

ECHOES FROM THE EAST.

How THE QUEBEC LIBRARY IS SUPPLIED WITH BOOKS—MR. DARSERAU'S PECULIAR TRANSACTIONS—THE MIRACLE OF ST. JANVIER—NOTES.

From our own Correspondent.

Montreal, June 5th.

Three years seems a comparatively long time to look back to get the true inwardness of news that is about this time agitating the hearts of our susceptible provincial politicians. I refer to the Dansereau, library affair, which is now so much talked about here and at Quebec, which the Liberals regard as an ugly bit of business indeed, but which the Conservatives see nothing in but a square, honest business transaction. In 1883 the Parliament buildings at Quebec were destroyed by fire, the library included. It was necessary to replace the library or at least part of it. From the very commencement of this business there seems to have been something which if not characterized as queer, must certainly be regarded as irregular. No body will find fault with Premier Meusseau for not appointing Mr. Lemay the government's purchasing agent for the library, his competency and ability in that direction being questioned by a great many; but still Mr. Dansereau should not have received the commission without an order-in-council, which there was not, and Mr. Meusseau was solely responsible for his appointment. Mr. Dansereau, who was about to take a trip to Europe was commissioned to make whatever purchase of books he thought proper and the sum placed at his disposal was \$15,000. When Dr. Ross became Premier considerable dissatisfaction was expressed at the result of Mr. Dansereau's work, and explanations from him were required. Following this a large number of books were delivered at Quebec—some new and a great, very great many second hand. The Government appointed two experts Messrs Dawson and Valois, to appraise the value of the books delivered and their report estimated their worth at \$9,500. Mr. Mercier during the present session brought the matter before the Legislature and as a consequence the Provincial government brought suit against Mr. Dansereau for the balance of the \$15,000, or \$5,500. Some peculiar features have come out in the discussion of the matter. It appears that Mr. Dansereau had appointed a Mr. E. G. Allen his agent in London to make desirable purchases. On account of some little differences between these two gentlemen, Mr. Allen threatened to expose some peculiar business with relation to the invoices, two of which were drawn up, the smaller one for Mr. Dansereau and the larger one for presentation for payment to the Quebec Government. The threat seems to have been carried out, for Mr. Lemay, the librarian, has made public the following letter and memorandum:

28 Henrietta St. London Feb. 25, 1885.
Pamphile Lemay, Esq. Quebec:

Dear Sir,—On receipt of your letter about a month since, respecting the doings of a certain person, I wrote him saying that as my bill still remained unpaid (£64 3s 6d.) I would write to you describing his transactions with me, especially with reference to the matter of the double bills, which are set forth in the memo. herewith still unpaid, and shall be glad of your advice, as to which course to pursue. I can send you copies of both bills in detail if you wish for them. I mean the true bill for books and the nominal and large bill, my bill for binding, etc.

I am, dear sir, your obedient servant,
(Signed) "E. G. Allen,"
"Memorandum."

"Edw. G. Allen American Agency, Feb. 25, 1885, 28 Henrietta St. London."

To P. Lemay, Esq., Dear Sir,—My bill for books for the Library of Parliament of Quebec, per Mr. Dansereau, paid by him was £490 11s 4d: was dated January 8, 1884, and was paid June 17th. The bill which he required me to draw up for him in excess of that for presentation to the government was £803 11s 7d, or an advance upon my charges of 113pds 0s 3d. There still remain due for binding 94pds 3s 6d. See bill herewith.

This document speaks for itself and certainly looks damaging to Mr. Dansereau, but his side is yet to be heard. In a two column letter to the Gazette on June the 2; he endeavors to explain his position, and devotes considerable space to prove that there is nothing out of the way in the double invoice. Mr. Allen he claims was simply an agent whom he directed to buy certain books, but by the time they were delivered in Quebec the cost had run up considerably. There has to be taken into account interest, freight, exchange, cartage, dock charges customs entries and general expenses. The addition of these items, which Mr. Dansereau estimates as equal to 23 per cent would he claims, bring the cost of the books up to about \$13,000 and he still has large cases of books at the customs, and in his cellars and garrets which when completed will be of considerable value. He stated Mr. Dansereau introduced several tables to prove that his purchases have been a good bargain for the government but there are still the estimate of the valuers for \$9,500 which it is difficult to go behind. The library committee on Wednesday last decided to take no further action in the matter until the suit between the government and Mr. Dansereau is decided in the courts, and the sooner this decision is arrived at the more comfortable will it be for all parties concerned. It is not anything to the credit of Messrs Mercier and Lindsay to acknowledge that they were acquainted with the double invoice business over a year ago and did not make the affair known to the proper authorities; but a provincial election is coming and truly the way of the provincial politician runs in

devious paths and is difficult to comprehend.

