OTTAWA.

Canada Will Not Take Part in Alaska Comparison,

If the United States Is to Be Represented By Such Extremists as Senators Lodge and Turner—A Big Defaulter Arrested.

OTTAWA, Feb. 20.— It is reported tonight in official circles that the government has formally protested to the home authorities against the election of Senators Lodge and Turner as two of the United States representatives on the Alaskan boundary commission. The feeling here against these two men is most intense. The treaty calls for the selection by each country of three "impartial jurists of repute." One of the ministers said to the Sun's correspondent today that it would reduce the arbitration to a mere farce to go ahead with Lodge and Turner as members. If they are not replaced by men who come within the category of "impartial jurists," it is more than probable that Canada will withdraw from the proceedings altogether, as it is held to be useless to go into a game with the dice loaded. As mentioned the other day, Senator Lodge delivered a speech at Northampton, Mass., on October 16th last, in which he remarked that the claims of Canada in regard to the Alaskan boundary were such that the United States could not accept them, and that no nation with an ounce of self-respect could admit. Similarly Senator Turner when the treaty was under discussion in the senate, strongly opposed the Canadian contention.

A. Martineau appeared before Police Magistrate O'Keefe this afternoon and was remanded for a week. He was charged with defrauding the government out of $9,200 last July. When arrested he had $12,000 in his pocket, it evidently being his intention to skip out yesterday. Martineau's work was to issue cheques, previously signed in blank by the deputy minister of militia, to receive cheques from the Bank of Montreal after going through the usual procedure, and also to check the monthly bank statement sent to the department. He thus had every opportunity to defraud without a chance of detention.

The census branch today issued bulletin No. 14, dealing with agriculture in the territories.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

The Navy Has Discontinued the Use of the Belleville Boilers.

LONDON, Feb. 20.— When the debate on the address in reply to the King's speech at the opening of parliament was resumed today in the house of commons, Sir Wm. Allan (advanced radical), who is largely interested in shipping, moved an amendment to the address, expressing regret at the fact that the speech made no reference to the inefficiency of the British navy. Sir William vehemently attacked the admiralty's policy in regard to marine engine boilers and declared that all the ships fitted with Belleville boilers were unreliable.

Mr. Arnold-Foster, secretary of the admiralty, referring to the extravagant statements of Sir William, said the admiralty had discontinued the use of Belleville boilers, was now testing a new type of cylindrical boilers, and, following the lead of the United States, had adopted the McLausse boiler .

As to armament and armor, the admiralty's secretary said the latest British battleship, the New Zealand, and the latest British cruiser, the Duke of Edinburgh, would be without parallel in the world.

Sir Wm. Allan then withdrew his motion.

PECULIAR ACCIDENT.

The Girl Killed and Her Father in a Critical Condition.

LOWELL, Mass., Feb. 20.—James J. Downs, 33 years old, with his daughter Margaret, two years old, fell from a four story window in the Burbank block, Prescott street, tonight. The child died within half an hour after striking the ground, while the father is said to be in a critical condition from a badly battered skull, and a compound fracture of the thigh, and a fracture of the shoulder. In falling the father did not release his hold on the child, although both bodies struck on a wire and turned over in descending.

The accident was due to a low window sill. The father was holding the child in his arms when his foot slipped, throwing him through the window.

Mr. Downs, with his wife and mother-in-law, was on his way to Bar Harbor, Me., where he had secured a position. He had moved from Kenwood, Dracut, and was passing the night in the Burbank block preparatory to taking the first train for Bar Harbor in the morning.

TO A WATERFOWL.

By William Cullen Bryant.

Whither, 'midst falling dew,
While glow the heavens with the last steps of day,
Far, through their rosy depths, dost thou pursue
Thy solitary way.

Vainly the fowler's eye
Might mark thy distant flight to do thee wrong,
As, darkly seen against the crimson sky,
Thy figure floats along.

Seek'st thou the plashy brink
Of weedy lake, or margo of river wide,
Or where the rocking billows rise and sink
On the chafed ocean-side?

There is a Power whose care
Teaches thy way along that pathless coast—
The desert and illimitable air—
Lone wandering, but not lost.

All day thy wings have fanned,
At that far height, the cold, thin atmosphere;
Yet stoop not, weary, to the welcome land,
Though the dark night is near.

