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NEWFOUNDLAND DOESN'T WANT UNION WITH THE DOMINION.

Premier Bond Says That No Correspondence Has Been Had With Canada on the Subject, and That There is No Public Opinion in Favor of Confederation.

(Associated Press.) St. John, Nfld., March 30.—In the legislative assembly here today Premier Bond said that no correspondence had passed between the government of Newfoundland and that of the Dominion concerning confederation.

It is pointed out by the opposition that the present time was opportune for the opening of negotiations towards a union with Canada, there being no desire on the part of the people of Newfoundland for the inclusion of the colony as a constituent part of the Dominion.

On the contrary the reply said there was an evident desire that the colony should maintain its autonomy and continue to retain its honorable and independent position as a part of the British Empire.

SMALLPOX AT SYDNEY, CAPE BRETON.

New Cases Discovered Wednesday—Twenty People in Quarantine.

St. John, N. S., March 30.—(Special.)—Smallpox is spreading rapidly in Sydney, Cape Breton. It was first reported here a week ago and there are at present twenty cases under quarantine.

FORWARD AND QUEEN GET BIG RECEPTION.

King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra arrived here today on their way to St. John for the celebration of the centennial of the discovery of the continent.

LAN NEWSPAPER MEN GOING TO ST. LOUIS.

St. John, Nfld., March 30.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the Newfoundland Press Association will be held in St. Louis, Mo., on May 1st.

YOUNG POLICEMAN ARRESTED FOR MURDER.

St. John, Nfld., March 30.—(Special.)—A young policeman was arrested today on suspicion of the murder of a man named Patrick Farrell.

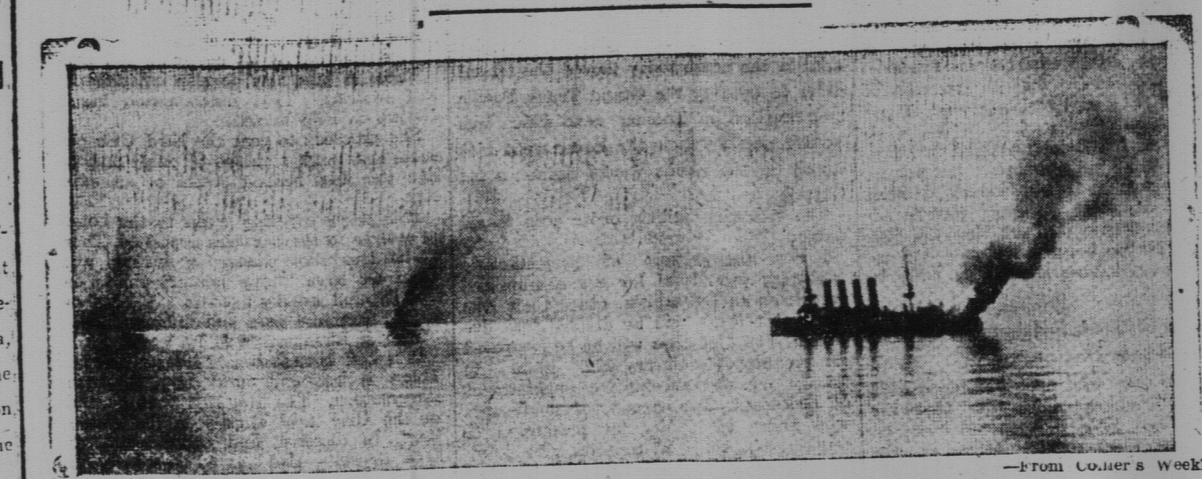
REMIER TWEEDIE NAILS ANOTHER SUN STORY.

Legislature's Attention Called to Its Statement That Temperature Delegation Had Been Turned Down and It is Branded False.

St. John, N. B., March 30.—The legislature here today met at 3 o'clock. Mr. Tweedie laid before the house a copy of the correspondence between the Dominion government and the Newfoundland government with reference to the proposed delegation of the Maritimes to the Dominion.

Mr. Tweedie said: I rise to a question of privilege. I am not in the habit of objecting to newspaper criticism because I realize the fact that such criticism may be proper when based on the truth.

RUSSIANS FALL BACK AS THE JAPS ADVANCE.



The Russian Cruiser, "Varg" on Fire in Chemulpo Harbor.

London, March 31.—The Daily Telegraph says the Japanese authorities have refused to permit the use of the field telegraph lines and that all dispatches must be sent to Tokyo by mail.

The Daily Telegraph in an editorial on the unprecedented severity of this censorship suggests that Japan has some new and important move to conceal, possibly the re-embarkation of a portion of her forces already in Korea for some other point in the theatre of war.

A correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Seoul reports that the Russians are evacuating the positions they occupy in Korea with the headquarters staff.

There is no further news of any kind concerning the progress of hostilities.

TWO MORE COMPANIES GRANTED CHARTERS.

Christie Woodworking Company of this City, and the Kent Electric Company Incorporated—Tenders for New Bridge in Kings County.

Fredericton, March 30.—Letters patent has been granted incorporating Richard O'Leary, Richibucto, merchant; William O'Leary, Montreal, mechanical engineer; Frederick A. O'Leary, Richibucto; Henry H. James, Richibucto, barrister-at-law; as the Kent Electric Company, Ltd., with a total capital stock of \$20,000, divided into 200 shares of \$100 each.

