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The Fishery Award.

When Premier Peters delivered his budget speech at the recent legislative session he stated that he expected a million dollars would be paid to the Province by the Federal Government before the end of the year. This money he said, was the Island's share of the Fishery award and as the Dominion Government had come to a decision to submit this matter to the Supreme Court, he had no doubt as to this Province obtaining one million dollars as its portion. This seemed an extraordinary statement, and having come under the notice of Senator Ferguson, he lost no time in bringing the matter to the attention of the Government Leader in the Senate, expressing his surprise at such an astounding declaration. In answer to this interrogation, the Secretary of State said he was no less surprised than Senator Ferguson when he read the statement. No decision he said had been given respecting the Fishery Award. On the day following that on which this intelligence from Ottawa was made public here, Premier Peters, with a great flourish of trumpets, contradicted the statement of the Secretary of State and read the following telegram from D. A. McKinnon, dated Ottawa, April 16th: "Replying to the Fishery Award claim of February 5th, 1900, Minister of Marine's letter of 23rd February, 1900, states that earliest opportunity of saying matter before colleagues, referred to question of continuance of bounties and legal questions. Most important to settle the question of proprietary rights of the Provinces to the three-mile limit. We have determined to submit to the Supreme Court of Canada and ultimately to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council a series of questions which would be first submitted to the Provinces for suggestions." Careful reading of this telegram will show that it does not afford much hope that the Fishery Award will be decided among the different Provinces. However this may be, the matter was scarcely heard of again till the first of May. On that date Mr. Barker, a Conservative member, asked the Leader of the Government what the position of the Administration was regarding the claims of the Maritime Provinces to a division of the Fishery Award, at the same time reading the statement of Premier Peters setting forth his expectations of receiving a million dollars from this source. Mr. Barker thought it was high time the Canadian Parliament should have information on this subject. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that he had no fault to find with Mr. Barker for bringing up this most important question. He could assure the honorable member that there was no ground for apprehension. The amount of the fishery award, four and a half million dollars, and interest on the same, had been paid as Government bounties to the fishermen. It would make no difference whether this fund was administered by the Dominion or the Provincial authorities for the benefit of the fishermen. But as a matter of fact, no such action has been taken as was suggested by the question. Jurisdiction over the fisheries had been under discussion and that matter would be submitted to the Court. But there was no decision to make such a reference with regard to the fishery award; no such agreement had been made. The subject had not even been considered by the Government. This seems to be quite an emphatic contradiction of the statement of Premier Peters if the language employed by Sir Wilfrid is any meaning at all. But it is a matter of record that Sir Wilfrid very often does the direct contrary of what he says. The next heard about the matter was that the Attorneys General of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia had been at Ottawa interviewing the Government concerning it. Later still we saw it announced in the Patriot that a conference of Provincial premiers and others interested, is to be held at Ottawa on the 20th inst. or thereabouts, to talk over the division of the Fishery Award. But right on the heels of this comes the declaration of the Finance Minister to the effect that the matter of the award is not to be submitted to the courts. Here is the account

of the matter given by the Ottawa correspondent of the St. John Sun under date of the 7th inst. The statements of Premier Peters of Prince Edward Island and of Attorney General Pugsley that the fishery award claim would be submitted to arbitration and that everything had been arranged about it, has been contradicted this time by the Minister of Finance. Mr. Fielding was even more emphatic than Sir Wilfrid Laurier. I quote his words: "There has been a somewhat hazy claim in regard to the fishery award in the air a long time, but no understanding whatever has been arrived at between this Government and the Provincial Government of P. E. I. No understanding whatever has been come to between this government and the local government upon the subject." Dr. Sproule suggested that several hazy accounts had been paid before and the same thing might happen again. Mr. Fielding replied: "There has been no time within the past ten or twelve years when some one or other of the Provinces has not claimed that it was the Province and not the Dominion which should have received the amount of the fishery award, and the claim is just in the same position as it has been at any time in the past. There will always be somebody in some provincial legislature who will raise the claim that the Province should receive the money and of course we cannot prevent any such contention being raised. But all I can tell the hon. gentlemen is that there has not been any understanding whatever arrived at between the Government and the Government of P. E. I. or any other province on the subject." This seems to be a direct and emphatic contradiction of the statement made by the chief law officers of the two Provinces.

Ottawa Weekly Letter.

THE WEEK IN PARLIAMENT. OTTAWA, May 10.—Parliament has had a busy week. Morning sessions were held and a large amount of business was put through. The Government were authorized to borrow \$15,000,000. Several amendments were made to the act respecting the packing of fruit. Mr. A. F. McLaren introduced a resolution favoring prompt action by the Government in respect to transportation. He called attention to the way this important question had been neglected. His motion was defeated by a straight party vote of 93 to 43. Hon. A. C. Blair admitted that he has given contract without tender for the construction of a large section of the Prince Edward Island Railway. Hon. J. Isabel Tarte laid down the policy of his department as being for the Liberal party first and the country second. The Minister of Finance laid down on the table supplementary estimates amounting to \$5,639,301.79. Dr. Roddick's bill to provide for the establishment of the Medical Council of Canada passed its third reading.

