AVAL AND MILITARY.

S. Garnet Leaves to Join the Sealing Patrol in Behring Sea.

ular Officer Transferred—Warite Riflemen Win—The New Local Range.

Garnet left port about 8 o'clock last g on her way to Behring Sea to take the fisheries protection patrol. Her rn headquarters will be at Ounalaska. ill be the Garnet's first trip to Beh-s, and on that account the opportungoing there would be specially welere it not for the fact that the vessel n be bound for home, and the long ages will come very close together. y up North will be a short one, how-the Garnet will be relieved by the ion after the latter has been in dock slight repairs required, and will proe back here by the middle of July. ampion is expected to go into dock day.

A POPULAR OFFICER.

Lieutenant Henry D. G. Foord has ransfered from the Garnet to the ion, the change taking effect yesterhen, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, his officers of the Garnet manned the 's galley and rowed Lieutenant across to the Champion, the feature trip being the beautiful course by the paymaster. The compliment y the officers is one usually offered to , and was a tribute to the popularLieutenant Foord on the Garnet.

WARSPITE OFFICERS' SHOOTING.

s has recently come from the War- a rifle match between the officers of ip and the Valparaiso Sporting Club, each side, at Queen's ranges, seven The officers won by 22 points, their being 74, and the individual scores Lieut. Sir R. K. Arbuthnot, 79; Dr. Brown, 76; Lieut. A. P. Ethelstone, . T. Owens, 73; Mr. A. B. Hughes, al, 370.

NEW DOCK SUGGESTED.

he subject of the recent occupation Esquimalt dock by the Romulus to clusion of H.M.S. Champion, the and Military Record says:

e obvious moral to be drawn from ident is that the Admiralty should teps to construct a naval dock at alt, as, indeed, in other parts of the where the accommodation for ships is inadequate."

THE PROVINCIAL MEETING.

pects indicate an unusually large atce at the prize meeting of the Pro- Rifle Association to be held lstream on July 27, 28, 29. Never have there been so many persons oria taking part in rifle practice as at; the Westminster men are turning usually strong; and so are those at no, who were quite unrepresented ar but are likely to have fifteen or men entered on this occasion. Vanalso is expected to take part, and yal Navy, away from port last year unt of the threatened smallpox epiwill be on hand this year as usual. any team matches included in the mme will make the meeting more sually interesting.

THE NEW RANGE.

announcement that a range is to be d for the Victoria riflemen without was very welcome news. The Min- Militia was quick to grasp the abof allowing the local force to conith practically no means of instruc- rifle shooting, when the whole ten- of modern military science is to per- arms and to so dispose of the troops the weapons may be most ely used. It is understood that range will be very easily accessible, t a marker will be provided at the ment expense every day during the season. Some anxiety is felt as to ying out of the range, which it is will be on the modern plan, with but ing point for all ranges, the targets laced in echelon so as to afford the onvenient line of fire. The new ear Toronto is said to be a model of ence in this respect, while on the and the new range at Montreal is a failure, having been laid out by men no expert knowledge of the require-

VANCOUVER'S WISHES.

putation of influential citizens waitthe Minister of Militia at Vancouequest that a local military force, an the proposed battery of garrison , be established there, and also that Battery is removed from Victoria it be stationed at Vancouver. Hon. terson did not give any encourageor could he very well, in the face of Herbert's strong protest against orization of any force except garrilery. As to C Battery the Minisnothing definite had been decided t goes without saying, however, ong as the Battery remains in Britmbia it will be stationed at Vicone main reason for its mainteto provide an artillery school, ould be out of place in a city where no artillery force. At WestminMinister expressed the hope that uld be able to lay the corner a new drill hall there next year. oke in Victoria also of being here a twelvemonth, it is evident that tion is to repeat the visit.

Some Children Growing Too Fast

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CABLE LETTER.

Slow Progress With Home Rule Bill —Irish Members Irritated—More Amendments.

Germany's Army Bill—Lily Langtry's Luck—Infanta Eulalia's American Visit.

LONDON, June 3.—Mr. Gladstone has disappointed the friends of the Government and has encouraged its enemies this week by his failure to apply heroic measures for the advancement of the Home Rule bill in committee. Clause 3, which has been under discussion, contains twenty-three lines and ten sub-divisions concerning the subjects on which the Dublin Legislature shall be powerless to make laws. In the last week just seven lines and three of the sub-divisions have been approved. This is as bad as the delay in the approving of clause 1, and has aroused varied feelings of dissatisfaction among the most loyal Gladstonians. The Liberals are irritated and chagrined because their prophecies of summary action by the Government have proved false so far, and the Irish have been exasperated to the verge of revolt by the taunts of the Unionists, which they have borne in silence in the hope of facilitating the progress of the bill. If the promised relief does not come soon the Irish members may be expected to jump into the fray and avenge all the gibes and insults thrown at them by Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain during the last week.

