

## OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

Ottawa, July 21.—With a hundred and fifteen actual working days to its credit (or discredited rather) the fifth session of the eighth parliament of Canada has at length come to an end, and silence once more reigns in the legislative halls of the country. It has been the longest session since 1885, and this undesirable characteristic could easily have been avoided without detriment to the public interest, if some half dozen honorable members on the Opposition side could only have been induced to restrain their inordinate desire to hear the sound of their own voices. While a large amount of time has thus been wasted the session has been by no means barren of results. Much solid, progressive legislation has been enacted, and yet greater progress would have been made but for the obstructive Toryism of the Senate.

It is a distinct misfortune that the Commons are not able to see their way to short on the debates, for public interest would be better sustained in the proceedings if this were the case. Life is too short and the average man is too much occupied to sustain an interest in the doings of Parliament for six months in every year, but those who have followed public events at all closely will agree with the sentiment placed in the mouth of his Excellency by his advisers, in his prorogation speech from the throne, that "there is reason to believe that the legislation of this session will have important and favorable results."

## FIGURES WORTH SCANNING.

Figures may be pretty dry reading but it is safe to predict that the returns laid before the House by the Minister of Customs on the eve of prorogation will be scanned with lively interest by the general public. Though the full returns for the year have not yet been compiled, those already to hand are sufficiently complete to indicate the tremendous progress that the commerce of the Dominion has made again this year. In 1896 the total value of goods entered for consumption and Canadian products exported was \$216,966,000; last year it was \$296,852,000, while this year it will amount to \$338,028,000; that is an increase of nearly \$50,000,000 over last year and \$120,000,000 in four years.

The total trade imports and exports show a similar increase. The figures in 1896 were \$239,025,000. In 1899, \$321,661,000 and this year \$372,000,000, an increase of over \$50,000,000 in the last twelve months and over \$130,000,000 in four years. The total trade on the basis of the total imports for consumption, and the total exports, exclusive of short returns, this year is \$358,866,000. In 1899, \$308,389,000, an increase of \$50,500,000 and in 1896, \$229,272,000, that is an increase of \$130,600,000, or 57 per cent in four years.

## NINETEEN YEARS AND FOUR YEARS.

"Now in order to understand the progress that Canada has made during the past four years," continued Mr. Patterson, "I will give you the figures for 1878. The total trade of exports and imports amounted to \$172,405,454. There was an increase then in the eighteen years from 1878 to 1896 of \$66,619,000, or an average annual increase during the eighteen years of \$3,750,000; while in 1900 the increase over the year 1896 has been \$130,000,000 or over \$32,000,000 per year during the eighteen years. I say such a result as that must be very gratifying indeed. A large part of the increase has taken place in our imports and there has also been a large increase in our exports. Taking our exports, the produce of Canada, I find in 1878 the exports of the produce of the mines, fisheries, forests, animals and their products, agricultural products, manufactures and miscellaneous, exclusive of coin and bullion, amounted to \$65,740,134; in 1896, \$106,378,792; in 1900, \$152,818,917. So that the increase in the eighteen years of the exports of the products of Canada was \$40,638,618. In the four years since the increase has been \$46,440,165, or \$6,000,000 more in the four years than the eighteen preceding years."

## THE WAY THE "COMBINE" WORKS.

Several times during the past session the price of binder twine has been discussed in the House and the subject has always attracted more than ordinary interest in the country, because every farmer is affected by the market price of this very necessary commodity. The market is controlled by the Government and the endeavor of the Opposition has been to prove that the Government is interested in price to keep up the price. There is of course no ground whatever for such an assertion, and this has been demonstrated time and time again in the House, with little effect apparently on the Opposition. Proof as conclusive as could be desired is now available in the fact that the price has taken a big tumble and consumers can now secure their supply as cheaply as they ever could. Small lots are purchased at 8¢ a pound, ten lots at 8¢ and car loads at 7¢ a cent. This means a saving of some thousands of dollars to the consumer.

## OUR FALLEN HEROES.

The joy and satisfaction with which the first squad of returning volunteers from South Africa have been received back in their homes has been easily modified by the news of the death of Lieutenant Borden, only son of the Minister of Militia and Defence. True it is, unhappily, that many homes have been called upon to suffer bereavement equally severe, but there are circumstances in connection with the death of this young officer which appeal in a peculiar sense to the sympathy of every class in the country. The fortunes of war have been no respecter of persons either with our lads, or in the ranks of the imperial troops, and sad indeed will be the homecoming of the survivors to many hundreds of bereaved families from the castle to the cottage throughout the empire.

