

RECENT DISCOVERIES.

Hon. Mr. Tarte is not the only "discoverer." There is, also, a good reason for the minister of public works not having made his "discovery" earlier...

Another discovery was made, however, and a no less valuable one—British Columbia at the same time "discovered" Mr. Tarte. The people of the province who came in contact with that energetic minister have "discovered" that he is an entirely different person...

Still another discovery has been made. The colonist has "discovered" that British Columbia has a grievance or two, and is crying out for their removal. There is an amusing side to the "find" of the Government street Rip Van Winkle...

INSPECTION OF THE BRIDGE.

The mayor invited Hon. Mr. Tarte to inspect the temporary bridge at Point Ellice and a visit was made on Thursday afternoon, the party being conveyed up the harbor and under the bridge on the small steamer Sadie...

Montreal Herald: The Gazette announces that the White Star Line and the German Line are building twenty-three knot steamships. Again it says that Canada wants the best in the way of steamships...

twenty-three-knot service would be more vastly superior to a twenty-knot service—a point, which, of course, the Gazette would be quite prepared to admit. If Canada will be content with nothing less than the best then, she will have to go in for the twenty-three-knot service...

"KINDLY BOUNCE THEM."

In the Tory papers these days appears a great deal of hypocritical wailing over the dismissal of civil servants who neglected their duties to do election work for the Tory party. When any such case occurs the government is immediately accused, as vociferously as Tory lungs will allow, of "introducing the spoils system."

MAYOR AS AUTOCRAT.

The municipal act provides that "the powers of every municipality shall be exercised by the mayor and aldermen, or by the mayor and councilors, thereof." Mayor Beaven has improved on the act by calmly obliterating the words "and councilors," thus effacing the rest of the council as regards its executive powers...

It is hard to see where there can be any hope of gain to the Conservatives in misrepresenting public opinion as regards the Manitoba school settlement, yet this task is being undertaken in some quarters. This will be plainly seen if some of the stuff published be compared with the following dispatch to the News-Advertiser...

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There will not accept it. So far all the Liberal papers in Quebec have endorsed it. The probability is that Mr. Beaven will be the only Liberal member that will support a remedial bill, while several Conservative members, including Mr. Clarke, of Toronto, have declared in favor of the settlement.

The fact is that hostility to the settlement agreed upon will soon be found words than useless; the country is tired of the dispute and is heartily glad to leave it where it will be quickly lost to public view.

A long comment about the climatic changes is indicative of the feelings of the Conservative press. The Colonist thinks the seasons are getting "colder." This is quite true, we believe, but our excellent friend's historical dates are "all off." The thermometer began falling on the 23rd of June last and will continue very low for at least twenty years. It is absurd for it to suppose that its winter will not become summer for several thousand years.

THE MALCONTENT.

Some Manitoba Tory politicians and the Archbishop of St. Boniface have announced their earnest condemnation of the Manitoba school settlement. No other action was to be expected of them, and it is not likely that their opposition will succeed in overthrowing the arrangement. As Mr. Laurier and Mr. Tarte have said, the approval of the extremists on either side was not to be looked for; the settlement must get its support from the great body of reasonable and moderate people.

THE DOMINION MINISTERS.

Hon. Mr. Tarte has been unable to complete his tour of the province by visiting the Kootenay district, as he intended, owing chiefly to the affairs of his department at Ottawa needing his personal attention after a somewhat prolonged absence. The unusual severity of the season was also a deterrent, as it appeared that travel might be interrupted at any time among the mountains.

Winnipeg, Nov. 24.—With the advent of Minister Sifton as minister of the interior, a new immigration policy will be adopted, which will rapidly fill up the vacant land of the prairie provinces. It is estimated that about 5,000 people have emigrated from Eastern Canada during the summer, and 100 from Michigan.

Windsor, Ont., Nov. 23.—A party of 14 poles and one American crossed the river this morning bringing with them a full kit of lumbermen's tools. They stated that they were going to Ruscomb, a small station on the Michigan Central Railway near Tilbury to work in a lumber camp for the winter.

London, Ont., Nov. 23.—At midnight on the 17th inst., Samuel Parkinson, of Ostrom, arose from his bed, left his house, crossed the fields to the highway and has not been seen or heard of. He was 54 years old and a brother of Principal Parkinson, of Toronto. Searching parties have failed to find any trace of him.

Windsor, Nov. 24.—A report is current that William McGregor, M.P. for North Essex, has resigned his seat and taken the position of collector of customs here. Mr. Martin, the present incumbent, being supernumerated.

Toronto, Nov. 24.—At a meeting of the Young Conservative Club a resolution was passed that the time had arrived when Canada should have representation in the Imperial house of commons.

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EAST OF THE ROCKIES

Hon. Mr. Tarte and Party Reach Calgary on Their Way East.

Great Interest Being Taken in Canadian Mines Across the Border.