A SEVERE STRAIN.

Thomas Sexton, anti-Parnellite for North Kerry, has served notice on the ministers that in case decisive action against obstructionists be further delayed, neither Justin McCarthy nor he can be responsible for the silence of the Nationalists when goaded by this species of opposition. The increasing bitterness of the Unionists, he says, had put such a severe strain upon the discipline of the Irish parties that unless the Government would come to the rescue with repressive measures, the Irish leaders would be powerless to prevent their men from exercising their full parliamentary privileges of debate. Such a lifting of the floodgates would mean the doubling of the present resources of obstruction and the postponement of final action on the bill until August. The Liberal members of the House of Commons, appalled by the prospect, are urging the Ministry to avert the threatening calamity by carrying out the programme formulated by Mr. Gladstone during the Whitsuntide recess. The utter desperateness of the situation is revealed by the fact that even the Unionists have begun to weary of proposing and dividing on amendments which never had the slightest chance of being accepted.

AMENDMENTS AND OBSTRUCTIONS.

Last evening a Unionist conference at Devonshire house disclosed a wide difference as to the expediency of indulging without stint in the amendment mania. Lord Randolph Churchill protested against the Tory talking contests of recent sittings, and advocated the limitation of the debate to motions authorized by the Conservative and Liberal Unionist leaders. The complaints of Unionist members who were kept waiting in the House for hours to participate in hopeless and purposeless divisions, he said, ought to be considered for the sake of party discipline if for nothing else. Rt. Hon. Mr. Balfour agreed in principle with Lord Randolph, although contending that exceptional privileges ought to be granted the free lances of the Opposition. Joseph Chamberlain, leader of the Liberal Unionists, however, favored war to the knife all along the line. He insisted upon the policy of unceasing opposition and obstruction and pleaded so earnestly for his views that eventually they were approved by the conference. A series of new amendments was prepared. Lord Randolph and Mr. Balfour still disapproved of this course, but the Liberal-Unionists, notably Sir Henry James, are heartily in accord with Mr. Chamberlain.

RELIGION OF THE IRISH LEGISLATURE.

A minor issue of Home Rule, now much discussed in the lobbies, is the official religion of the Irish legislature. Will the chaplains of both houses be Catholics, if not, what will become of the scruples of the Ulster Protestants? These questions, although of trivial importance, are exciting much irritation, especially among the representatives of the Orange constituencies. As a large majority of the members of the Irish legislature will be Catholics, it is unlikely that any other than Catholic chaplains will be appointed, although the suggestion of a compromise has been made to the effect that the Upper House shall have a Protestant and the Lower House a Catholic to read prayers.

THE GERMAN ARMY BILL.

The leading party feature of German politics during the week has been the declaration of the Agrarian and anti-Semitic factions in favor of the Army bill, on condition that the chancellor modifies his commercial policy. The Agrarian leaders propose to extort guarantees of protection before voting for the bill. The Agrarian league is developing surprising activity on the stump. The party will contest most of the districts in Silesia, and will have a large number of candidates throughout Prussia. It was announced that a Socialist meeting was to be held at Metz, and among the the speakers who were to address the meeting was Herr Liebknecht. The authorities prohibited the meeting, but the Socialists determined to assemble at a place other than the one advertised. They proceeded to a "brassie" in the suburbs and attempted to hold the meeting there, but the police interfered and drove them out of the place. Herr Liebknecht left Metz yesterday without making his proposed speech. He went to Sarrebruck. The Catholics throughout Alsace-Lorraine are hostile to the military bill and will contest every district in the provinces. Their list of candidates shows that priests will stand for election in Metz, Strasburg and several other places.

INTERNATIONAL BILLIARDS.

