

ANOTHER CASE FOR RECONSIDERATION.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS INVESTIGATION.

"6. Your committee find on examination that large amounts have been paid out for the supervision of repairs to public buildings, both to the architect and inspector, and are of the opin-

THE LUMBER TRADE.

THE I. C. R. TARIFF

view of that fact, there is of course unlimited scope for the imagination in respect to future changes. The element of permanency does not obtain, always excepting those cases where

MR. HARRIS'S PROGRESS.

deal of lumber and produce awaiting

Mr. Dibblee has been read out of the ranks of the government party. The job was performed by Mr. Fowler of Kings, who has been engaged to do that class of work for the present administration, which was formerly entrusted to the notorious William Wilson of York. Mr. Fowler can see in Mr. Wilson's fate at the polls the pitfall he is digging for himself.

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STENOGRAPHIC COLLEGE

Arrival of the Lake Ontario at Halifax—
Agricultural College at Truro Burned.

The Young Men's Christian association in Kentville are to have rooms in the new building to be built by John Redden. They will use all of the upper flat and will have a reading room in connection.

The Wolfville Coal Co. have bought the old frame barn in Gaspereau for a warehouse.

(Kentville Advertiser.)

On Wednesday afternoon a young lad

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The Government Stables Destroyed by Fire
—Prof. Davidson's Lecture.

FREDERICTON, N. B., March 21.—The government's stables were burned this afternoon between 5 and 6 o'clock. They were erected some years ago at a cost of about \$2,500. It is understood that there is \$2,000 insurance on the buildings.

Prof. Davidson delivered a lecture at the university tonight, his subject being, "Luxury and Extravagance."

Meeting of the Colonial Party—To Consider the Postage Question.

MONTREAL, March 21.—The Star's London cable says: At the request of Sir Charles Dilke and other members, a meeting of the parliamentary colonial party has been convened for Tuesday, to consider the action of the government in bringing pressure upon Canada for the withdrawal of the Canadian proposal to reduce the postage from that colony from 21-2d. to 11-2d. per letter.

NEW YORK, March 21.—The Holland submarine boat made another trip from Perth Amboy, N. J., this afternoon. At a depth of fifteen feet under water she showed good speed, and was handled with ease. After she came to the surface the boat grounded in the mud and was hauled off by a tug. The boat's conning tower will be fitted with electric lights before another trip is made.

WINNIPEG, Man., March 21.—Speaking at the reception in St. Norbert concert last evening, Archbishop Langevin stated that he had hopes a settlement of the school question would be reached in a short time. It was said a greater latitude will be allowed the Roman Catholics in a not too strict interpretation of the law.

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A number of gentlemen interested in poultry raising met at the Dufferin hotel last evening and discussed the steps towards forming a poultry association for the province. There were present: Dr. John Jerryman, W. W. Hubbard of Sussex, Dr. R. H. Morrison, W. A. Jack, J. S. Jones, L. F. Coll, Seth Conn of Sussex, J. G. Armstrong, R. P. Hamm, Frank Merritt, J. G. Tucker, Wm. Cruikshank, John Magee, F. H. Boucher, R. D. Bamery, Geo. Snider.

At the meeting and John Magee secretary. Upon discussion it was unanimously resolved to form a Provincial Poultry Association to enlist the assistance of all throughout the province.

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ARTHUR.

The Russian naval officers at Port Arthur are very friendly with the Chinese, constantly inviting and entertaining them aboard the Russian ships; but I fancy the Chinese see through this profuse courtesy. An Englishman goes on shore he is shadowed everywhere by Russian officers. A China merchant's steamer called in the other day, and two of her passengers came on board, and were immediately followed everywhere by two Russian officers, until they returned on board their vessel. The Russians tried to get the Chinese general to issue an order that no Englishman would be permit-

Lloyds' registered statistical tables show the state of the British mercantile marine from year to year. The tables for 1937 are peculiarly interesting, because they make it clear that the British fleet has suffered in number and tonnage by reason of the great labor strikes. There were added to the British shipping register during last year 595 steamers of 736,274 gross tons and 361 sailing vessels of 49,637 gross tons, making a total of 806 vessels of 785,911 gross tons. The great bulk of these were newly built vessels, only about ten per cent of

the additional being bought from foreign countries or transferred from the colonies. But the addition of steamers is the smallest since the year 1893, and the addition of sailing ships is the smallest on record since steam began to take the place of sail. The decrease in sailing vessels was to be expected as in keeping with the tendency of the times, but the decrease in steamers finds its only explanation in the engineers' strike. A statistician, writing in the London Mail, points out that 1897 was a prosperous one for the shipping trade, and the certainty was that, had the engineers' strike not intervened, the output of new tonnage and the additions to the British fleet would have greatly exceeded those of the previous year. The first half of the year, which did not suffer from the dispute, was, as a matter of fact, the most productive six months British shipbuilders ever experienced. So that a decrease of thirty-two steamers of 92,000 tons does not represent the whole of the deficiency arising from the engineers' stoppage. And this is proved, the Mail's writer contends, by the fact that British shipowners, finding new ships unobtainable, bought from foreigners eighteen steamers of 47,800 tons, and had transferred to them from the colonies eight more steamers, representing 13,600 tons, which, in both cases, is the largest quantity of tonnage secured from outside sources for ten years past. It is fair to conclude that had new British-built ships been obtainable, the majority of these foreign and colonial vessels would have remained foreign and colonial, and would not have been purchased by British owners. The writer goes on to show that according to Lloyd's figures 1897 has been a year of underproduction, and from a cargo-carrying point of view the British fleet has for the first time in half a century remained stationary.

the strike is over, trade is
the demands on the

power of the world are increasing, so that the present year will be a period of heavy production in the shipbuilding trade. It is stated by a London journal that the majority of shipbuilders cannot promise to deliver any steamboats before at least eighteen months from the present time. The same journal adds: "Doubtless the admiralty orders will impart additional briskness to the shipbuilding trade, as we notice that it is proposed to commence this year three new battleships, four armored cruisers and four sloops. Altogether, including our orders, there will be under construction or completed during the year, 12 first-class battleships, 16 first-class cruisers, 6 second-class cruisers, 10 third-class cruisers and 41 torpedo boat destroyers, besides other vessels."

Carleton Sentinel cannot

titled an opponent of the Emerson government, and the Sentinel knows Mr. Dibblee. It informs the readers that Mr. Dibblee was "acting quite within his right and in discharge of his duty" as a member of the public accounts committee, and adds that he has been, "in some quarters and by some papers, abused in terms extreme and uncalled for." On the question of printing the Sentinel quotes Mr. Sumner's statement of what the departmental reports could have been printed for last year, and adds: "The Sentinel has always advocated having these reports printed by tender and contract as being the fairest and most economic way."

Tarte is reported to have p

ned the Montreal Witness by cutting it off the patronage list. The Witness's offence lay in telling some

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