NOTES

Last Sunday at the Church of St. Jean Baptiste Quebec, the archiepiscopal decree constituting the new Parish of St. Jean Baptiste was officially promulgated, and for the first time the new bells of the church rang out in celebration of the event.

On Sunday the seventh provincial council of the Church in Quebec was declared open amid imposing ceremonies after the celebration of High Mass. A large procession of chorists priests and bishops was formed followed by his eminence Cardinal Taschereau.

On Saturday the Church of St. Andre, Avelin was totally destroyed by fire.

Great preparations are being made for the celebration of St. Jean Baptiste day, which takes place this year at Rutland St. Over 3,000 tickets have been sold in Montreal.

On Tuesday last the new sawmills at Louiseville was blessed by the curate.

On Friday last the anniversary requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Archbishop Bourget were chanted at the Cathedral.

Rev. Abbe Desaulniers, parish priest of Pittsfield, Mass., and who is with Rev. Abbe Provencier's pilgrimage to the Holy Land, has written to his relatives in this city a long letter, in which he says he witnessed in the Cathedral of Naples the miracle of St. Janvier. He says: After visiting Palestine. I have arrived in Naples. Here I had the honor to witness the ever famous miracle of St. Janvier, whose blood, as you know, is kept in two small vials. It is coagulated all the year round except during the eight first days of May; on the 19th of September, the feast of St. Janvier and the 16 of December, the blood enters into effervescence and remains for quite a time. The Cathedral of Naples, where the saint's relics are deposited, was filled with the faithful who had come to venerate it during its May exhibition. The canon who was officiating saw at a glance that I was a stranger and ordering a lighted taper made me examine the vial very closely. I plainly saw the blood both liquified and in ebullition.

J. R.

MANITOBA UNIVERSITY

The public ceremonies in connection with the awarding of degrees, medals and prizes to the students of the various colleges of Manitoba University, held in the Legislative Chamber on Saturday last were very largely attended by those interested in the cause of education, and were of a most interesting and pleasant nature. His Honor the Lieut-Governor presided. Four young ladies wearing the University gown were among the students.

The Chancellor, the Most Rev. Metropolitan of Rupert's, opened the proceedings with a brief address; after which the registrar, Mr. T. A. Bernier read the list of the happy candidates.

The candidates for the degree of M.D. were presented to the chamber by Dr. Kerr; dean of the Medical College; those for a degree of B. A., from St. Boniface College, by Rev. Father Lory, rector of College; those from St. John's College Rev. Cannon O'Meara, deputy warden; and those from Manitoba College by Rev. Dr. King, principal. The candidates for ad eandem degrees were presented by the registrar. In the case of a few who were unavoidably absent the degrees were proclaimed. Hearty applause greeted the winners of the degrees and medals as they were called forward to receive their honors.

It is with great pleasure we notice among the names of those honored with University degrees, Mr. J. H. Pillet a Barrister of the Province of Quebec and a graduate of McGill University. The degree of L. L. B. was conferred upon him. Mr. Pillet, since his arrival here from Montreal, has made numerous friends by his generous impulses, and his brilliant attainments fit him for a prominent position in provincial affairs. It is understood that Mr. Pillet intends to follow his profession in this Province, if so we bespeak for the gentleman a lucrative practice.

We are also pleased to see St. Boniface College, which is now under the direction of the Jesuit Fathers, coming out so creditably. The following students from this classical institution were successful in receiving honors, Messrs LaRiviere, Rocan DeLaronde and Gau-thier.

After the presentation, Lieutenant Governor Atkins made a few congratulatory remarks to the ladies and gentlemen who had been successful in taking degrees or scholarship—also wishing them a glorious future. The registrar then addressed the audience in French and the proceedings were ended.

Judge Elmore, of New Orleans, and father of Mrs. Major Bowles, and Frank Elmore, the popular journalist of this city, is visiting the city. He notices a decided improvement in the place since his last visit three years ago.

TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.

The Quebec Legislature will probably be dissolved on Saturday.

The P. E. I. Legislature has dissolved. Nominations, 23rd inst.; polling, 30th.

Prince Jerome Napoleon publishes a protest against the passage of the proposed expulsion bill. He predicts that the Chamber of Deputies by such conduct will drive the Republic into civil war.

Princess Louise gave a garden party on Friday in the grounds of Kensington Palace for the entertainment of the colonists attending the Colonial and Indian Exhibition. A number of prominent Canadians were present as guests.

