

Bank Chat is the name of a bright Toronto monthly devoted to the interests of bankers. We notice a number of items of interest to Halifax bankers.

The charges of irregularities against Lieut. Governor Schultz, of Manitoba, have been dropped, as no case was made out. The only thing proved was that accounts were not rendered in as good shape as they ought to be.

The Lunenburg schooner *Morris Wilson* has been capsized and the entire crew of seventeen men lost. The vessel was being towed by the schooner *Eu. aka*, of Lunenburg, when Captain McAlpine, of the *Glenora*, saw her.

Rev. A. W. Lewis, a Presbyterian clergyman, has been called to account for an article written by him and published in the *Presbyterian Witness*, which reflected severely and untruthfully upon the character of the people of British Columbia.

Mrs. Murray, wife of a man who earns a good livelihood at Waverley, disappeared a few days ago. It is thought she went to British Columbia, as she had been urging her husband to go there. Quite a sensation has been created by the affair.

The Bowdoin College scientific expedition arrived at Halifax on Wednesday from Labrador. The great falls in that wild north land have been proved to exist, and may no longer be regarded as mythical. The expedition sailed yesterday for home.

Macdonald, a P. E. I. artillerian who went to Quebec with a team to shift guns, was killed. The coroner's jury laid the blame on no one, but recommended that a hospital tent, with all necessary appliances for use in case of accidents, should hereafter be provided.

Sophia Smith, who appropriated a registered letter containing forty dollars from Rev. Allan Simpson, a few weeks ago, has been brought back to the city from Toronto by Detective Power. The case came up in the Police Court on Monday when the girl was remanded until Saturday.

The official announcement of Lady Macdonald's elevation to the peerage is made by the *Official Gazette* published in London. The text of the announcement provides that on Baroness Macdonald's death the son of the late Sir John Macdonald becomes Lord Macdonald of Earnscliffe.

Our exhibition promises to be a great success. The entries are numerous, and arrangements for everything seem to be well advanced. A large concourse of people will doubtless assemble in our city the week after next, and we trust our people will, one and all, do what lies in their power to make it attractive.

Sir Henry Tyler, President of the Grand Trunk Railway, has been inspecting the eastern sections of the system this week. He will be present at the opening of the St. Clair tunnel to-morrow. It is thought in some quarters that a union of the G. T. and the Canadian Pacific will take place before a great while.

On the suit of the Farmer's Loan and Trust Company of New York, trustees for the bond holders of the Nova Scotia Central Railway, the mortgage will be foreclosed and the road will be sold. It is worth more than the claim under the bonds, but it is doubtful if the shareholders will be able to raise the money.

We direct the attention of our readers to the advertisement of the Halifax Commercial College, which has been opened by S. E. Whiston, formerly of the Business College. This institution will be found to answer the needs of all who wish to acquire a practical knowledge of business. Next week we will try to give a full description of the college.

The trouble among the painters, which began in Reardon's establishment, has spread, and most of the painters in the city are "out on strike." The Union in the States will assist the men, who appear to be in no hurry to come to a settlement. It will be remembered the trouble began over the employment of more boys in Reardon's than the rules of the Union allow.

There has been a hitch in the Quebec Government over the proceedings to be taken in consequence of the Senate Committee's report on the Baie d'Chaleur affairs. Lieut. Governor Angers wishes to appoint a Royal Commission to investigate the matter, but Mr. Mercier at first opposed the plan. It is now reported that he is willing to have Governor Angers appoint one commissioner, himself another, and a third to be selected by the two. Count Mercier wished to have the matter left until the legislature assembled.

The members of the Bowdoin College Labrador expedition were given a rail on the harbor on Thursday morning, Mr. Rod. Macdonald having placed his steam launch *Arrow* at the disposal of the Provincial Secretary, who made the distinguished visitors the guests of the Province. The party went down through the Eastern Passage, outside Devil's Island, Herring Cove and up the Northwest Arm. Hon. A. G. Jones, Hon. Mr. Church, Supervisor McKay, Inspector Gilpin and a large number of leading citizens enjoyed with the guests a delightful sail on one of the finest mornings of the month.

