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ROASTING THE C.P.R.

Exorbitant Freight Rates on the Great Canadian Octopus Under Discussion

At a Meeting of the Members From Manitoba and the Northwest.

Interview With Minister of Agriculture on Questions Affecting Settlers in the West.

Ottawa, Sept. 4.—The debate on the issue of the government's warrant for a million dollars the day before the house commenced yesterday.

The agricultural members of parliament had a meeting yesterday at which they decided to bring before the government the importance of securing better transportation facilities on ocean and land, as well as cheaper freight rates for farming products.

Mr. Morrison, on behalf of the West-Canadian Farmers' Association, presented an invitation to luncheon, etc., in July of his going west with Li Hung Chang, Sir Henri, however, finds that he cannot leave Ottawa for some time, consequently he is compelled to decline.

Hon. Mr. Foster has made a tactical blunder in moving a vote to censure the government for raising money to carry on the business of the country by the governor-general's warrant. The independent members of the house will all vote against it, and it is said that some strong Tories are kicking against voting for it, as they feel that the government did the only feasible and sensible thing possible under the circumstances to prevent a hardship to the country and immense public annoyance. It was thought a vote would be reached last night, but as many members announced their intention of speaking on the motion the government consented to adjourn the debate. John Ross Robertson has announced his intention to support the government.

The house will adjourn to-day till next Monday in reference to Labor Day. Most of the members will take the opportunity to visit the Toronto Industrial exhibition.

Two questions appear on the order paper to-day, the first is the intention of the government in re St. Andrew's rapids. One by Mr. Richardson and the other by Hon. John Macdonald.

Mr. Richardson is also asking for the correspondence relating to the establishment of a lunatic asylum at the Battledore Industrial School, supposed to be caused by confinement.

A meeting of the members from Manitoba and the Northwest was held in the Northwest room to-day to discuss with the minister of agriculture questions affecting the interest of settlers of the Northwest, with a view to formulating some definite policy in the interests of the West to be laid before the agricultural and immigration committee. Messrs. Macdonald, Richardson, Oliver and Douglas are on the committee.

Over thirty prominent members interested in agriculture attended. Dr. Dreyfuss was appointed secretary. Messrs. Oliver, Macdonald, Richardson and Dr. Douglas participated in the discussion.

Mr. Macdonald urged the establishment of a bureau of information. Mr. Richardson discussed freight rates and the tariff showing how the farmers of the West were greatly handicapped and how it was difficult for them to succeed, giving figures showing how the West had suffered. Dr. Douglas made a strong plea for help from the exorbitant freight rates.

Dalton McCarthy made an excellent speech. He said the farmer had relief from the tariff. The important point, however, was the freight rates. It was difficult, but not impossible for the government to deal with the question. He studied the question carefully and had no hesitation in affirming that the C.P.R. at present derived all its profits from the grain and cattle business in Manitoba and a small portion of the Territories. The settlers in this small district are being held in order that dividends may be paid. In other parts the road may pay running expenses, but Manitoba pays all the profits. The people of this little province of Manitoba were in bondage to the C.P.R. and until the means were devised for her relief she could never prosper or obtain any degree of success. Some means, Mr. McCarthy said, must be devised to secure relief for Manitoba and enable her to succeed. A third necessity was the provision of cold storage accommodation to enable the Northwest farmers to get a decent price for their animals. This could not be done without government aid. He suggested the appointment of a committee to formulate a scheme to be laid before the government to obtain relief along the lines suggested. Enormous unfairness was practiced by the railway company, and its customers are afraid to complain. Nonpariel, at Newport, Monmouthshire, yesterday, that Captain Albert Dreyfuss had escaped from prison on the island of Grand Saucier.

Zanzibar, Sept. 4.—It is now considered probable that the leading Arabs who supported Said Khalid in his attempt to usurp the throne of Zanzibar will be banished and their property confiscated. In addition it is believed that portions of the property of others concerned in the revolt will be confiscated and devoted to a settlement of the claims, amounting to £30,000, arising from the looting of stores and residences, which followed the escape of the insurgents from the palace after the beginning of the bombardment.

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A HIGH OLD TIME

Delegates to the Irish Convention in Dublin Jeered by a Crowd of 1,000 Roughs.

Shouts of "To H— With Dillon" Followed by the Song "God Save Ireland."

Comments of the Dublin Press Upon the Result of the Convention.

Dublin, Sept. 3.—With the Most Rev. Patrick O'Donnell in the chair the third day's session of the Irish National convention opened at 11 o'clock. Mr. O'Donnell said the convention, up to the present, had been a success. The end which they hoped to attain was the uniting of all warring factions in the Irish parliamentary party and out of it, and it cannot be denied that when the delegates assembled this morning they were taking unity as they were the calling of the convention was first decided upon.

