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THE CENSUS.

The Hon. Sidney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, in his official letter regarding the taking of the approaching census in April next, outlines the duties and remuneration of the commissioners and enumerators. Under the power given the Governor in Council, Canada will be divided into census districts, and each district into sub-districts, to correspond as nearly as may be with the electoral divisions and subdivisions now existing. In the case of territories not so defined and situated as to admit of such divisions as already established, a special apportionment will be made. In New Brunswick, therefore, the enumeration districts will be the polling districts.

There will be a commissioner appointed for the entire census district of New Brunswick to superintend and collect the data for the entire province. Under him will be a commissioner for each electoral district as now established, which means one for each county, as there is a special provision allowing two commissioners where the district comprises more than one county, municipality or has a large bilingual population. Under these county commissioners will be enumerators for each polling sub-division, and these enumerators who make up the tally or enumeration of the people are subject to the direction of the county commissioners, who are expected to see that each enumerator thoroughly understands the manner in which the duties required of them are to be performed. Every commissioner and enumerator before commencing work will subscribe to an oath binding him to the faithful performance of his duties.

The pay of commissioners and enumerators will be according to rates of allowance prepared by the Minister of Agriculture, "which rates," the census act provides, "shall not exceed in the aggregate a total amount of three dollars for each day of proved effective service for any enumerator, or four dollars for each day of like service for any commissioner." The time of service to be allowed a commissioner, according to the Hon. Mr. Fisher, will probably not exceed six weeks, and the time of an enumerator will probably not exceed two weeks.

The chief difference in the taking of the present census appears to be the division of the country into smaller enumeration districts to permit of a more rapid enumeration. There is also a certain difference in the matter of the census inquiries and the present census is to be made of the actual population present in the country at midnight of 31st March. Under the census of 1891 absentees were counted in cases where in the judgment or fancy of the enumerator such absentees were likely to return.

A SHOOTING STAR.

There is no feature of the recent campaign more suggestive than the rise and fall of Mr. Hugh John Macdonald. He

flushed into the political firmament of the Dominion as a star of first-class magnitude, and then disappeared as suddenly as he came. With his passing there must have also gone out the light of hope in many a Conservative heart.

It is far from our purpose to say a single unkind word of Mr. Hugh John Macdonald. He is evidently a gentleman of whom any party might well be proud, courteous, inoffensive and fair-minded. It is not likely that he was drawn into the federal contest without the use of much persuasion and pressure, and in that view he merits commendation rather than blame for what has occurred.

But there can be no harm in suggesting that the Conservatives have probably not suffered an irreparable loss. Many of them may have been induced by the florid treachery which Mr. Macdonald received at the hands of the Conservative press to believe that a Moses had at least been found who would lead them out of the wilderness. They now know that Mr. Macdonald was not the man to perform such a heavy service.

Mr. Macdonald's achievement in Manitoba was much over-rated. At all events, it was a mistake to assume that his personality won the victory in that province. No better proof of this could be had than the story of events in Brandon. That constituency returned a Conservative in the provincial fight, and yet when Mr. Macdonald came himself before the people he was rejected in unmistakable terms. If personal considerations had really been a leading motive in the smaller struggle it is clear that Mr. Macdonald, when he came to be the candidate, should have been stronger in the larger contest.

MATTERS OF URGENCY.

The St. John Board of Trade meets tomorrow, and there are three matters which should have the attention of the board. The Telegraph has already referred to the importance of having steamer connection between St. John and Sydney. If our merchants hope to retain any share in the growing trade of Cape Breton, they may rest assured this is only possible by means of regular water communication. Halifax has about completed arrangements for the inauguration of steamship connection between that port and Sydney, and that city evidently realizes the truth of the statement that to maintain the hold which its merchants have on Nova Scotia's trade, it is imperative to have water freightage. Without cheap water freights with Halifax and St. John Montreal will absorb the most of the Sydney summer trade at least.

Another matter which we have also brought prominently to the attention of our wholesale merchants is the necessity for the renewal of the steamship line between this city and the south shore ports of Nova Scotia. Our merchants cannot hope to retain this trade under the existing conditions, and it would seem to us a short-sighted policy if the business between St. John and Yarmouth, Barrington, Shelburne, Liverpool, Lunenburg and Bridgewater, which has taken years to build up, is lost through the inertia of our own people.

The third matter requiring action is the question of obtaining for this city a steel shipbuilding plant. We have every reason to believe that it is a practical possibility to have such a plant established here; that the local government would, if urged, give reasonable assistance similar to that extended by the province of Nova Scotia for the Halifax plant, and it simply remains to be seen whether the city of St. John is disposed to exhibit the necessary interest in a project which must mean so much to our labor interests.