During the special service at St. Ann's church this morning Canon Roberts was among those registered at the Queen hotel today.

Sealed tenders will be received at the department of public works, Fredericton, until Monday, 18th April, 1904, for rebuilding Ryan bridge by-road, parish of Sussex, Kings county (N. B.).

MAJOR BENOIT TO BE SUPERANNUATED.

Mr. Brown, Private Secretary to Minister of Militia, to Succeed Director of Militia Contracts.

Ottawa, March 30.—(Special.)—It is understood that Major Benoit, director of contracts in the militia department, is to be superannuated on account of ill health and that Mr. Brown, private secretary to the minister of militia, is to be appointed director of contracts.

C. L. Panet, an officer of the department, and a son of the late Col. Panet, who was deputy minister of militia for many years, will be appointed private secretary to Sir Frederick Borden.

BANKERS BANQUET TO HIS OLD JOB.

Former I. C. R. Mechanical Superintendent Will Take Charge April 1.

ST. JOHN COPPER MINE. BAD TRAIN WRECK. Fast Freight Going West Leaves 11 A.M. Near Rogersville Wednesday Afternoon—Six Cars Go Over Embankment and Roadbed Badly Torn Up.

Fredericton, March 30.—(Special.)—Col. McLean and managers of the St. John banks, now in the city on legislative business, entertained the members of the legislature and other friends to luncheon at the Queen hotel this evening.

Among those registered at the Queen hotel today are Col. Alperon of New York and A. P. Barnhill of St. John. This prominent New York capitalist is accompanied by his wife and two children.

A fast freight going west was badly wrecked about 4:30 this afternoon at Collett's Sidings, about five miles above Rogersville.

Nine box cars next the engine left the rails and six went over the dump and were badly broken up and three were thrown crossways of the track.

Neither engine or van left the rails and none of the train hands were injured.

The road was blocked some hours by the accident. An auxiliary train was sent out from Moncton and the road will be cleared in time to allow the express train to pass with little or no detention.

Wm. Buchanan an I. C. R. employe, who lost the use of both feet as a result of a fall in the works two years ago, was taken to Montreal tonight for expert treatment.

Lord Curzon makes significant speech about unfriendly influences at work.

BOSTON FISH IMPORTERS WILL FIGHT AGAINST OBNOXIOUS LAW.

Boston, March 30.—Boston fish porters and dealers will unite with those of New York and Philadelphia in a fight against the recent treasury order, assessing on the entire contents of an imported package of fish, including brine, salt, ice, etc.

Conservative Retains the Seat. Charlottetown, March 30.—Full returns in the Cardigan local election give Kelly, Conservative, a majority over Sigsworth, Liberal, of 73.

DON'T WANT NEW BRUNSWICK LOGS SAWN IN MAINE.

St. John Lumbermen Tell Legislative Committee That Product of Crown Lands Should Be Manufactured in Our Own Mills—Pulp Mill Interests Afraid of Being Barred from American Market.

Fredericton, March 30.—(Special.)—The special committee of the legislature to which was referred Mr. Fleming's resolution to prohibit the exportation of round logs cut on crown lands, met this afternoon and heard evidence of several witnesses.

John M. Stevens, K. C., of Edmundston, who is a large stockholder in the Van Buren Lumber Company, was the first witness and expressed himself as being strongly against proposed legislation.

He believed that it would be in the interests of the province for the government to prohibit the exportation of unmanufactured lumber. If the government set the example it would have a good moral effect on the owners of private lands.

He thought it would be to the advantage to have all cedar logs manufactured here that now go to Maine. He thought it hardly likely that lumber that would be cut on crown lands along the line of the Restigouche and Western Railway would be taken to Maine, instead of the English market.

Mr. Gregory did not think if the proposed change was made that the American government would repeat the statute which permits American logs to be manufactured in New Brunswick, as the government would be doing nothing at which they could take offence.

Mr. Gregory expressed himself as being strongly in favor of prohibiting the exportation of round logs. He did not think the legislature of New Brunswick should legislate for the aggrandizement of American citizens.

He did not think it was economy to have unnecessary labor performed, nor did he consider it economy for New Brunswick to assist in building up American railways, such as the Bangor & Aroostook.

While there were not many round logs taken from the crown lands in Madawaska county, he believed that the largest expenditure in lumbering in connection with getting out the logs, the cost of manufacture being comparatively small.

Mr. Vickers thought the proposed legislation would be ruinous to the pulp industry of New Brunswick, as it would provoke an imposition of duty on pulp wood entering the United States.

Her Excellency While Skating Fell and Broke Her Leg in Two Places.

Ottawa, March 30.—(Special.)—The Countess of Minto met with a very painful accident while skating at the Rideau rink this morning.

This morning the governor-general, Countess of Minto, Lady Eileen, Miss Seymour and two or three others were enjoying a skate.

The break is of a very painful character, as on account of the force of the fall one of the bones protruded through the flesh. The Countess, however, is of robust constitution and it is thought that she will be able to withstand the severe nervous shock incident to the accident.