot of the senate and house of commons when, in the discretion of the government, the two houses cannot agree.

There were only two conservatives in the house. Full strength of the opposition being only three. Hon. Mr. Longley argued that senate reform was a provincial question, because the chamber had been established to safeguard the interests of the province. He held that the senate did not represent the will of the country. He defended his government's action for not doing something to remedy the abolition of the Nova Scotia legislative council by saying the imperial government ignored one memorial on this subject, and they were not audacious enough to try another.

E. M. McDonald of Pictou supported this resolution. He complained bitterly that Sir Charles Tupper, in an interview in the Mail and Empire, had spoken of the Nova Scotia government as "secessionist," notwithstanding the efforts of Mr. Fielding's colleagues to secure repeal. He, for his part, declined to be stigmatized as a "secessionist," and he hurled back the imputation.

C. S. Wilcox, with Mr. McMullin, were the only opposition members in the house today. Mr. Wilcox, in his speech, taunted the attorney general as having, like Don Quixote, placed his lance in "rest" for attack on the Canadian senate instead of, as he should, turning his attention to Nova Scotia's legislative council. This house had no warrant from the people to interfere in federal politics, much less to engage in an unjustifiable attack on the Canadian senate and constitution.

In following the Longley lead in this matter the house would be acting the part of busybodies and they would meet the fate of such. Sarcastically he asked the government whence the bill emanated, and pictured an astute politician at the Ottawa end of a wire which was pulled by that gentleman and set the government and its followers. He showed that if the object of the resolution were accomplished, the senate would be useless, its independence destroyed, and it would become a mere appendage to the commons. The great advantage of the senate to our system of government was dwelt upon and compared to the brake on a carriage, without which travelling would be dangerous. Mr. Wilcox pictured the splendid progress made by Canada in thirty-two years under the constitution conferred by the B. N. A. act, and he besought the house to "hasten slowly" in attempting to strike a deadly blow at our constitution in the senate. He was opposed to the popular will, it does not antagonize the will of the people, but represents the sober second thought of the people. Make haste slowly, he said, and do not let us in a moment of infatuation, for partisan reasons, lay the axe to a constitution of which we and all should be proud.

The whole afternoon was spent in the discussion, and the government party, thirty strong, voted for the resolution, the two conservative members opposing it.

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FASHODA AND MUSCAT. France and England Arriving at a Satisfactory Settlement.

Of All the Differences Arising Out of These Two Troublesome Incidents.

PARIS, March 7.—The following semi-official note was issued this evening: "A satisfactory settlement between France and Great Britain of the questions arising out of the Fashoda incident may be expected within a fortnight. The delimitation of the respective territories has so far advanced that the starting points and general direction of the frontier have already been arranged and Great Britain has admitted that France is entitled to a commercial outlet on the Nile."

LONDON, March 7.—The parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, Right Hon. Wm. St. John Brodribb, answering a question put by Sir Charles Dilke, radical, in the house of commons today, gave a different complexion to the Muscat incident than the version which the French minister of foreign affairs, M. Delcasse, furnished to the chamber of deputies yesterday. Mr. Brodribb said that by the original convention, secretly obtained in March 1898, France secured land upon which she would have been at liberty to hold her flag and build fortifications. Immediately after the proceedings became known Great Britain declared them to be contrary to the treaty of 1862, and the Sultan was required to cancel the lease, which was annulled. The under secretary added: "We have not expressed disapproval of the action of the British agent, who acted under instructions, and Lord Salisbury informed the French

ambassador (M. Paul Cambon) on several occasions that he considered the British contention absolutely right and that it was impossible to receive therefrom. M. Delcasse's statement omitted to mention that he stated to the British ambassador (Sir Edmund J. Monson) a few days ago that he had heard nothing whatever of the French acquisition of land on the littoral of Muscat, therefore the French agent must have exceeded his instructions.

"We hold that the action of the British agent in threatening a bombardment of Muscat was absolutely right. By the convention of 1862 there is nothing to prohibit France from having a coal store at Muscat, provided there is no concession of territory, and it is understood that France will avail herself of this power, subject to these limitations."

LONDON, March 7.—M. Paul Cambon, French ambassador to Great Britain, the principal guest this evening at the banquet of the London Chamber of Commerce.

In reply to a toast, the French ambassador said that peace and war no longer rested with governments, but with the peoples. He noted with great pleasure the determination of the British and French governments to promote the commerce in Great Britain and France, and the cordiality of the relations between the two nations, and to foster "that real spirit of conciliation by which all differences can be readily settled."

These utterances of M. Cambon are particularly notable as reflecting the improvement in the relations between London and Paris.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

DEATH OF MRS. W. A. ADAMS. The news of the death of Mrs. Julia A. Adams, widow of the late W. H. Adams, which occurred on Tuesday morning at her residence, 23 Colburn street, was heard throughout the city with general regret. The deceased was 72 years of age and had been in poor health for about a year, but pneumonia was the immediate cause of her death. The late W. H. Adams was at one time one of St. John's foremost business men, and in 1849 along with S. E. Paster he started the Adams Street Nail Factory. Mrs. Adams was a sister of the late George P. Smith. Her family consists of three sons, William H. of Boston, and Arthur W. and Charles W. of this city, and three daughters, Mrs. B. C. Boyd, Mrs. E. Cameron Grant and Miss Adams. Mrs. Adams was a very estimable lady, with a wide circle of acquaintances.

