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ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

The Charge of Criminal Libel Prepared by Chief of Police.

The Charge is Against the Montreal Herald - A Grand Trunk Accident.

COURTLAND, Ont., March 25.-The Buffalo express on the Michigan Central struck a buggy on a crossing a short distance east of Courtland this afternoon, killing its occupants, J. F. Cobbe and his wife, of this place.

HAGERSVILLE, March 25.-Staff Sergeant Halston of the 73rd battalion, one of the best known rifle shots in Canada, and a member of the Blesley team for six years, is dead.

TORONTO, March 25.-The Ontario government today introduced in the legislature a resolution to encourage the establishment of blast furnaces which use charcoal made within the province as the sole fuel in smelting ore, payment to be made out of the mining fund at 20 cents per ton on the proportion of pig metal. Smelters are allowed to use ores mined outside of Ontario, but in order to secure the grant during the next two years twenty per cent. Ontario ore must be included, after two years forty per cent., after four years sixty per cent., and after six years eighty per cent., and in eight years all ore smelted and used must be Ontario ore. The grant is one dollar per ton on the proportion of pig metal. Smelters are allowed to use ores mined outside of Ontario, but in order to secure the grant during the next two years twenty per cent. Ontario ore must be included, after two years forty per cent., after four years sixty per cent., and after six years eighty per cent., and in eight years all ore smelted and used must be Ontario ore. The grant is one dollar per ton on the proportion of pig metal.

MONTREAL, March 27.-The trial of James G. Briarly and Wm. F. McKay, managing director and business manager of the Herald, on a charge of criminal libel, prepared by Chief of Police Hughes, was begun in the court of the Queen's bench today. The Herald some time ago made charges that the chief of police had charged the city for horses he alleged to have purchased for the patrol wagon system, and which never came into possession of the city. Today's proceedings were principally occupied in getting the case ready to present to the jury. Three witnesses were also examined, who stated that the article complained of was libellous. The defence pleaded not guilty, and urged further that the article was true, and published in the public interest. Great interest is taken in the case, for upon it the official life of the chief or the reputation of the newspaper depend.

KENWOOD, Ont., March 27.-The accommodation train from Sarnia on the Grand Trunk struck the caboose of a freight train on a siding here this afternoon. Section Foreman Chevers was killed outright and Section-man Vickers seriously injured. The sectionman had fallen to replace the switch.

HAMILTON, Ontario, March 27.-Wages of stove moulders here are to be advanced ten per cent. on May 1st. The men are objecting, and want 15 per cent. The manufacturers refuse, and a strike is in prospect.

IN FOUR MONTHS,

While the English Manufacturers Asked Eighteen Months.

LONDON, March 27.-The order for twenty locomotives given by the Great Northern Railroad Co. to the Baldwin company of Philadelphia is causing much comment in engineering and official circles here. The contract stipulates the delivery of the locomotives in four months, and it seems that the British manufacturers needed eighteen months to do the work.

H. J. Ivatt, chief locomotive superintendent of the Great Northern Railroad, who is now in the United States with other English railroad men studying the American automatic coupling system, writes that he is surprised at the great capacity of the American locomotive works. It is understood that further orders from the Indian and Australian governments have been given to the Baldwin company. The same capacity for speed in delivery secured for locomotives in the Sudan, to the intense disappointment of British firms, none of whom, however, were able to guarantee the delivery of the necessary iron work within the prescribed time.

In contrast with the promptitude of the Americans it may be mentioned that the Sudan railroad had to wait four months for a small bridge weighing thirty-one tons. It will perhaps be found that all the first batch of locomotives for the Sudan will be American construction.

FREDERICTON. A Rich Specimen of Gold Quartz.

H. A. McKeown to Address the New Brunswick Sunday School Convention.

FREDERICTON, March 27.-Chancellor Harrison of the university has received a notification from Lord Minto of his intention of offering annually to the university a gold medal for competition. The medal this year will be awarded to the one most proficient in English and French.

