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LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

ST. JOHN advices say Senator Gilmour of New Brunswick died suddenly on the C. P. R. train at Mattawamkeag, yesterday, while on his way to Ottawa.

THE Royal Commission to investigate the Gamey charges commenced taking evidence at Toronto on Monday, Gamey was the first witness.

The Elder Dempster steamer Lake Ontario arrived at St. John N. B. last Friday evening with 1100 immigrants of mixed nationalities.

A widow named Catherine McNeil, of Renshaw, was arrested in this city on the charge of having concealed in the woods the body of her illegitimate child, alleged by her to have been still born.

THE will of the late Gustavus Swift, of Chicago, was filed in the probate Court a few days ago. The estate is valued at $12,000,000. The principle feature of the will, was the bequest of $250,000, to charity.

THE special attention of the officers of the different poll organizations in the second electoral district of King's County is directed to the advertisment of the convention to be held at Morell on the 29th inst., which appears in this issue.

THE store recently conducted by George Carter & Co. has been reopened by Mr. B. C. Prowse, and it is intended to form a Joint Stock Company, with Mr. Isaac Carter as manager, Mr. Isaac Lane as accountant, and Mr. Benj. Bremner as traveller.

A tornado passed over Hopewell settlement one and half miles north of Nanceville, Alabama, at two o'clock Friday morning and as a result eleven persons are dead and four fatally injured and a dozen more or less seriously hurt while the destruction of property is heavy.

THE Easter market Saturday was largely attended and the supply of meat and other commodities was abundant and magnificent. The display of choice beef, from one end of the market to the other was indeed splendid. The stall of Messrs Saunders & Newsome was the centre of attraction. Not only was their show of the choicest beef, mutton and lamb the most excellent in quality and overwhelmingly abundant in quantity; but their place of business was admirably and attractively arranged. It would be difficult to produce a finer quality of beef than that shown by them on this occasion. The animals were all young, some only two years old; consequently the beef was tender, juicy and of excellent flavor. Seven carcasses of the animals shown by them a few days previously totalled when dressed 5,025 lbs. This shows how generously they had been fed. Messrs Saunders & Newsome understand howto place the very best meat on the market. The beef shown by Messrs Blake Bros. at their stall was the fattest and finest ever exhibited by them. The dressed weight of one that tipped the beam at 1670 alive, was 1126 lbs, and the smaller dressed 1070 from 1600 live weight. It would be difficult to produce a grander display of Easter beef in any country.

Holy Week and Easter.

On Holy Thursday morning his Lordship the Bishop celebrated Solemn Pontifical Mass in the Cathedral and blessed the holy oils. He was assisted by Rev. Dr. Curran, as archpriest, Rev. Dr. Sinnot and Rev. Father Campbell as deacons of honor, Rev. Dr. Monaghan and Rev. Father Murphy as deacon and sub-deacon of office, and Rev. Dr. Morrison as master of ceremonies. The Blessed Sacrament was borne in solemn procession to the repository at the altar of the Sacred Heart, where it was adored by the faithful during the remainder of the day. Tenebrae took place at 7 in the evening. On Good Friday his Lordship was celebrant at the Mass of the presanctified and other ceremonies peculiar to the day. The Passion was solemnly chanted, the three deacons participating being Rev. Dr. Monaghan, who sang the narrative part, Rev. Dr. Curran who sang the part of our Lord, and Rev. Dr. Morrison who sang whatever was said by Pilate or the people. The way of the Cross took place at 3 p. m., after which a relic of the true cross was exposed for the veneration of the faithful. Tenebrae took place at 7 p. m. Rev. Dr. Monaghan was celebrant on Holy Saturday and officiated at the blessing of the new fire, the baptismal font, etc. Rev. Dr. Curran was deacon and sang the *exultet* and blessed the paschal candle. On Easter Sunday Solemn Pontifical Mass was celebrated by his Lordship the Bishop, assisted by Rev. Dr. Curran as high priest, Rev Dr. Monaghan and Rev. Father Murphy as deacons of honor, Rev. Dr. Morrison as deacon of office, and Rev. Father Campbell sub-deacon. The sermon was preached by Father Murphy. Solemn Pontifical Vespers followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament took place at 7 p. m. The choir was assisted by an orchestra.

DIED

At Minneapolis, Minn., on the 31st ult., Patrick Reilly, in the 56th year of his age, formerly of Charlottetown, leaving a wife and four children.

At Black Pond, on the 25th ult, after a lingering illness, in the 25th year of her age, Isabella Sutherland, daughter of the late William Sutherland, and the third sister to pass away within nine weeks; the others being Martina, beloved wife of Angus M. Campbell, on January 21st, and Mary, widow of the late Casimir Campbell, on February 22nd. May her soul rest in peace.

At Orwell Cove, on the 4th inst., John J. McDonald, aged 67 years. R. I. P.

At the hospital for the insane, Tuesday, April 8th, Catherine Hughes, aged 32 years, of Scotchfort

In this city, on the 10th inst., Agnes, relict of the late James Lee, in the 71st year of her age. R. I. P.