Last Saturday night the barque *Quebec* was towed into Halifax Harbor by the Gloucester fishing schooner *Iolanthe*. She had been abandoned at sea on September 8th by her captain and crew, who were taken to Boston by the steamer *Georgiana*. The story told at that place by the captain was that the *Quebec* was about to founder, but the other side of the story is that the captain of the *Iolanthe* found the *Quebec* with auger holes bored in her bottom with the purpose of sinking her. These were at once plugged and the ship pumped out. She is a valuable prize, worth about \$30,000. The owners were much surprised to find their uninsured ship had been abandoned in such good condition.

It is understood that Rubenstein has completed his new oratorio, "Moses," and that he has decided upon the framework of a new Russian opera.

The Prince of Wales is going to visit Tranby Croft, the scene of the Baccarat scandal, once more. This is arousing renewed feeling against His Royal Highness.

Despatches received at the Chilean legation state that a decree has been published at Santiago de Chili announcing that the coming elections for the presidency and members of congress will proceed upon the plan of universal suffrage.

All Europe has just been excited over a report that the British forces had formally occupied Sigri, a port on the west side of the Turkish island of Mitylene, about sixty miles south of the mouth of the Dardanelles. It was supposed that Great Britain intended to erect fortifications at the place and make it a coaling station for her Mediterranean fleet, and in the event of hostilities it would come prominently into notice. This report has since been discredited, although nothing positive seems to be known and the authorities will give no information. Whatever truth may be in the statement, we feel assured that our country will present the proper front to any national aggressions. Russia has no weakening to face when she attempts to flaunt in a bullying attitude before a nation which has the highest ideas of fairness and whose power is beyond question. Constantinople must be preserved from Russia, and to do this seems to require some immediate and decisive action which will permit of no future trifling; otherwise a greater Crimea may come before us—the consequence of any bungling or retraction. Russia must be most emphatically taught that she has to restrain her abominable policy of aggression, and Britain, if need be, is well fitted to act the part of instructor. It is evident that the latter country will be supported by most of the European powers who are anxious to preserve the balance of power, and who are alarmed at Russia's militant mien.



Office of Commissioner of Public Works & Mines,

HALIFAX, Sept. 10, 1891.

Notice is hereby given that on

**FRIDAY, the Second Day
of October next,
AT 11 A. M.,**

I will declare forfeited the following Gold Mining Leases in the proclaimed Districts of SHERBROOKE, STORMONT and WINE HARBOR, as provided by Sec. 71, Chap. 7, Revised Statutes, fifth series, and amendments thereto, unless it be shown that labor other than colorable has been performed on the areas contained in said leases within five years previous to this date.

Sherbrooke District.

