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DOMINION NEWS.

A short time ago the announcement was made of the unlocking of nearly 700,000 acres of land in the Northwest by the cancellation of a number of grazing leases for non-compliance with the departmental regulation. Mr. Dewdney has followed this up by another recommendation cancelling orders-in-council authorizing the issuance of fifteen other grazing leases, affecting 366,000 acres, which recommendation has been approved. Over one million acres of some of the best land held by the Government have therefore by this timely action been thrown open for lease or settlement within the past month.



A point of certain Canadian contact with Mr. Gladstone is his utterance on the subject of Imperial Federation, as contained in a letter to Mr. Castell Hopkins, of Toronto, in favour of a closer union of the Empire. The *Pall Mall Gazette* says:—"Who knows but we may have Mr. John Morley a vice-president of the Imperial Federation League before many months."

The *Canadian Mining Review* says Captain R. C. Adams, of Montreal, confirms the report of the discovery of gold on property of the Anglo-Canadian Phosphate Company in Wakefield. Though giving a small average to the ton the immense size of the vein of quartz may make it possible to work it. The vein measures sixty-nine feet in width and extends into the valley on each side.

Sir Alexander Tilloch Galt had an interview with the Minister of the Interior at Ottawa, the other day, with reference to the extension of his railway from Lethbridge to Fort Benton, work on which will be begun in the Spring. This is good news. Sir Alexander was the first to work coal in the North-West, a discovery which was hailed with satisfaction and has proved a profitable investment to himself.

It is a mistake to suppose, as is universally done, that the Cashmere shawl is made of camel's hair. No camel hair enters into the composition. They are made of Cashmere goat's hair, two kinds of which, the Puttoo and Pashimina, are used respectively for the coarse and fine varieties. The weavers, who are men and boys, are paid only three cents a day. The Cashmere shawl is spread very generally in England.

Lady Salisbury has carried out, with her usual grace, her tribute of respect and friendship for Mrs. Phelps, the wife of the American Minister to the Court of St. James, who took his departure from England to the United States, on the 30th ult. Lady Salisbury and Lady Rosebery called at the dwelling of Mr. Phelps, and presented Mrs. Phelps with a magnificent diamond bracelet, on which was this inscription:—"Presented to Mrs. Phelps on her leaving England, as a token of affectionate regard from some of her English friends—January 22, 1889."

Max O'Rell got floored by Sandy. He was lecturing in a Scottish town, and made his invariable apology for his defective English, and was astonished to elicit from an old Scotchman the encouraging remark, "Hoot! mon! Dinna apologeese! Ye can speak the English maist as well as oorsels!" It was with no less astonishment that Andrew Carnegie recently read an account of his personal appearance and manners in a Scotch paper, in which the following sentence occurred:—"Mr. Carnegie's speech is occasionally marred by a slight American accent."

The readers of Lalla Rookh are not all aware of the whereabouts of the Vale of Cashmere, where many of the most beautiful scenes of the poem are laid. It is two hundred miles from the last point of the railway, travelling north from India. The "Happy Valley," as the name signifies, is an independent State. It was purchased from the British Government by Gulab Singh for 750,000 pounds sterling. Until recently it could

be visited by foreigners only with permission obtained from the Maharajah. Now, however, foreigners can live in Cashmere and own property there.

The instructions given not to issue any more *modus vivendi* licenses, are indicative of a vigorous enforcement of Canadian Treaty rights during the coming fishery season. Ever since the commencement of the fishery embroglio American fishermen visiting Halifax have been leniently treated and have often abused the courtesy extended to them by surreptitiously purchasing supplies. This was done by the "Batson," in the Ross case. Hereafter Americans coming to port under pretence of being in distress, but really to get new supplies, will be carefully watched.

The Americans are taking time by the forelock, in anticipation of another Battle of the Swash. A powerful company of capitalists, already organized with millions of dollars behind it, have proposed to the Government a plan to defend the entrance to harbours by forcing petroleum to the surface of the water, through pipes laid at the bottom for that purpose, and igniting it with a burning bomb, thus creating a sea of fire, through which the enemy's fleet must pass. An experience will soon be made to demonstrate the practicability of the plan.

Mr. A. F. McIntyre, of Ottawa, is presenting the National Liberal Club, at London, with a portrait of Mr. Gladstone on behalf of the young Liberal party of Canada. Mr. Gladstone is being asked to sit for the portrait to enable the same to be presented to the Club as an expression of the high opinion held by Canada of Mr. Gladstone's patriotism and devotion to the Empire. This is gracious and timely. Mr. Gladstone, as a statesman, a scholar, a philanthropist, and a man of genius, is one of the glories of the British Empire.

The London *Standard* lately published Ottawa telegrams stating that the Dominion Government, owing to pressure from the Knights of Labour, had decided to adopt a policy of hostility toward immigration, forbidding all alien labourers, except British, to enter Canada, and stopping all grants for aid to emigration. British official circles discredit the statement. The policy of Canada, as understood in London, is to discourage unsuitable emigration in every possible way, and stimulate emigration of the classes Canada needs. No effort will be spared to carry this out. The result is, as Prof. Shaler, of Harvard University, states in the *Universal Review*, that Canada is now receiving better emigrants than any other country.

The recent agitation among the shareholders of the Hudson's Bay Company is named as one of the indirect causes of changes on the Board, made on the 23rd ult. Eden Colville has retired from the Governorship on account of ill-health, and Sir Donald Smith is elected to succeed him, Lord Anson becoming Deputy Governor. Sir Donald Smith is recognized at headquarters as the most progressive member of the Board. Lord Anson has also shown himself keenly alive to the present needs of the Company. The *Canadian Gazette* says both promotions are without regard to seniority, and an evidence of a desire to infuse vigour and freshness into the management.

"Catherine Cole," a well-known Southern newspaper writer, recently visited Last Island on the Gulf coast, and has been led to declare eternal war upon what she calls the "ornithological hat," by observing the revolting cruelties practised by the bird-hunters in search of fine plumage to adorn women's hats.