As the Common Council seems so busy with its private caucuses to decide whether one of themselves or some of their friends shall be appointed to vacant positions, that they have no time to look after the industrial interests of the city, it behooves the Board of Trade to move in all these matters of prime importance to St. John.

CARBIDE AND ACETYLENE.

Although it was a Canadian who practically pointed the way to the technical manufacture and utilization of carbide of calcium, still we have permitted the plodding but energetic German to not only become the largest producer but also the largest consumer of this substance. This should not be the case, as Canada, with its unlimited water power, should be in a position to generate the necessary electricity at a much lower cost than any other country in the world, while the raw materials necessary for the manufacture of carbide are obtainable as cheaply and in equally good quality as in Germany. The manufacture is not yet six years old, but last year Germany consumed 17,000 tons of carbide, which would give an illuminating power equal to seven million gallons of petroleum. The lighting of small towns with acetylene has only been attempted in one or two places in Canada, and the result has been highly satisfactory. Many factories, stores and private dwellings have introduced acetylene gas as an illuminating agent and with very good success. In a few years we hope to see carbide produced on a large scale in Canada, as two very extensive plants are now in the course of erection, one at Shawinigan and another at the Grand Discharge, Lake St. John, Quebec; the latter is being built by the company which were so unfortunate at Merriton, Ontario. In view of the petroleum business passing largely into the hands of the Standard Oil Company, it will be most beneficial to us to have some illuminant which will act as a competitor with oil and the general opinion is that this substance is acetylene. The competition between acetylene and oil will soon begin, and we

have no doubt but that the latter will be the sufferer.

There is a large field for the carbide industry and we have every belief that the large factories now in the course of erection in Quebec province are but the forerunners of many more.

THE CANADIAN FISHERIES.

The report recently published by the fisheries department for the fiscal year ending last June shows that our fisheries have had a successful year. The total value of the fish caught by Canadian fishermen amounted to nearly \$22,000,000, which is an increase of about \$2,200,000 over that of the preceding year.

The yield by provinces was as follows:

Province	Value
Nova Scotia	\$7,347,604
British Columbia	\$2,124,974
New Brunswick	\$4,119,801
Quebec	\$1,833,136
Ontario	\$1,600,447
P. E. I.	\$1,043,645
Manitoba and N. W.	\$22,911

Nearly 80,000 men were employed in this industry and the nets, etc., represent a capital of ten million dollars. There were 58 lobster canneries in operation, chiefly in the Maritime Provinces, employing some 18,700 persons, and having a plant valued at \$1,334,180. In the salmon canning business of British Columbia there were 69 factories, representing \$1,380,000 of capital and employing 18,977 hands. The sealing fleet of Canada numbered 37 vessels, which is an increase of eleven over the preceding year and the Canadian sealers captured 35,223 fur-bearing seals in 1900. The total capital invested in the Canadian fisheries of every description increased during the year by nearly \$300,000.

AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE.

The tuberculosis conference which will be full of interest to our people is to be held in Ottawa on the 14th of February. It will probably deal with the many phases of the tuberculosis question, and more particularly the prevention and treatment in the early stages.

That is not so very difficult to diagnose the disease is well known to every physician, and there is no doubt that in the incipient stages it is amenable to treatment.

The International Congress held in Berlin a few years ago, at which Canada was represented by the late Dr. Farrall, of Halifax, was productive of much good, as specialists in every branch of the subject were present from all parts of the world who freely gave their experience. It is to be hoped that at the forthcoming conference that there will be a good attendance and that measures will be proposed by which the ravages of this disease shall in the future be materially reduced.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Let May 24th be observed as Victoria day.

Westmorland county is to lead the way on Feb. 7 in the matter of the provincial elections.

We have seen no citations, lately, from La Verite. They are in order when the new letter takes its seat.

Official instructions may be mixed, but there is no mistake in the reality of the people's sorrow over the national bereavement.

There will be no trouble this year for the lawyers to compute the year of the sovereign's reign in making up their legal papers.

It is amusing to observe the Toronto Tory organs patting Tarte on the back, in the C. P. R. fight. Only a week ago it was something sharper which they were applying.

The San has joined H. A. Powell, ex M. P., on a political purity crusade. Where was it when Canada was bathed in the political scandals of its friends?

Vaccination parties are the latest fad with the Chicago girls. We are not informed whether the vaccine used is intended as a preventative of smallpox or osculation.

