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TROUBLE OVER SPOILS.

Grit Lawyers at Ottawa Dissatisfied with Sir Oliver's Bestowal of Legal Patronage.

Provincial Ministers Elected by Acclamation in Nova Scotia—The New Rifles.

OTTAWA, Aug. 10.—Trouble has arisen between the public works department and Bourque, the contractor for the new reformatory building at Alexandria. The contractor has done practically nothing yet; his figure is $45,000 below the departmental estimate of the cost of the building and he stands to lose a large amount of money.

Local Grit lawyers are wrangling over the government's legal work in this city because Sir Oliver Mowat gave a case to the firm of Chrysler & Lewis. There has been a storm of protests from other lawyers.

The cable between the north shore of the St. Lawrence and Anticosti is broken, but as there is an alternative route, communication will not be suspended.

The Dominion statistician is already at work on the Year Book for 1896.

A consignment of the Lee-Enfield rifles has been received here. The rifles will be given a trial at D.R.A. matches.

Last March William Armstrong, of Huntley township, rented out his fine farm there and left with his family for North Dakota, where he expected to do better. After putting in a hard summer he has returned and is now hugging himself with joy for not having sold out his old homestead. He says the wheat crops in the Glasston district of North Dakota will scarcely average five bushels to the acre. The day he left there a farmer was drawing oats five miles to an elevator, where he sold them for seven cents a bushel. Barley was bringing only eleven cents and wheat forty-two. Armstrong tells a touching story of the hardship of North Dakota farmers.

HALIFAX, Aug. 10.—(Special)—In Victoria Hon. George Murray, premier and provincial secretary, has been elected by acclamation for the legislature. In Annapolis there was no opposition to Hon. J. W. Longley, attorney general, and in Halifax, W. B. Wallace, Liberal, was also elected without opposition. In Lunenburg, Kerrish, Liberal, was opposed by Parker, Conservative. In Colchester the candidates are McClure, Liberal, and Major Turner, of Truro, Conservative. In Queen's, Mr. Farrell, Liberal, was the only candidate nominated.

THE ISLAND REPUBLIC.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 10.—The steamship Peru arrived last night from Yokohama and Honolulu, bringing the following advices to the Associated Press:

HONOLULU, Aug. 2.—P. C. Jones, ex-minister of finance, leaves for San Francisco to-day to float the refunding loan. He expects to sell nearly three and one-half million dollars' worth of Hawaiian government bonds, bearing four per cent. interest. His contract with the government allows a discount of nearly five per cent., and he will receive a commission of two per cent. Mr. Jones has been given until the 1st of next November to float the bonds. He expects to dispose of them either in New York or Boston.

Letters have been received giving the testimony of eminent men in Vienna on the bacilli disease which carried off the natives last year. They give as a final verdict the opinion that the disease was genuine Asiatic cholera, as most of the local physicians pronounced it.

Consul Mills received nothing by the last mail from the friends of the late Kate Field concerning the final disposition of her body and effects. A letter from George Riddle says that Mr. Kohlsaat, of the Chicago Times-Herald, will pay all debts of the estate and provide a monument for her grave.

The military trial of Captain John Good has been concluded, but the court has not yet reached a verdict. It is generally understood that he will be dismissed from the government service as the testimony proved he is guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer.

During the trial of a man named H. G. Rhodes, an employe of the government, he testified that he scaled a fence surrounding the government works and removed the sight from a field piece and then sent it through the mail to President Dole. He claims to have performed this feat at night when the sentry was on guard. His story, though generally discredited, may result in the re-organization of the military forces.

Among the passengers from Honolulu on the Peru, was Mrs. Sandford B. Dole, wife of the president.

THE TORRID EAST.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 8.—This week has been one of the hottest on record in St. Louis for many years. To-day, for the third successive day, St. Louis has led the entire country. At 7 a. m. the temperature was 86 degrees. From then on to 4 o'clock this afternoon it rose at the rate of a degree or more an hour, until the signal service bureau registered 100 degrees, the highest of the day. In the streets and other exposed places the thermometer went to 110. There were many prostrations and several deaths. From all over southern Illinois come reports of similar heat, and business is suspended at several points. The city hospital is avercrowded with prostration cases that have been taking place in the past two weeks. City physicians say the like has not been known for many years. At the morgue at one time there were 27 corpses awaiting identification. To-day the list of those who died from the heat numbers 17.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 8.—The temperature here for three days has been in the nineties.