Queen Victoria's reign is now the fourth point in length chronicled by English history—Edward III. having reigned fifty Henry six, and George III, sixty years.

Five convicts who attempted to break out of St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary were sentenced yesterday. Martel getting three years additional imprisonment, Levesque two years and the others one year each. Viau, leader of the revolt, was arranged to day for murder.

Cardinal Jacobini, Papal secretary of state, has notified Baron Von Lechloesser the Prussian representative at the Vatican accepts the obligations imposed under the ecclesiastical bill of notifying Prussia of all permanent ecclesiastical appointments made by the church within the kingdom and that the Catholic Bishops of Prussia had been instructed to perform the duties assumed under the obligations.

It is understood that a collective letter from the bishops of the province lately in council at Quebec will shortly be published against Freemasonry, also that among the decrees adopted by the council is one making a reserved case of the giving or taking of bribes at elections; that is to say Roman Catholics who accuse themselves in confession of offences cannot get absolution hereafter from an ordinary priest, but have to apply to the bishop as in a case of perjury.

At the annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal, President Smithers said the bank had done much better than was expected, the net profits being \$70,000 in excess of last year. Regarding the future the feeling was not buoyant but hopeful. He pointed out regarding wheat that this country and the United States cannot compete in England with India, where grain is cultivated at a much less cost in wages. Canada would have to find a market at home for her consumption when wheat was fully higher in Chicago than in England. He denied that the bank had made great profits from the dealings with the Canadian Pacific. Bank dividends in future were not likely to be higher than the present, as they were coming down all over the world. Sir Donald Smith made the gratifying announcement that the first clipper ship with a cargo of tea from Yokohama was about to sail for Vancouver.

The decoration recently sent by His Holiness to Prince Bismarck, has had according to the radical Swiss organ the Bund the wonderful effect of turning the man of blood and iron into a member of the Jesuits. In proof of the accuracy of this statement the Bund quotes several articles of the constitution of St. Ignatius. The person most surprised at the peculiar and unrecognised transformation will be Bismarck himself, provided he devotes some of his leisure moments to the study of the Bund's information.

The Sacred Congregation of Rites has published a decree, by which it orders the examination of the writings of the venerable servants of God, Cicerio Landrini, religious of the pious schools, Bernard Maria Clausi, of the Minims of St. Francis of Pau; Madeline Sophie Barat, foundress of the religious of the Sacred Heart and Teresina Euschachio Verser, foundress of the daughters of the Sacred Heart. The persons who possess or who have knowledge of manuscripts written by these servants of God are requested to notify the Congregation of Rites within the space of 2 months.

NOTICE.

Weights and Measures

The following balances only are to be admitted to verification:
A. Balances having equal arms and on which the load is suspended below the fulcrum.
B. Balances commonly known as steelyard or Roman Balances, having equal arms.
C. Weigh Bridges.
D. Balance with equal arms and on which the load is placed above the fulcrum.
E. Hydrosstatic balance for weighing.

By order,

W. HINSWORTH, Secretary.
Inland Revenue Department,
Ottawa, Feb 24th, 1886

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Oats to be delivered in gunny sacks to be furnished by the contractor without extra charge and to be retained by the Police.

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Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted Canadian bank cheque of an amount equal to per cent, of the total value of the Oats tendered must for, which will be forfeited if the party declines to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the service contracted for. If the tenderer be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

No payment will be made to newspaper inserting this advertisement without authority.

FRFD. WHITE,
Comptroller, N. W. M. Police,
Ottawa, 19th May, 1886.



Tenders for a License to cut Timber on Dominion Lands in the District of Alberta in the North West Territories

SEALED Tenders addressed to the undersigned, and marked "Tenders for a Timber Berth" will be received at the office until Monday the 8th day of May next for a timber berth of eight square miles situated on the South side of the Saskatchewan River in the Provisional District of Alberta, in the North west Territories. Sketches showing the positions' approximately of this berth, together with the conditions on which it will be licensed, may be obtained at this Department or at the Crown Timber offices at Edmonton and Calgary.

A. M. BURGESS,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.



Tenders for a License to cut timber on Dominion Lands in the Province of British Columbia.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, and marked "Tenders for a timber berth" will be received at this office until noon on Monday 10 day of May next, for a timber berth of two square miles each situated on the Columbia River about eight miles west of Donald station on line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in the Province of British Columbia. Sketches showing the position approximately of these berths together with the conditions on which the will be licensed may be obtained at this Department or at the Crown timber offices, Winnipeg, Calgary, and Victoria British Columbia.

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