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MORE ABOUT THE ROSS RIFLE

Militia Department Has Not Favored the Company
Latter Has Received Nothing More Than It Was Entitled To—Danger of Paper Famine

OTTAWA, Aug. 1.—The cabinet has just passed an order in council extending the time for the delivery of two lots of ten thousand each, of Ross rifles, which have been somewhat delayed in consequence of the difficulty of procuring raw materials, such as steel, owing to the glut of business in the steel mills and in consequence of certain changes that have been made in the sights of the rifle at the instance of the militia department.

Reports in the opposition press about friction having arisen between the militia department and the Ross rifle company are stated here to be unfounded. So also, are the assertions that the department had paid twice over for some other rifles delivered. The charge that the department had been unduly favoring the company in making advances to it equal to seventy-five per cent. of the cost of material and of labor, is equally untrue. The principle of making such advances to contractors is observed by all the chief spending departments. In this case Sir Charles Ross had not only to erect and equip the Quebec factory at a cost of upwards of a million dollars but was obliged to train Canadian mechanics in the use of the rifle. The company has received twenty-seven thousand rifles in store and probably about three thousand more since the last return was made, making in round numbers, thirty thousand rifles at \$35 each, or seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars in all. If this amount is deducted from what has been paid, there is left \$281,043, which represents the total advances made on twenty-one thousand rifles in process of manufacture and not delivered. This amount of advances represents thirteen dollars and twenty-three cents per rifle, as against eighteen dollars and seventy-five cents of an advance which the company was entitled to enter the contract.

Ottawa, river paper manufacturers say there is danger of a paper famine this year. A great strike in the Scandinavian mills has cut off the supply from that source and the Booth and Eddy mills have been receiving many orders from British houses, which they are unable to fill. They have been compelled to refuse many orders. Now the water on the Ottawa and its tributaries has fallen so low that pulp logs cannot be brought down. It is said that unless the autumn rains are unusually severe there will be the greatest famine in history.

Don Enrique C. O. Heel, the minister plenipotentiary of the republic of Mexico to the United States, is in Ottawa on his way across the continent. He is accompanied by Senor Salgado Al Yanez of Washington, and by Senor Lazo C. Alvarez, the latter from Chihuahua. The minister called upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. P. W. Scott and paid his respects. His excellency expressed himself as greatly gratified with the prospect of better trade between Canada and Mexico and confident that the steamship lines plying between the two countries will result in an extension of the commerce of both.

DISCUSSION OVER RECORDER'S BILLS

Ald. McGoldrick Favors Paying Him a Salary

Treasury Board Decided to Grant 5 Per Cent. Discount on Taxes Paid Before October the First

The Treasury Board last night decided to again give a discount of five per cent. on taxes paid before the first of October. The recorder's bills caused some discussion. Mr. McAlpine was heard in regard to the Canadian Gazette which he is getting out for circulation through the Dominion, the United States, Great Britain and the West Indies. It was decided that the price set by Mrs. Ellis for the property on Paradise Row, which the city proposed to acquire to broaden the street was too high.

Mr. McAlpine appeared before the board in regard to the proposition to advertise St. John's a quarter, which he is about to get out for wide circulation. The proposition, he said, has met with the approval of Lord Strathcona. All the cities of Canada are advertising in the book. Halifax is taking a page and Fredericton a page or half a page. There is a guaranteed circulation of 25,000 at least. To an advertiser he said that he had not approached the board of

KILLED SQUAW; WERE REWARDED

Indians Were Afraid of Wendigo or Evil Spirit
Chief and Medicine Man Strangled Sick Woman—Both Under Arrest Awaiting Trial for Murder

OTTAWA, Aug. 1.—An extraordinary piece of barbarism was recently committed by Indians within two hundred miles of civilization, and two bravehearted men, the chief and medicine man of the band, are under arrest at Neway House awaiting trial for the murder of a squaw. The affair occurred among a band of Crees at Sandy Lake in Keewatin, about two hundred miles north of Kenora. The Indians believe a person who becomes delirious is possessed of a wendigo or evil spirit. They also believe that if a person is allowed to die a natural death when delirious the spirit escapes, roams the woods and frightens away the game, starvation and famine follow. As a precaution against this the custom of the natives is to have the chief and medicine man of the band strangle the sick person so the wendigo may be confined in the body after death.

Last winter a squaw was taken sick and became delirious. The band assembled and condemned the woman to death. According to custom the chief and medicine man were directed to strangle her in the presence of the band, though she was a blood relative and of the same name. Jack and Joe Pidler put a noose about her neck and strangled her. The duty was held to be an honorable one, and the parents, according to custom, rewarded the executioners with handsome presents. The mounted police heard of the affair and arrested the two men. They and the witnesses were taken to Neway House. The justice department are now figuring whether it would be more convenient to send a judge to try them at Neway House or bring them down to Edmonton for trial. The chief asked the police not to deal too severely with him, as he did not know the law, and he was only following the immortal custom of his people. He said that if he had known the white men would not approve of the deed he would not have taken the woman's life.

suggested he should get the approval of that board.

Mr. McAlpine explained that the price to the city would be \$100 for a page a week. The city would get ten books free.

Ald. McGowan made a motion that the city accept the proposition. Carried.

A communication from Lord Strathcona said that application is frequently made at the office of the High Commissioner for the loan of maps on a fairly large scale of the leading cities in Canada and although the map chest is well supplied with maps of the Dominion and of various portions of Canada, the number of maps of important cities at their disposal is not sufficient for loan purposes. It was extremely limited.