The session to-day opened with a dramatic scene. Dan Harris, of Toronto, being recognized by the chair, immediately commenced a heated attack upon the Dublin newspapers, asserting indignantly that they "foolishly insulted" one of the delegates from Ottawa, Mr. Heany, in charging that he was a "companion and consort of the spy Le Caron."

In a moment the air sounded with yells of "Cowards! traitors!" etc., etc., and much tumult followed.

Order being somewhat restored, Dan Harris described Mr. Heany's career in Canada, asserting that it was a most honorable one, and finally called upon the offending delegate to stand up.

Mr. Heany did so and made a telling speech, during which he hotly repudiated the charges made against him by the Dublin press. At the conclusion of his remarks Mr. Heany was loudly cheered and was warmly congratulated by a number of his friends. The regular business of the day then commenced.

Following the close of the Irish convention to-day there was almost a riot in Sackville street, and Mr. John Dillon and a number of his followers were compelled to seek refuge at the Imperial hotel.

After leaving the Leinster hall, Mr. Dillon, escorted by 50 or 60 members of the convention, walked up Sackville street, which was densely crowded. The delegates were followed by an Irish mob of about 1,000 roughs, evidently not in sympathy with the Dillonites. The leaders of the mob kept shouting "To H— with Dillon," etc., stones and other missiles flying through the air. The Dillonites replied by singing "God Save Ireland," increasing the riotous demonstration and largely adding to the number of the mob following them up Sackville street. The police on duty were not able to cope with the roughs and reinforcements were hurried to the scene. The police soon turned into Sackville street in strong numbers, just in time to stop what without doubt a growing riot, which might have had most serious consequences. There were threats of lynching, thrashing and ducking Dillon, causing him and his party to hurriedly take refuge in the Imperial hotel, which afterwards was surrounded by a strong force of police, which kept the rioters at bay.

The Daily Express, commenting upon the Irish situation, says: "The report sentatives of the Irish abroad all talked arrant nonsense, because they knew nothing of the conditions of life in Ireland."

The Independent remarks: "The convention is a thing to be laughed at, notwithstanding that it is patronized by a bishop."

The Irish Times expresses the opinion that the convention is "foreign and sectional" and that the speeches are not academic.

On the other hand the Freeman's Journal thinks that the convention is a monumental success.

EARTHQUAKE IN JAPAN.

Alarm Felt Over the Report of a Great Earthquake and Typhoon.

Yokohama, Sept. 4.—Much alarm is felt here over the meagre report of a great earthquake which occurred in the northeast provinces of the main island of Japan on Monday evening. The town of Kokago has been entirely destroyed and several other towns severely damaged. Many persons are reported to have been killed by the earthquake and still larger numbers injured, while a multitude have suffered severe losses by damage to property. The provinces visited by the earthquake are the same as those devastated by the terrible earthquake and tidal wave of June 15th last, when a large number of towns were wiped out and the estimated loss of life was 40,000. The provinces of Reukun and Rikuchu along the coast of the island of Kinkasan northward were the principal sufferers then. The recollection of the havoc to human life wrought by that colossal cause gives anxiety as to what further reports may show of the results of Monday's earthquake. On the same day a typhoon caused extensive damage in southern Japan.

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AFTER MANY YEARS.

N. Simpson, of Sarnia, Gets Word from His Long Absent Son.

Sarnia, Ont., Sept. 4.—N. Simpson, of North Dresden, has received a letter from his son Orrin, whom he understood was lost from a whaling vessel four years ago in the Arctic Ocean, near the mouth of the Mackenzie river, where his vessel was wrecked. It appears that of the six left on the vessel by the whaling crew, that took off the balance of the crew, three starved to death and Simpson and two others reached shore and successfully accomplished the journey of 1800 miles to the nearest settlement, which was in British Columbia.

ABDUL THE DAMNED

Is the Title Given the Sultan of Turkey by the Staid London Journals

Who are in a Rage Over the Apathy Displayed by England.

EAST OF THE ROCKIES

Opening of the General Synod of the Anglican Church at Winnipeg

English Capitalists After Famous Josie Mine—Five Women Burned to Death.