And soon that toil shall end;
Soon shalt thou find a summer home and rest,
And scream among thy fellows; reeds shall bend
Soon o'er thy sheltered nest.

Thou'rt gone, the abyss of heaven
Hath swallowed up thy form; yet, on my heart
Deeply has sunk the lesson thou hast given,
And shalt thou soon depart.

He who, from zone to zone,
Guides through the boundless sky thy certain flight,
In the long way that I must tread alone,
Will lead my steps aright.

Breathing Disease.

Infectious diseases are breathed into the system from those affected with disease or from bad smells; yet how many women breathe daily the offensive steam from common soaps made from rancid fats, and keep their hands for hours in such solutions, and the clothing from such soap suds is worn next the tender skin. No wonder disease and eczema are prevalent! Users of Sunlight Soap —Octagon Bar—know the difference between that and the pure, healthful smell from the vegetable oils and pure edible fats in Sunlight Soap. 203

MANITOBA.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 20.—A special from Winnipeg says: Definite announcement was made tonight that C. E. Hamilton of St. Paul is acting on behalf of the Northern Pacific Railroad Co. in making application to the Manitoba legislature for permission to build an extensive system of branch lines throughout the province. The provincial directors of the new company will be O. S. Mellen, president of the Northern Pacific, James Fisher of Winnipeg, J. S. Ewart of Winnipeg, and H. P. Upham and Mr. Hamilton of St. Paul. If granted a charter, the company intends to build lines crossing the international boundary at three different points from Pembina West. The Northern Pacific made application for a similar charter last year, but their request was refused.

KITCHEN WRECKED

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Four persons were injured, one seriously, by the explosion of a stove in the kitchen of a residence on 106th street, today. The explosion was caused by a fire being started in a stove while the waterback and pipes were frozen. When the terrific report was heard by the tenants, they rushed to the street in a panic. Louis Goldstein and his daughter, who were in the kitchen, were thrown across the room and cut and burned; Mrs. Maums, who was on the floor directly above, was thrown down, and a child on the third floor was thrown from a chair and severely injured. The kitchen was wrecked.

SCORES OF USES.

While Dr. Chase's Ointment is best known on account of its wonderful control over eczema, salt rheum and piles, it is found to be in almost daily demand in many houses as a cure for chilblains, chafing, pimples, sunburn, burns, scalds, and each and every form of itching, irritated or inflamed skin. It is invaluable in every home, and as a soothing and healing application knows no equal.

MT. ALLISON SENIORS AT HOME

SACKVILLE, N. B., Feb. 21.—The At Home given last evening at the Mt. Allison University residence by the seniors was one of the largest and best got up affairs of the kind in the annals of the institutions. The graduating class, which is also one of the largest on record, has the following members: W. Beverley Allison, Sackville, N. B.; Fred R. Anderson, Sackville, N. B.; Norman T. Avard, Great Shemogue, N. B.; Harold E. Bigelow, Spencer's Island, N. S.; Allison H. Borden, Kentville, N. S.; Lawrie M. Colpitts, Hopewell Hill, N. B.; B. Joseph Curry, Avondale, N. S.; Fred B. Curry, Hortonville, N. S.; Frank Day, Lockeport, N. S.; Francis Estabrooks, Sackville, N. B.; Roy D. Fullerton, Point de Wolfe, N. B.; Reginald R. Gates, Middleton, N. S.; Harry H. Hamilton, St. John, N. B.; Lena H. Hearts, Halifax, N. S.; Arthur L. Johnson, North Sydney, N. S.; Lawrence Killam, Yarmouth, N. S.; Homer Lane, Bayfield, N. B.; Ralph E. Powell, Sackville, N. B.; J. Edward Shanklin, Shanklin Settlement, N. S.; G. Douglass Steel, Sackville, N. B.; Hezekiah R. Way, Bonavista, Nfld.; Wm. T. Wood, Sackville, N. B.; Geo. Wright, Moncton, N. B.