CHICAGO, Aug. 8.—Yesterday was the hottest August day in the history of observations in Chicago. At 2 o'clock to-day the mercury had risen to 97. To-day 65 persons were prostrated and 20 will die.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—To-day the heat was slightly less trying, although 89 degrees was registered. There were nine deaths from the heat and 45 prostrations.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 8.—The thermometer of the weather bureau registered 102 yesterday, the highest on record. On the streets it was many degrees warmer than in the shade.

A MINING FAILURE.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 10.—(Special)—A dispatch from Toronto published by the Tribune here says: The gold fever has struck Eastern Canada in the worst way. New mines are being placed on the market daily, and are snapped up by small speculators on account of the cheap price of the stock. A great deal of feeling exists here over the collapse of the Anglo-American Gold and Platinum Hydraulic Mining Co., whose property is situated on Whipsaw creek, Similkameen, in which Ottawa and Montreal capitalists are interested to the extent of $40,000. The company was floated in the East by Capt. S. F. Scott, and a circular issued by the directors says Scott spent $52,000 in developing the mine, and all that was ever taken out of it was $80 in gold and $3 in platinum, which was obtained from over 15,000 yards of gravel. One of the Ottawa shareholders says the mine was either salted or there was gross mismanagement, and in order to be satisfied the Eastern shareholders are undertaking to put up ten per cent. on the amount of stock they hold to investigate. Scott has left Ottawa for the West, and instructions have been wired to a legal firm in Victoria to make a searching inquiry.

THE FIRE RECORD.

BUCKINGHAM, Aug. 7.—(Special)—Ross Brothers' lumber mills were destroyed by fire last night. The loss is estimated to be between $50,000 and $75,000, covered by insurance. About 350 men are thrown out of employment by the fire.

HALIFAX, Aug. 7.—Fire, supposed to have been started for the purpose of robbery, broke out in a store underneath the Globe hotel early yesterday. Two hotel boarders and a servant girl were carried out insensible from smoke, and other inmates had a narrow escape. The building was not much damaged.

WOODSTOCK, Aug. 7.—Mrs. George Mitchell, formerly of Woodstock, and a bride of one year, was burned to death in Detroit while lighting the fire with coal oil.

BANK DIRECTORS ESCAPE.

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., Aug. 10.—(Special—The Supreme court has quashed the indictments against the directors of the defunct local banks who were being prosecuted for malfeasance in office, upholding the objections of counsel for the accused that nine of the grand jurors were disqualified.

It is reported that the ministry is arranging to pension Chief Justice Carter and to appoint Premier Whiteway to succeed him.

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GRAND SECRETARY LI.

The Chinese Statesman Making Himself Agreeable in England and Courting Friendship.

His Return Home Hastened and He Comes Direct From Atlantic Coast to Vancouver.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—Li Hung Chang has been a centre of interest during the week. The vicinity of Lord Lonsdale's mansion, Carlton House terrace, temporarily the residence of the Chinese envoy, is thronged daily by people anxious to catch a glimpse of the distinguished traveller, and he is cheered by crowds outside the house every time he appears. Newspapers publish columns describing his movements each day, and the government officials are treating him with royal honors.

Much amusement has been caused by an incident in connection with Li Hung Chang's visit to the House of Commons. The Chinese statesman's gaze, it appears, wandered over the leading commoners, the Speaker, Sir William Harcourt, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, and others, without the faintest curiosity, until it rested upon the unassuming person of Mr. William McEwan, member for the Central division of Edinburgh, and a member of the firm of McEwan & Co., the well-known brewers of that city. Li Hung's eyes immediately brightened, and he asked eagerly for information as to the identity of McEwan, and was somewhat disappointed to learn that he was only a humble member of the House. It appears that the Chinese envoy was deceived by Mr. McEwan's brilliant yellow waistcoat, now the fashion, and imagined that he must be a personage of high rank.

