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FAREWELL TO MIDLOTHIAN

Gladstone Writes a Farewell Letter to His Old Constituents in the North.

Conflicting Reports Regarding Bismarck's Condition—Craigie Divorce Case.

London, July 3.—Bismarck's condition has undergone a great improvement. Despite the heavy rain he took a two hours' drive yesterday in an open carriage and appeared to be in good health. Ernest von Plener, minister of finance for Austria in the late cabinet, announces that owing to his failure to form a coalition of the moderate parties he has decided to retire from active political life.

News regarding the condition of Prince Bismarck is both contradictory and difficult to obtain. The London Times correspondent at Friedrichsruhe confirms yesterday's cablegram to the Associated Press, and the Hamburg Boersenhalle says the accuracy of the statement that the prince is seriously ill is doubtful.

The suit for divorce instituted by Mrs. Pearl Craigie, authoress, best known by her pen name of John Oliver Hobbs, was heard to-day. Adultery upon the part of the husband, who is a clerk in the Bank of England, is alleged in the complaint. Mr. Craigie pleads both condemnation and connivance on the part of his wife in his illicit relations with other women. Mrs. Craigie took the witness stand to-day, and sobbing very hard, related the terrible story of her married life. She was, she said, during her honeymoon, afflicted with disease by her husband. Later, she alleged, he had been guilty of repeated acts of cruelty toward her and adultery since the marriage in 1887.

At a meeting of the Midlothian Association this afternoon a letter of farewell was read from the Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone, who has represented Midlothian since 1889 in the house of commons. Mr. Gladstone says: "Though in regard to public affairs there is much that is disputable, some things belong to history. It is an example," he adds, "beyond question that the century expires has exhibited unexampled progress in the condition and freedom of the people. Several of these reforms were effected by the Liberal party." General Duchesne, commander of the French troops on the island of Madagascar, telegraphs from Majunga, via Port Louis, island of Mauritius, that several thousand Hovas who recently attacked the French troops in Savastrou were repulsed with great loss. The French captured 470 tents, the standard of the Queen of Madagascar, a number of pieces of artillery and a quantity of ammunition.

PROF. HUXLEY DEAD.

The Distinguished Scientist Passes Peacefully Away on Saturday.

Professor Huxley, whose death took place on Saturday, was born at Ealing, near London, May 4, 1825. His father was one of the teachers in the school at Ealing, but his education was largely acquired at home, where his range of study included medicine and German scientific literature. In 1842 he engaged in the practice of medicine at Charing Cross Hospital, and in 1845 received his degree from the University of London. He had already displayed remarkable powers of investigation, and had described in the Medical Times and Gazette a layer in the root sheath of hair, which has since borne his name. In 1846 he entered the medical service of the navy and acted as assistant surgeon on the Rattlesnake with Capt. Strachey's expedition to the south Pacific ocean. The opportunity for original investigation in this voyage was embraced by the ardent young naturalist with a diligence only equalled by that of Darwin in his similar voyage. He studied particularly the invertebrate surface life of the ocean, and sent home several communications, the first published of which was "On the Anatomy of Affinities of the Family of Medusae." In this he called attention to the important fact that the bodies of the Medusae consist of two cell-layers, which he compared with the germinal layers of the higher animals. The most important result of this voyage, however, was his splendid work on "Oceanic Hydrozoa," which greatly extended our knowledge of zoophytes. His important papers having brought him into scientific repute, he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in June, 1851. He resigned the navy in 1853, and after that period mainly lived in London engaged in incessant scientific labors. The results of his persistent investigations he frequently graphically described in numerous lectures and the late professor was called upon to fill many important positions.

After the publication of Darwin's work on "Natural Selection," Huxley became an ardent supporter of the theory, and was the first to apply it to the problem of the evolution of the human race. In his lectures to workmen, at the museum of practical geology, in 1860, he dealt with the "Relations of Man to the Lower Animals." These lectures gave rise to warm controversy in the British Association in that and subsequent years. (The whole matter

was summed up in his "Evidence of Man's Place in Nature," in which he endeavored to trace the ancestry of man to the anthropoid apes. He continued to lecture to workmen on Darwin's views and he took an active part in the discussion of educational systems, and was conspicuous for his opposition to deplimentary teaching, and for his vigorous denunciation of the doctrines of the Roman Catholic church.