Relief and friends of members of the first Canadian contingent killed and wounded in South Africa, when making application for the insurance effected with the Ocean Accident & Guarantee Company, will facilitate settlement of claims by having their identity fully established as the rightful receivers of the insurance. By taking this precaution and furnishing authentic description of those killed and wounded, delays will be avoided.

## Children Cry for

CASTORIA.

## PORT KEEWAYDIN.

Mr. Robert Ramsey left for Toronto on Monday. Mr. Fred Bale, who has been staying at Bellevue for the past week, returned to his home in Hamilton on Monday. Mr. Harry Strong, of Buffalo, is the guest of the Harbor Master. The ball grounds at Butler's Bay were opened on Monday afternoon, but owing to the threatening weather the game with Winona Point did not come off. A game was played, however, and a pleasant afternoon spent. On the return sail home quite a number were caught in the rain. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Seldon and daughter Edna, arrived on Tuesday night and will spend the summer in the "Lodge." Mr. Morrey left on Tuesday morning and will return at the end of the week. Mr. Batty left on Tuesday for his home. Tuesday was a great day for Prospect Villa. Mr. Jos., Mr. and Mrs. Will and Mrs. S. A. Gibson arrived by the evening boat. Good progress is being made on the pavilion and it will be ready for occupation by next week. Mrs. Batty was in Bracebridge on Wednesday. The vocalists and musicians of the Port are busily engaged in rehearsing for the monster entertainment on Monday at the opening of the new pavilion.

## ON OCTOBER 1.

The Street Cars Will be Running from Woodstock to Beachville. There was a gold prize in it for the form in charge of the construction of the street railway if he had a car running between Woodstock and Beachville by the first of September. Owing to the difficulties in procuring rails he has abandoned the hope of earning the gold, but says he has no hesitation in guaranteeing that the cars will be running by the first of October over that section of the line between Dundas St. and Beachville. Owing to the crowded condition of the steel foundries the company have had great difficulty in procuring their supply of rails. At present rails are laid over half the distance between Beachville and the Woodstock boundary, but as no more could be had for several days the workmen have been turned in on the power house to be erected on the site of the old oil refinery. A large barn will be erected on the south side of the Beachville road. The power house on the north side will be of brick on a stone foundation. A contract for this has been let to Wm. Taylor of Woodstock. An order for the boiler and engine has not yet been placed but the company is at present considering tenders from half a dozen firms. A 150 horse power plant will be installed. —Sentinel-Review.

## MASONIC GRAND LODGE

At the 45th annual communication of Grand Lodge which closed yesterday, M. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, of London, was elected Grand Master. Bro. Hungerford is well known in Ingersoll, where his many friends will join in our congratulations. R. W. Bro. Jas. Smiley, of Paris, was elected D. D. G. M. of Wilson District, No. 6 and Lt. Col. Hegler was again elected on the board of general purposes, standing second on the list out of 22 candidates for the office.

## VERY OLD BOOKS.

We occasionally hear of very old books, but it is doubtful if there is a better preserved or a more interesting old book than one now in the possession of Mrs. Peter Ross, of this village, says the Embro Courier. The book which contains about 500 pages is called the English physician, and describes 369 medicines made of herbs. According to it there is no ailment that the flesh is heir to, that cannot be cured by herbs. The interesting book was printed in 1656 and was in Mrs. Ross' father's family ever since. It was printed in 1622 and contains the books of Susanna, Fortit, Ecce, etc. Mr. Munro has also a dictionary printed in 1794 which gives peculiar definitions of some words. In all of these books the e's and f's are alike, and they are therefore difficult to read.

Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup stands at the head of the list for all diseases of the throat and lungs. It acts like magic in breaking up a cold. A cough is soon subdued, tightness of the chest is relieved, even the worst case of consumption is relieved, while in recent cases it may be said never to fail. It is a medicine prepared from the active principles or virtues of several medicinal herbs and can be depended upon for all pulmonary complaints. The mid-summer fiction number of McClure's Magazine will contain contributions by Frank H. Spearman, Jack London, Ian MacLaren, E. S. Martin, and others, in addition to the special articles of unusual interest. The cover, by Louis Loeb, is one of the most attractive that this magazine has ever had.

Totally Deaf.—Mr. S. E. Crandell, writer, contracted a severe cold that winter, which resulted in my becoming totally deaf in one ear and partially so in the other. After trying various remedies, and consulting several doctors without obtaining any relief, I was advised to try Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. I warmed the Oil and poured a little of it into my ear, and before one-half the bottle was used my hearing was completely restored. I have heard of other cases of deafness being cured by the use of this medicine.