The Farmers' and Dairy-men's association of New Brunswick will hold its first session in the Y. M. C. A. hall tomorrow afternoon. Addresses will be delivered by his honor the lieutenant governor and the commissioner of agriculture.

The Bank of Montreal opened for business in this city today with the following staff: M. S. L. Richey, manager; W. H. Mouton Taylor, accountant; P. S. Stevenson, teller; F. P. Collier, Jr., clerk; R. M. Pinder, messenger.

The New Brunswick Sunday school convention opens in this city on Thursday next. At the evening session an address will be delivered by H. A. McKeown, M. P., of St. John. From all appearances the Fredericton amateur minstrels are to have a record breaking audience at their entertainment on Monday evening next. It is expected that every seat in the building will be bought up at reserved seat prices before the night of entertainment, something unprecedented in the history of the Opera house.

Duncan Hallett, formerly C. P. R. station agent at St. Mary's, died this morning at the residence of Thos. H. Collier at Keswick, of consumption. Deceased was 31 years old and unmarried. One brother and one sister survive.

Your correspondent was shown today by a gentleman from Stanley's ideas of quartz quite thickly streaked with gold, which he claimed to have found on one of his areas at Cross Creek. The specimen was certainly a good one.

J. H. Sweet has been chosen valedictorian for the class of '99 at U. N. B.

TREVELYAN'S SPEECH.

LONDON, March 27.-Sir George Otto Trevelyan, nephew of the celebrated historian, Lord Macaulay, and former secretary for Scotland, in the course of an address before the Authors' club this evening, referred to his recently published "History of the American Revolution," and said he chose the theme because the American revolution was "the most fascinating and interesting epoch" of which he knew, adding that he esteemed it a privilege and pleasure to write upon such a theme.

OTTAWA NEWS.

Bill to Issue Passes to Senators and Members.

It is Reported that McShane Will Not Be Postmaster of Montreal.

Gen. Hutton's First Report on the Militia of Canada--Some Changes Recommended.

Dominion Dairy Commissioners Speak at Fredericton on Wednesday and St. John Thursday.

OTTAWA, March 24.-Another Yukon railway bill is in prospect. Wm. McKenzie of Toronto and D. D. Mann of Montreal are seeking incorporation as the Canadian Yukon Railway Company, with power to build a line from a point in British Columbia to the Stikine River, thence via Teatin to Dawson City; also a branch line from the head of Lynn canal to Dawson. This is the project of last session over again, storm of the big government, already Mr. Soliman is wondering whether it means that the government will bring down a proposition for a subsidy this session, and some say that a proposal for a money subsidy will be included by the government in the budget, the bill to be brought down towards the end of the session.

Petitions are coming in from the Ontario county council setting forth the inconsistency of the municipalities being asked to grant direct aid for the maintenance of the militia force, and men to be increased by at least twenty-five cents per day.

Committees of the senate met this morning for organization and elected chairman as follows: Railways, Baker, banking and commerce, Allan; private bills, Mr. Popchynsky; agriculture, Mr. Soliman; standing orders, Macdonald (B. C.); debits, Mr. Belcher; and library, speaker of the senate.

The explanation of the royal salute accorded to Lord Minto on the drawing room last Saturday is given to-day by a military order. The following extract from the Queen's regulations, 1888, is being published for general information, and will be made the subject of a general order at an early date. Honors and salutes to be given by troops on parade are as follows:

1. The lieutenant governor of a colony, or special royal commissioner, acting on behalf of the sovereignty, opening or closing a session of a colonial legislature, royal salute, standards and colors lowered, officers saluting, men playing first band, the national anthem.

