

To Heal A Breach

Mr. Sifton and Fisher Are Invited to Love Feast at Montreal.

It Is Hoped Sir Wilfred Will Be Among the Guests.

Archdeacon Pentreath Will Look After Bishop Dart's Diocese—Coronation Medals.

Montreal, Sept. 29.—(Special)—Hon. J. Tarte is back again in Montreal on his Western tour, and in conversation with a friend, the Minister of Public Works intimated that he is on his way to the great manufacturing province of Ontario, adding that his reception was enthusiastic and that views on the tariff appeared to be generally accepted.

The Archbishop of this city, is evidently trying to heal the breach in the party ranks. A banquet to Sir Wilfred Laurier is proposed for October 15, and the Archbishop is expected to be present. The guests who are slated to attend are Messrs. Tarte, Fielding, Sir Wilfred Laurier, and others.

Sept. 29.—Owing to the high price of fuel, Toronto boarding houses advanced the price of board 50 cents a week. Bertram Spencer, one of Toronto's best physicians, fell while attempting to board a street car a few days ago, and was wounded in the head slightly. He is set in and is recovering rapidly.

Sept. 29.—Archdeacon Pentreath left today for Nelson, B. C. He will hold a meeting of the executive committee of the Diocese at that place. He goes thence to his home in Weymouth, N. S., until spring, when he returns to his diocese. He is expected to be present at the coronation medals ceremony in Montreal.

Sept. 29.—(Special)—A cable received yesterday at the Ministry of the Canadian High Commissioner in London says the War Office is anxious to know if the Government would undertake to send medals to the Canadian soldiers who served in South Africa.

The medals for the Canadian contingent should arrive next week. The medals for the British contingent were despatched by the War Office, which sailed from London on the 25th inst.

THE CAT INSTANT The Young Man Never Came Back.

Washington Star. Incident occurred in Washington on Monday last. A young man was calling upon the woman he was engaged to marry. She was sitting on the front steps of her house, and he was sitting on the back steps. He noticed a mouse in the house, and he went in to catch it. He found it in the vacant lot behind the house.

He caught the mouse and put it in a tin. He then went back to the woman. She asked him what he had done. He told her he had caught a mouse. She said she was glad he had done so. She then told him that she was going to get a new dress.

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Shamrocks Lose First

Westminster Lacrosse Team Make Ten Goals to Visitors Two.

A Great Crowd Gathers at Royal City to See the Match.

Exhibition Opened by Lieutenant Governor and Address Presented to Him.

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, B. C., Sept. 30.—The Provincial Exhibition duly opened today under most favorable auspices. The weather was fine and the crowds were enormous. The opening ceremony was held at 2 o'clock, when President Trapp and Hon. J. D. Prentice made short speeches and were followed by the Lieutenant-Governor.

Sir Henri Joly was presented with an illuminated address by the Lieutenant-Governor. The address was unique, in being mounted on a fine sheet of birch bark and adorned with silver leaflets and other tree seeds, out of compliment to His Honor's active interest in forestry.

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metamorphosis of the trade of the Far East. The likin has no exact parallel in European history. It is a Mongolian combination of internal revenue, octroi, road tax and local assessment.

The roads, canals and rivers of the Chinese empire are divided into short lengths, each point of division being a likin or tax-station. The smaller the traffic the longer the distance between these stations; the larger the traffic the closer the stations. At each station a tax is assessed and collected upon all merchandise in transit. Nominally the tax is small—a few mills on the dollar. Actually it ranges from 1 to 10 per cent, on the value of the goods, according to the capacity of the officials.

These are petty mandarins who buy their appointments from the local authorities. The appointment lasts three or four years, during which time the incumbent gets back the money he paid for his office and clears enough to support himself in fine style, and put by enough for a rainy day or to secure a second term. The poorest station brings \$100 in the political market, and pays \$150 a year. The rich ones command \$10,000, and pay as much annually. From one-half to one-fifth is paid over by the likin-gatherer to the local treasurer. The rest goes into his own pockets.

At each station is a likin office. It varies from a little house which the official occupies, and a shed where his two clerks or soldiers find a resting-place, to an imposing establishment where the official presides over a deputy, clerk, secretary, sheriff (or treasurer), and a guard of soldiers. All of these are paid from the likin.