Owing to the resignation of Mr. Auld, Mr. McClellan has been advanced to first assistant in Eileanburg high school, and Miss M. E. Reid, of Watford, has been engaged as second assistant. Miss Reid comes very highly recommended, both as a teacher and disciplinarian. She has been teaching for seven years. She was in charge of the Woodville public school for four years, and during the last three years she was one of the staff of the Watford high school. She is to receive \$550 per year.

An End to Bilious Headache.—Biliousness, which is caused by excessive bile in the stomach, has a marked effect upon the nerves and often manifests itself by severe headache. This is the most distressing headache, and there are headaches from cold, from fever, and from other causes, but the most excruciating of all is the bilious headache. Parment's Vegetable Pills will cure it—it cures it almost immediately. It will disappear as soon as the Pills operate. There is nothing sorer in the treatment of bilious headache.

They Are Not Violent in Action.—Some persons, when they wish to cleanse the stomach, resort to spasmodic purgative salts. These are speedy in their action and serve no permanent good. Their use produces ineffectual clime, and if persisted in they injure the stomach. Nor do they pay. Parment's Vegetable Pills answer all purposes in this respect, and have no superior.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

Washington, July 17.—The Chinese situation here, in the view of administration officials, is rapidly resolving itself. The powers are lining up either for or against the partition of this empire, on the one side being France and Russia and on the other the rest of the world. That is to say, it appears that the powers, instead of working loyally for the suppression of what is undoubtedly a terrible danger to the whole world, have already begun to split into factions over the chance for territorial spoils, heedless of the fact that they have first got to make sure that there will be any spoils to divide—to catch their hare before cooking him. Minister Wu, in this city, declares that the powers have intentionally delayed going to the rescue of the endangered empire in order to let their murder of the Boxers mature. This is, of course, absurd, but it serves to call attention to the fact that the allies at Tientsin are more occupied in keeping their hands on their hip pockets and watching each other than they are in moving forward loyally to the suppression of the Boxers. Even by concerted action, the powers will certainly not have a walk over. For instance, it is known beyond doubt that 400,000 German rifles and no one has heard of many more were imported into China within the past year. Twenty thousand Europeans and Americans, besieged in Tientsin, are gradually losing ground although fighting behind their walls. The Boxers have shown how difficult it is for the bravest men to capture trenches defended by arms of precision. How large an army, then, it was asked, will be required to turn the tables, and drive the unnumbered Chinese from their defenses? It is believed here that this will be done sooner or later, but when it is accomplished, what then? Will Russia and France attempt a grab game. If Europe cannot settle this Chinese problem without war among the powers, our civilization is but a sham and pretense. C. S. Hamlin, of Boston, formerly an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, has been contending with the Treasury officials in opposition to the proposed action of the department in establishing certain points along the Canadian frontier at which immigrants may enter the United States. It was represented that the Canadian steamship lines would gladly co-operate with the department in keeping out immigrants or the prohibited classes, and to that end would allow United States Government officials to inspect the foreign ports of embarkation of all immigrants bound for the United States. It also was stated that the Canadian steamship lines would deport all immigrants destined for the United States who should fail to pass the United States inspector at the Canadian port of arrival. The matter will be left open for the present. Assistant Secretary Taylor will have a conference with the officials of the Canadian steamship lines at Quebec during the next month or two, when a definite understanding on the subject will likely be reached.

The Board of General Appraisers has decided a customs question of great interest to Canadian importers and exporters, holding that merchandise imported from one country, having been produced in and exported from another country, is lawfully admitted at its actual value, the principal markets of the country from which it immediately imported, unless it appear that it was in good faith destined for the United States at the time of original shipment, without any contingency of diversion. The case at issue was one where certain articles of china and glass manufactured in Germany and Austria were exported thence to Hamilton, Ontario, and were then brought to this country for the purpose of being re-exported. The valuation of the goods, as ascertained by the appraising officer at the port of importation, was based on the market value of similar goods in Canada, on a ground that that was "the country from which imported" within the meaning of the customs administrative act. The importers claim that duty should have been assessed only on the value of the goods in Germany and Austria from which they were originally exported, which was the value declared in the invoice made out at Hamilton. The Board decided that there was no evidence which would justify the conclusion that this country was the ultimate destination of the goods at the time of original shipment, although they remained in bonded warehouse while in Canada and paid no Canadian duties, and that consequently the Canadian valuation must be taken as the basis for estimating the duties. The following pensions have been granted: Original Widows, Anna M. Christie, Coaticook, Quebec, \$8 per month; Mary Graham, Windsor, Ontario, \$8; Intercess: Charles L. Seeger, Windsor, Ontario, \$10; Michael Gettings, Newington, Province of Ontario, \$12; John Loneragan, Point St. Charles, Quebec, \$28. War with Spain—Sarah Weyler, Mother, Terrill, Ontario, \$12; Isabella Gibson, Mother, Hamilton, Ontario, \$12.