The major general commanding has much pleasure in announcing that the sum of twelve hundred and sixty dollars has been credited to his excellency's fund towards the Gordon Memorial College, as a subscription from the troops under his command. The sum which shall meet the case will be pleased to express his appreciation of the kindly feeling of comradeship shown by the Canadian troops towards the British and Egyptian armies employed in the recent military operations in the Sudan, by the generous contribution to the national memorial in honor of the heroic Gordon.

(1) It is contemplated to create an army medical department from the existing regimental medical services. With a view to framing an organization which shall meet the case, military committees will be formed in leading cities.

In St. John the committee consists of Lt. Col. H. H. McLean, commanding 62nd Batt., or A. C. O., selected by the D. O. C., president; Surgeon Major J. W. Daniel, 8th Regt. C. A.; Surgeon Major Thos. Walker, 5th Fusiliers; Surgeon Lieut. Murray MacLaren, 62nd Fusiliers.

It Halifax-Lt. Col. Irving, D. O. C., president; Surgeon Lt. Col. Tobin; Surgeon Major Donald A. Campbell; Surgeon Major L. L. Pugh; Surgeon Major L. Curry, 6th H. L. Fusiliers.

Agenda of the points to be considered will be forwarded to the officers above named, who are invited to attend. Plain clothes may be worn.

Chief officers concerned will arrange date, hour and place. The proceedings will be forwarded through the D. O. C. to the C. S. O. not later than the 15th prox. No expense to the public can be entertained.

For convenience in instruction, officers and sergeants will join the Royal Schools of Military Instruction for special courses on the dates specified, as follows: Royal Schools of Cavalry, Royal Schools of Artillery (field and Garrison divisions), first working days in February, April and November; Royal Schools of Infantry, first working days in February, May and November.

Efforts will move the resolution in favor of reducing the present high duties upon tobacco.

The Ontario agit has a grievance cause today. Alex. Smith, organizer, was present and endeavored to smooth matters over. There is a lot of kicking over Blair's proposal to acquire the Canadian Pacific railway.

The senate today decided to remit the case on the diverse application of David Stock, on account of poverty.

Simon Macdonald, Victoria, called attention to a despatch from England to the effect that the British government had made a statement that negotiations were in progress for the establishment of a modus vivendi on the Alaskan frontier pending a settlement regarding the boundary.

Hon. Mr. Scott said the government had received no information on the subject, but thought that such might be the case.

Hon. Mr. Mills, answering Mr. Perley, said no meeting of the privy council was held in New York.

Mr. Mackenzie Bowell was informed by Hon. Mr. Mills that there had been a meeting in Ottawa on the 15th of February, 1899, the sum of \$10,478.

Mr. Mackenzie Bowell called attention to the fact that during the debate on the franchise bill last session the senate had consented to withdraw its amendment to the bill, giving disfranchised electors in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Manitoba, where it was not provided for, a right of appeal by judges to have their names placed on the list on the promise of the minister of state that the government would use its influence to have these provisions amend their franchise law so as to give the right of appeal to the judges in such cases.

He wanted to know if the government had implemented that promise by making representations to the provinces in question.

Hon. David Mills was not in possession of information on the subject, but promised to give it when the senate next met.

The senate then adjourned until Tuesday, April 11th.

OTTAWA, March 24.-A five hour speech on the address was delivered by Mr. P. P. Davin, M. P., in the House of Commons. He charged the government with being false to its pledges. Where, he asked, is the liberal party today? He declared he was in power, but the party is in opposition, for its principles have been betrayed. Wanting sincerity, and wanting truth, they have touched nothing that they have not deformed.

Rufus Pope said he saw signs of a general election in the threat of a gerrymander bill. He warned the government that the conservatives would not leave the house of commons until they could go to the polls on even terms. The acts of the government would be closely observed and investigated if it took all summer. Canada, he declared, is at present suffering from a rule of corruption such as has never before been known. The power of the liberal party had been used in Quebec to crush the prohibition. More than forty thousand votes had been cast in Quebec against prohibition after the polls had been closed.