The result of the system is easily seen. The tax increases the cost of goods so that it is impossible to transport merchandise more than a certain distance before it can no longer compete with similar goods made in the district to which it is brought. This along land and canal routes is about forty miles for ordinary merchandise, and 100 for special goods, such as lamps, clocks, watches and silks. In populous provinces like Quansung or Chi Kiang the stations are often only two miles apart. In those which are sparsely settled, like Yunnan or the hill districts of Szechuan, they are five and ten miles apart.

The system gives employment to a small army, which has been estimated at 400,000 in numbers. They exert considerable influence, and are bitterly opposed to all foreign ideas and institutions. While it is disliked by a majority of the trading class, it is liked by those dependent upon small industries, who are protected by its exactions from competition by rivals in districts with greater resources. The likin tariff is compared to the protective tariff with which the foreigner is met. It is a barrier to foreign commerce. Although there are 50 treaty ports where goods from abroad may be landed, it is doubtful if European and American wares ever get into the interior further than 50 miles from the coast, the Yangtze, West, Dragon, Min, Han and Pei rivers, or the French, British and Russian frontiers.

The abolition of the likin will entail results good and bad. It will paperize a large official class and intensify the hatred of "foreign devils." It will increase the pressure and strain upon the literary class, which is already overcrowded and suffering. It will diminish the provincial revenue, and necessitate new forms of taxation. It will quadruple, at least, the market for foreign merchandise, and give employment to junkmen, porters and tradesmen. It will double Chinese exports, especially in silk, matchings, keramics, coal, and vegetable products. Most serious of all, it will augment internal competition and cause a large emigration from China to Borneo, the Philippines, New Guinea, the Straits Settlements and Burma, where there are still millions of acres of unused fertile soil.

LINE TO ALBERNI. F. H. Shepherd Makes Topographical Survey For Government. Alberni, Sept. 29.—(Special)—Mr. F. H. Shepherd, C. E., and party have arrived here after a very successful trip from the East Coast. Mr. Shepherd was commissioned by the provincial government to make a topographical survey from a suitable point on or near the East Coast to Alberni. Good grades not exceeding two per cent, have been found, and a practical route fully demonstrated.

The present pass—the stage road pass—has been proven by a summit survey to be the lowest point on the Beaufort range. The proposed route lay through very promising mineral districts, and a timbered region west of Cameron lake, of immense value.

The possibilities of Alberni and surrounding districts are such as to merit the serious consideration of the government in regard to rail communication with the East Coast and the Capital.

Mr. Shepherd has made a thorough topographical survey. The route is replete with magnificent scenery, lakes, mountains and rugged canyons, and a veritable virgin forest for sport. Photographs have been taken on route, and when Mr. Shepherd's notes and information are completed, the department will be in possession of much new data regarding this very important section of the island.

The party are all well and expect to complete their labors in a few days, and return to Nanaimo.

The personnel of the party is composed of Mr. F. H. Shepherd, C. E., chief of party; Mr. H. Barker, topographer; Mr. Theo. Bryant, Mr. A. Norris, line and rodman; Mr. Geo. Sage and Mr. Chas. Taylor.

WORKERS AND MANUFACTURERS. Trying to Solve Some Method of Ending Strike. Detroit, Sept. 30.—President D. M. Perry, of the National Association of Manufacturers, tonight received from President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, the following telegram in answer to one sent him asking if the Mine Workers would appoint a committee to meet with a committee from the association to discuss means of ending the strike.

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sia Calf Bals, Goodyear Welt, worth \$4.50; full of bargain meaning,\$2.95 a pair. 149 Pairs Men's Vickid Bals, opera toe, Goodyear Welt, worth \$5.00 a pair, but The Army & Navy's price,\$2.95 a pair. Men's Storm Rubbers, best grade,75c. a pair. 250 Pairs Men's Flesh Calf Bals, sewed,\$1.25 a pair. Men's Hip Gum Boots at \$4.95 a pair

Underwear, Penman's famous No. 95 natural color, sizes 34 to 46, 95 cents each, in shirts and drawers. Extra heavy Shirts and Drawers in plain and silk striped natural, worth \$3.00 a suit, now \$1.90 a suit; all wool. Men's extra heavy Denim Overalls, riveted. In all colors, at 50 cents a pair.

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