

SUMMER BOARDERS

The New Brunswick Tourist Association receives many enquiries from Americans asking information as to places where a few weeks in summer may be pleasantly spent.

Charles D. Shaw, Secretary N. B. Tourist Association, St. John, N. B.

PARLIAMENT.

Government Bills Regarding the Inspection of Grain Introduced.

Quebec Favored as a Winter Port—Some Favor Increasing Judges' Salaries—Blair and Tarte Strongly Criticized.

OTTAWA, April 16.—In the house today the following government bills were introduced: "An Act to amend the General Inspection Act," and an Act to amend the Maritime Grain Act of 1900.

A bill to make certain provisions necessitated by the demise of the Queen was passed.

Mr. Sifton's bill, an act to make further provision for administration in the Yukon, was considered by the committee of the whole.

Mr. Bernier's bill respecting the cutting of timber and the inspection of staves passed its third reading.

The house then went into supply to consider the public accounts estimate. For the Ottawa government buildings an increase of \$20,000 was voted.

In the house tonight the public works estimates were again taken up. On the vote of \$2,000 for rental of public buildings, considerable discussion took place.

Mr. Gauvreau was informed that G. J. Joughins was absent from the Intercolonial in 1900 for the purpose of enabling him to observe the best features of the railway exhibits at Paris.

Mr. Bickerdike then took up the transportation question, considering it from the St. Lawrence route standpoint. He showed how small a percentage of Canadian produce passed through the ports of this country.

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Mr. Edwards favored Quebec as a winter port. He strongly condemned protection as an iniquitous measure.

Mr. Gourley submitted that the solution of the difficulty would be solved by double tracking the Intercolonial to Halifax.

Private bills engaged the attention of the house immediately after dinner.

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tion of which the minister of militia gave notice tonight. It reads as follows:

Resolved, that it is expedient to provide that pensions or gratuities may be granted to staff officers and officers and men of the permanent militia force and to the widows and children of such officers, as follows:

To an officer compulsorily retired for any cause other than misconduct or inefficiency, after 20 years service, or retiring voluntarily after 35 years service, a pension of 50 per cent. of the pay and allowance of his rank at retirement at the time of his retirement for each year's service, service beyond 20 years not being reckoned to an officer who retires voluntarily after 25, but less than 35 years' service, a pension not exceeding 1-10th of his pay for each year's service; service beyond 25 years not being reckoned.

Towards making good the said pensions 5 per cent. shall be deducted from the pay of officers.

To a non-commissioned officer, if he has served 15, but less than 21 years, a pension equal to 1-10th of his annual pay for every year's service, but not less than 25 years' service, 20-50ths and in addition 2-50ths for every year over; for 25 years, 30-50ths, and in addition for every year over 25, not exceeding 1-10th of his annual pay, exclusive of extra pay or allowances, during the three years preceding his retirement.

To the widow and children of an officer who served 20 years and was at the time of his death full pay, or in receipt of pension, the following pensions or allowances in the case of a colonel, \$500 to widow, \$30 each child.

Lieutenant colonel, \$450 to widow, \$30 each child. Major, \$350 to widow, \$20 each child. Captain, \$250 to widow, \$15 each child.

Lieutenant or second lieutenant, \$200 to widow, \$10 each child. The amount to children to be distributed is to be motherless and in need of allowance to a son aged 18 or a daughter aged 21.

The total amount granted to the family of an officer is one year's pay, to exceed the amount of the pension payable to his rank.

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The clerk of the crown in chancery Lamothe recommends changes in the form of ballot so as to still further prevent the spoiling of ballots.

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SOUTH AFRICA.

Blue Book Containing Official Correspondence and Despatches from Sir Alfred Milner issued last evening.

Review of the Situation by Sir Alfred Milner.

LONDON, April 17.—The South African Blue Book, containing despatches from Sir Alfred Milner and other official correspondence, is issued tonight.

Sir Alfred Milner wired under date of March 3 requesting permission to return home at an early date upon leave of absence for the purpose of resting.

YESTERDAY forenoon the Victoria sailed for Fredericton at half past eight o'clock, the Hampstead and Clifton at eleven and the Springfield at twelve o'clock.

Shortly after the arrival of the Aberdeen at Fredericton Mr. Johnson, the engineer, was suddenly taken ill with appendicitis. He was at once removed to Victoria hospital.

The dredge Dominion came above the falls yesterday and will be towed to river ports.

The E. Ross, which was disabled by the ice on Sunday last, has been repaired. She came above the falls yesterday and resumed her trips on the Indian town and Lancaster ferry.

Stetson, Cutler & Co. are shipping large quantities of lime to the United States. They recently received an order from a firm in Maine for twenty carloads of pulp lime, to be shipped at the rate of five carloads per week.

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THE ASHANTI TROUBLE.

LONDON, April 18.—Mr. Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, was the principal speaker at a banquet given last evening to the Ashanti field force, Col. Willcocks presiding.

He characterized the rising in Ashanti as "the most serious which ever occurred in that part of Africa," and highly eulogized the conduct of the campaign.

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