A phrase which Li Hung used in his speech before the China assodiation, at the banquet tendered him at the Hotel Metropole last night, is commented upon to-day. He is looked upon as having pleaded for the assistance of England in case the independence of China is threatened from within or without when he said: "Our interests run parallel; we should like to be able to reckon upon the support of the commercial powers should our independence ever be threatened from any quarter." This is interpreted here as referring to Russia and to the French from the direction of Tonquin, and the Daily Chronicle says: "His words have a political significance which cannot be missed. That Li Hung Chang, after enjoying the unstinted and overdone hospitality of these two nations, should appeal to Great Britain in a thinly veiled phrase for help against them, if necessary, is the most striking fact of his tour."

Li Hung Chang drives about in a style which suits him far better than any of those adopted during the previous entertainments. Four magnificent equipages, which Lord Lonsdale had specially built for Emperor William's visit to Lowther Castle, painted yellow—His Lordship's own color, but which the Chinese statesman takes as a particular compliment to himself—are used by Li and his suite. These gorgeous vehicles are horsed by four splendid chestnuts, ridden by postillions in yellow jackets, white waistcoats and white beaver hats.

A controversy is raging in regard to Li Hung Chang's proper title, and as a result the secretary of the Chinese legation here has sent a request to the newspapers asking them to style the Chinese traveller Li Hung Hang, meaning Grand Secretary or Premier Li, instead of Li Hung Chang, which is his family name. Some newspapers have complied with the request, but others stick to Li Hung Chang. The latter's own cards read "Le Comte Li Hung Chang," and further state he is ambassador-extraordinary and plenipotentiary, which disposes of the persistent statement that he has no authority to do anything but look over Europe.

The plans for Li's visit to the United States have been greatly curtailed. He will travel home in haste, and it is hinted this is due to intrigues against him in China. The Chinese envoy will arrive in New York August 21, Friday, and will hold his first reception on Saturday. The following Sunday, August 23, he will take the early train for Philadelphia, where he will lunch and remain for a few hours. The Viscount Li says if Sunday observance is not opposed to it, Li Hung Chang will hold a reception August 23 in Philadelphia, and the traveller would not object to visiting Cramp's shipyards. During the evening he will proceed to Washington, where he will remain a week. Li Hung Chang then goes direct to Vancouver, B.C., where he will embark for China. He much regrets that he cannot stop at Chicago or elsewhere in the United States; and he has been unable to accept the proposed receptions in Boston and Philadelphia. In Washington he hopes to see all the secretaries after his audience with President Cleveland, when he will present his credentials.

A notable event in the life of the Viceroy Li was the commemoration, four years ago, of his seventieth birthday, which was made the occasion of great demonstrations of respect. The Emperor sent various rich and appropriate gifts, with flattering inscriptions written with his own hand; the Empress dowager, a woman of great ability, and the ruling spirit of the government for the last twenty years, vied with her imperial ward in her gifts; subjects of high and low degree, and foreign residents, lavished upon him presents and mementos; processions, ceremonies and banquets in Chinese profusion were the order of the day; and all culminated in an address signed by the leading officials throughout the empire, written by Chang Chi-tung, next to the viceroy the most honored and influential man in the government, and often his political opponent.—"The Viceroy Li Hung Chang," by John W. Foster, in the August Century.

Not for a long time has the Queen been so moved by any act of kindness to her family as she was by the letter from the Pope accompanying the present of a massive gold antique bracelet, sent by His Holiness to Princess Maud on the occasion of her wedding. The letter was [illegible] with the kindest sentiments of affection, such as a parent might have used, and the missive is considered another proof that the Vatican desires to be on friendly terms with the Anglicans.

