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reduced to \$7.04. (Ministerial applause.) The real position of the case was this, that while the Conservative party had made loud protestations for economy they yet find fault with every reduction the government had proposed. The cut in legislation, in savings banks interest and otherwise was held up against the government as a constant reproach.

Better Than the N. P.

Sir Richard did not pretend that the present tariff was perfect. It was not but it was an immense improvement on that which preceded it. It had materially reduced the burdens of the people. At the same time he heartily concurred in the opinion of his colleague, the Finance Minister, as to the desirability of avoiding too frequent changes. Mr. Foster had always displayed a great fondness for the use of percentages. Now the fact was that computations of this kind were apt to be very deceiving unless carefully made. For instance, on reference to the Trade and Navigation Report he found that the imports from Holland in the last fiscal year amounted to \$374,000. While the duty collected was \$908,000. From this Mr. Foster might have argued a tariff charge of three hundred per cent., which would, however, have been somewhat aside from the facts.

Eliminating wines and spirits, on which there is no cut in the preferential tariff, Sir Richard discovered that the average charge on British imports was 22 1/2 per cent. as against 28 per cent. under the Conservative tariff, and 19 per cent. in the Mackenzie tariff. He was violating no secret of office when he informed the House that this condition as it exists to-day is almost identical with the proposal which he had himself made in 1876, as a member of the Mackenzie government. These British goods, coming into competition with American and Canadian lines through the operation of the preferential tariff have resulted in a lowering of prices in the latter to the consumer as well as benefiting the British producers. As an American gentleman had recently remarked to him, "If this preferential tariff has not operated to check the enormous volume of American exports to Canada it has at least effected an enormous cut in the American profits and benefited Canadian purchasers."

The Opposition had found fault with the large item of free goods, \$40,000,000 in all, in the present tariff. By citing some of these, such as settlers' effects to the amount of \$2,500,000; coin and bullion, \$4,000,000; in transition to the value of \$5,000,000 (which furnished employment to Canadians); such raw materials as hides, \$2,225,000; drugs, \$1,000,000; raw rubber and similar articles, \$1,725,000; raw wool, raw furs, raw tallow, raw flax, cotton wools, \$4,225,000; an article coal \$3,225,000 (which we can not get elsewhere), the minister showed how absurd this complaint really was.

He agreed that the government would not do wisely to presume too far on the continuance of what are generally known as good times.

Before closing, Sir Richard referred to the matter of specific duties. The government had retained 147 out of 195 in the old tariff, but they were chiefly on such things as foods and drinks in which there was no other way of adjusting the tariff. Sir Richard set down amid the plaudits of the Liberal following.

The debate was continued for two minutes by Mr. Craig (East Durham) who moved its adjournment to give Sir Charles Tupper an opportunity of speaking to-day.

The House rose at 10:25 p.m.

Van Horne Interviewed

C. P. R. is Not Particularly Interested in Cross Channel Communication.

He Declines to Say Anything Regarding His Rumored Intention of Resigning.

Vancouver, May 11.—(Special.)—Sir William Van Horne, accompanied by Messrs. W. D. Matthews, T. G. Radcliff and R. M. Wells, arrived from the south last night. The party left for Victoria to-day. The tour is entirely one of pleasure. The President of the Canadian Pacific Railway says the Columbia and Western railway will be opened by July 15th. In an interview he talked of increased passenger facilities between Victoria and Vancouver.

Wholesale Poisoning.

Colored Preachers Become Ill After Drinking Buttermilk and One of Them Dies.

Buena Vista, Ga., May 11.—Wholesale poisoning occurred at a colored revival meeting near here on Monday. Among the refreshment provided for the delegates was a can of buttermilk from which a dozen members drank freely. All were rendered deathly sick almost immediately. Rev. Donaway died in a few hours. Two other preachers are also expected to die. It is believed the milk was poisoned from contact with the metal vessel containing it.

TRAIN WRECKED.

Three Workmen Killed and Several Injured.

Newcastle, Pa., May 11.—A construction train on the Pittsburgh Western railway went through a trestle near here this morning killing three men and injuring several others.

The Work of a Demon

A Michigan Man Tries to Exterminate a Whole Family.

He Murders His Wife and Uncle and Attempts Suicide.

Also Shoots His Three Months Old Baby and Father-in-Law.

Howard City, Mich., May 11.—Joseph Harvey last night killed his wife, and his uncle, Robert Pierson, and also fatally wounded his three months old baby and his father-in-law, John Logenelayer, and finally shot himself, inflicting a wound which is expected to be fatal.

Harvey's uncle and grandmother lived a mile north of the town. The murderer went there last night. He asserts that Pierson's uncle was quarrelling with his grandmother and he interfered. Pierson, he says, stabbed and killed the old lady, aged 70. He (Harvey) retaliated by shooting the uncle dead. After shooting Pierson, Harvey stabbed him three times.