The international billiard match between Frank Ives and John Roberts ended this evening. Comparatively little interest was felt in the game, as it was a foregone conclusion that Ives would run out. In the opening runs Ives had a slight advantage. Then he ran 80; Roberts followed with 30 and 193. After having made another short run of 46, Ives got the balls jammed and ran 852. This carried his score up to 5,097. Roberts made 20 points in four runs, and when Ives ran out Roberts' final score was 3,831. After the match the referee said in an interview: "Comment on such a match is superfluous. The match was a curious and interesting experiment; but it hardly is likely to be repeated. The players were cramped by the circumstances of larger balls and smaller pockets, and neither was able to display his abilities to advantage. Roberts adjusted himself more readily to the change than did Ives, who probably would have done better had he ignored the pockets altogether. But for what was little more than an accident, Roberts would almost certainly have won."

CONSIDERATIONS FOR THE PRESS.

Special arrangements are being made in Austria for the reception of Emperor William and the King of Saxony, when they will be entertained by Emperor Franz Joseph at the September manœuvres. A unique feature of the arrangements will be special quarters for the newspapers correspondents. These quarters will be appointed under the supervision of the war office officials. This distinction accorded to the press has staggered the German officials, who rarely omit an opportunity to affect publicly their utter indifference to the newspapers and their correspondents.

THE INFANTA IN THE U. S.

The Spanish newspapers comment enthusiastically upon the reception of the Infanta Eulalia in the United States, and compliment Mr. Snowden, the retiring U. S. Minister, for the tact he displayed in securing Spain's acceptance of the invitation to send one of her royal house to the Fair, and in removing the obstacles at one time in the way of the Infanta's proceeding from Havana to New York.

THE OWNER OF ISINGLASS FORTUNATE.

Harry McCallmont, owner of Isinglass, the winner of the Derby, came into possession of a fortune of £4,000,000 on the day of the race. The money was bequeathed him by his uncle, who stipulated that he should not come into it until his thirty-fourth birthday. Mr. McCallmont bought the Duke of Rutland's Chevelly estate for £350,000, and will rebuild the manor house at a cost of £200,000.

Mrs Langtry's luck at the track has made her hardly less conspicuous in it than is Mr. McCalmont. She won £35,000 on the Derby and $50,000 on the Oaks.

PANIC IN A THEATRE.

During the performance of "The Chimes of Normandy" at the Alfieri theatre, in Leghorn, this evening, a fourteen-year old boy fell from the second gallery to the floor of a stall. His head was crushed, and he died a few minutes after the fall. The accident caused a panic. The audience crowded to the doors in haste, and refused to listen to the assurances of the actors on the stage that there was no danger. Before the house was cleared many persons had been knocked down and trampled. Several are suffering from broken limbs, and dozens who were severely bruised are under medical treatment.

Baron Sauerman Jeltsch, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary for Prussia at the Court of Stuttgart, Wurtemburg, has been appointed German ambassador at Washington.

The Queen has offered to Sir Arthur Sullivan the office of Court Master of Music with charge of the Royal Library of Music.

A suspicious looking object, supposed to be an infernal machine, was found in the corridor of the Exchequer court, Dublin, this morning. The police are investigating.

Right In It.

"I must confess, Pat, that your action in the engagement yesterday surprised me."

"Ah what's the rayson o' that, captain, dear?"

"Reason enough, Pat. Didn't you promise me you'd be in the thickest of the fight, and didn't I catch you actually running away, you rascal?"

"Runnin away, is it? 'Dade, captain, but ye desave yersilf. It was in remimbrance of my promise, sor, that Oi was runnin around troyin to foind out jist there the foight was the thickest, so Oi was."—Army Memoirs.

Fashion Note.

Miss Budd's spring hat was the center of attraction on the avenue yesterday.—Harper's Bazar.

Brother Jones Sized Up.

"Long" Jones was in the habit of following the parson at the Sunday meetings and preaching to the weary convicts for a full hour and a half on religious subjects. As the parson was generally good for the same length of time the treat to the prisoners was very great. One day a temperance advocate named Campbell of Bloomington visited the prison, and after the parson had spoken made a "talk" which was so eloquent that it fixed the attention of the convicts. After the regular service there is always a meeting, where those who wish to stay tell their religious experiences.

On the platform this day were, besides other officials, the preacher, Campbell and the two Joneses. One after another the convicts arose and said a little piece, and then stood up an old darky. He had been there for many years, but had never spoken before. Surprised at this, the presiding pastor gave him the floor.

"Massa chairman," said the old man, "this yeah niggah's much edified wid de sarmon of Brudder Campbell. He's a mos' eloquential man, am Brudder Campbell, an he gits right down into dis yeah niggah's heart. Now, dar's one preacher done preach a fust rate sarmon, ain't no doubt 'bout dat, but 'tain't a sarmon for us. He preaches for an hour or mo', an he's a real good man, dis yeah nigger doan' doubt for a moment, but den he doan' reach way down in our hearts like Brudder Campbell.