Toronto, Nov. 25.—Fire broke out simultaneously in three different buildings on the Exhibition grounds yesterday and before the flames were subdued \$10,000 damage was done. It was the work of an incendiary.

Montreal, Nov. 24.—Detective Goldfene, of Pittsburgh, had quite an exciting chase after Louis Levy, who disappeared from a Pittsburgh court room while sentence for perjury was being passed on him. Levy had been a second-hand clothes dealer and had Goldfene with a search cart, dressed as an old clothes man, came to Montreal. Last night while visiting the Jewish quarter, dressed as an old clothes dealer, he saw Levy's wife in the door of a second-hand store.

Collingwood, Nov. 24.—William Thomson, aged 18, was drowned in the bay by upsetting the canoe in which he was out duck shooting.

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Toronto, Ont., Nov. 24.—President-elect McKinley will be invited to attend the convention of the International Epworth League in Toronto in July, and reply to the address of welcome to be delivered by Lord Aberdeen.

Winnipeg, Nov. 24.—Wheat is rapidly being sent down to the seaboard, but the following resolution, moved by Senator Bernier (Conservative), and seconded by A. A. C. Lariviere, M. P. (Conservative), was passed unanimously:

Resolved, That the Catholics of St. Boniface now assembled, having taken cognizance of the so-called settlement of the school question as published in the newspapers, desire to put on record our strong protest against such a settlement, which is quite unacceptable to the Catholic population of Manitoba, and nothing but wholesale and disgraceful surrender of our schools and of the language of the French speaking population.

Winnipeg, Nov. 23.—James Pettit, cheesemaker, and collector of Nixon township, has disappeared. As his accounts were short it was supposed that he had fled, but blood on the floor of his cheese factory and adjacent ground leads to the belief that he has been foully dealt with.

Winnipeg, Nov. 23.—The trial of the petition to amend Mr. H. J. Macdonald's members for Winnipeg which was fixed for to-day, has been postponed until January 15th next. Chief Justice Taylor and Mr. Justice Bain will be the presiding judges.

The Free Press (Conservative) says: "On Sunday Archbishop Langevin's announcement that now the terms of settlement shut out all hope of the restoration of the educational work would be taken up directly under his own supervision."

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FAMINE IN INDIA.

Fast Panics, and the Efforts to Avert the Impending One. India, after twenty years of fortunate extension from her ancient shores, is once more threatened, says the London Telegraph, with a widespread famine. These dreadful visitations, as well as known to students of Eastern history, Hinduism, are intervals which seem to establish a relatively regular cycle. Two of these recurring calamities was due in old times the fact that the vast population of India did not proportionately increase.

Famine after famine, ensuing after the failure of the latter rains, swept the weaker and poorer folk by millions, and disease, following upon the track of death, completed the periodical holocaust of victims. The miserable people grew into the habit of reckoning from one dreary season of death and desolation to the other. Their rulers—whether Hindu, Mogul, Marhatta or feudatory—never dreamed of taking up official arms against the direful foe. Famine was rather looked upon as the natural means for keeping down the birthrate; a decree of Allah, or of Siva, issued from date to date, for divine, or at least irresistible, purposes, not to be opposed by any feeble mortal means.

One of the most striking differences between the native and the British Raja in India had been the bold and generous adoption by the latter of official responsibility for the lives of those swarming millions of his land. It is, of all our innovations there, that one which would most make Asoka and Vikramaditya wonder and Akbar the Great strike his beard in amazement. If the efforts of the present rulers return to regal insignificance, as they have been deliberately accepted as a duty by the Supreme government in Calcutta that not a single life of man, woman or child must be lost by hunger in India, if the efforts, the resources, and the authority of the British can prevent it; and the affirmation of this unexampled beneficence has just been solemnly made in the legislative council at Simla.

In that august assembly Mr. Woodburn, as minister of the viceroys, formally announced the all but certain approach of the famine, and the terrible danger. The usual rains have failed over Oudh, a part of the Allahabad, Agra, Benares districts, and Cochin, Rohilkhand, the Cis-Sultry tracts of the Punjab—northward to Lahore, and southward to the Narsinghpur, Raipur—and even as far away as Upper Burma. This implies 50,000,000 or 60,000,000 of people menaced with scarcity.

not only menaced, but already having to pay for 16 pounds of grain the same price which two years ago was paid for 30 pounds. Of course, it is only the poorer section of the population which will suffer, but even then the initial expectation of the Queen's government is that 3,000,000 of adults must somehow or other be kept alive for a whole year, and that this will want a million pounds of grain, earned or bestowed, in excess of such local stores as may be in hand. Happily, during the years of comparative plenty, Her Majesty's government, with a beneficence utterly unparalleled in eastern history, has never for a moment forgotten that such a conflict must, and would some day descend upon them. The last great battle for the lives of the Indian people was waged, with a splendid though imperfect success in 1877-78, and it has demonstrated that canal and water to water the earth, and railroads, cart roads and tramways to convey surplus or foreign foodstuffs, were the best remedies against the deadly drought. These preventives or palliatives have been energetically pushed forward, and the irrigating capacity of canals has risen from 1,500,000 to 3,500,000 of acres, and will reach 4,000,000 within the next six months.