LATEST COMBINES. A Trust in Coffin Stuffs and Another in Steam Pumps.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 8.—According to the head of the Strong Manufacturing Co. of Winsted, the largest manufacturers of coffin trimmings and undertakers' caskets in this country, steps are being taken by the leading coffin hardware manufacturers in the United States to organize an international trust. Over thirty concerns, representing fully 80 per cent of the output, will be absorbed. The trust will have headquarters in New York, and will control the major part of the coffin hardware business in the United States.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Within a short time the International Steam Pump Co. will be organized with a capital of \$27,500,000. The new company will have control of the business of the five corporations that do about 80 per cent of the steam pump business of this country, exclusive of high duty engines.

A PRINCESS DYING. HONOLULU, March 8.—Four physicians have been attending Princess Kaiulani all day, and they agree that the young woman will die within a few hours. It has been known for some weeks that Princess Kaiulani was ill, but it was not expected that her illness would take a serious turn. Today rheumatism has affected her heart, and there is no hope for her recovery.

In the old days of the Christian martyrs it was not unusual for a savage to cast a stone into a den of lions, to suffer tortures, and finally to die a martyr's death. In this Christian age the agony and final sacrifice of a young woman for her faith in civilization is a noble deed.

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MAJOR GEN. HUTTON

Says Canada Must Officer and Make Her Own Army.

Her Military College Graduates Have Won Distinction in the Foreign Field.

And There Was No Reason Why Such Men Should Not be Given the Highest Positions in Their Own Country.

TORONTO, March 6.—Death and goodwill are the distinguishing features of a military dinner. The soldier is hospitable to the verge of profligacy, and when he assumes the role of host "he is a credit to his country and to his native land."

The fifteenth annual dinner of the Royal Military College Club of Canada, held at the National Club on Saturday evening, exemplified the truth of this statement. The menu was excellent, the speeches were short and crisp, the humor wholesome, and everything was conducted with a precision dear to the military heart. The table decorations were pleasing to the eye, red and white, the club's colors, being much in evidence. A staff of exemplary waiters attended to the wants of the guests. During their meeting in Toronto the National Club made the Royal Military College graduates honorary members of the club, and this was the reason the dinner was given.

Graduates of the Royal Military College have long complained that they have to go away from home to receive recognition. They aver that a political pull is a more potent factor in securing a position in the permanent corps of Canada and in the civil service than ability. This plaint ran through the speeches on Saturday night, but the hopeful words of the general assured the graduates to understand that the doors of a brighter and better era is at hand. The graduates' millennium will not have arrived until the militia is removed from the realms of practical politics.

The toast list was reached about ten o'clock. "The Queen" was loyally responded to, all present joining in singing the National Anthem, led by the excellent orchestra in attendance. "The Governor-General and Commander-in-Chief" met with a hearty response.

Major H. S. Greenwood, in proposing the toast of "The Royal Military College of Canada," requested that the graduates had not met with the same measure of success in military as they had in civil life. He pointed out that the law societies and the medical faculty had granted the Royal Military College graduates concessions on the same footing as university graduates. He coupled the name of Major-General Hutton with the toast.

THE MAJOR-GENERAL'S SPEECH. Major-General Hutton expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be present at the dinner. He regretted that Col. Kitchin was absent. Col. Kitchin was not only a soldier, but a sportsman as well. He was well educated and well trained intellectually, and eminently fitted to preside over the college. The major-general said he had visited the Military College recently, and was pleased at the excellent discipline and good order that existed there. He alluded to the fact that a short while ago the number of cadets in attendance was 45, while now they number 80. This was the highest tribute that could be paid to Col. Kitchin's efficiency, he thought.

The major general said the college was doing good work, but the imperial army and not Canada was reaping the benefit of it. He found at the Military College young men whose only ambition was to serve her majesty anywhere but in Canada. The trouble in Canada, the general said, was that the future held out no hope to the young men. There was no retiring allowance, no gratuity, no adequate system of compensation for a life-long service to Canada. If this was remedied, the best men from the Military College would be attracted into the militia. There was no reason why the officers and heads power, and the generals as well, should not be drawn from the Royal Military College. "You must have the foundation and the basis for defence," said Gen. Hutton. "You must attract your best men into the militia. Canada has been relying on the old country too much. The time is coming when she must rely on her own men and make her own army." (Cheers.)

The major general regretted that the minister of militia was not present. He paid a graceful tribute to the work the minister was doing for the development of the forces.