Decision Against the Government.

Among the cases tried before the full bench of Judges of the Supreme Court at the Easter term held in this city last week was one in which Greenfields and others were appellants and the Government of Prince Edward Island, respondents. This was an appeal from the judgment of the County Court of Queen's County, which ordered judgement to be entered for the Government for the sum of \$100, the amount of tax claimed to be due by the appellants, Greenfields & Co. Greenfields & Co. are a private partnership, whose head office and place of business are in the city of Montreal. They have in Charlottetown a resident agent, who rents a room when he displays samples of the different kinds of goods in which his firm deals. Here he takes orders from customers and forwards them to Montreal where they are filled and whence the goods ordered are shipped direct to the customers here. The Government's Tax act of 1900 imposed \$100 tax on all companies, whether incorporated or not, and associations, whose principal office or organization is not within this Province; but who carry on business in the Province. Judge McDonald, of the County Court held that this provision of the act included a partnership, and accordingly, gave judgement for the Government for the amount of the tax. It was from this decision that the appeal in question was taken. The Attorney-General argued in support of the judgment of the County Court Judge, and Mr. McQuarrie of Summerside in support of the appeal. The contention of the Attorney-General was that the words of the statute were large enough to include the private partnership's, Mr. McQuarrie for the appellants, attacked the decision of the County Court on several grounds: 1st.—That the appellants were not doing business in this Province within the meaning of the Tax Act, and cited several cases in support of his contention. 2nd.—That the words companies and associations did not mean ordinary partnerships; if they did one man residing outside this Province doing business here would not be liable to taxation, while if he had his son or brother in with him as a partner they would be taxed. This would lead to an absurdity. Again, if the Government's contention was correct, every firm doing business in Prince Edward Island, no matter where they re-

The Herald's Scoop-Nel.

CONDUCTED BY TOM A. HAWKE.

The brewers of Boston are out on strike, and now there'll be trouble "a-brewing."

It is said that the good die young. This probably accounts for so many adults being still with us.

A man may be an expert at building air castles and not have sense enough to properly construct a hen coop.

And now that Sampson is no more, the American critics will perhaps realize that they have all acted the part of Deiliah just as successfully as the original.

From the way the weather has been acting of late it doesn't seem as if the coming summer is going to be much warmer than the past winter.

An Alabama man advertised in his home paper for a lost cow "with a lump on her jaw that will give milk." There would be more money for her in a museum than in a dairy.

The Provinces by the sea are not doing badly. The son of the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia is out fighting in South Africa, and the son of the Lieutenant Governor of P. E. Island is now on his way out there. It is refreshing to see the sons of big guns getting after these big sons of guns.

A Kentucky paper furnishes its readers with the following news item: "A boy down on Cumberland River now has steady employment. He has the itch and a Waterbury watch, and when he is not busy scratching he is busy winding."

Most of us have to scratch for a living, but we are not itching for that boy's job.

A city-man had occasion to go to the country recently and started to cross a field when he observed a cow in the same field eying him very suspiciously. Not being accustomed to the habits of a cow, he stopped and cried out to a woman at the rear of the farm house, "will the cow touch me?" The reply was waited back as follows: "G'long wid ye! Did ye ever see a cow yet that would harm a calf?" He didn't remember that he had and forged ahead.

The London Daily Mail says: Despite the prospects of peace a camp for the reception of 10,000 prisoners is being prepared at Dominica, and sites are being got ready at Jamaica and Prince Edward Island, off Nova Scotia, should further camps be required.

The person who wrote that despatch was probably a little "off," and has been "seen" sites," as Josh Billings might say.

The price of meat is way up in the States, and the quantity on hand does not seem to be of the highest quality. All the American papers are having a growl about it. The Indianapolis Journal says:

"There is a variety of theories regarding the cause of the high price of meat, but there is no difference of opinion as to the condition."

And the Detroit Free Press yelps this way:

"And what makes you ten times madder is that the beef gets tougher in the same proportion that the price does."

They ought to be glad anyway that there is one thing the high prices will furnish them with for nothing, and that is—food for thought!

Volcanic Horror at St. Pierre, Martinique.

The Town Wholly Destroyed and Almost all the Inhabitants Killed.

SAN JUAN, De Porto Rico, May 9.—The cable officials here have received advices from the island of Dominica that a schooner, which has arrived there from the Island of Martinique, reports that over 40,000 people are supposed to have perished during the volcano disturbance in Martinique. The cable repair steamer Grappler was lost with all hands during the eruption of Mont Pellee at St. Pierre, Martinique. The Grappler was one of the first ships to disappear.

The British schooner Ocean Traveller, of St. John, N. B., arrived at the Island of Dominica, British West Indies, at three o'clock Friday afternoon. She reported having been obliged to flee from the Island of St. Vincent, British West Indies, during the afternoon of Wednesday, May 7, in consequence of a heavy fall of sand from a volcano, which was erupting there.