Winnipeg, Sept. 2.—The general synod of the Anglican church in Canada was opened here this evening in Holy Trinity church. Delegates and bishops were present from all the dioceses of the churches in the Dominion and marched in procession to the church from the school house near by. Bishop Courtney of Nova Scotia, delivered the opening sermon, and after formal exercises an account was made till this morning, when the business sessions will begin in St. John's College. The various committees or synod were assembled to-day preparing work for the business sessions. The most important committee was that on missions, which met in the library of St. John's. The Primate was in the chair and Rural Dean Burman was selected as secretary. The morning was spent in discussing a scheme for the consolidation of the mission funds of the church under one board. This will be one of the most important matters coming before the synod, and will doubtless be debated at considerable length on the floor of the house.

Every train from the east that passes through the city has on board capitalists who are turning their attention toward the rich gold fields of British Columbia. Among those who went west to-day was A. G. Macpherson, of the St. John's Herald, who spent some time in Rossland and Kootenay district with a view to taking up a few favorable locations. Accompanying him were two experts, D. D. Tay and W. D. Manly, who will prospect.

Toronto, Sept. 3.—A special from Rossland, B. C., to the world says: "It is understood that English capitalists have opened negotiations for the purchase of the famous Josie mine for \$300,000. This would bring the stock to over \$1, and it is already high in anticipation of the completion of the deal. These capitalists are after other mines as well. Messrs. Jones, Warren and Burke, who control the West Le and Josie, will sell to General Warren said the price was higher than had been reported, and that the deal would be completed on Monday."

It was reported here last evening that the War Eagle mine in British Columbia had been taken over by a wealthy English syndicate, which for some time has held an option of a million dollars on the property. Official news was expected by cable from London yesterday.

Yesterday Messrs. Oler and Hammond received word that a gold brick, representing the wash-up of the season of the Cariboo Gold Mining Co., amounted to \$81,600.

Vankeek Hill, Ont., Sept. 3.—The Commercial hotel here owned by Geo. Constantine, was partially destroyed by fire last night. Five women employees were burned to death. Miss Louisa Yandean, Christie Villeneuve, Josephine Deuchamp, Mrs. T. Finlay and Kate McLeod. The fire started in the kitchen, over which the women were sleeping, and spread so rapidly that they were smothered before help could reach them. The outbreaking was due to a destroyed and the main part of the hotel was badly damaged. For the time the main street of the village was in great danger.

Toronto, Sept. 3.—Mrs. Hamilton, widow of Captain Delaney Hamilton, one of Toronto's oldest inhabitants, is dead. Lieut. Col. R. B. Hamilton, late of the Queen's Own, and Harry C. Hamilton, of Sault Ste. Marie, are sons of the deceased.

Kingston, Sept. 3.—While attending a steam threshing machine at Inverary yesterday Adam Barr, a farmer aged 55, fell into the feeder, receiving injuries from which he died within an hour.

Walkerville, Sept. 3.—Andrew Mitchell, a farmer near here, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head. He had been suffering from melancholy for some time.

Montreal, Sept. 3.—Molson's bank here has declared a semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent, and a bonus of 1 per cent. This is the eighty-second dividend of this institution.

Kingston, Sept. 3.—A man named Chateworth, of Perth, was killed last night by a Canadian Pacific train near Arden. He was employed in the ballast pit.

St. Catharines, Sept. 3.—William Laferriere was struck by Niagara Central train this morning and fatally injured.

Chatham, Sept. 3.—Broderick & Morley, importers, merchant tailors and furriers, with branches in Windsor and Victoria, have assigned. The position of the firm's affairs is not known, but it is believed they will be able to resume business.

LI HUNG'S TRAVELS.

Likely to Have an Important Effect Upon China's Trade Policy.

Shanghai, Sept. 4.—Reports are in circulation here among people in the highest authority, which, if correct, show that the travels of Li Hung Chang in Europe are likely to have in the immediate future a most important effect upon the policy of the Chinese government, and that the Chinese Emperor will shortly be thrown open to the trade of the world. When the great Chinese statesman was in England an official attached to his staff said the main object of his visit was to sound the European governments regarding a customs tariff for China. It is also pointed out that the time of the Anglo-Chinese treaty expires in two days, consequently it was to Great Britain's interest to make the best possible terms now and wait until the treaty expired.

It is further hinted that China's acceptance or refusal of the suggestions of the British Premier depended on the action of the British financiers who had been approached on the subject of a proposed Chinese loan of considerable magnitude. What the proposals of Lord Salisbury were, is a question probably known to but few people. On the other hand it is asserted here by people in a position to have accurate information regarding the policy of the Chinese government, that the latter is inclined to concede the conditions set forth by Lord Salisbury. As a preliminary agreement there will be an increase in the tariff. All transit dues in the interior of China will be abolished, and later on free trade will be established throughout the Chinese Empire. It is also intimated that Great Britain advances the money required by China for a number of battleships, cruisers and torpedo boats of various descriptions at British shipyards, and further, that British officers will be detailed to reorganize the Chinese army. It was at first proposed to entrust the task to German officers, but it is believed that Li Hung Chang while in Germany was not successful in driving the bargain which was contemplated. Of course this view of the case may be modified by future events, for a great deal depends still upon the opinion of Li Hung Chang upon his return to China.