Harvey then returned home, two miles southwest of the town. Arriving there he shot his wife twice, killing her, and then fired at his three months old baby, the ball going into its arm. Next Harvey entered his father-in-law's room and shot him twice, inflicting however no fatal injuries. He then turned the revolver on himself, shooting himself in the neck.

Harvey's wife, when attacked, was sitting up with the body of her mother who died yesterday.

Pierson's home presents a horrible appearance. Pierson's body was found in a chair and the old lady's on the floor clad in a night dress. There were signs of a desperate struggle between the grandmother and her murderer, but no sign of a fight between the two men.

Harvey himself today informed the sheriff of the murders at Pierson's home. He was then arrested for murdering his wife. He has nothing to say about the tragedy at his own home.

There are strong threats of lynching.

CLERGYMEN IN CONFERENCE.

Second Day's Proceedings of the Session at Nanaimo—The Proposed Changes in the Station List.

Nanaimo, May 11.—The ministerial session of the British Columbia Methodist Conference opened in the Wallace street Methodist church yesterday.

The opening of the conference exercises, the roll was called and 33 ministers responded to their names.

Revs. C. Bryant and T. D. Pearson were continued as superintending pastors, and Rev. J. Roseman as a supernumerary minister.

The application of Rev. W. D. Misenor that he be supernumerary for one year was granted.

Last night there was a large gathering at the annual temperance meeting. The Rev. J. A. Wood, chairman of the Kootenay district, occupied the chair.

Addresses were delivered by Revs. S. J. Thompson, of Revelstoke, and W. H. Pearce, of Upper Skelton.

This morning the general conference opened at 9 a.m. After the reading of minutes and the roll call, the reports of committees were received. Among them the following first draft of the station list:

Victoria District.

Victoria Centennial church—Rev. W. H. Barralough, B.A., Rev. C. Bryant supernumerary.

James Bay—Rev. Geo. E. Smith.

Cowichan and Aykooyd—Rev. C. W. Nelson.

Salt Spring Island—Rev. D. W. Scott.

Vancouver District.

Vancouver, Homer Street—Rev. Ed. E. Scott.

KNOCKING OUT THE DEVIL

An Italian Woman Cruelly Beaten by a "Divine Healer."

New York, May 11.—A New Orleans despatch says a most extraordinary case of the physical agony caused by the barbarous fanaticism of a "divine healer" has come to light at Washington, La., 12 miles from New Orleans. A young Italian woman, Mrs. Nicoloe, yielding to persuasion, was convinced that she had a devil in her throat, and suffered a horror, an Italian named Nicoloe, to beat her cruelly and guard her neck in an effort to drive out the demon. The woman may die. The healer is in jail.

DEATH OF TOM NICKELS.

London, May 11.—Tom Nickels, father of the famous scullers, Guy and Vivian Nickels, died today. He resided at Court, Redhill, aged 72. When a boy Mr. Nickels accompanied his father to Chicago in 1828. Tom Nickels returned to England in 1840 and started business as a stock jobber, in which he won the nickname of "King of the American railroad market." Mr. Nickels was an ardent sportsman, and for the last 21 years held the position of master of the Surrey Stag Hounds. His sons carry on the business founded by their father.

Treacherous Filipinos

They Murder a Frenchman Who Was Carrying a Flag of Truce.

Natives Are Now Sending Machine Guns on the Island of Panay.

New York, May 11.—A dispatch from Manila says the insurgents assassinated M. Beaumont, a French tourist, who crossed the line under a flag of truce.

New York, May 11.—A Herald dispatch from Manila says the insurgents have succeeded in landing ten machine guns at Capis, on the island of Panay.

"Think the War is Nearly Over," Manila, May 11.—General Otz, who is the War Department today concerning the situation in the Philippines. He says it is very encouraging. The tone of the dispatch leads the officials here to believe that the end of the Filipino insurrection is near at hand.

Looking Natives' Property.

Manila, May 11.—6:45 p.m.—Mr. Higgins, manager of the Manila Dagupan Railway, and two assistants who remained inside the insurgent lines to protect the property of the railway company, arrived at San Francisco yesterday. They were informed by the insurgents that they would be no longer responsible for their safety if they remained within their lines. Mr. Higgins corroborates the stories of the danger to the life of the Philippine railway company. He says it is now the time for the Americans to strike hard.

FIREMAN'S DEATH.

Game in Contact With an Electric Wire While Fighting Flames.