It is said that Clarke Wallace is pushing his claims to the leadership of the Conservative party. If he succeeds the morning Tory organ will once more grind out the old familiar strains of French disloyalty.

The thief who burglarized the newspaper safe at Amherst and only got a few dollars for his pains should have known better. The last man who "cracked" the newspaper strong box in St. John lost money by the operation.

The Moncton convention platform has vanished with the exit of that political Hector, Mr. George Eulus Foster. The convention called to nominate an opposition candidate in Westmorland is to be a convention of the opponents of the local government.

NO BRONCHIAL ATTACK SINCE THE USE OF CATARRHOZONE.

"Mr. William Pollock, of Blyth, Ont., says: 'I received Catarrhozone' and used it for six weeks and am well pleased with the results. My head feels better and I have had no bronchial attacks since I commenced using your treatment.'"
If you understand the properties of Catarrhozone you would not wonder that Mr. Pollock has had no return of his distressing and dangerous malady. Catarrhozone is a tubular, spreading to the remotest air cell of the lungs—it bathes the bronchial tubes with its stimulating and healing power, promotes expectoration, breaks down spots and soothes the inflamed mucous membrane. Surely a remedy capable of doing all this must, and cannot fail to cure. Ask your druggist about Catarrhozone. Complete outfit, \$1.00; small size, 50c.; at druggists or by mail. A trial sent for 10c. by N. C. Polson & Co., Kingston, Canada, or Hartford, Conn., U. S.

LOBSTER FISHING POOR

Reports from Western Nova Scotia.

SOME SUGGESTIONS.

Lumbering Active in Shelburne, Queens and Lunenburg—Pulp Industry Growing—Railway Matters—Dominion Election Protests.

Port Medway, N. S., Jan. 26.—This season the winter lobster fishing has been most unsatisfactory. All along the shore it is the one story—lobsters are getting scarcer. Large boats and small boats have thoroughly tried the fishing ground. At last fishermen are beginning to realize that the fishing grounds are getting exhausted. The reason is not far to seek. It is over-fishing. Hen and brood have been killed and then it is wondered what has become of them. For years anything in the shape of a lobster has been taken, and it is the old story of greed over-reaching itself. There really seems to be but one satisfactory answer as to replenishing the grounds and it is to stop lobster fishing for a time. The loss and hardship are well understood and the remedy severe. To enforce a law against taking small lobsters would have to be an enormous cost. Even then vast experience demonstrates that it would be only partial. Against such a remedy there will be a great protest, but it does look as though one way that will save a most profitable industry from destruction.

The late lobster commissioner did splendidly. He received the assistance of Professor Prince. What is wanted to aid our fisheries is a special department just as it is with agriculture. Hon. Mr. Fisher has done good work and the department demonstrated its advantage and great utility. The same can be done for the fishing industry. Better methods of fishing and the opening up of new markets have become a pressing necessity. Experts are sent to the farmers, but the fishermen are left to get along. All this can be changed and our fisheries made far more productive. The bait freezers being erected by the aid of the dominion government meet a real want and show what can be done to encourage a most valuable industry.

In both Shelburne, Queens and Lunenburg lumbering is very active. The Cape Breton market has made quite a demand for lumber all along the shore. Then the growing pulp industry calls for a large number of men in the woods. Another mill has just been completed at Cowe's Falls, Milton, Queens county, making three in this county—two at Milton and one at Mill Village. The shipping ports are Port Medway and Liverpool.

For years these south shore counties have been hoping for a railway along the shore from Yarmouth to Halifax. The Coast Railway Company have built a line from Yarmouth to Barrington. The work is stopped. An effort is being made to get the company to take hold of it and complete it to Halifax. No doubt something will be done at the forthcoming session of the local house.

After the dominion elections protests were made of six seats on either side, then it was said, by consent on both sides, they had been withdrawn. Now we are told it is "up to the knife." If such be the fact the Tories stand to lose what they have got. The movement was first by them, then the Liberals were obliged to recede themselves. Now the Tories are in their own snare and a pretty fix it is. No saw-off, sure disaster.

"He digged a pit, he digged it deep, He digged it for a brother; But for his sin he had to dig in the pit he digged for 'other."

In Shelburne-Queens constituency another election would only mean an increased majority to the able and popular representative, Hon. W. S. Evans. The provincial elections are expected to take place this year. Toryism is eager for the fray. At least that's what one hears. Why, it is hard to understand for what they expect except sure defeat no reasonable person can see. To expect victory would be a marvel under the circumstances. The Tories are a number of "Miltons" around and the unexpected happen, but just now the Tory tide is out and the signs of the times are that this is not a happy opportunity for a politician. Hon. G. H. Murray has made a good record and he is here to stay. His administration has been clean, progressive and in every way excellent. He was sold here because of the death of the Queen.