The matter was left to the chairman with power to act.

The request of Thomas Ingraham for a new wooden leg for his son, who fell while crossing a bridge street, was sent to the claims committee.

Recorder's Bills
A bill of Recorder Skinner of \$10 for looking into the policies of fire insurance on the Mott property recently burned down, was discussed. The house was burned down by fire and a settlement was made with the companies for two-thirds the amount of the insurance. Ald. Frink moved that the claim be paid.

On a vote being taken the majority of the aldermen refused to vote.

Ald. Frink's motion was carried. The custom of aldermen who would not vote to leave the room.

Ald. McGoldrick said it would save a lot of trouble if the recorder was paid a regular salary for his services.

On a second vote being taken all voted in favor of the paying of the bill with the exception of Ald. Vanwart.

A bill from the recorder for \$150 and the clerk's fee of \$17.50, in the case of Dooley against the city, was read. The clerk's bill was ordered paid. The recorder's bill was filed.

Five Per Cent. Tax Discount
Ald. Frink moved that a five per cent. discount be again allowed this year on the payment of taxes by the first of October.

Ald. Bullock thought that half of that amount would be sufficient. He would rather charge interest on the non-payment of taxes instead of giving a discount for immediate payment.

Ald. Pickett reported for a committee consisting of Ald. Bullock, Willet, Kelley and himself against the purchase of the property on Paradise Row owned by Mrs. Ellis. The price asked \$350, he considered it much too high.

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THE DEATHLESS FAME OF GENERAL GARIBOLDI

The centenary of Giuseppe Garibaldi has recently been celebrated with wonderful enthusiasm throughout the civilized world. It was kept, remarks an eloquent writer in an English contemporary, everywhere throughout the world, where every town, from Rome to the ends of the earth, has had its share in the celebration of his life.

power. But Cavour, above all, taught his countrymen how to think and work and wait; Garibaldi, above all, taught them how to dare, and dare again, and never yield; and there is no fear for the future of any nation which has had two such examples, and assimilated both. They have re-visited the Italian genius in every faculty.

HAS GREAT CAREER.
To glance back even now upon the career of the soldier of liberty is enough to make a modern politician rub his eyes and ask himself whether the romance of the past can be historically true. Giuseppe Garibaldi was born on the 4th day of July, 1807, at Nizza. When the victor of Austerlitz was master of Europe, and had rekindled his race-countrymen of Caesar, Hildebrand, Dante, Michel Angelo and the immortal possibilities of Italian personality, the time was significant. The place was no less so, for the Ligurian coast has always given birth to a restless folk. The son of a sailor, Garibaldi was a seaman in his teens; a conspirator in his twenties; a leader of the seizure of warships and arsenals; a fugitive under sentence of death before he was thirty. Through all Europe the Holy Alliance was too strong to be shaken, and the hour was not yet.

ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.
We find him across the Atlantic, half-consciously preparing for the time to come, half-unconsciously shaped by the necessities of the development of his own temperament for the tasks of the future. He becomes a fighter on land and sea, amid South American hurricanes and civil wars—Admiral and General in one. His victories at the head of the Italian Legion in Sicily and Calabria, his capture of the red shirt already worn by adopted the irregular battalions on the river Plate, there he learned what it was to suffer wounds, imprisonment, and torture, and to nourish enthusiasm upon them; there he married his wife Anita, the faithful partner of his perils and escapes.

OFFERED SWORD TO THE POPE.
When Pius IX. seemed about to become the apostle of Italian unity and freedom, the most inveterate of priest-haters wrote to offer his sword to the Pope; and when the revolutions of 1848 began to threaten many thrones and every tyranny in Europe, Garibaldi crossed the sea and presented himself in person in Sicily. The Red Shirt had appeared in Italian politics, and within a few months the name of its wearer became a household word throughout the world. As the brilliant defender of the Roman Republic he did all that lay in the power of mortal to hold French and Neapolitans in check. The Republic fell, but in its fall involved Napoleon III. in the endless entanglements which led to the tremendous Nemesis of Sedan, by a process as strange and remorseless as the fall of Greek tragedy. Mr. Pius, the Pope, was the last to see the blood run faster yet, the story of Garibaldi's flight from sea to sea.

FLED FROM CITY TO CITY.
Chased by the Austrians, he fled, nesting and darting among the high cities of Umbria, like a bird winging from crag to crag. His way went over the Umbrian ridges, through the Apennines, and down towards the Adriatic, and across the swamps of the Romagna.

SPRINGHILL STRIKE HAS ASSUMED A CURIOUS ASPECT

The Conciliation Board Adjourns Until Its Services are Again Necessary

HALIFAX, N. S., Aug. 1.—The strike of the miners of Springhill has precipitated a curious situation. The conciliation board which began its sessions yesterday morning came to a termination today. In opening the session this morning, Chairman Judge Patterson stated that in view of the strike he did not think it necessary that the investigation should be continued, as he thought all matters in dispute would have to come up for adjustment at some later time whenever the parties saw fit to come together for a settlement. He therefore suggested that the board adjourn until its services would be again necessary. The suggestion was favorably considered by the men and the company and the board now stands adjourned. The following message was sent by the board: Deputy Minister of Labor, Ottawa: "In spite of continuous negotiations yesterday the strike is on today. 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