In the northwest provinces the irrigating capacity of canals has risen from 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 of acres. There are now over 10,000,000 of acres irrigated from various sources in the northwestern provinces and Oudh, while in the Punjab the total irrigated area has risen since 1877 from 5,000,000 to 7,500,000 millions of acres. During the same interval the open miles of rail have increased in the central provinces, the Punjab, the Northwestern provinces, Oudh from 2,400 to 6,234, while the cost of carriage by rail has been greatly reduced.

COMPRESSED AIR EXPERIMENTS. The Manhattan elevated railway in New York City is to experiment with the use of compressed air for traction purposes, the American Air-Power Company being engaged, says the Engineering Record, in installing an air-compressing plant, consisting of a Corliss compound engine driving a four-stage air compressor at 100 Greenwich street, New York city. The company will also supply the motor car for drawing a train over the elevated tracks, and upon it the experiments will be made. The motor car is ready, and only awaits the completion of the power-house. As has been noted before, the Metropolitan Street Railway Company is said to be very favorably impressed with the working of the compressed-air car operated for a time upon one of its lines. It is now given out that the possibility of the application of this system of propelling cars rests with Chief Engineer Pearson, who sailed for Europe a few days ago with the intention of looking into the compressed-air plants in Paris and Berlin.

LABOR TROUBLES. Strikers Attack Workmen, and a General Fight Follows. Hamburg, Nov. 25.—A dispatch from Luebeck announces that serious labor disturbances broke out yesterday. While the employees of Theil's enamel factory were going to work a body of strikers, belonging to the same concern, attacked the workmen. A free fight followed. A number of shots were fired and several persons were seriously wounded.

MINERS AND OPERATORS. Trouble Between Them has Assumed Serious Aspect. Tetre Haute, Ind., Nov. 25.—The fight between the bituminous coal miners and operators has assumed a serious aspect. The operators have ordered all houses now owned by the company vacated by December 1st. This apparently means that non-union men are to be brought in to fill the places. It is feared that trouble will follow such a move.

STANLEY

Hon. Victor A. S. Miss Annie P. This A. A Fashionable Paul's Churo of Pro The cozy little ch Equimall. Owing to illu Columbia was pres at the ceremony. T tily decorated, the ladies in utilizing greens to the best of The bride, who w her father, was att The bodice was trim pleated chiffon and gift of her aunt. Ma court train of silver by two little girls, A and Mrs. Lane, dressed in white sat white velvet hats tr feathers. They wor lets, the gift of the The magnificent f worn by the bride. Countess of Derby f it was worn by hers rriage. The bride's white roses and car of the bridegroom. were a diamond hea Countess of Derby, a sapphire bracelet. The bride was att moids, Miss Pooley, her sisters, Miss M Dolly Loewen, Miss Gonzales, and Mrs. fully dressed in whi fices of the white ac fon had gold zovave white felt hats wer trich feathers and a carful bonnet of mums, which with w watches were the groom. The brideg was Lieutenan W. O This afternoon a W ing held at the resi of the Earl and Com which has a d with flags and ever moon will be spent Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Among the many were the following: Mrs. Olive Bevan, Mord tina; the H Ferdinand, George, lhm Stanley and La diamond sapphire; Lor bracelet with diamo sapphire and emeral diamond brooch; the H topaz cuff links and lev, cheque and Chin ed table cloth; from diamond pendant; a sapphire and diamond diamond bracelet. T ents were also recei Derby, silver plate of Derby to the bride Hon. C. E. Peabody, Latham, silver instat Amphill, tortoiseshell snuff box; Lord and cell, silver cigarette box; Admiral Cavley, cigarette box; Miss L. Flumerfelt, cheque; Hon. P. O'Leilly, cheque; Mr. rane, silver box; Com and Lieutenant Cavley, cigarette box; Miss L. Flumerfelt, cheque; Mr. stand; Lieutenant and silver pocket book; rpherson, wolf skin ru grizzly bear skin and Mrs. Charles W. Pester, lace handker silver pin cushion; Miss silver pen and pencil Jones, silver photogr Misses Davie, silver p tegrating frame; Mr. Johnson, silver tray; Hunter, silver glove st Mrs. Gallely, silver Ch Flag Lieutenant Craw and diamond brooch; scription, silver sent bot berton, silver hairpin silver hairpin box; The Reed, silver sweet Ward, silver bottle; the erud and Mrs. Dewd with diamonds; Miss G photograph framed tine, silver sent bott Lady Crease, silver bot tosh, lace handkerchie Gavin Burns, silver dia J. Grey, silver sugar siff silver pin cushion; M piece of Irish lace; M ver tea strainer; Mr. at