During his extraordinarily vigorous career of investigation he advanced many startling ideas in his peculiarly trenchant style and with that rare felicity of illustration which at once lent both a charm and a vigor to his argument. Perhaps the most startling doctrine advocated by Professor Huxley was before the British Museum in Belfast in 1874, and based on the phenomena of certain cases of brain injury, to the effect that the seeming voluntary movement of animals, and even those of man, are really automatic and independent of will and to some extent consciousness. It embraced the definite declaration that an animal is a machine, a sort of highly complex clock, wound up to run for a certain period, and that such consciousness, as exists is but a side product of its activities, and has no actual controlling influence over these activities.

He was a man rather above the middle height, squarely built and upright; perhaps his most striking features were the very bright black eyes that seemed to look through those of anyone to whom he was speaking; they were set wide apart and deep beneath the grey eyebrows; the forehead was square, the iron-gray hair brushed straight back from the temples. White whiskers framed in the lower part of the face and accentuated the squareness of the chin, firmly moulded into an expression that would be stern and almost defiant but for the extreme mobility of the lips. The whole face somewhat rugged, but constantly lighted up by the smiling lips or by a very characteristic twinkle of fun in the dark eyes.

A few years ago Professor Huxley received the title of "Right Honourable." He enjoyed the distinction of being the first privy councillor to attain that honor without previously holding some political appointment.

MORE FIRES ON THE MAINLAND

The Brunette Mill and the Laidlaw Cannery are Up in Smoke.

Only a Partial Insurance on the Property—The Loss Will be Heavy.

Vancouver, July 4.—Brunette Mills and Laidlaw's cannery were almost totally destroyed by fire last evening. To the residents it came as a terrible shock, for they were in sadness over the terrible cannery fires earlier in the day. About 4:40 p.m. the Times correspondent had occasion to visit the mills, and all was well. Five minutes afterwards flames burst from the drying house, and in an incredibly short time the entire mill was a mass of flames. When the mill once caught nothing could be done, for everything was dry and burnt like tinder. The Laidlaw cannery was doomed from the first and was soon feeding the tremendous body of structural flames. Several ships alongside were assisted into the stream by a tug, but not before one heavily laden bark, the Northwest, had caught fire and was badly damaged before the sailors put out the flames. There was a rumor that a Chinaman had set the buildings on fire and until the rumor was denied great indignation was felt. The mills were only partially insured, \$75,000 covering all the policies, so that the loss will be a very heavy one and cannot be estimated. A portion of the factory was damaged. The mills were owned by Wilson, DeBeck and J. B. Kennedy & Co. Most of the stockholders are in Montreal. They were doing a very large business and were supposed to be the most successful mills in the province. Their contract for a California firm alone obliged them to load three ships a month. The entire village of Sapperton was dependent on the mills, and a large number of hands will be thrown out of employment. The Laidlaw-Bidder cannery was partially insured and in working order, and was going extensively into canning this season.

THE WESTMINSTER FIRE.

Extent of the Loss Inflicted by the Blaze.

New Westminster, July 4.—The insurance on the Brunette saw mills was \$33,700, and the loss \$30,000. The loss on Laidlaw's cannery is \$20,000. There was no insurance. The nets were saved, but 10,000 cases of cans could not be removed in time and were destroyed. The barque Northwest is damaged to the extent of \$5,000.

John Hunt, of Nicomen Slough, farmer, blew his brains out with a shotgun on Monday. He was a widower and childless. Despondency was the cause.

Lighthouse-keeper Dare, of the Esquimalt lighthouse, succeeded in capturing three very large salmon this morning. One weighed 35 pounds. The fish were caught by trolling and a silver spoon was used.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION

English Capitalists Purchase the Sultana Gold Mine at Rat Portage.

C. P. R. Reduce Rates on Butter and Eggs—Fire at Fort William.

Montreal, July 2.—An event of great interest here on the Dominion day holiday was the unveiling of the Massonville monument on Place d'Armes Square by Lieutenant-Governor Chapleau at 10 a.m. The statue of the founder of Montreal is a beautiful piece of work by Hebert, the Canadian sculptor, now in Paris, which with the pedestal cost \$25,000.