## TORONTO'S ALL-CANADA EXHIBITION.

"Educational and Entertaining, Aggressive and Progressive," are the very appropriate watch-words adopted by the Toronto Industrial Exhibition this year, which will be held from August 27th to September 30th. This is the twenty-second successive year of Canada's great Exposition at Toronto, and each year has not only seen an improvement in the arrangements as compared with the years that have gone, but has also seen the stock is very far ahead of what it was at the beginning, thus proving the inestimable value of Fairs such as that held annually at Toronto. It is an old story to say that the exhibition immediately approaching will be superior to all its predecessors, but it can safely be said that arrangements have been made, and negotiations are pending that warrant the statement that the Toronto Fair of 1900 will maintain the reputation it has gained of being the best of all that are annually held. A good deal of the space has already been taken up, and a number of entries have been made, but there are so many divisions comprised in the list with its 131 classes and \$35,000 in premiums that there is ample provision for all; and, talking of those divisions, it is interesting to note that there are no fewer than 35 in class 128, in knitting, shirts, quilts, cloths, etc.; 354 in class 54, poultry; and an average of 16 or 17 in each of the two dozen classes devoted to horses and cattle. This will give some idea of the scope of Toronto's Great Exposition, but also of the opportunities offered to secure a prize. It is a little early to refer to what is promised in the way of entertainment, but when it is stated that \$30,000 is spent annually in this department, visitors have ample guarantee that they will be abundantly provided for, and the admission to the Toronto Exhibition with its myriads of attractions is only 25¢. Entries close on August 4th, and prize lists can be had by addressing H. J. Hill, Manager Industrial Exhibition, Toronto. As last year, so this, the exhibition will be inaugurated on Tuesday evening, August 28th, with a brilliant Military Tattoo. Reduced rates will be given and excursions held on all lines of travel.

## ADVICE FOR PAPA.

Henrietta, of Cantonville, says: "My papa objects to my admirers sitting on the steps and talking with me until a late hour at night. He claims that he cannot sleep on account of our noise. What would you advise?"

Advise papa to sleep in the day time.—(Baltimore American.)

## U.S. PATENTSGRANTED TO CANADIANS.

E. C. Siggers, Patent Lawyer, Washington, D.C., U.S.A., reports the following patents granted by the U. S. Patent Office, July 2, 1900, to inventors residing in the Dominion of Canada. He will mail copy of specification and drawings of any patent for 10 cents. Postage stamps will not be accepted.

F. N. Barnett, Toronto, fire-escape; J. H. Cash, Toronto, bicycle seat-post; V. Lahaie, Montreal, valencott; A. C. Macdonald, Toronto, game; L. A. Nadeau, St. Athanas, wagon-pole tip; F. O'Neill, Wallaceburg, machine for manufacturing glass articles. There never was, and never will be, a universal panacea, in one remedy, for all ills to which flesh is heir—the very nature of many curatives being such that were the germs of other and differently seated diseases rooted in the system of the patient—what would relieve one ill in turn would aggravate the other. We have, however, in Quinine Wine, when obtainable in a sound undiluted state, a remedy for many and grievous ills. By its gradual and judicious use the frailties of the system are led into convalescence and strength, by the influence which Quinine exerts on Nature's own restoratives. It relieves the drooping spirits of those with whom a chronic state of morbid despondency and lack of interest in life is a disease, and by tranquillizing the nerves, disposes to sound and refreshing sleep—imparts vigor to the action of the blood, which, being stimulated, courses throughout the veins, strengthening the healthy animal functions of the system, thereby making activity a necessary result strengthening the frame, and giving life to the digestive organs, which naturally demand increased substance—result, improved appetite. Northrop & Lyman of Toronto, have given to the public their superior Quinine Wine at the usual rate, and gauged by the opinion of scientists, this wine approaches nearest perfection of any in the market. All druggists sell it.

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