Remnants.—Such bargains in Remnants of Cottons, Cloths, Dress Goods, Flannels, Flanneletts, etc., were never before given in Charlottetown as we are offering to clear lengths from 1½ yds. to 10 yds. A lot of Ladies' Gloves and Mitts at half price. You should see them and share in them.—J. B. McDonald Co.

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THE WEEK IN PARLIAMENT.

Parliament adjourned on Wednesday night for the Easter holidays.

The consideration of the public works estimates brought from the opposition a stringent criticism of the government's extravagence. At Ottawa the public buildings are overflowing with civil servants, and private property has been rented at a cost of $33,000 per annum.

The government refused to give any information in regard to trans-continental railway lines.

The government's neglect to provide a satisfactory mail service from the mainland to Prince Edward Island, was very strongly condemned by Mr. Hughes, Liberal, and other speakers.

Mr. Smith's (Wentworth) bill to amend fruit marks act was introduced.

A protest from the Yukon miners was read asking the government to refrain from granting concessions to private individuals. If the practice is continued, it will result in the ruin of the gold fields.

A large deputation of labor men waited on the government and protested against the importation of alien labor. This evil has extended to the Kingston Locomotive Works where engines are being built for the Intercolonial. The delegates were coldly received.

THE CANADIAN FARMER'S PLIGHT.

The Canadian farmer owes nothing to the present tariff. Under its provisions the agriculturists of the United States are allowed to flood our markets with produce. The American trusts have been given a free hand in controlling the prices on barbed wire fencing, certain farming implements, binder twine and other commodities. But when the Canadian farmer attempts to sell in the United States market he is confronted by a prohibitive tariff wall. He is robbed at home and forced back when he attempts to seek relief across the border. Since 1896 the American farmer has had a ready and growing market in Canada, while our own people have been forced to watch their exports to the United States decrease in this disheartening manner:

Cattle, 1 year under	1901, $260,998	1992 $124,497
Cattle, 1 year over	634,643	699,178
Sheep 1 year under	1,001,004	803,701
Sheep 1 year over	160,094	118,436
Poultry	85,321	55,632
Barley	95,927	9,499
Beans	388,746	185,921
Peas whole	117,614	145,102
Wheat	34,989	9,161
Bran	138,040	147,239
Wheat Flour	58,729	37,653
	$2,966,102	$2,336,069

Can the farmer see in these tables any indication of the great markets he was promised by Sir Wilfrid Laurier? How long is he willing to be humbugged and robbed, for the benefit of foreigners? The statestics are from the report of Trade and Commerce for 1902, pages 261, 262, 263, 265.

HOW MR. FIELDING GUARDS THE TREASURY

It is generally conceded that the people of the Nova Scotia constituency of Queen's and Shelburne have had all they want of Hon. W. S. Fielding as a parliamentary representative, and at the next general elections the Finance Minister will probably be found seeking votes in Yarmouth. The action of Mr. Fielding's present constituency cannot be attributed to a financial neglect of its interests, as no other riding in Canada can boast of as generous treatment in the way of public works. Mr. Fielding, as the guardian of the public treasury, has hardly proved himself worthy of the trust. In five years he caused to be spent on public works in Queen's and Shelburne the enormous sum of $91,970. This money has been distributed in twenty-six sections. The alleged object was to provide works of public utility. Many of them have been either washed away by the sea or proved utterly worthless. Mr. Moses Nickerson, who was recently elected by the people of Shelbourne as an independent Liberal of the Nova Scotia legislature, is authority for the statement that such is the case. Mr. Fielding endeavored by personal application to defeat Mr. Nickerson. The people of Shelburne gave Mr. Nickerson a good round majority, and figuratively blackened Mr. Fielding's eye. That is their answer to the corrupt expenditure of $91,960 in their midst. If the electors who received the benefit of the outlay are disgusted, what must be the feelings of other Canadian electors? That the Finance Minister should cause public funds to be wasted in such a wanton way is, we think, a course open to the severest condemnation.

COTTON MAKERS SUFFER.

When the enormous increase in Canada's imports of cotton is taken into consideration, it is not a matter of surprise that those who have invested their money in cotton factories seek additional protection. The Fielding tariff has thrown open our markets to outside competition, and our own producers have been loosing money year after year. Hundreds of cotton factory employees are made to suffer by reason of reduced wages in order to prevent their employers from closing down altogether. The imports of cotton have been mounting up since 1898 in this regrettable manner as shown by the Trade and Commerce report of 1902, pages 306 and 307.

1898	$4,710,794
1899	5,984,188
1900	6,506,569
1901	9,927,992
1902	7,451,759

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in the face of such definite and urgent reasons in favor of protecting Canadian industries, has declared that the Fielding tariff is perfect. It is to be the guiding star of the Liberal administration and the cotton factories must grin and bear any injustice it may impose upon them. The man who makes his bread and butter from the employment he receives from the cotton factories is not considered for a moment. The one point to be determined is whether the Fielding duties will stand or fall. Judged from a practical standpoint they are against a policy of "Canada for Canadians" and the best interests of the country demand that our enormous importations of cotton should be at once curtailed.