"Now, dar's Brudder Jones; he's a real good man fur sartin, ain't no shadder o' doubt 'bout dat. He talks to dese boys on de Sabbath day fur an hour an mo'. Yes, Massa Chairman, dis yeah niggah hear Brudder Jones talk, an he talks an talks, an it 'pears to dis chile dat Brudder Jones jes' talks ter hear hisself talk."—Chicago Mail.

A Wonderful Discovery.

"Oh, look! Just look!" she cried wildly as she came to a sudden halt.

Her exclamation arrested the attention of two men and a messenger boy, who stopped to see what was the matter.

"Oh, look! Just see!" she went on, with increased excitement.

And a dude and an express driver and a few prominent citizens added themselves to the throng.

"Look there, Minnie!" she cried again, grasping her companion's arm and pointing to a window.

"There's the very same shade of green surah for 42 cents!"

And then the crowd gave a sigh of relief and moved disgustedly on.—Brooklyn Life.

The much-delayed wall papers have at last arrived at Weller Bros'. Some elegant patterns at low prices.

TRIPLE MURDER.

A Father, Mother and Daughter Discovered Weltering in Their Blood.

Lacolle, Quebec, the Scene of the Tragedy—Robbery the Supposed Cause.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

LACOLLE, Que., June 3.—The most fearful tragedy in the annals of Missisquoi county occurred seven miles from this point last night or early this morning. Henri Eddy, his wife, Mrs. Eddy, and their daughter, Emma, aged 20, were found murdered in their farm house at Beach Ridge, three miles from Clarenceville. After the murder had been committed, the assassins set fire to the dwelling, and the neighbors, who were attracted to the spot by the flames, found the three bodies, which were at once removed. As yet there is no clue to the murderers. There is little doubt that the primary intention of the unknown murderers was robbery, and this led to the sequel, which sent a thrill of horror throughout the whole district. In support of the robbery theory it is stated that when the bodies were removed, around Mrs. Eddy's hand was found a rubber band, which the neighbors say was similar to the one she carried on her purse. The position of the band indicated that it had been slipped off from the purse, probably in response to the robber's demand for money.

Excitement prevails in the neighborhood of Beach Ridge, and people are flocking to the scene of the murder. Coroner Mitchell, of Bedford, is holding an investigation this afternoon. Eddy, the murdered man, was 80, and his wife, formerly Miss Bush, was about 62. They were among the oldest families living in that part of the country. They were from United Empire loyalist stock. Mr. Eddy, the grandfather, having settled there in the early part of the century. He was a well-to-do farmer, independent, and possessed of considerable money. He was highly respected and one of the fathers of the Methodist church in Clarenceville. Miss Eddy was well educated and held in the highest esteem. A man is held in connection with the murder, but his name has not yet been reported.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

MONTREAL, June 3.—At an early hour this morning three American crooks crossed over from Vermont to the hamlet of Beach Ridge, in Missisquoi county in this province, and entered the farmhouse of Mr. Eddy, a wealthy farmer, and a leading man in the locality. They first demanded and obtained all the money and valuables he possessed and then shot and killed him, cut the throats of his wife and daughter and then set fire to the house. The flames were seen by the neighbors, who at once rushed to the spot and were horrified at the sight of the three dead bodies in a room on the lower flat of the house. The assassins had fled after completing their horrible work, and the traces they left showed that they went directly south to the border line, three miles distant. Detectives have left Montreal for the scene of the tragedy, accompanied by Mr. H. O. Eddy, a son of the murdered man, a prominent manufacturers' agent here. Miss Emma Eddy, the murdered daughter, was a beautiful young lady of twenty years, and was soon to have been married to a well known Montreal journalist.

TALE OF THE SEA.

SEATTLE, June 2.—For nearly two hours Deputy Collector McKenzie, acting in the capacity of a shipping commissioner, sat in his office and listened to some horrible tales of the sea, as related by the captain and crew of the bark McNeil, which arrived from Salinas Cruz last Sunday night. The men charged Captain Swan with all sorts of ill treatment. Captain Swan, on the other hand, said that the men were mutinous, refused to work and drank lots of bad whiskey.