Kansas City, Mo., May 11.—The fire-stores warehouse of the Newby Transfer and Storage Company, on Union avenue, was destroyed by fire last night. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. After the fall of the rear wall Jas. G. McNellis and five other firemen went in upon the debris with a line of hose. McNellis came in contact with a live electric wire and was instantly killed.

THE COMING CONFERENCE.

Berlin, May 11.—The Tageblatt to-day publishes the result of investigations among a number of leading German professors, relating to the subject of the peace conference at The Hague.

The majority of those interviewed expressed the belief that the conference would be without practical result. Professor Monckton, jurist, historian, and member of the board of police commissioners of the said city.

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The trial of the Indian Sonyer charged with attempted murder is going on to-day before Mr. Justice Macgill and a jury. Mr. Alexander McGregor is for the crown and E. D. Hall for the defense. The case is being retried on the ground of the wrongful admission of some evidence. Francis H. Joffe was the only witness this morning who was engaged in picking a grouse on the 16th of December, 1897, in his store at Westholme, near Duncan, and hearing a noise he got up to see what it was. After that he remembers nothing until he came to a couple of hours afterwards and discovered that his throat had been cut. He then walked to a neighbor's house and Dr. Elliot of Chemainus was sent for. About \$125 was stolen out of the store at the time of the assault. Dr. Elliot is giving evidence at the time of going to press. He dressed Jones's wounds, which might have been inflicted with an axe.

Provincial Gazette

The Eight Hour Law Relating to Mines Comes Into Force.

Shallcross and Macanlay Dissolve Partnership—Some New Appointments.

The Official Gazette, which issues to-night will contain the following announcements:

Their Name Changed.

The Victoria Shoe Company will apply to the Lieutenant-Governor on June 5th at 4 p.m. for the purpose of changing the name of the firm to the Patterson Shoe Company, Limited.

A Clerical Error.

The name of Findley R. McD. Russell, police magistrate, Vancouver, is as now stated and not as published in the B. C. Gazette of the 4th inst.

General Meeting.

A special general meeting of the North Star Mining Company, Limited, will be held at Vancouver on June 5th at 4 p.m. for the purpose of considering the disposal of the company's assets and to dissolve and disincorporate the present company.

Partnership Dissolved.

The partnership heretofore existing between J. J. Shallcross, Norman D. Macanlay and P. G. Shallcross, as commission merchants under the firm name of Shallcross, Macanlay & Co., at Victoria, has been dissolved.

The Eight-Hour Law.

Mine owners, agents, managers of mines, and lessees are notified that 30 days from date the inspector of mines will enforce section 4 of the above-mentioned act, which reads as follows: "(3) No person shall be employed underground, in any metalliferous mines for more than eight hours in every twenty-four hours."

New Companies.

The following companies have been incorporated: The Granby Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company, Limited, of Greenwood Camp, Yale district, capital \$500,000; The Golden Strand Mining and Development Company of British Columbia, Limited, of Rossland, capital \$1,000,000; The Atlin Abstract Company, Limited, of Atlin, capital \$5,000; Idaho Mining Company, Limited, of Vancouver, capital \$150,000; The Pacific Development Company of British Columbia, Limited, of Rossland, capital \$150,000; The Delight Gold Mining Company, Limited, of Ymir, capital \$500,000.

Extra Provincial Companies.

The following extra provincial companies are licensed: Kootenay Gold Fields Syndicate, Limited, of London, England, capital \$200,000, local office Rossland, D. B. Bogle, M.E. attorney; Kootenay Railway and Navigation Company, Limited, of England, capital \$500,000, local office Kaslo, George Alexander attorney; The London and British Columbia Goldfields, Limited, of London, England, capital \$200,000, local office Nelson, J. H. Robertson attorney; Trail Creek Mining Company, Limited, of London, England, capital \$120,000, local office Rossland, D. B. Bogle attorney.

New Appointments.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments:

Thos. L. Haig, of Revelstoke, to be police magistrate of that city.

James Maitland-Douglas, of Duncan, to be registrar of the county court of Nanaimo, holden at Duncan.

Chas. A. R. Lambly, of Nanaimo, to be registrar of the county court of Yale, holden at Fairview.

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The Match Drawn.

London, May 10.—The cricket match between the Australian team and players representing the South of England was resumed at the Crystal Palace to-day. When play closed yesterday the Australians had scored 357 runs for eight wickets, the South of England having made 240 in the first innings. The Australians were retired to-day with a total of 375 runs. The South of England team then went in for a second innings and scored 222, making a total for both innings of 468. When the stumps were drawn at the close of the play to-day, the Australians had made seven runs for one wicket. The match was drawn.

THE OAR.

Wray Challenges the World.