"Some," said the speaker, "say that graduates of the R. M. C. have not met with success in military life. I can't say that. (Cheers.) I have been in five campaigns in India. Some one has called India the oyster of the British nation. Canada has played an important part in opening the oyster. It only recently that Britain began to reap Canada for men. I call to mind five Canadians who have won their spurs—Stairs, in Central Africa; MacKenzie, in East Africa; Robinson, in West Africa; and Cooke, who lost his life the other day. Then there is Girard, who has made his mark in Egypt." (Cheers.) I would like to have these men with me in Canada. They would help to make Canada a nation worthy of the great future which I believe lies before her."

The major general concluded his address by paying a graceful tribute to the cadets.

TOO MUCH POLITICS. A Kelly Evans, in proposing the toast of "Our Absent Comrades," made a rattling speech. In the course of his remarks Mr. Evans pointed out that

there were now some 60 Royal Military College graduates serving under her majesty, and of that number only six are serving in the permanent corps of Canada. He alluded to the R. M. C. graduates who had won their spurs in the imperial service, and said that it was an extraordinary thing that men who had passed senior to receive positions in the permanent corps of Canada. Of the 62 mentioned Mr. Evans said 23 now hold position in the Royal Engineers. The whole business, he averred, should be placed out of the realm of practical politics. If one's father happened to be a ward heeler it appeared to count for more than ability. If they started in to educate the politician along those lines, Mr. Evans thought that in at least two decades they might expect that these young men who gave up three years of their lives in acquiring a mass of information, absolutely useless except in a military sense, would be more fairly dealt with in Canada. They could improve the force not by giving the positions to members of the Gascade hall, and English gentlemen who came out of Canada and married senatorial daughters, but by using the men with graduates from the R. M. C.

NOVA SCOTIA

Seeks Uniformity of Medical Registration in Canada.

HALIFAX, March 8.—The house of assembly today passed the bill to aid in securing uniformity of medical registration in Canada. Heretofore a physician registered in any other province of the dominion could not practice in Nova Scotia, and vice versa. The bill now before the legislature provides for the establishment of an examining board, half the members of which shall be appointed by the local government and half by the provincial medical board. Examinations shall be held by this body on syllabus of requirements, similar to what shall be asked in other provinces, and any medical man from another province on passing shall find himself on equal terms with Nova Scotia medical men. The bill also contemplates participation in a central examining board for the whole dominion. Nova Scotia's representatives on this board shall be appointed half by the local government and half by the provincial medical board.

SPORTING MATTERS.

Morris Rosenberg Knocks Out Patsy Hennessy—Kid Lavigne Lost on a Foul With Eddie Joyce.

THE RING. Kid Lavigne was the Best Man, but He Fought.

PORTLAND, Me., March 8.—At a boxing exhibition tonight at the auditorium, Morris Rosenberg of Boston knocked out Patsy Hennessy of Lawrence in the seventh round. There were 600 people present.

The first bout was between Walter Lang of Boston and Dick Bradley of Providence. It was very warm, and lasted five rounds, at the end of which time the referee decided the affair a draw.

The second event was between Eddie Joyce of Portland and Kid Lavigne of Boston. Lavigne had the best of the argument from the start. In the third round he punished Joyce severely, but persisted in fouling on breakaway and the referee gave the decision to Joyce on this account at the end of the third round. Lavigne offered to bet \$500 that he could finish Joyce in six rounds, but the referee refused to allow the fight to go on.

The star event of the evening was the Rosenberg-Hennessy bout. It was very fierce for the first six rounds, with Hennessy giving Rosenberg a good deal of punishment. The latter took the terrible uppercuts of his opponent without signs of weakening, and in the seventh round followed Hennessy about the ring, delivering blow after blow on his neck and wind. At the close of the seventh Hennessy was staggering all over the ring and was forced, against the ropes half the time, where Rosenberg proceeded to inflict terrible punishment on him. The going sounded at the end of the seventh. Hennessy had just strength enough left to stagger to his corner. The decision was given to Rosenberg.

THE GREAT COAL COMBINE. NEW YORK, March 8.—The Evening Post, referring to the rumor of coal combination and Pierpont Morgan's connection with it, says that the purchase of the Scranton Coal Co. is part of a comprehensive plan for control of the anthracite output. Negotiations are known to be in progress with operators in other districts.

APPLIES FOR DIVORCE. SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—W. A. Botkin, husband of Cordelia A. Botkin, convicted of the murder of Mrs. John E. Danning of Dover, Ore., through the agency of poisoned candy sent through the mails, today applied for divorce on the ground that his wife had been convicted of a felony.

PARIS EDITOR FINED. PARIS, March 8.—M. Francis de Pressensac, editor of the Temps, the leader of the Dreyfusards, was condemned to pay a fine of 500 francs and damages to the amount of 3,000 francs for libelling M. Guertin, president of the anti-Semite league.

CHINA MUST APOLOGIZE. ROME, March 7.—The Italian government is fully determined to obtain an apology from China for the Tung Lu. France's refusal of the demand of a concession of San Mun Bay, to be used as a naval base and coaling station. A squadron of five cruisers, with 100 guns and 1,600 men, will soon arrive at San Mun Bay.