The building was handsomely decorated. The halls were elaborately draped with red, white and blue bunting, with the class colors, blue and black, and everywhere were small blue banners bearing the figures '03. Over the stairway was a large blue arch with the class motto, "Gradu diverso via une" (one way by different paths), illuminated on one side, and on the reverse was "Mt. Allison." Besides the large parlors both down stairs and up, there were some dozen small rooms, prettily arranged, thown open to the guests. One thousand invitations were issued, a large number of which were accepted, with a goodly showing of old students. George Wright, president of the class, and Miss Lena Hearts, vice-president, received the visitors and carried off a somewhat difficult social duty with honor. A very pleasant feature was the presence of Dr. and Mrs. Allison, who assisted in welcoming the guests.

Miss Hearts was becomingly attired in cream nun's veiling, trimmed with cream satin and embroidered chiffon, and carried a beautiful bouquet of Jacquinot roses, the gift of the class. The topic cards were dainty affairs in white and gilt, with the class colors, and the programme left nothing to be desired. The Eurhetorian room was tastefully decorated for this part of the entertainment with flags, ferns and potted plants and had a large "03" in evergreen over the platform. The opening number, an overture by Dr. Archibald's orchestra, was rendered with much skill and taste. A. L. Johnson's fine solo brought down the house; Miss Richardson's admirably given reading and the artistic vocal selections of Miss Few were much appreciated. The ladies were presented with handsome bouquets of roses by the class, which was a graceful acknowledgment of their assistance. The closing number was a splendid chorus given by the college choir, under the direction of Miss Few. The selections throughout received warm applause and insistent encores.

Excellent music was also furnished by the Moncton orchestra, which from a snug corner by the staircase warbled sweet strains of popular music during the evening. Not the least pleasing feature of an exceedingly pleasant occasion was the ices and wafers served in the dining room. The exquisite neatness of this apartment, with the windows full of blooming plants, gave a very homelike aspect.

A number of visitors were present from St. John Halifax and intermediate points, and the town was largely represented. A bright, fine night and the best sleighing of the season helped to make the At Home of '03 a brilliant success.

NOMINATIONS.

RESTIGOUCHE CO.

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., Feb. 22.—At Dalhousie Hon. C. H. Labillois and H. F. McLatchey were nominated as government candidates and W. Albert Mott as an opposition candidate in the court of nomination held by Timothy Robinson, the specially selected returning officer, who promptly overruled the objections taken to the nomination papers of the government candidates because they did not comply with the requirements of the law.

Speaking began at two o'clock with Hon. J. C. Barberie presiding over an audience that taxed the capacity of the court house to its utmost.

Mr. Labillois spoke first and was given a cordial reception. There was little new in what he had to say, it being for the greater part the same old song which he has sung campaign after campaign. In the course of a speech of an hour and a half's duration he referred to the attempt being made in certain portions of the province to draw dominion party lines and said: "I want to say to the electors of Restigouche that they should not make any issue of dominion politics in this campaign."

Mr. Mott followed and was cheered to the echo. He spoke for two hours and a quarter, delivering an address such as never before had been heard upon a political hustings in Restigouche. His language was eloquent and forcible, and the masterly manner in which he maintained his position and denounced the crimes which the Tweedie government had perpetrated upon the people gained for him continuous applause from the assembled electors. In dealing with the Muskoka lands transaction, "steal" he called it, he forced from Mr. Labillois admissions of his approval and support of every step which he had taken in order to have the local mill owners who required lands given an opportunity to buy in a portion of the extensive areas held by Premier Tweedie's Toronto friends. The duplicity of the government in the matter was fully exposed, and incidentally the electors of Restigouche were enabled to draw a comparison between the characters of Messrs. Labillois and Mott. When Tweedie, Pugsley and Dunn decided that the small lumber operators of Restigouche had no right to be respected Mr. Mott manfully took a stand by the interests of his constituens and withdrew his support from the government, but Mr. Labillois still continued to keep his stand by the government flesh pots. As Mr. Mott was closing his address, which had been listened to with the greatest of attention, some person made a remark which called forth from him in caustic language such a review of the variable political record of Mr. McLatchey as to cause that gentleman to jump to his feet and shout "It's false as hell," to which Mr. Mott replied that he would prove his assertions by the publication of a letter written by Mr. McLatchey.