SEVERAL STABBED.

Russian Dance Ends in a Fatal Fight.

Westfield, Mass., Jan. 27.—A street brawl following a Saturday night dance among Russians resulted in the stabbing of three men, one of them fatally, between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning. John Pitonyak, the man most seriously hurt, is at Noble Hospital, with a deep wound in his chest, penetrating the brain, from which he will probably die. Matyas Olejak is in custody and will be arraigned on a charge of assault with a dangerous weapon, if Pitonyak lives, and on a charge of manslaughter if he should die.

Three Westfield young men, Albert Elkey, Peter Kirby and Frank White, fell into a trap with the two Russians and it seems probable that Pitonyak received the dangerous wound at the hands of his companion, who intended it for one of the others. Kirby was cut about the hands and Elkey received several severe slashes on the breast, arm and hands. The three Americans notified the police and a physician. The unconscious Russian was removed to the hospital and later in the morning the arrest was made.

A physician is not always at hand. Guard yourself against sudden coughs and colds by keeping a bottle of Pain-Killer in the house. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Day's, 25c. and 50c.

How The Dollars Roll Your Way.

Men's Choice Overcoats Temptingly Reduced.

Littlest prices ever put on fine Overcoats. You're not a bit clothing-clever if you don't grab the forelock of this splendid chance to get a superior Overcoat dollars under its regular value. And these reductions right at the time when you need a warm coat.

Overcoats which formerly sold for \$5.00 to \$18.00 reduced to \$4.00 to \$14.40.

Ulster Weather Has Arrived.

Mercury's playing around the zero-mark. The reductions in prices on our stock of Ulsters comes at an opportune time, and they're here in all their warmful vigor. Ulsters that reach from your hat-brim to your heels. You'll not find better coats anywhere.

Men's \$5.00 Ulsters reduced to	\$3.65
Men's 6.00 Ulsters reduced to	4.80
Men's 8.00 Ulsters reduced to	6.40
Men's 10.00 Ulsters reduced to	3.00
Men's 12.00 Ulsters reduced to	9.60
Men's 14.00 Ulsters reduced to	9.60

GREATER OAK HALL, SCOVIL BROS. & CO., St. John, N. B.

King Street, Corner Germain.

A NEWSPAPER ROBBED.

The Amherst Daily News' Safe Tampered With.

Amherst, Jan. 27.—(Special).—The editor of the Amherst Daily News found on going to his office this morning that the combination of his safe had been tampered with. After removing the base of the safe it was discovered that the contents, something like \$20 in cash, had been abstracted. A warrant was issued for the arrest of the thief. The Amherst Daily News, had not arrived, his suspicions were aroused. On inquiring, it was ascertained that he had left by the maritime express on Friday evening. A warrant was immediately sworn out before Stipendiary Alexander G. MacKenzie and placed in the hands of I. C. R. Officer Jones, who left by the next train for St. John. Dawson has been with the News for some time. He was a gentlemanly and an efficient workman and bore a splendid character and, if the suspicions are found to be correct, it will be a surprise to the many friends of the young man. About 5 o'clock on Friday Dawson went into one of the hardware stores and asked to see some revolvers. He selected one of the best and asked permission to take it across to his boarding house to show a friend, promising to either return or pay for it before the store closed. He has not done so yet.

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every year in the United States by Consumption. The fault is theirs. No one need have consumption. It is not hereditary. It is brought on by neglect. You do nothing to get rid of it.

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will cure a cough or cold in one night. Miss Boyle, a young lady of Simcoe, a school teacher and prominent socially, was rapidly taken to a decline from a cough. Was not expected to live. Suffered completely cured her. People in that vicinity are well acquainted with the facts in her case. Shiloh's Consumption Cure is sold by all druggists in Canada and United States at 25c, 50c, \$1.00 a bottle. In Great Britain at 1s. 2d., 2s. 3d., and 4s. 6d. A printed guarantee goes with every bottle. If you are not satisfied go to your druggist and get your money back.

Write for illustrated book on Consumption. Sent to you free. S. C. Wells & Co., Toronto. Lord Brougham commonly spent three or four weeks in study before writing a great speech.

SERVICES IN LONDON.

Crowds in Black Streamed to St. Paul's and Westminster.