According to English advices received at Winnipeg James Wray, the Australian sculler, has issued a challenge to row any man in the world, including Gaudaur, of Bat Portage, at present world's champion. Referring to Wray's challenge, the Bat Portage correspondent of the Free Press wired last night:

"Gaudaur authorized me to say that he would row Wray for \$2,500 a side at Bat Portage. If Wray sends a deposit of \$500 to the Manitoba Free Press, Gaudaur says he will take him, but until then will take no notice. He will make no allowance for expenses."

The following challenge is published in the Toronto Globe: "Sporting Editor: Sir—I hereby challenge John Hackett, of Bat Portage, Ont., to row me a three-mile race at Brockville, Ont., for \$500 a side, the race to take place the first week in August. I will allow him \$100 for expenses. (Signed) Eddie Durnan, Brockville."

THE TURF.

Sloane Has Three Winners.

London, May 11.—Tod Sloan finished first on H. J. King's Florio Gubattino in the Flying Handicap, 200 sovereigns, and 10 sovereigns each, at the third day's racing of Newmarket Second Spring Meeting, to-day. Rose Troo was second, and Gaudense third. Twelve horses ran.

The Breeders' Plate, 500 sovereigns, was won by Sir R. W. W. Grifflth's Vala Duchess, ridden by Sloan; Threosone being second, and Papadri third. Six horses ran.

Lord Wm. Beresford's Calman, ridden by Sloan, finished first in the Payne Stakes, 400 sovereigns, and 15 sovereigns each. Footpad II was second, and Singspot third. Five horses ran.

A selling plate of 200 sovereigns was won by Mrs. J. Corlett's Acrozo, Workspaw was second and Sir R. W. W. Grifflth's Kervall third. Six horses ran.

Mr. Arthur James's colt Odonovan Rossa won the Bedford Two-year-old Plate of 800 sovereigns. Sir William Beresford's Democrat finished second. Star of Hanover was third. Twelve horses ran.

Newmarket Races.

London, May 11.—At the second day's racing at Newmarket Second Spring Meeting to-day the race for a plate of 150 sovereigns for horses which have never won a race of the value of 100 sovereigns or races amounting to 500 sovereigns, was won by Mifham.

The Newmarket Stakes, 2,000 sovereigns, was won by Mr. E. Lorillard's Domine II. Sloan won by three-quarters of a length.

An all aged selling plate was won by Mr. N. Barnato's Sweet Story, ridden by Sloan. Dargass was second and Fiona third. Eleven horses ran.

Sloan rode Sir H. W. W. Grifflth's Kileen Aigas (9 to 2) in the Second Welter handicap of 150 sovereigns, but was unplaced. The winner was Mr. Leopold D. Rothschild's Phillos, Eleven horses ran.

The Spring Two-year-old Stakes were won by Sir R. W. W. Grifflth's Bettyfield (7 to 4), with Sloan up. Lord Stanley's Redy was second, and Sir J. Blundell Maple's St. Millicent third. Eight horses ran. The betting was 7 to 4 against Bettyfield.

THE KENNEL.

Covered With Glory.

Rev. J. W. Flinton's exhibits at the San Francisco Bazaar show distinguished themselves with more than their usual effect, as the following statement of the special prizes captured by them will prove:

For terriers (smooth-coated), California Jockey Club silver cup for best fox terrier dog—Won by Aldon Swagger, Rev. J. W. Flinton.

Pacific Fox Terrier Club for competition by dogs owned by members only, silver cup for best puppy dog—Won by Aldon Artist, Rev. J. W. Flinton.

Silver cup for best dog in novice class Won by Aldon Artist, Rev. J. W. Flinton.

Silver cup for best dog in limit or open class—Won by Aldon Swagger, Rev. J. W. Flinton.

NOMINATING CARDINALS.

Rome, May 11.—The papal consistory is to be held at the end of June for the nomination of ten cardinals.

HONEST ADVICE FREE TO MEN.

The Times is requested to publish the following: All men who are nervous and debilitated or who are suffering from any of the various troubles resulting from overwork, excess or youthful errors, are aware that most medical firms advertising to cure these conditions cannot be relied upon. Mr. Graham, a resident of London, Ont., living at 4374 Richmond street, was for a long time a sufferer from above troubles and after trying in vain many advertised remedies, electric belts, etc., became almost entirely discouraged and hopeless. Finally he confided in an old Clergymen who directed him to an eminent medical physician, through whose skillful treatment a speedy and perfect cure was obtained.

Knowing to his own sorrow that so many poor sufferers are being imposed upon by unscrupulous quacks, Mr. Graham considers it his duty to give his fellow-men the benefit of his experience and assist them to a cure by informing anyone who will write to him in strict confidence where to be cured. No attention can be given to those writing out of mere curiosity but any one who really needs a cure is advised to address Mr. Graham as above.

Sporting News.

CRICKET.

Brilliant Play by Australians.