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Terms: \$1.00 per annum in advance. WEDNESDAY, July 27th, 1898. A coalition government is generally regarded by the independent Canadian voter as the correct form of administration; but British Columbia and New Brunswick, the only provinces in the Dominion which have been under this non-party regime, evidently think the plan inferior to the strictly party institutions of the other provinces.

The late reports from the Yukon district are somewhat disappointing to those who expected a marvellous output of gold as a result of this season's work, and the situation must be infinitely more of a disappointment to the thirty thousand men who number the army of gold seekers. As a matter of fact, much more money has been spent by these men in their efforts to obtain gold than will be taken out of the country this year. Ten million dollars is now placed as the outside limit of the value of the gold dust output, and at the low average of five hundred dollars each, the thirty thousand Yukon miners have paid fifteen million dollars for the privilege of sharing this gold.

So long as the Cubans thought that American interference on their behalf meant independence for them they were content to work and fight for the glory of American arms; but now their general has a suspicion that the independence of Cuba is not as he had expected and that an American conquest may mean several things. He has withdrawn his forces from their league with the invading troops and will act independently. No doubt he is going to the native patriots, who have waged an unsuccessful fight for liberty from the Spanish yoke, to foresee nothing but a change of masters as the probable result of the present war.

Ontario has become quite a tobacco raising province, two counties last year producing over a million pounds of the leaf. There is money in the crop for the growers—but, unfortunately for their culture has been instituted against its growth by those who like to see the province as a twin evil. Whatever the prohibitive on prohibition may show the feeling of the Canadian people to be on the liquor question, a popular vote on the tobacco question would surely result in a sweeping majority in favor of its unrestricted sale and use by adults. Reformers should settle the question now in hand before attacking the tobacco habit, else their zeal to accomplish too much in a short time may adversely affect the decision of the people on the great primary object that is now under consideration.

The United States government asked for a loan of \$205,000,000 from the people, and nearly seven times the required amount has been subscribed. This willingness of the people to lend to their government indicates a great confidence in the administration and the financial independence of the great Republic. The United States can evidently engage in a much heavier war than the one which she is now engaged in with Spain without seeking a foreign loan. The offers of the people to place \$1,400,000,000 of their savings at the disposal of the government is a revelation of the vast general wealth of the country and the practical patriotism of its people.

A new governor-general has been appointed for Canada, and we realize again that the Imperial grip is still on the colony, even though we enjoy such satisfying independence that no desire exists to break that hold. The Mother Country exercises excellent discretion in selecting her representatives, and we predict that the new incumbent will be a popular one if he exercises a wise caution in his dealings with the federal parliamentary parties. His predecessor was a good man, though the feeling of a radical, but came in for some unpleasant knocks at the hands of leading conservatives.

Ontario Legislature is called to meet next month and a very interesting session is looked for. Legislation in proposed which will meet with strenuous opposition, affecting as it does the election petitions now standing against members who will take their seats at the coming session. The opposition has declared its intention to burke the measure, and the length of the session will likely depend largely upon the physical endurance of the party orators.

Local and Special News.

Christie's Soda Biscuits at Shaw & Lloyd's. Bear River cherries sold in town last week for 25c per box. See our Ships Waits at 40 cents up. John Lockett & Son. The frame of Councilor L. D. Shakers's new house is in position. Weather bulletins are posted in front of Medical Hall every morning. Two steady boys wanted for factory work. John H. Hicks & Sons. It is stated that the late Hector MacLean carried \$18,000 life insurance. Service will be held in Gordon Memorial Church next Sunday evening at 7.30. Mrs. Huntington is having a house built in Wolfville and will move there this Autumn. A steam driven merry go round located in the vacant lot near Hicks's factory yesterday. Mr. N. E. Chute purchased a fine looking, speedy horse from Clarke Bros., Bear River, last week. Manager Bailey, of the Bridgetown Livery stables, is attending to business again after a severe illness. The D. A. R. cherry excursion to Digby and the cherry picnic at Bear River last week were well patronized. Curry Bros. & Bent have contracted to erect a new house for Mr. Proctor, on Gorington Street, Halifax. The Y. M. C. A. hall is being remodelled to provide a larger gymnasium and audience room, and a parlor for guests. Mr. Fred Curry, lately of Aspy Bay, Cape Breton, has been appointed pastor of the Methodist Church in Bridgetown. Mr. and Mrs. Mark Curry entertained a number of their friends at a lawn party at the "Willows" last Saturday afternoon. Efforts are being made to establish a loan board of the Birkenhead Building Society, a well known English institution, in Bridgetown.