Hamilton, July 2.—Mrs. Dick, who resided with Mike Welsh on Bay street North, was found lying in a pool of blood dead. Foul play is suspected and an inquest will be held. No arrests have been made.

Montreal, July 2.—Alderman Patrick Kennedy, M. P. P. for Montreal Centre is dead. The deceased was an important factor in local Conservative politics, having been a strong ally of Hon. J. J. Curran. He was 65 years old and was prominent in temperance work. He defeated Hon. James McShane at the last provincial election.

Minneapolis, Minn., July 2.—Jack Simmonds, a colporteur, was shot dead in this place, in an affray following the horse races yesterday. Simmonds was arrested.

Gaspé, Que., July 3.—The cruiser Constance reached here with a schooner and liquor cargo captured off Seven Islands. The catch is valued at \$10,000.

Chatham, July 3.—Chief of Police Ketchum, of Blenheim, has arrested a tramp who is supposed to be George Windish, who murdered his wife in Pittsford, Pa.

Kingston, July 3.—J. F. Ward, printer, and one of those sent to the relief of General Gordon at Khartoum, was found dead yesterday in his boarding house. He came from Madoc and will be buried there.

Fort William, July 3.—Fire broke out early this morning in the store occupied by John Thompson, a dealer in hardware. The store was totally destroyed, covered by insurance. The contents of the store were saved.

Rat Portage, July 3.—The famous Sultana gold mine has been purchased by a syndicate of English capitalists, who will develop the property and surrounding lands. Mrs. Caldwell, who has been the chief proprietor of the mine since its discovery, retains an interest with the new syndicate.

Brandon, July 3.—It is said that nearly the entire wool crop of the Northwest ranches has been purchased by John Hallam, of Toronto, this season. A new rate tariff on butter, cheese and eggs has been issued by the C.P.R. and several important reductions have been made. The rates from western points to Montreal and vicinity have been reduced several cents.

Winnipeg, July 3.—A petition from the citizens has been presented to acting mayor Jameson asking that a public meeting be held to-morrow evening for the discussion of the Hudson Bay railway scheme.

Several Winnipeg street railway conductors have been discharged, the result of investigations by a "spotter."

Miss Lockhart, dressmaker of this city, died suddenly last night of heart disease. The steamer Red River is now a week overdue at Selkirk from Norway House, and fears are expressed for her safety.

Toronto, July 3.—Fred Tiedemann, of New York, who has been in custody since January on a charge laid by Herman Bronsels, also of New York, of forgery, and whose extradition was applied for, was discharged from custody to-day. Bronsels failing to supply evidence to support his charge. The case is somewhat unique from the fact that Tiedemann was remanded between the 30th January, when he first appeared before Judge McDougall, and 30-day when he was discharged, twenty three times.

Niagara Falls, July 3.—The body of Alexander Wood, of Buffalo, was found this morning in the river below the Horse Shoe Falls. James Hall and B. Spencer went down to spear sturgeon near the base rock eddies on the Canadian side below the Dufferin cafe. Spencer noticed the body, and with Hall's assistance secured it. It was fully dressed and had not been in the water long. The pockets of the clothes were turned inside out with the exception of the breast pocket of the coat, in which was found a letter to Wood at 155 Massachusetts avenue, Buffalo, from his sister at Springfield, Ontario, which requested him to come home, and stated that money for his passage was enclosed. Wood was an artist and engaged in portrait work. Two years ago his store was burned and the loss caused him to become despondent. The case is evidently one of suicide. Another body was seen yesterday, but has not been secured. It had both legs and arms missing.

Toronto, July 4.—Joseph Bella, guard at the county jail, committed suicide by hanging at his home.

Quebec, July 4.—A young woman named Maisenneuve is reported to have had her hearing restored by a visit to the shrine of St. Anne de Beaulieu.

NOT YET SIGNED.

Contract for the Construction of the Filter Beds May Be Signed To-morrow.

It was currently reported this afternoon that the now celebrated contract—which it is supposed will be eventually framed and hung in the council chamber—between the city and Messrs. Walkley, King & Casey for the construction of the filter beds at Elk Lake would be signed this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mayor Teague, however, decided to defer the matter another day. This, he says, he did in consequence of certain information which reached his ears re injunction proceedings. When asked if the writ has been served on the city officials the mayor answered in the negative, but declined to divulge the reason which prompted him to again postponing the signing of the contract.