She tried to reach the Island of St. Lucia, British West Indies, but adverse currents prevented her from doing so. The schooner arrived opposite St. Pierre, Martinique, on Thursday morning, May 8, while about a mile off, the volcano (of Mont Pellee) exploded and fire from it swept the whole town of St. Pierre, destroying the town and the shipping there, including the cable repair ship Grappler, which was engaged in repairing the cable near the Guerin factory. The Ocean Traveller, while on her way to Dominica, encountered a quantity of wreckage.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—The following cablegram has just been received at the State Department: "POINT-A-PITRE, May 9.—At 7 o'clock a. m. on the 8th inst., a storm of steam, mud and fire enveloped the city and community. Not more than twenty persons escaped with their lives. Eighteen vessels were burned and sunk with all on board, including four American

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS

WOODSTOCK, N. B., has had a bad scorching. Seven buildings were burned and about \$30,000 worth of property destroyed.

Two new steel bridges for the Island railway are being brought here, one to be placed near Wallington and the other east of Hunter River station.

WILLIE Frank McKenzie and E. McCallum were lobster fishing near Cable Head yesterday, a squall struck their boat, upsetting it. McKenzie sank and was not seen again. McCallum managed to cling to the boat till rescued. The body of McKenzie has not been found.

The sad news was received here on Monday evening, of the death by drowning of Lawson Clark, son of Joseph Clark, of St. Elliot, while that steamer was on her way to Boston. Although no particulars were received, the impression is that he was washed overboard, the passage being a rough one. The unfortunate young man was in his 22nd year and had just completed the term necessary to acquire the trade of a machinist with Bruce Stewart & Co., and shipped a few days ago to take his first voyage on the Elliot. His father was aboard the steamer at the time of the fatality.

A DESPATCH received in this city on Saturday announced the sudden death in Montreal of Mr. Harry Boswall, son of Mr. William Boswall, of this city. The deceased, it appears met his death while stopping from a street car. He had gone further than he had intended and while getting off the car in some way he fell, sustaining a fracture of the skull. He was taken to the General Hospital where he died four hours later. The deceased was in his 35th year, and left this city three years ago for Montreal where he entered the employ of Henry Morgan & Co. Previous to this he had been bookkeeper with the late Chas. E. Robertson, and afterwards with Bear Bros. and Sauter, McLeod & Co. He leaves a widow and one child to mourn. The remains were brought to the Island for interment.

ROBERT BELL, a laboring man, thirty-five years of age, was found lying unconscious near the corner of Water and Queen streets on Sunday evening about 8.30 o'clock by two other workmen. After repeated efforts to arouse him, they carried him to his home and medical aid was summoned, but notwithstanding all that was done the unfortunate man never recovered consciousness and passed away on Monday morning. It appears that the deceased had been drinking heavily during Saturday and Sunday. On Monday evening an inquest was held before Coroner Conroy and the jury returned the following verdict: "We are of the opinion that the deceased came to his death from the effects of the excessive use of alcoholic liquors, aggravated by exposure and want of nourishment."

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DIED

At Souris West on April 28th, Andrew Leelle, aged 74 years.

In Rosedale, Mass., May 2nd, Mrs. Mary McLellan, (nee McDonald), widow of the late John McLellan, formerly of Prince Edward Island.

At Vancouver, B. C., on April 29th, after an illness of eight days, Bennett F. McIsaac, third son of the late Hilary McIsaac, of Head St. Peter's Bay, in the 28th year of his age. R. I. F.

REVEREND to our deceased friend the Vancouver World of the 3rd inst. has the following:—Constant Union labor men lost a good friend and earnest champion in Bennett F. McIsaac, who passed away the other day at the city hospital after a brief illness. Deceased was only 28 years of age, was, it might be said, only on the threshold of a useful life. He was born at St. Peter's Bay, P. E. I., and his parents, Hilary and Mrs. McIsaac are dead. He came to British Columbia in 1899, and located at Whitewater, in Kootenay. While there he took an active part in the formation of the Western Federation of Miners, as well as in other labor organizations and by voice and example he did much for labor. He was secretary of the Whitewater miners' union and was several times a delegate to the miners' convention. Deceased came down to the coast in January, and though here such a short time he made many friends. He went to the hospital on April 18, and his brother in the interior was notified, but did not get there before he died. Among the mourning friends who attended the funeral, who knew deceased's family on the Island, were Hugh McLennan and family, M. S. Ross and family, S. McPherson and family, Capt. D. McInnes and Mr. Wais; from Kootenay, besides deceased's brother were George Mattock, Jos. Fraser, Norman McLeod, John McDonald, J. D. Ross and W. McKay. There were also many friends of this city present.

The Prices.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Butter (fresh), Butter (reb), Beef (small), Beef (quarter), Calf skins, Ducks, Hay, Mutton, Pork, Sheep pelts, Turnips.

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