The Jameson trial developed what has been growing more apparent each succeeding month, namely, the marked change which has taken place in the conduct and manner of the Lord Chief Justice, Baron Russell of Killowen. When at the bar he was one of the most approachable [illegible] of men. Now His Lordship [illegible] of everything that seems [illegible] derogation of the dignity of [illegible] During the last day of the trial [illegible] several times to direct that [illegible] the crowded gallery should sit down, [illegible] no matter how fearless leading counsel may be he cuts very short their [illegible] when he decides he will not listen. As one of the Chief Justice's ushers [illegible] it during the trial, "Bless you, sir, we don't know where we are with His Lordship." Instead of the fiery, lucid statement of the case he used to pour out as counsel, Lord Russell has come down to more slipshod ways on the bench. Sentencing Col. R. Grey, Capt. Henry F. Coventry and Major H. S. White to five months' imprisonment, His Lordship added "with hard labor," which was instantly corrected by Sir Edward Clarke to "without hard labor." His Lordship repeated the sentence with the correction, whereat the three prisoners concerned smiled. Lord Russell goes at once to the United States, now that "long vacation" has begun, and he will doubtless inform himself there, in private, on the Maybrick case, in which he still takes considerable interest. He has just consented to the publication of his own memorial to the Home Secretary, providing the Home Secretary does not object, which Sir Matthew White Ridley is sure to do.

It is learned that Sir Julian Pauncefote's visit to London is due to a direct summons from the Marquis of Salisbury. The British ambassador was present at a special meeting of the cabinet on Monday called to consider the Venezuelan question and arbitration scheme. Officials of the foreign office say there are no new complications in the Venezuelan or arbitration questions, and the desire of the British government is to meet the issue in a friendly spirit.

SHIPS ON ROLLERS.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Consul Germaine in a report to the state department from Zurich, Switzerland, tells of a new invention made by the French ship engineer Bozin. It is called "Bozin's roller express," and it is claimed that by the device the movements of boats will be increased to about 62 miles an hour. The vessels will not slide as in the case of ordinary ships, but roll on the water by means of enormous hollow wheels or rollers. It consists of a large platform supported by moveable wheels or rollers. The platform holds the boiler, machinery, cabins, etc. The propelling power of the machinery is used partly the propel the wheels by means of screws or paddles, but principally to work to mighty hollow side rollers. The inventor is using his new system and it is said is considerably reducing the resistant friction of the water and thus attains with a minimum of expense and consumption of power a maximum rapidity up to 50 knots an hour and over. The results obtained with a model boat have encouraged him so that it is now his intention to make further trials with one of greater dimensions. This vessel, the Ernest Bozin, is in course of construction. It will be of 280 tons capacity and have engines of 750 horse power and will be ready for a trial trip very soon.

A TROLLEY ACCIDENT.

LANCASTER, Pa., Aug. 10.—A runaway trolley car on the Columbia and Donegal railway last night killed seven persons and injured fifty more. The car was returning from Chickies park to Columbia when the brake rigging broke while descending a steep grade. The ninety passengers on board became panic stricken when they saw the car was beyond control. The hill is a long one, and every moment the runaway gathered additional speed until it is estimated that the car was running fully a mile a minute when it struck a sharp curve and left the track close to a turnpike running parallel with the trolley road, struck against a tree and then toppled over into a deep ditch, being turned upside down.

The killed were: Henry Smith, iron worker; Adam Foehlmger, motoneer; Wm. Pinkerton, boy; P. P. Hess; Wm. Metzger; W. J. Ludlow, of Seabright, N.J.; and Miss Elsie N. Fitzgerald, of Lancaster. There were many others severely injured.

CRICKETERS ON STRIKE.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—In sporting circles, and to a certain degree among the general public, the conflict in the House of Lords almost sinks into insignificance beside the strike of the professional cricketers for higher pay for next Monday's rubber match between the English and Australian players, Lohmann, Abel, Richardson, Gunn and Haywadd asked for £20 instead of the usual £10, and the Surrey cricket club, as organizers of the match, took the bull by the horns and engaged other professional players to replace the strikers. The public has been doubly excited by the hurt inflicted upon the national pride in haggling over a question of lucre in connection with the national sport, and fears are expressed that the English team will be beaten if its best five players do not play.