The air is full of rumors bearing upon the matter, one being that in the event of the mayor signing the contract with Messrs. Walkley, King & Casey Mr. Haggerty will forthwith bring a writ for libel and defamation of character against the mayor and the five aldermen who have been opposed to him signing the contract.

Messrs. Yates & Jay to-day issued a writ for John Haggerty against the city. The indorsement is the same as that in Storey vs. the city, which action, it is understood, will be abandoned. The injunction order would have been applied for this morning but up to the time of going to press a judge had not been available. The material to be used in support of the application for an injunction consists of two affidavits, one made by the plaintiff and the other by Thos. Storey. Mr. Haggerty's affidavit consists of four pages of type-writing and recites that in compliance with an advertisement calling for tenders he sent in his tender for the filter beds contract at \$68,943, accompanied by a certified check for \$30,000 as required. Then follows a recital of the several terms and conditions of the contract and the specifications, and Mr. Haggerty winds up by saying that he has always been willing and ready to enter into a contract for the work in accordance with his tender. Mr. Storey's affidavit first deals with the by-law authorizing the council to raise by way of loan certain sums of money for the improvement of the waterworks system of the city, and then the contemplated contract with Walkley, King & Casey, notwithstanding their tender was higher by \$26,000 than Haggerty's. The last three clauses of the affidavit are as follows:

"The said John Haggerty's tender was the lowest one. He complied with all the requirements of the advertisement, and I am informed and believe he is ready and willing to enter into a contract with the defendant corporation for the due completion of the work for the sum tendered by him and that his tender was only \$1,050 below the estimate of the engineer of the works. "I am informed and believe that the council have not examined into the figures of the said John Haggerty, nor considered the qualifications and capability to carry out the said work. In my opinion the said John Haggerty is fully competent to carry out the said works, and he has had more experience in excavation and filling and rock work than almost any other contractor in the city of Victoria to-day, and for this reason he is eminently qualified for the work, a great portion of which consists in excavation and filling and rock work. In accepting the tender of Messrs. Walkley, King & Casey for \$83,500, the council propose to expend the sum of \$16,557 more on the work than is necessary for the successful completion of the said works, and I am of opinion as a ratepayer that the defendant corporation should be restrained from so doing."

SOUTH GABRIOLA.

Closing Examination of the Public School—Annual Picnic.

South Gabriola Island, June 23.—This morning the South Gabriola school, of which Miss Thomas is teacher, closed for the summer holidays, a number of parents being present. The prize list follows: Rolls of honor—Maggie Lewis, proficiency; Frank Degnen, deportment; Sam Martin, regularity and punctuality. A number of other prizes were distributed among the scholars. The examination closed by the children rendering a programme of songs and recitations under the management of Miss Thomas, which did great credit to her. After the examination those present went to Mr. Edgar's maples, where luncheon had been prepared by Miss Ellen Degnen and Miss Thomas, assisted by J. H. Degnen. Sixty-five persons sat down to lunch. After luncheon the sports for school children began. The first on the programme was a boat race for boys 14 years old, single scull, L. Roberts, 1st; R. Peterson, 2nd. Single scull for boys 14 years, R. Martin, 1st; F. Degnen, 2nd. Double scull for boys of 14 years, R. Martin and R. Peterson, 1st; L. Roberts and F. Degnen, 2nd.

Boys 14 years and under, three-legged race, 60 yards, R. Peterson and R. Martin, 1st; H. Peterson and S. Martin, 2nd. Girls 14 years and under, 70 yards, M. Lewis, 1st; L. Peterson, 2nd. Boys 10 years and under, 70 yards, A. Martin, 1st; H. Peterson, 2nd. Girls 14 years, 75 yards, L. Peterson, 1st; M. Lewis, 2nd. Ladies' race, 25 years and under, Mrs. Seales, 1st; Miss Thomas, 2nd. Girls 6 years and under, F. Peterson, 1st; L. Lewis, 2nd. Sack race,

boys 14 years and under, R. Martin, 1st; R. Peterson, 2nd. Sack race, boys of 10 years and under, S. Martin, 1st; W. Silvey, 2nd. Boys' race, all ages, 285 yards, handicap for the last dollar, R. Martin, 1st. The sports were managed by J. H. Degnen, John Degnen, judge; and J. Martin, starter. The sports were conceded by all to be the best that had ever been witnessed on the island.