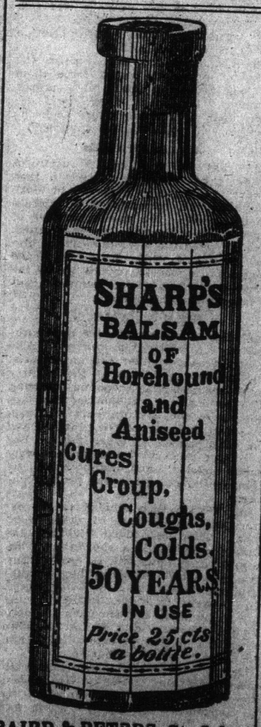
Mr. McLatchey was now greatly excited and unable to keep his seat, and the tremendous cheering which greeted Mr. Mott at the close of his splendid vindication of himself and denunciation of the government had not died away before he had rushed to the front of the platform and began speaking in a most violent manner. As a matter of fact Mr. McLatchey is a pleasant and effective speaker, but Tweedieism had been so ably shown up in its worst light and he himself had been rubbed so against the grain that he was too excited to do justice to himself, and during the three-quarters of an hour for which his loud and violent harangue lasted he said nothing of moment. He did claim that Mr. Mott did not want Restigouche to be honored by having a member of its bar elevated to the bench, and Mr. Mott's assuring him that he would be glad to see him on the bench,he said that if he were fit to be a judge he was fit to represent the county of Restigouche. He told of his interest in the county and of his going to Ottawa to try to obtain harbor improvements at Campbellton as evidence of that interest.

The fact of the matter is that he, along with Messrs. Shives and D. Murray, went at the request of the town council, which body paid the expenses, and as yet the town has received nothing but promises. He denied that he had ever pledged his support to Mr. Hazen.

During Mr. McLatchey's speech a large number of electors had gone away, and when he finished those remaining rushed out so quickly that an attempt to move a vote of thanks to the chairman had to be abandoned.

There was present at the nomination a band of claqueers who did much shouting for the government candidates. At times it was highly amusing to see the honorable chief commissioner of public works jumping up and encouraging them to greater efforts by wildly gesticulating and waving his arms.

While Mr. Mott's election is generally conceded, there is a difference of opinion as to who the other man will be. In opposition circles Mr. Labillois' election is looked for, but apparently a different view prevails in the government camp, for Mr. Labillois thought it necessary to beseech the friends of Mr. Mott to add his name to the Mott ballots, and Mr. McLatchey was called upon to assure the French electors that in the event of the defeat of Mr. Labillois he would resign in his favor. The position of the government is evidently desperate, as tenders for three more new bridges are being called for. Gentlemen who should be thoroughly posted on what is going on in government circles and are taking an active part in the government campaign here, admit the probable defeat of the premier in Northumberland, and assert that Pugsley will follow him as party leader.



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SELLING AGENTS.

CONCERT AT WELSFORD.

WELSFORD, Queens Co., Feb. 1.—The scholars and young people of the Fowler's district rendered a most successful concert in the new Orange hall last evening, consisting of the following programme, after which refreshments were served: Chorus, The Postillion, all; dialogue, A Lively Afternoon, S. Nutter, J. Nutter, A. Fowler, T. Harding, B. Fowler and A. McDonald; tableau, The Gipsy Fortune Teller, Misses J. Fowler, J. McGerigle and S. Scribner, Messrs. T. Harding and J. Nutter; musical selection, Messrs. Fenwick, Hoyt, McDonald (St. John); dialogue, Dad Says So Anyhow, Albert Fowler and Miss E. Fowler; recitation, The Declension of Kiss, Marg. McDonald; dialogue, The Old Year Out and the New Year In, Miss S. Scribner, J. McDonald, Lois Lingley, Messrs. T. Harding, C. McDonald and S. McDonald; scarf drill by eight young ladies; solo, W. S. Harding; dialogue, In Want of a Servant, Misses McGerigle, J. Fowler, McDonald, Speight and Scribner, Messrs. T. Harding, Morison Crandall; vocal trio, Messrs. Fenwick, Hoyt and McDonald; tableau, Caught in the Act, Misses McGerigle and McDonald, Messrs. Harding and Fowler; recitation, Good Night, Master Hinson Crandall; chorus, The Land of the Maple, all; dialogue, When Women Have Their Rights, Miss McGerigle, Messrs. Harding and McDonald; God Save the King.

Much credit is due the teacher, Miss McGerigle, who was instrumental in the success of the concert. The sum of $22 or thereabouts was realized, to be used for school purposes in the Fowler's district.