London, Jan. 28.—Yesterday throughout the kingdom all places of worship held services in memory of Queen Victoria. At St. Paul's Cathedral there was an unusual scene. Before 9 o'clock in the morning an enormous crowd, wholly attired in black, streamed from all directions to the vast edifice, and by 10 o'clock it was packed. Thousands were unable to obtain admission. The service began at 10.30. The Most Reverend Frederick Temple, primate and archbishop of Canterbury, preached a most touching sermon.

There was a similar scene at Westminster Abbey, where all the services throughout the day were attended by enormous congregations. The large assemblage in the Chapel Royal at St. James' Palace including the Princess Frederica of Hanover, Prince Francis of Teck, a host of titled people, many members of the cabinet and other distinguished persons.

All the Roman Catholic and foreign churches in London held a special memorial service. The members of the French embassy attended the French church, and very elaborate services were held at the chapel of the Russian embassy, by command of Emperor Nicholas.

Everywhere particular attention was paid to the musical portion of the service. For instance, at Lincoln's Inn chapel Brahms' "Requiem" was performed. The Venerable William MacDonald Sinclair, archdeacon of London and canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, preached a commemorative discourse at Canterbury Cathedral.

Special sermons were preached in St. George's chapel at Windsor. Everywhere cathedrals and churches were draped and hung with mourning emblems. Telegrams from the colonies and from all the principal cities abroad where British subjects reside report memorial services. Sir Alfred Milner attended the service at the cathedral in Cape Town. Cotes, Isle of Wight, Jan. 27.—Lord Roberts and Mr. William St. John Broderick, secretary of state for war, were present at morning prayers in Whippingham church at 11 o'clock today. An hour later King Edward, Queen Alexandra and all the royal personages now at Osborne arrived at the church for the memorial service. This was a simple function, the hymns being sung by an unsupplied choir of school children. Sir Walter Parratt, private organist to the late Queen and organist to St. George's Chapel Royal, Windsor, played several funeral excerpts.

The bishop of Winchester, who was the preacher for the occasion, delivered an eloquent panegyric upon Victoria and declared that Emperor William's action in coming to her deathbed had touched the hearts of the British people and cemented the unity and friendship of the two kindred nations.

At the conclusion of the service all stood during a performance of the "Dead March."

The Probable Cause.
"I was talking to Lushforth last night, when he suddenly broke down and cried. 'Well, ain't it natural for him to break down when he is overladen!'"—Indianapolis Press.

BAD WEATHER

Locks Up a Number of Vessels in Harbor.

Boston, Jan. 27.—The local weather bureau received orders at 9.30 tonight to host northwest storm signals. The Washington weather officials ordered up those signals tonight from Delaware Breakwater to Eastport, predicting northwest winds tomorrow increasing to high with occasional gales.

The barometer on the New England coast is exceptionally low, the lowest being at Eastport, 28.82.
Chatham, Mass., Jan. 27.—The long continued northeast gale moderated and changed to northwest today, giving the long delayed fleet of northbound tugs and large chancy to proceed over the shoals. The weather was fine at sunset, but a very low barometer prevented some cautious captains from starting.

Nantucket, Jan. 26.—The high northerly gale continued all last night and tonight the wind reached 60 miles an hour. No wrecks are as yet reported but the gale continues unabated at dark.

Medical Book Free.

"Know Yourself," a book for men only, sent free, postpaid, mailed, to any male, reader mentioning this paper. 6c. for postage. The Science of Life, or Self-Preservation, the Gold Medal Prize Treatise, the best medical book of this or any age. English Library Edition, cloth, full gilt, 270 pp., with engravings and prescriptions, only \$1.00. Pages cover 250. Address the TEALORD MEDICAL INSTITUTE, No. 4 Bulfinch St., Boston, Mass., the oldest and best in this country. Write today for these books: the keys to health, vigor, and happiness. A perfect Value Monogram. The Tealord Medical Institute is a trust for the medical phenomena of this century and it will remain so.—Boston Journal.

Coal Cars Wrecked.

Providence, R. I., Jan. 28.—Twenty empty coal cars of the gondola variety piled up on the East Providence branch of the Worcester division of the New York N. H. & H. R. R. a quarter of a mile north of Philadelphia shortly after 5 o'clock this afternoon and blocked the track all night. The cars were a portion of a train of 60 and the bursting of a hosepipe connecting the air brakes was responsible for the wreck, the brakes setting up automatically and the cars piling upon one another for a distance of about 400 feet. The branch is used exclusively for freight and two gangs of wreckers worked all night removing the obstruction. No one was injured.

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