In the evening Miss Thomas and her scholars gave a concert which was enjoyed by a large number of visitors. Miss Thomas, who is the daughter of a farmer of Cedar district, is very popular among the parents and pupils of South Gabriola.

The election of school trustees passed off very quietly. Mr. John Martin was elected by acclamation in place of Mr. Edgar.

GRAVE-CRISIS AT OTTAWA

The Cabinet is Discussing Manitoba's Reply to the Remedial Order.

The Government Threatened With Defeat—British Columbia Matters.

Ottawa, July 4.—The cabinet is in session to-day discussing the school question. All committee meetings at which ministers had to be present were cancelled to-day. The only cabinet ministers absent from to-day's meeting were Patterson and Ives. Patterson is not in the city and Ives has been ill and unable to attend to his parliamentary duties for some time past, and if he were here it is not likely that he would attend. As next lieutenant-governor of Manitoba Patterson dare not interfere in a question which he may have to handle hereafter in a different way. What decision the government is likely to arrive at no one can guess, but few will deny the gravity of the situation. Resignations in the cabinet are looked for no matter how the question is decided. Many predict the defeat of the government before all is over.

The result of to-day's session is that forty Conservative members will vote against remedial legislation. In the house to-day Laurier asked if the leader of the government was able to say anything further in regard to the business of the house and if any further measures were to be extended.

Foster—"I am not in a position to make any statement to-day but I hope to be able to do so to-morrow afternoon."

Martin yesterday drew the attention of the house to the importation of certain Jew peddlers by Daly and the latter defended his work.

The justice salary bill was reported yesterday in committee after some criticism upon the increased allowance to Chief Justice Davis.

Mr. Flumerfelt, of Victoria, who has been visiting Montreal and Ottawa, has left for the coast.

The government civil service bill was amended to-day fixing 18 as the minimum at which writers, a new class of officers, may enter the service.

There was a long discussion last night regarding the military college at Kingston. Colonel Denison (Conservative) strongly criticized General Cameron, the college commandant, as not competent to fill the position, and moved that his salary be struck out. The motion was defeated by 26 to 8.

The government has been compelled to listen to the indignant protests of Senators Macdonald and McInnes against the penitentiary outrage, and there are substantial reasons for assuming that Deputy Warden Fitzsimmons will be withdrawn from British Columbia. He may possibly be appointed to the penitentiary at St. Vincent de Paul. Warden McBride is superannuated and will be succeeded by Moresby of the provincial jail. Harvey has been appointed accountant. There is a rumor to the effect that Fitzsimmons will be succeeded by an official from the Kingston penitentiary.

A canvass made by the Conservative whip revealed the fact that thirty-nine ministerial supporters would vote against remedial legislation. The cabinet will decide what policy it will pursue to-day.

YACHTING.

THE VALKYRIE III. London, July 4.—The Sporting Life is of opinion that Valkyrie III. was not kept going for all she was worth, but was simply making a trial of her capabilities under difficult conditions. Captain Carter, the Britannia's skipper, said after the race, "Although he liked to run a boat to win, yet the feeling of patriotism took first place, and he feared that Valkyrie III. had a poor chance of winning the cup unless he improved." He thought, however, that if her masts were clipped it would make a great difference in her pace, as it was quite evident to-day that she could not carry her sails. He saw the Buchariet sailing to-day and judged from that that the Niagara would have little chance against her. The Niagara's mastsail he described as looking like a bunch of rags and her foresail little better.

The Times says that until something shall have been done to Valkyrie III. it would be sheer madness to send her to America. She was fairly behind in the boats. There are high hopes that the Alisa will yet make the best of the trio. It is comforting to find that either the Andrey or Buchariet is able to lower the Niagara's colors on any fair sailing day.

THE CLYDE REGATTA.

Hummer Quay, Scotland, July 4.—The third day of the Mud Hook Yacht Club regatta opened with a soft north east breeze. The only race of interest was that in which the 20 meters contended, and it was a complete fiasco, being nothing short of a hapless drift; first one yacht, and then another leading according to luck.