Mr. Richardson, M. P., Lesgar, has been shown down by the liberals. They did not invite him to the caucus of the westerners, and substituted Bostock as the western liberal whip. This, it is said, has been done at Sir John's dictation, his animus against Richardson being very strong.

The debates committee of the commons today decided to recommend George Simpson, resident correspondent of the Globe, to the position on the reporting staff made vacant by the death of Dr. Bradley. Walter C. Boyce was appointed to the position of editor of the Hansard, in succession to his father, whose assistant he has been for several years.

The recess will be from Thursday of next week until Tuesday, April 4th. Sir Wilfrid Laurier gave notice today to the foregoing effect.

OTTAWA, March 26.-Montague Yates, manager of the Canadian Steamship Company, the Milford Haven-Paspebiac line, is here. He says the company has demonstrated the practicability of operating a ten-ton service to Paspebiac, and will run vessels continuously to that port all through the summer, and in winter, when the state of the ice will permit. The company has no fears with respect to the Gaspesia, except that she may now be running short of provisions. There are about 75 persons on board, passengers and crew. The government steamer Stanley has been ordered to the relief of the Gaspesia, but it is left to the discretion of the captain as to when he shall go.

The St. John Board of Trade deputation left for home yesterday, having received the assurance that subjects to the winter freight lines will be continued.

General Manager Pottinger of the C. R. arrived here tonight.

A point of great interest to the United States citizens of Canadian birth has just been brought before the department of justice. It arises out of the adoption by the British Columbia legislature of the statute prohibiting aliens from acquiring mining claims in that province. It appears that certain important mining properties have been secured by an indi-

SWINE RAISING FOR THE BACON TRADE

Is the name of a timely article written for the CO-OPERATIVE FARMER by J. J. Ferguson, B. S. C. of Smith's Falls, Ont. Mr. Ferguson, who has been in the Maritime Provinces all winter, writes his articles from a Maritime Province standpoint, giving FARMER readers the benefit of his long experience in hog raising. He tells the kind of hog wanted, the breed, weight and size, the food supply and feeding, how to market, and a hundred and one other interesting facts connected with the industry.

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vidual who was born a British subject, but who a few years ago renounced his allegiance to Her Majesty and became an American citizen.

Now, in order to secure his claim in the Atlin district, he wants to get within the folds of the Union Jack once more, and that right speedily.

It does not appear, however, that a man born a British subject who becomes an American citizen, can become a British subject again until he has completed the three years' residence in Canada, which is required by the laws of almost every American state.

In other words, an American citizen born a British subject, has no more rights in Canada than an alien born beyond the confines of the British empire. It seems, therefore, that this particular individual cannot secure his claims in the Atlin country until after the expiration of three years' continuous residence in Canada, and taking out his naturalization papers.

Honors Wain of the Quebec Chronicle, was yesterday elected president of the parliamentary press gallery; G. H. Brown of the Ottawa Free Press vice president; R. J. Hartley, of the Montreal Herald, secretary.

The Ottawa civic authorities have used electricity with great success as a means for thawing frozen water pipes.

OTTAWA, March 27.-Mr. Bostock will introduce a bill to provide for the issue of railway passes to senators and members.

Geo. Simpson of the Hansard staff was today presented by his old confederates of the press gallery with a beautiful brass and onyx bracelet, and, on his retirement from journalism.

There is considerable speculation as to what will be done with the Speaker's report in reference to the resignation of Mr. Guite, M. P., which is defective only because it did not have Guite's seal upon it. Meanwhile Mr. Guite has arrived at Ottawa and has taken his seat.

The petition asking parliament to grant an extra 25 cents per day to the militia force has been ruled out, it being contrary to the rules of parliament to receive any petition asking for money grants.

Mr. Rutherford will move a resolution in favor of the appointment of a railway commission.

Little interest is manifested by the leather trade in the great exhibition of manufacturers of leather to be held in London, England, next month. The department of trade and commerce has not yet been advised of a single Canadian exhibitor.