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Further Atrocities by Mussulmans—Cholera in Egypt—Important Capture of Arms.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—In the House of Lords to-night the Irish land bill passed its third reading without division. Great interest was manifested in view of the opinion expressed in political circles that if the Lords should insist upon their amendments it would jeopardize the passage of the bill. During the debate Earl Spencer, First Lord of the Admiralty in the last Liberal cabinet, said that the Lords' amendments waterlogged the bill. Those in favor of home rule, he said, would build a very solid argument upon the action of the Lords. He strongly commented upon the silence of Lord Salisbury, the Premier, in presence of the government's struggle over the bill. If the Lords maintained their amendments, the strength and independence of the House of Lords would be in danger. The Marquis of Londonderry, who was a leading factor in securing the amendments to the bill, repudiated the idea that the wrecking of the bill would result. All of the concessions, he said, had been on the side of the lords, who, he hoped, would adhere to their position. The Earl of Dunraven said he regretted the Marquis of Londonderry's precipitate statement, and he urged that the Lords should not press their amendments. If the bills were not passed, he said, the effect would be disastrous to Ireland and the mischief would recoil upon the heads of the landlords.

The secretary of state for home affairs, Sir Matthew White Ridley, replying to further question on the subject, refused to communicate to the Commons the statement made in his private capacity by Lord Chief Justice Baron Russell with reference to the case of Mrs. Florence Maybrick, the American undergoing a sentence of imprisonment for life after having been convicted of the charge of poisoning her husband.

Li Hung Chang was tendered a banquet to-night by 250 Chinese merchants residing in London. The banquet was given at the Crystal Palace, and was accompanied by a great fireworks display for the entertainment of the guest. It is probable that Li Hung Chang, who has been called "the grand old man of China," will have an interview on Saturday at Hawarden with Mr. Gladstone, England's "grand old man."

The Athens correspondent of the Daily News telegraphs that a body of Musulmans have butchered thirty unarmed Christians within the precincts of the monastery of Anapolis, near Candia. One priest was burned alive. The correspondent adds that Kol Asdullah, a Kurd, who is now in Macedonia, will supersede Hassan Pasha as Governor of Candia.

The extensive oil mills of Sir W. A. Rose & Co., of Rose's wharf, Millwall, have been destroyed by fire. The loss will probably amount to half a million dollars.

CAIRO, Aug. 10.—Cholera again shows an increase and anxiety is felt on account of the absence of reports from the camp of the Egyptian forces on the Nile.

An Italian man-of-war has captured, off the Coast of Erythrea, the Dutch steamer Dollwyk, laden with 34,000 rifles, supposed to be of Belgian manufacture and destined for Abyssinia.

SOUTHAMPTON, Aug. 10.—The twenty-rater race to-day for Lord Dunraven's challenge cup was won by Audrey, owned by Lord Dunraven. Howard Gould's Niagara was second; Isolde, third; The Saint, fourth; Penitent, fifth; and Sapphire, last.

COLLISION IN ST. LAWRENCE.

FATHER POINT, Aug. 10.—(Special)—The royal mail steamship Vancouver, which left here at 10:30 p.m., on Sunday, for Liverpool, was in collision with the Beaver line steamer Lake Ontario. A dense fog prevailed and the Father Point fog signal was fired steadily from 7 p.m., till 3 this evening. The Vancouver had to feel her way in here by the use of the lead, aided by fog signals. About an hour and a half after passing here, while she was proceeding slowly, with her whistle sounding regularly, all at once she was run into bow on by the inward steamer. Her bow on the starboard side was badly smashed in, almost down to the water line; both her anchors were carried away, with her hawse pipe, and her windlass broken, but her collision bulkhead remained intact.

Commodore William retained perfect discipline among the passengers and crew and had the life boats immediately ready to launch in case they had been required, but their use was found unnecessary and the Vancouver was turned back to Father Point, where a pilot was immediately taken on and she proceeded to Quebec for repairs. No lives were lost and the vessel is in perfect safety, though proceeding slowly.

The Lake Ontario, Capt. Campbell, has a hole extending for a distance of ten feet on the port side to about twenty feet on the starboard side. Her cutwater is gone at that point. There is a hole just under the forecastle deck, which leaves open the anchor weighing apparatus. Piled just within the hole in the forecastle deck is a mass of iron plates, iron chucks, pieces of derrick, pulleys, huge iron bars, and other material from the bow of the Vancouver.

