

THE HIGH COMMISSION.

Adjourns to Meet in Quebec Next August.

The Conservative newspapers are wasting wind in deriding the results of the Joint High Commission. There was nothing for it but adjournment it being impossible to conclude the treaties in time for ratification by the parliament this year. So in postponing the conclusion of the matter until August, when the commission will meet at Quebec, the "high jointers" have done only that which was necessary.

Correspondence gives the feeling in Ottawa as follows:

"In the postponement of the pending negotiations at Washington till after the conclusion of the approaching session of parliament, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues have acted upon the advice of their best friends here and elsewhere. It was apparent that whatever the verdict it could scarcely be expected to come before the American Congress, now sitting in Washington. In view of the state of public business there, to have it hanging fire for a whole year was more than sensible advocates of the success of the proposition would urge in its behalf. Liberals here, albeit sorry that the negotiations have been of a nature to consume so much time, and regretting that they were not concluded early enough for ratification by both countries this year, are prepared to accept the conditions as they find them, and point out that for weeks and months public sentiment in the United States has been coming more and more our way, so that the delay which is so generally regretted may now prove itself a blessing in disguise before the time for the resumption of the commission's work arrives next summer."

Nova Scotia Finances.

The Nova Scotia legislature is in session, and on Monday Premier Murray laid on the table of the house returns of expenditure and revenue for the past year. The expenditure for the year has been \$849,330, the receipts \$855,960, leaving a surplus of \$6,630, which is more than double that which was anticipated. The money to the province's credit at Ottawa is \$1,056,133, yielding 5 per cent interest. The public works department expended \$11,803, which is scarcely more than one-sixth that expended in the same manner by New Brunswick. The total expenditure on capital account was \$119,206. The net debt of the province is \$2,387,314, which is less than that of New Brunswick.

Nova Scotia has greater sources of revenue than this province, particularly the coal royalties, which amount to nearly \$800,000. It also has a larger population, accounting for its larger revenue.

The Liberals won a victory in North-west Lanarkshire, Ont., Tuesday, electing Dr. Douglas in place of Holborn, deceased. The liberals had a greatly increased majority.

They pay down price of Keith & Plummer's coats, pants, vests, boots and shoes. The profit is so small that no specialist can live on it and pay rent.

L. O. A.

Provincial Grand Lodge at Fredericton.

The annual meeting of the provincial Grand Orange Lodge was held in the Y. M. C. A. building on the 21 inst. About 100 members were present and great enthusiasm prevailed. The reports of Grand Master Hipwell and Grand Secretary Morrison were submitted and adopted. Five new lodges were organized during the year. The work of the past year has been exceedingly prosperous. Three new halls have been erected and more are in the course of construction. At no time in history has the Orange lodge stood better than it does today. There are now 114 lodges on the register in first class working order, besides a few delinquents. Reports have been received from twelve county lodges and seven isolated primary lodges, which show in nearly every case a growth numerically and financially. Following is the list of officers: David Hipwell, Grand Master; J. A. McDonald, D. G. M.; S. L. Semore, G. Chap.; N. J. Morrison, G. Sec'y.; P. E. Hattie, G. Treas.; G. A. Gray, G. Lect.; J. W. Hoyt, G. Dir. of Cer.

A NEW RIVER BOAT.

Will It Come to Hartland

A strong endeavor is being made to arrange for an all-summer steamboat service on the river between Fredericton and Woodstock. Geo. F. Baird of the Star Line waited on the Fredericton Board of Trade the other evening, and said a boat of extreme shoal draft would be necessary. He had the plans and details of such a craft and stated that with a small increase of subsidy from the government, the company would be willing to put the boat on.

Why could not arrangements be made to run this boat up as far as Hartland, or get as far as Bath? Our Board of Trade should look into this matter at once; while the columns of this journal are open for correspondence in the matter.

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