Seaman William Fields stated that Capt. Swan was drunk the greater part of the voyage. While intoxicated, Fields said that "Swan would become madly insane." Armed with a dangerous looking knife ten inches in length and a revolver, he would make "Rome howl" about the bark. He threatened to shoot the men, but instead, the bullets from the revolver pierced the sails. He challenged the crew to fight duels with him and indulged in other barbarities. Fields claimed that at Port Angeles the crew demanded that the police flag be raised. Captain Swan refused to give his consent. A blue shirt was then hoisted, but was hauled down by the mate under instructions from the captain. The crew refused to work unless they were permitted to go ashore to see a United States commissioner. The other members of the crew who testified corroborated Field's story.

Captain Swan's statement didn't coincide with that of the crew. He stated that some of the men were drunk during the voyage and that they refused to work. He believed they were dangerous men and was afraid of them. He introduced a paper signed by James W. Jefferies, United States consular agent at Tehuantepec, Mexico. The latter stated that on March 14, he was called aboard the bark to make an investigation. He did so with the result that he ordered the crew to go to work. The agent stated that he found Watch Seaman Fay in a drunken condition; further that when Captain Swan ordered Seaman Fields to go on watch the latter used abusive language and refused to obey the command.

MEXICAN HAPPENINGS.

GUADALAJARA, June 3.—It has just become public that a duel was fought in this city last Saturday between two Americans, C. W. Carter and H. T. Templeton. The difficulty arose over a business transaction and resulted in Templeton being dangerously wounded.

CHIHUAHUA, June 3.—The state authorities here have received information that Nazario Valdez, who is wanted by United States authorities for several serious crimes committed in that country, has taken refuge in Mexico, and is believed to be in Ciudad Juarez. The rangers of that city have been ordered to make a thorough search for the fugitive and kill him on sight.

CITY OF MEXICO, June 3.—The swindling and robbing operations of Mayano and Alonzo, the Spanish firm engaged in extensive commission house business here, proves to have been much greater than at first reported. In addition to having received $15,000 worth of cotton from the Mexican National railroad by pretending to be the agents for the consignees, and presenting forged acceptances to that effect, the two members of the firm have just been charged with having received and disposed of $1,300 worth of coffee in the same manner. A large portion of the cotton has been discovered in a cotton factory near here and seized by the courts. It is estimated that the firm has obtained $100,000 by its bold swindling schemes during the past few months.

JEYPORE'S MAHARAJAH.

CHICAGO, June 2.—It is now positively known that the Maharajah of Jeypore is coming to the World's Fair. His Majesty cabled the fact of his intention to Deputy Commissioner V. W. Lake, and directed Mr. Lake to meet him in Carlsbad, Germany, to accompany him to Chicago. Mr. Lake at once left for New York, whence he will sail for Europe on the Campania, and expects to get back to Chicago before the end of the present month. The Sultan is famous for his great wealth, and is said to possess the finest collection of diamonds, rubies and pearls in the world. He will bring a retinue of ten servants and two English physicians, whom he carries with him to look after his health.

CANADIAN NEWS.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

PICTOU, N.S., June 3.—Captain David S. Creerar, retired shipowner and a wealthy and well-known man, is dead, aged 63.

HARTFORD, June 3.—Sanford Becker, only child of W. J. Becker, photographer, was run over by a wagon to-day, and killed.

BELLEVILLE, June 3.—Alexander Harris, aged 36, a grocer, was found dead in bed this morning. The supposed cause was quinsey.

TORONTO, June 3.—Ex-Ald. McDonald failed to secure his release from jail, where he was sent for three months for contempt of court, in not obeying the order of a judgment summons. By an appeal to the Crown, his case will be carried to the Supreme court.

MONTREAL, June 3.—Bishop Bond, although there is some improvement in his condition, is not yet out of danger. The lung symptoms are still present, and he has passed a restless night.

TORONTO, June 3.—The Earl and Countess of Derby will visit Toronto on Wednesday, and bid farewell to their friends. They will attend a reception at Government House.

MONTREAL, June 3.—A bad break has occurred in the Cornwall canal. While the tug Hall was on her way down she ran into the gates of Lock 19, breaking three of the gates. Two gates were completely carried away and the third badly bent. It is expected navigation will be suspended.

QUEBEC, June 3.—The Anglican Church Synod met to day and passed resolutions endorsing the Winnipeg church consolidation scheme, and empowering the bishops to appoint three clerical and three lay delegates to attend the coming conference on the subject to be held in Toronto in September.

QUEBEC, June 3.—The steamship Oregon's 600 steerage passengers are still at Grosse Isle. There are no new cases of diphtheria, but the immigrants cannot be released yet. Provisions have been sent down to them.