Rev. W. B. Wallace will preach in the Baptist Church, at Lawrencetown, next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and at Ingleville in the evening. The Town Council asks for tenders for work in connection with the extension of the water works along Granville Street east and across the river. The close season for partridges extends till October, 1901. This protection ought to make our covers fairly alive with these splendid game birds. The Nova Scotia Methodist Camp Meeting will open on the grounds at Berwick, Friday, August 5th, at three p. m. continuing until Aug. 12th. Part of our Fall Goods which were specially imported to be here in July, we are getting the rebate of 25% in duties, have arrived. John Lockett & Son. At a meeting of the Town Council last Monday evening it was decided, in response to a petition, to extend the water system across the river to the town limits. J. W. Beckwith is now receiving his fall goods shipped to him direct from the firms and manufacturers in France, Germany and England. Middle profit saved to consumers. The telephone lines are still at work in town straggling the wires on the new posts. It is a slow and apparently a difficult job, where trees and the lighting wires affect the work. The brick walls of the Ruggles block are now completed. It will be a handsome two-story building with a flat roof, and will be heated by hot water. It is to be completed by October 1st. W. W. Buchanan, the well known temperance orator, lectured at Lawrencetown last Friday evening at the close of the Prohibition Convention. Quite a number from Bridgetown were present. Lyland drove Warren Guy a mile, at Yarmouth, on the 22nd, in 2:19, clipping a 1.4 sec. from his record. It was a fast mile race that had been in the stud only a week before the trial. AGENTS WANTED in every district in Annapolis county and in Kings county to sell the Holyday or Anniversary of the Rev. Y. U. of America, will be present. The Foresters will open their new hall in the Moxton building on Wednesday, 3rd August. A social will be given on that occasion and a good program is being prepared. Ice cream and cake will be served. An admission fee of 15c will be charged. The Bridgetown Butter and Cheese Co. is shipping cheese to Halifax market every week. The produce commands the highest market prices. About 200 cheese have been shipped and shipped since the season went to work a few weeks ago. Frank Irvine, son of Alexander Irvine, Granville Ferry, is second officer of the transport ship Oryzalis, and was an eye witness to the destruction of Cervantes' fleet. He says it was a sight never to be forgotten. His steamer is now in the blockade off Morocco.

The Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia will administer the rite of confirmation at St. Luke's church, Annapolis, this evening, 27th, at 7.30, at Rosette Thursday morning at 11.00, at Rochelle Thursday evening at 7.30, and at St. James' Church, Bridgetown, on Friday evening at 7.30. The schooner Nugget arrived on Monday for what will probably be her last load of piling this year. The piling ground is apparently well cleared of long timber. The Nugget lost her jibboom in a bridge accident at Boston and Captain Mallman brought home without that useful article. The D. A. R. steamer Prince Arthur was launched at Hull, England, on the 19th. She is the second new steamer for that company that has been launched this summer. The first steamer, the Prince George, is expected to arrive on this side early in August and the Prince Arthur will arrive in September. Kenville will celebrate its Natal day on August 11th. Efforts are being made to engage the Bridgetown brass band for the occasion. A program of horse races has been arranged for the afternoon on the Irving Park. \$100 is offered for a 2.34 class, trot and pace; \$100 for a 2:20 class, trot and pace; and \$50 for a green race, trotters only. Mr. and Mrs. George Balfour entertained a large number of invited guests at their pleasant home, "Sunshine," last Thursday evening. Miss Borden, a talented elocutionist, who is visiting the host and hostess, delighted the company with dramatic and humorous recitations; excellent vocal and instrumental music, whist, bagatelle and other games added variety to a pleasant social evening. The Y. M. C. A. boys' camp at Goat Island was opened last Wednesday, and there are a large number of lads enjoying the outing. Contingents from St. John, Fredericton, Sussex, St. Stephen, New Hampshire, and different sections of this province are in attendance. The camp is delightfully situated. Masters Kenneth Craig, Arnold Mackenzie, Herbert Elio, Ralph and James Young—of the Bridgetown lad—are in the company. A discharged sailor of the schooner Victoria, following coal at Corbett's wharf, Annapolis, was shot in the leg last Thursday afternoon by the mate of the vessel. The sailor had been drinking all day, and about six o'clock came down to the vessel and began creating a disturbance and abusing the mate. He became so violent that, in self defence the mate drew a revolver and shot him in the fleshy part of the leg. The mate was arrested and brought up for trial before Magistrate Leavitt and was acquitted.

The funeral of the late Hector McLean was one of the largest ever seen in this county. About seventy five carriages were in the procession to the grave. Over seventy Masonic brethren from all parts of the county met the procession at the outskirts of the town and proceeded to the grave, where the remains were buried with Masonic honors. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. W. M. Fraser, of Halifax, assisted by the Rev. James Strathairn and Rev. J. Cameron. The pallbearers were Messrs. Roberts, Bath, W. A. Casner, J. W. Ross and Horace Bishop.

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