THE ECONOMICAL LIBERALS.

The economical Liberals expended about a quarter of a million dollars last year on the upkeep of the Dominion public buildings. The bad features of the Conservative regime have all been retained by the present administration and new ones added. The treasury, under the pretence that our financial status permits almost any extravagance, is called upon to meet endless bills which should never be presented. On Page V. 120 of the Auditor General's report will be found some items of great interest to the taxpayer. To pay carpenters and laborers on Parliament Hill required $60,536. The superintending staff received $8,220. Then there is a so-called mechanical staff that got away with $20,410 Other large items for furnishing buildings, etc., bring the aggregate up to $250,000. Luxury is presenting itself on every side and is received with open arms by erstwhile economists. The farmer, whose farm was once threatened by these large expenditures, will doubtless be pleased to find that the prospects for dubling the burden, are becoming brighter and brighter.

THE FAST ATLANTIC MUDDLE.

The Atlantic Fast Line is once more in the political arena. The question was almost settled in 1896 by Sir Charles Tupper, who had arranged all the details for a 20 knot service, equal in all respects to the best afloat. Since that time marine experts have revolutionized the Atlantic passenger service. Faster ships are being launched almost every year, and the intensity of the fight for supremacy between the great ship owning nations is increasing. Yet in 1903, over six years after the Allans had arranged to furnish Canada with vessels of 20 knots, the Laurier government calls for tenders for a service of two vessels of 21 knots and two of 17 knots, or an average of 19 knots.

The government evidently considers that Canada is unable to support in 1903 what was fitting for her in 1896. Either she has progressed or retrogressed. The Liberal party says she has moved forward mightily. Our trade has increased; our population is developing at immence strides; and our prestige as a nation is acknowledged. In the name of common sense, why then are we antedating our desire for first class steamships? If our people are so progressive, surely an unprogressive spirit must exist in the ranks of the Laurier administration. The government can find money to build public works for members of Parliament; the Intercolonial Railway has carte blanche in its raids on the public treasury; funds for useless High Commissions and European Picnics are easily available; but when it comes to an ocean service of which Canada has need, and in which Canadians have pride, ninteen knots is considered fast enough. It is hardly creditable that the people are in sympathy with any such proposal, and we have the expert opinion of steamship men, that it is as ridiculous as it is behind the times.

MR. BORDEN AGAINST CORRUPTION.

Mr. R. L. Borden, the leader of the position, has set his face against political corruption, and has suggested that an official be appointed to prosecute election thugs. Mr. Borden would make the prosecuting officer independent of Parliament and endow him with authority equal to that of the Auditor General. Such a move would settle for once and all any disposition to tamper with ballot boxes or bribe the electorate. It is admitted on all sides that some such reform is badly needed. Corruption has never been so prominent as at the present time, and as Mr. Borden's scheme is a feasible one, there is no reason why the crimes that have disgraced this country in recent years, should not be speedily terminated. It is to men of Mr. Borden's stamp that Canada looks for relief. He is a man of high ideals, to whom the bitterest partizan cannot credit a single dishonorable act. He believes that corruption is an evil which should be ended at any cost, and if his suggestion were adopted there would soon be an end to the debasement of the franchise. Hon. W. S. Fielding has intimated that the government is willing to appoint a select committee to consider this and other suggestions. It is to be hoped that the promise will be followed by its prompt fulfillment.

ANOTHER IMPENDING DEFICIT.

Hon. W. S. Fielding gave the Commons a beautiful example of inconsistency in explaining the government's position in respect to the opening at Ottawa of a branch of the Royal mint. When it was proposed to establish a mint independent of the British institution, Mr. Fielding pointed out that the coining of money in this country would result in large deficits. According to his statement, such a mint would be idle eleven months out of the year unless gold was coined, and this could only be done at great less. Mr. Fielding now bases his argument in favor of a branch of the royal mint on the claim that gold sovereigns may be freely coined. It will surely be gratifying to Canadians to learn that by striking British coins they can lose money. At the present time we reap large profits by having our coin currency produced in England. When the government inaugurates its new policy, the surplus will give way to a large deficit. This, and this only can follow, according to the Minister of Finance's own view of the case. The scheme, however, is quite in keeping with Mr. Fieldings fixed policy, which has resulted in almost doubling our expenditure in six years.

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Calf skins	00.5 to 0.00
Ducks	0.90 to 1.00
Eggs, per doz	0.00 to 0.12
Hides	0.00 to 0.05
Hay, per 100 lbs	0.55 to 0.60
Mutton, per lb	0.06 to 0.07
Oats	0.34 to .34½
Oatmeal (per cwt)	2.25 to 2.50
Potatoes (buyers price)	0.00 to 0.32
Pork (small)	0·14 to 0.00
Sheep pelts	0.50 to 0.55
Turnips	0.14 to 0.17
Pork	0.07 to 0.7½
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