TORONTO, June 3.—A telegram from Denver, Col., announces the death of James Travers, a well-known compositor of this city, who went West recently in search of health.

CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, June 3.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily News says that Emperor William has accepted an invitation to attend the wedding of the Duke of York.

LONDON, June 3.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily News says that a sergeant and a few men at Fort Isabel, near Puenta La Reina, in the province of Navarra, tried to raise a revolt but met with no support, and were compelled to flee. They are being pursued by troops. The populace takes little interest in the affair.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 3.—Prince Bargram and Prince Mustapha, members of leading families in Daghestan, on their way to Moscow quarrelled and fought a deadly duel in the province of Poltava, in which both were killed.

BUDA-PESTH, June 3.—Railway strikers at Mohacs, Hungary, placed a dynamite bomb in a railway car yesterday and the bomb exploded, killing one person and dangerously injuring two others.

DUBLIN, June 3.—A suspicious-looking object, supposed to be an infernal machine, was found in the corridor of the Exchequer court last evening. The police are investigating it.

VIENNA, June 3.—The Austrian Minister of Marine has submitted to the delegations his annual report reviewing the position of the Austrian and other navies. He says petroleum is being generally abandoned as fuel for war ships owing to a risk of fire. He holds that the experiments of submarine boats have been discouraging. He notes the introduction of nickel in the armor plates and declares the use of smokeless powder has been so successful that it will soon extend from smaller guns to general artillery.

PARIS, June 3.—A submarine vessel, named the Gustave Zede, has been launched at Toulon. Its movements resembled those of swimming, while it was easily submerged when required and naval experts declared it a complete success.

LONDON, June 3.—Lord Dunraven's cutter yacht Valkyrie to-day easily defeated the yachts Britannia, Caluna and Saturna in a race from the Southend to Harwich. The Valkyrie is the yacht that is going to America to compete for the Americans cup. The Valkyrie finished 42 minutes and 53 seconds after 4 o'clock; the Saturna, 10 minutes 5 seconds later; the Britannia, 2 minutes 26 seconds behind the Saturna; the Calluna, 4 minutes 45 seconds after the Britannia; and the Iverna, 17 minutes 5 seconds after the Calluna. At the Nore the Calluna was held an hour behind the Valkyrie.

U. S. Naval Changes.

NEW YORK, June 2.—Admiral Gherardi's flag was hauled down on the cruiser Philadelphia on Wednesday, and on Thursday the affairs of the navy yard were turned over to the Admiral. Commodore Esben's pennant was run up to the peak of the Chicago and he assumed command of the European squadron. The change of administration caused much excitement at the yard, where a complete reorganization is expected. The ships of the white squadron are soon to leave their anchorage in the North river. The Philadelphia has been ordered to San Francisco, the Yorktown to the Pacific and the San Francisco is to be Rear Admiral Benham's flagship in the North Atlantic squadron.

CAPITAL NOTES.

The Farmers of Canada to Be Heard by Ministers on Tariff Matters.

Lord Aberdeen Will Not Leave Till End of August—Public Works.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, June 3.—An arrangement has been made by which Hon. Messrs. Bowel and Foster, will hold a conference of the executive committee to hear the representations of the farmers on the tariff.

The Government has decided to construct dams at the head and foot of Shirks island, by which the Moulinette and Mille Roches rapids will be drowned out.

A special cable says Lord Aberdeen will not sail for Canada till the end of August.

LORD ABERDEEN.

LONDON, June 3.—Lord Aberdeen says he intends to abstain from party politics while here, and will take no part in the Home Rule debates. Comment, however, is being evoked by the fact that Lady Aberdeen has just accepted the presidency of the Women's Liberal Federation in succession to Mrs. Gladstone. To-night's St. James' Gazette publishes a letter signed "On-Looker," urging the Countess to adopt an attitude of neutrality, as her continued participation in party politics will most assuredly disturb the unanimity of feeling with which all classes in Canada wish that both she and Lord Aberdeen should be received.

ABERDEEN'S DEPARTURE.

LONDON, June 2.—The Earl of Aberdeen stated to-day that he would probably start for Canada in August next, to assume the duties of Governor-General, but that much would depend upon such arrangements as Earl of Derby should see fit to make.

"MY FRIEND, THE TRAMP."