THE CAPTAIN BLAMED.

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Feb. 21.—The decision of the court, which has been inquiring into the loss of the Quebec S. S. company's steamer Madina, which had about 100 tourists on board on Feb. 10, censures the captain's "indiscretion" in aproaching the coast where the light had not been seen, in failing to become acquainted with the prevailing conditions, in the omission to make a periodical adjustment of his compasses and in the non-production of the steamer's log book. The court admits that the Gibbs' Hill light was defective and disapproves of the employment of a crew unable to speak English.

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23 Melon—Water, Early Sweet.
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DEATH VALLEY BURROS.

Only Herd of Wild Burros Known Thrives Amid Desolation.

(London Times.)

In the Death valley of southern California a band of strange wild burros roam. There are said to be possibly 50 individuals, more or less, in this herd, which is said to have maintained about the same size for several years past.

As very young burros are seldom if ever noticed, the natural inference is that the number is kept up by recruits from outfits of wandering miners, for, quiet and stupid as a burro usually appears, he is quite another creature when free and a member of a large band.

It is thought that this is the only band of truly wild burros in the world, and its range is between Johannesburg and the edge of Death valley proper. They are usually to be found, however, in the immediate vicinity of Cuddeback lake—a small wet weather sink not far from "Joburg."

There they can get water for the greater part of the year, and food, in the shape of the few grasses which the desert furnishes, is more plentiful hereabouts than in any circumadjacent section. From here they wander well over into Death valley and on up into the Amargossa river county, where one is occasionally captured by the Piutes, or their near relatives, the half-breeds.

The captured burros are seldom of much use; some long-forgotten stage in their evolution seems to assert itself, and the nomadic, wandering spirit of the primeval first burro will not down even in his 20th century descendants. The captives absolutely refuse to work, and, if not released, soon pine away and die, evidently of nothing in the world but heartbreak.

Where the animals come from seems to be a mystery, though the band may have been formed by the coming together at some spring of a few animals who had escaped individually from various prospectors.

It has evidently required years to build the band up to its present size, while many have been killed by prospectors who rightly blame the band for the loss of their own four-footed servants, as well as by fool travellers, who kill because they have nothing else to do and must be amused.

CANDY RECIPES.

Molasses candy—1 cup sugar, 2 cups of molasses, 1 tablespoonful vinegar, butter the size of a hickory nut. Boil 20 minutes, pour on buttered plates and pull as soon as cool.

Lemondrops—Upon half a pound of powdered or confectioner's sugar pour just enough lemon juice to dissolve it, and boil it to a thick syrup. Drop on plates and put away to harden.

Peppermints—2 cups of sugar, 1 cup of water. Boil five minutes, then flavor with 1 spoonful peppermint. Stir until thick and drop.

Butterscotch—2 cups of sugar, 2 tablespoonfuls of water, piece of butter size of an egg. Boil without stirring until it hardens on the spoon. Pour on buttered plates to cool.

Panuchee—5 cents' worth of brown sugar, 3-4 cup of milk, butter size of walnut. Boil until crisp in water. Then take from stove and add 5 cents' worth walnuts, chopped fine, cut as desired, and let cool.

Molasses fudge—2 cups sugar, 1-2 cup milk, tablespoon molasses syrup, butter size egg. Boil until it sugars, that is from 5 to 7 minutes. Set to cool.

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NOTICE.

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SUSSEX F. B. CHURCH.

The anniversary service in the Free Baptist church was well attended, notwithstanding the very intense cold. The pastor, Rev. B. H. Nobles, in opening the meeting made some reference to the history of the church and its very marked progress. He gave a quite detailed account of their work for the past ten years. Over one hundred have been added to the membership. The stated meetings of the church have grown greatly in interest and attendance. The church during the last decade has, in addition to its regular support, raised $5,000 for buildings and improvements, an average of $500 for each year. Ten years ago the church was one of a group of churches comprising a pastorate. Since then it has become an independent pastorate by itself, and has each year increased its own local support. Rev. Mr. Currier, Rev. Mr. Daggett, Rev. Mr. Gough addressed the meeting in a very interesting and instructive manner. Miss Hartt from Norton sang one solo, which was very much appreciated by the audience.