Lease No 568—Wm L. Painter, lessee.
Lease No 571—Neal McEachron, James H. McDonald and Donald McDonald, lessees, Robert McNaughton, transferee.
Lease No 579—Donald McDonald, lessee, and Robert McNaughton and Carrie McNaughton, transferees.
Lease No 581—Wm McPherson, lessee, and James H. McDonald, Allan McQuarry, and Wm L. Painter, transferees.
Leases Nos 583, 602—Wm L. Painter, lessee; C & W Anderson, judgment creditors, and Wm M. Dault, transferee.
Lease No 603—Donald McDonald, lessee.
Lease No 606—James H. McDonald, Donald McDonald and Wm Harkness, lessees.
Lease No 607—Donald McDonald, James H. McDonald, Matthew McGrath and Wm Harkness, lessees.
Lease No 608—David A. McDonald, lessee.
Lease No 609—Edward S. Winans and Edward C. Winans, lessees.
Lease No 612—Henry Piers, lessee; Y. S. Kirkpatrick, E. M. Cooksley and Henry Bradley, transferees.
Lease No 615—Edward Culver Winans and Frederick Sheldon Winans, lessees.
Leases Nos 617, 618—Andrew Stephenson, lessee.
Lease No 620—Benjamin G. Gray, lessee.
Lease No 621—William McLean, lessee.
Lease No 622—Donald McDonald, lessee.
Lease No 623—Matthew McGrath, lessee, and Alex F. Falconer, transferee.
Lease No 624—James McDaniel, lessee.
Leases Nos 626, 632—Alexander F. Falconer, lessee.
Lease No 633—Donald McDonald, lessee.
Lease No 634—Allan McQuarry, lessee.
Lease No 637—Wallace McKay, lessee, and Alex F. Falconer, transferee.
Lease No 640—Matthew McGrath, lessee.
Lease No 641—Alex Cumming, lessee, and Rachel L. Cumming, transferee.
Lease No 642—James H. Macdonald, lessee, and James Yonston, transferee.

Lease No 643—Henry Piers and Wm D. R. Cameron, lessees.
Lease No 645—Malcolm Cameron, lessee.
Lease No 646—John H. Macdonald, lessee.
Lease No 647—Peter Ross, lessee.
Lease No 648—Rachel L. Cummings, lessee, and Silas Archibald, George E. Forsyth, transferees.
Lease No 649—Charles E. Parker, lessee.

Stormont District.

Lease No 241—William L. Lowell, lessee, and Francis Tonkin, transferee.
Lease No 242—Peter Ross, lessee.
Lease No 243—George W. Stuart, Robert McNaughton, lessees, and Daniel H. McPherson, transferee.
Lease No 247—Charles Gallihor, lessee.
Lease No 248—James Henderson, Reuben H. McMillan, lessees.
Lease No 256—Joseph H. Townsend, lessee.
Lease No 257—John G. Mason, Henry Mason, James A. Mason, John G. Sinclair and John E. Somers, lessees; Stephen McMillan, judgment creditor; John Sutherland and E. S. Sweet, transferees.
Lease No 258—Angus McGillivray, lessee.
Lease No 262—John L. Smith, Louis McIntosh, John Archibald and Mary Archibald, lessees; John W. McDaniel and Alex A. McKenzie, transferees.
Lease No 266—James A. Fraser, lessee.
Leases Nos 268, 269—John Sutherland, Robert Sutherland, Donald Matheson, Samuel Hudson and John L. Smith, lessees.
Leases Nos 272, 273—Ambrose D. Richard, Jesse E. Church, Allen W. Chipman, Mariner G. Teed and S. Edgar Wilson, lessees.
Lease No 274—Henry C. Fraser, George Johnson and Allan Hallott, lessees; Wm A. Howitt and John Sutherland, transferees.
Lease No 275—Alex F. Falconer, lessee.
Leases Nos 278, 282—Robert McNaughton, lessee.
Lease No 286—Charles Gallihor, lessee.
Leases Nos 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296—Jairus Hart and Charles Gallihor, lessees.
Lease No 299—Peter Ross, lessee.
Leases Nos 300, 301—Thomas Kent and David Buckley, lessees.
Lease No 302—Robert McNaughton, lessee.
Lease No 304—Freeman Hollett, Edward Cook and George S. Johnson, lessees.

Wine Harbor District.

Lease No 406—William Robar, lessee, and Angus Cameron, transferee.
Lease No 412—Matthew McGrath, lessee, and Robert McNaughton, transferee.
Lease No 414—Edmund D. Tucker, lessee.
Lease No 415—Robert McNaughton, lessee.
Lease No 416—George W. Clark, lessee.
Leases Nos 419, 420, 421—Henry Piers, lessee, and William A. Henry, judgment creditor.
Lease No 429—John H. Sutar, lessee.

CHARLES E. CHURCH,

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