The Glasgow News is publishing a series of signed articles on Social questions. Among the contributors is the Rev. Mr. Somerville, who is well-known in this country. He is giving a series of "Social Photographs." We present our readers with a recent sketch of

"MY FRIEND, THE TRAMP."

He was only a tramp, and yet proved my friend in time of need. He gave me efficient aid in one of the most intense efforts of a life somewhat varied. I have never seen and heard from him regularly for nearly a quarter of a century. Nay, I must confess that his demise or disappearance would be a serious subtraction from the interest of my life, and yet he is only a tramp, beyond redemption, I fear, as I have found sometimes to my cost.

OUR INTRODUCTION CAME ABOUT IN THIS WAY.

The son of a widowed neighbor, a most accomplished and promising boy, suddenly disappeared from her home. He had been gone for a fortnight, and she was brought nigh unto death because he came not. The police were consulted in vain. There was no criminal charge against him, and the finding of a lost boy was beyond their sphere. Urged by compassion, I entered upon the search. I went to all the places in the city and the neighboring towns where it might be expected that a lost boy would be heard of—shipping offices, railway stations, lodging houses—without success. At length one day I found in a shelter a scrap of his handwriting. He had been there, and he was gone. I made for the nearest seaport. I entered the lodging houses, harangued the inmates, and assured them that he was wanted only for his good, and promised a reward to anyone who could give me information about him. On my entering the ticket office for the last train to the city, the tramp introduced himself. "How much to tell you where that kid is?" "Half-a-crown to tell me where he is, and half-a-soverign to get him." The next day, through the tramp's assistance, I had him beside his distracted mother. The reward was paid, and something more. Half a year afterwards tramp put himself in evidence for a modest reminder of the occasion—cheerfully accorded. Again and again did he come—not too often, but judiciously. Having established an interest in his movements, he wrote to me between the periodical visitations. It was wonderful the journeys he reported. No gentleman of fortune travelling for pleasure could possibly have seen more of the country. Tramp had been born before the days of school board inspection and attendance. He had learned to write by copying signboards, and in his long journeys he reported himself in a strange mixture of printed capitals and small letters—"BLaiRGoWrIE I am HERE SHavinG Hee LanDMEN." Tramp carries a razor and a pair of scissors, and can carry his way as a peripatetic barber. Sometimes the communication was—"FoRFaR I a AM HeRe TAkinG KATTEL." Sometimes also, "PooR-HouSE AbErDEEn I am HERE." When he turned in after these summer peregrinations at the beginning of winter, I was glad to see him, and gladly surrendered the usual benevolence.

HE HAD A COUGH THAT GAINED SYMPATHY,

and a line from a subscriber to one of the infirmaries. In the winter he found his way to the usual house—the workhouse. There he sheltered during the severe winter months. When spring began he came out, and, without much trouble, secured a line for one of the convalescent homes. In every one of these he has been a frequent visitor—and always welcome. He is a handy man. He can paint the doors, whitewash the walls, serve meals, and nurse those who require nursing. Give him shelter and food and he will make himself useful. Another peculiar feature of my tramp is this. He is always clean however old his clothes, they are always well mended—and he is truthful! These latter traits made me hope for better things. He only required a chance and he would settle down to regular work. This I would give him. I took a shop, bought materials and equipped him as a barber. Business came rolling in. He seemed on the way to a fortune. But, alas! prosperity overcame him. Sober in adversity, he took to the cups, and for a week the shop was not opened, and he was *non est*. I blamed myself for putting him in a position for which he was not able. For two years he kept out of my way. The election times came round and I came upon him as a canvasser for one of our political candidates. Through his success in this sphere he was installed as janitor of one of the political association rooms. For a few months

NO MAN COULD HAVE DONE BETTER.