The department of trade and commerce has been advised by the high commissioner's office that inquiry had been received there from English merchants desiring to deal with Canadian firms handling the following class of goods: Canned and evaporated apples, dried plums and kindred fruits, tinned vegetables, fruits, etc., corn brooms, wooden pails and other household utensils, drugs and chemicals.

The postmaster-general of Montreal is not to be filled until after the session. This is an indication that the job will go to Mr. Beauvois, M. P. Mr. McShane will be placated by the support of the French-Canadians on his candidature for the mayoralty of Montreal, and it is whispered he will be overlooked when the contracts for Montreal harbor works are given out.

General Hutton's first report on the militia of Canada is one of the most dramatic ever presented to parliament. It is chockful of recommendations, which, if the major general is given the power and the money to carry out, are calculated to give the country an effective militia force, which he says it has not today. The keynote of the report is the importance of dissevering the administration of militia from the civil branch, especially in handling of stores. He recommends the more effective training of all arms of the service, and that the force be trained sixteen days instead of twelve.

The general officer commanding her majesty's troops in British North America has promised his assistance in furthering the instruction of the Canadian troops allotted for the defence of Halifax and Esquimaux. It has been arranged that the mobilization of the troops and the manning of the forts at Halifax shall take place annually on the 1st of July in each year. The general says that professional attainments in, and the technical knowledge of artillery as a science on the part of the officers of the Royal Canadian ar-

illery are insufficient for modern requirements. This is in no way due to the lack of zeal but to the absence of opportunity and to want of proper training. The schools of gunnery for instruction artillery at Quebec and for field artillery at Kingston are quite elementary, and are not equal to the instruction of the officers and non-commissioned officers of the Canadian artillery generally in the science of modern gunnery. He recommends as an essential factor in the present and future efficiency of the artillery that a specially selected field officer of the royal artillery (lieutenant colonel if possible) be appointed from the list of May next to command the whole of the artillery for three years. This officer will be allowed to institute a system of artillery command and administration upon modern lines which, at the termination of three years, our own Canadian artillery officers should be able to carry on. The general recommends further the provision of an arms and equipment store for each regiment (also the establishment of a depot system for militia and the formation of regiment mounted rifles in the Northwest.

Reviewing the present position of the force the general calls attention to the absence of a trained general's staff and of administrative departments and corps of engineers with their accommodations for remedying their defects. The absence of sufficient stores, arms, ammunition and clothing is commented on. He recommends also the formation of a naval militia brigade on the lakes.

The following changes are required in order to carry out the general principles indicated:

(1) The position of the general officer in military command to be amended.

(2) The creation of the existing militia force into an army complete in staff, in administrative departments and in all the important elements which constitute a modern army.

(3) The provision of military stores and buildings for their custody.

The general says under the existing circumstances any considerable increase to the present strength of the militia force is inadvisable, but I wish most strongly to urge that a complete though gradual change should be effected in the organization and administration of the whole force, so as to conform to the requirements of the principles which I have ventured to submit. This change can be effected with comparatively small increase to the yearly budget. It will be time enough to consider whether an increase of the troops is necessary when the present military situation in Canada has been made so approximately to modern military requirements.

To carry out his recommendations, exclusive of capital expenditure on guns, stores, etc., would require this year \$1,650,000, or 33 cents per head of population, being an increase of \$130,000 over the estimate of last year.

The debate on the address was continued by Mr. Davin (Sussex), who made a vulgar attack upon Mr. Davin, which led to a wordy warfare between the two members, necessitating the intervention of the speaker.

After speeches by Booth (Sussex) and Spruce (East Grey), Mr. McCure (Liberal, Colchester) spoke. He claimed the government had broken no prohibition pledges, hence he had no fault to find with them. He did not intend to make political capital for the party by voting against the government, as he did not see by so doing how that would advance the cause of prohibition.

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