It is finally understood that the Chinese government has practically decided to take steps at an early date to make a considerable extension in the railroads of the empire, and a foreign railway board, organized on a basis of a customs committee, is entrusted with this task. The Emperor of China is known to be favorably disposed towards the extension of the railroad service of China, and with free trade, the abolishment of all transit dues and an improved system of taxation, the travels of Li Hung Chang may be the means of awakening China into new life and prosperity, and open up to the commerce of the world markets which have hitherto been useless by being closed.

Constantinople, Sept. 5.—Great anxiety still prevails here, but there have been no further disturbances. The ambassadors sent a collective note to the Turkish government, dwelling upon the organized character of the massacres and citing several cases bearing on this. They quote the declarations of two Muslims who were requisitioned by the police to provide them with weapons and sent them to kill Armenians. Other and similar evidence was also presented and the ambassadors finally demanded a strict inquiry into the causes of the outbreak and the steps taken to suppress it. They also insist upon the severe punishment of the culprits.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

The Globe and Hugh John—Laurier Denies the Pope Story.

Ottawa, Sept. 5.—The return of Messrs. Blair and Patterson was gazetted to-day.

The Calgary and Edmonton railway company meets in Montreal on October 7th for the election of officers.

Toronto, Sept. 5.—The Globe says: "The Manitoba Free Press is a school question long before he was asked to join the Tupper government. For one part we have never supposed he was the sort of a man who would change his opinions in order to obtain office. A desire to help a friend out of a hole would be a much stronger temptation to him. His change of base cannot be explained by the second judgment of the privy council because he declared in 1893 that he would oppose remedial legislation even if the second judgment of the privy council would be in favor of the appeal. As shown in Hansard of 1893, the criticism we would make upon Hon. Hugh John Macdonald is not that he is corrupt, but that he does not hold his views with sufficient firmness to be a safe guide in public affairs."

Hon. Mr. Laurier was asked to-day what he had to say about the Mail's story that he had sent an emissary to Rome regarding the Manitoba school case: "It is one of the Mail's usual canards," said the premier, "and not a word of truth in it." This straight contradiction is scarcely necessary to the Mail's story, which was concocted to draw attention from Archbishop Langevin's doings at Rome in the interests of Tupper and the Ultramontanes of Quebec.

The Weather for Colds.

This is the time when colds are in the fashion—everybody who is anybody has one, if not himself there's one in the family. For no complaint under the sun are there more remedies than for a cold in the head, but of the thousands Chase's Catarrh Cure is the best. "In twelve hours I was cured of a bad cold in the head by Chase's Cure," writes Miss Dwyer, Alliston, Ont. 25c. of all druggists, with blower free.

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AT RIDEAU RANGE

Miller, of British Columbia, Among the First Twenty for the Bissley Team.

Ottawa, Sept. 4.—There was pleasant weather on Rideau range to-day. The Governor-General's prize of \$250 and badge was won by Private Forbes, 13th Batt., N. B.; 2nd prize, Lieut. Ross, 37th Batt., \$150 and badge; 3rd prize, Private Simpson, R. C., \$100 and badge.

The following get badges: Staff-Sergt. Harp, 48th; Lieut. Cartwright, 47th; Lieut. King, 41st; Private Vanden, 14th; Capt. Pope, Vics.; Capt. Weller, 50th; and Sergt. Blair, 7th. Forbes and Ross tied for first place with 94 points in the shoot off Forbes had 24 and Ross 17. Harp and Simpson tied for 3rd place with 83 each, and Simpson won in the shoot off.

Following is the first 20 for the Bissley team: Sergt. Blair, 78th; Lieut. Davidson, 8th; Lieut. Kinross, 8th Hussars; Trooper Langstroth, 8th Hussars; Sergt. Broadhurst, Scots, Montreal; Col. Sergt. Skedden, 13th; Corp. Kerr, 48th; Lieut. King, 45th; Lieut. Ross, 13th; Surgeon Ross, 77th; Capt. White, 14th; Sergt. Garson, 14th; Sergt. Marks, 8th Fusiliers; Corp. Wyndatt, R. G.; Capt. Davidson, 8th Royal; Gunner Miller, 5th Regt. R. C. A.; Sergt. Smith, 59th; Sergt. Drysdale, 1st Prince of Wales.

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