He was obliging and reliable. He had an intelligent interest in all the movements of the party with which he had associated himself. Amid the excitement of their varied meetings, soirees and lectures he seemed perfectly happy. But the constraint of regular work became irksome. Thoughts of the country and heathery moors and the songs of birds came upon him. All at once he was taken with one of his complaints, real or fancied, and left for a convalescent home. Since then he has continued his frequent journeys, with periodical visits to the poorhouses and the homes. Our frequent conversations have elicited interesting in regard to this mode of life. "How did you fall into this mode of tramping?" "I was a collier, and took bronchitis and had to give up work. I had a brother near Newcastle. I started from Niddrie with fifteen-pence to go there and try to find him. I found him, and stayed with him a while and then came back by the road through Haltwhistle to Hawick." "What is the longest period you have been without food?" "Nearly two days, on my first journey, when the fifteen-pence was done, and I was ower blate to seek help. A gentleman spoke to me, and travelled with me into Berwick, asking me questions, and gave me a shilling." Was that your best piece of luck?" "Ay, that, or the half-guinea you gave me for finding the boy." "Have you often had to lie out at night?" "No, not often. If I come to a collier's row I can shave for as much as gets me lodgings, and if to a big farm bothy I play draughts with the men. I'm guid at this, and they are glad to see me. I've had shelter whiles in a stackyard, but no often, for the dogs are uncanny. I sleepit once in a wee wooden hut along wi' a cow, a calf, an' a goat. An' another time in a cart in a shed, but I got an awfu' fright." "How was that?" "Ye see, there was a hole above it for going into the loft, and doon frae that there jumped during the nicht a big cat, right on the top o' me when sleepin'. It was an awfu' scare." "And how do you get away up to Perthshire and Forfarshire in the summer time?"

"I USED TO TRAMP IT.

It's awfu' bonny up thare in the simmer, an' I play draughts wi' the farmer lads in the lang simmer evenings, but I gang easier noo." "How?" "I gang to one o' the stations where they're sending up cattle, an' I help the lads, and just go into the trucks wi' them. All the topemen know me, and I can get a job from them any time, either in picking out their cattle in the market or the fields, and in caring for them when travelling?" "Why don't you get a regular job and stick to it?" "So I would, but the bronchitis aye comes back." The clothing of my friend the tramp is always clean and well cared for. Where does he get it? His information is that he has a number of *friends* in Glasgow and Edinburgh who reserve portions of their own for him. Notwithstanding his habitual complaint he wears well, and keeps his youthful appearance. His is the case of derangement through loss of work at a critical period of life. He was forced to be a temporary tramp, and found it on the whole so successful that he has never betaken himself to regular work for any considerable period since. He has gained information in regard to the country, and its inhabitants, and their pursuits, but applied this to no useful purpose. His is a case that illustrates the ease—the too great ease—with which people of his habit can find admission to convalescent homes, hospitals, and poorhouses. My friend

THE TRAMP IS A CLEVER, PAWKY CHIEL,

and can work the trade beautifully, so far as benevolent gentlemen, home matrons, and workhouse governors are concerned; but still even to him there should be greater difficulties in finding entrance so frequently to such shelters.

T. SOMERVILLE.

MARINE MOVEMENTS.

No sooner was the steamship Danube released from quarantine at Portland, on Thursday morning last, than she was libelled by Pilot McVicar for a sum of $81 66, the amount claimed for half pilotage, which, it seems, is lawful in case services are declined. Capt. Myers, the Danube's commander, however, maintains that the pilot schooner was at least three miles away from the ship when McVicar spoke her, and that the libel has been brought simply to test the legality of the commissioners' decision that unless a pilot is within a mile of the vessel he speaks she need not accept his services, nor can she be held accountable for declining them. Two more writs have also been served on Captain Myers, the complainants in each case being Portland Chinamen. The charges laid are that several Chinese merchants have been unlawfully detained on board the vessel. In the meanwhile, Capt. E. W. Spencer has gone the Danube's bonds for $350 in the pilotage case. One of the Chinese cases will be heard to-morrow afternoon. So far 65 of the 503 Chinese passengers have been allowed to enter Uncle Sam's domain.

THE WORLOCK AWAY.

The new sealing schooner Worlock, in command of Captain Ridderbyetter, and carrying a crew of sixteen, all told, including four Japanese sailors, leaves on her first sealing expedition on Monday evening, being provisioned for a six months' cruise. She will go first to Nanaimo for coal, proceeding thence to the sealing grounds. After coaling again at Sitka, later on in the season, the Worlock will visit the Russian Coast when seals are out of reach on this side. Everything on board the vessel is made as comfortable as possible for her crew, who seem confident they will yet get their share of the seals.

AMICABLY ADJUSTED.

The difficulty between the ship Tacoma and the C.P.R. Company over the refusal of the former to proceed with the undertaking made to transport several hundred Chinese from Vancouver to United States waters has been amicably adjusted. The Tacoma has now been chartered to load for Callao.

THE TOPEKA ARRIVES.

The steamship Topeka, from Alaska, arrived at Seattle on Friday, being three days overdue on account of the large quantity of freight taken on the last trip. In the cargo on her home trip were eighteen packages of furs. The steamer leaves Seattle at nine o'clock this morning for Alaska.

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