ARTILLERYMEN BANQUETTED.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—The National Artillery Association tendered a banquet to-night to the Canadian artillerymen who came over to compete at Shoeburyness. About 250 persons sat down to the banquet, which was given at the Holborne restaurant. Among those present were the Earl of Stradbroke, Lieutenant-Colonel of the First Volunteer Brigade, Eastern division, Royal Artillery; Sir Donald A. Smith, Canadian High Commissioner in London, Lieut.-General Sir Fred Middleton, and Major-General Ivor J. C. Herbert of the Grenadier Guards. The Marquis of Lorne, former Governor-General of Canada, who was expected, was not present. Levee dress was worn. General Herbert, in proposing the toast "The Colonies," highly praised Colonel Cole, and declared that the Montreal artillery was one of the finest corps in Canada.

Sir Donald Smith was accorded a great reception when he arose to speak. He referred to the pride he felt in the success of the Canadians at Shoeburyness, where they carried off the Queen's prize. He believed the time was not far distant, he said, when there would be other Dominions in Australia and Africa, a time all were hoping to see, when they would not speak of the United Kingdom but of the Empire, one and undivided. The greatest encouragement of this hope, Sir Donald continued, was the presence of a man in the Colonial Office who was determined to do everything possible to knit the Empire together.

The speaker then referred to Canadian loyalty, and he declared that it was the greatest mistake to suppose that the French in Canada were not loyal. There was no more loyal man at present, he said, than Mr. Laurier, the new premier.

In conclusion, Sir Donald invited the English artillerymen to come to Canada and compete there for the cups.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

TORONTO, Aug. 8.—The Mail's Ottawa correspondent, says: The rush for offices has increased since the declaration of Mr. Laurier a few days ago that he proposes "to clean out the stables." There are said to be 9,000 applications for stalls in the stables which the administration are preparing for occupancy. The official announcement that the work is to be rushed through has added enormously to the pressure on the two members for Ottawa. The pressure for appointments is bringing ministers under pressure to make dismissals. Tarte promises another batch will go at the end of August, but he is anxious that the filling up process shall be done slowly. The only openings immediately available are in the House of Commons service.

MONTREAL, Aug. 8.—The reorganization of the provincial finances is complete, and it is stated that when Mr. Atwater brings down his budget it will show a surplus for the past year of about $290,000.

MONTREAL, Aug. 8.—The early death of Cardinal Taschereau is now announced as certain, although the venerable prelate may linger for some weeks.

ST. THOMAS, Ont., Aug. 8.—J. W. Paight, aged 62, of Union, is dead from the effects of falling from a load of barley two weeks ago.

TORONTO, Aug. 8.—The boom given the board of trade mining excursion failed to result in the sale of more than fifteen tickets. In consequence the special train will not be run on Monday, but the excursionists will leave by the regular C.P.R. train for the West.

STOUFFVILLE, Aug. 10.—The seven year old daughter of Henry Gibson was accidentally shot by her brother, aged ten, who did not know the gun was loaded.

TORONTO, Aug. 10. — Ernest Lang, printer, was drowned to-day.

ORILLIA, Aug. 10. — Wesley Harris, barber, was seized with cramps while bathing and drowned.

HAWKSTONE, Aug. 10.—Phillip McLeod, aged ten, was drowned by falling into the river while playing.

MONTREAL, Aug. 10.—C.P.R. traffic receipts for week ending August 7, $423,000; for same week last year, $364,000.

TORONTO, Aug. 10.—To-day was celebrated as a civic holiday. The heat was intense, and there was a general exodus.

MONTREAL, Aug. 10.—The Herald and Le Soir, both Liberal papers, are reported in deep water. Le Soir has already lost $200,000, but the party will doubtless again come to the rescue.

Vacation Time

Is at hand and is gladly welcomed by all, especially those whose duties in life have caused them to greatly run down their system to meet the requirements, physical and mental, forced upon them. With these and others, it is important, whether at home, at the sea shore or in the country, that some thought be given to diet, and as further assistance to Nature, a good building up medicine like Hood's Sarsaparilla had best be resorted to. If the digestion is poor, liver deranged and frequent headaches seem to be the rule, Hood's will change all this and enable everyone to return to their home and business in a refreshed state of mind and bodily health.