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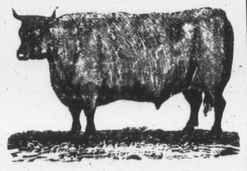
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NEWS FROM OTTAWA

The Wonderful Development of B.C. Mines.

WHAT OFFICIAL RETURNS SHOW.

A Great Crowd Expected at the Opening of Parliament—Festivities at Government House Will be Void of Formalism—Free Ammunition at the D.R.A.

Ottawa, Aug. 16.—(Special.)—No better proof of the wonderful mining development which is taking place in British Columbia could be forthcoming than the official returns prepared by British Columbia authorities and forwarded to the Dominion Government. In 1894 the aggregate value of the precious metals mined in British Columbia was $1,000,000. Last year it reached the grand total of $5,038,375, and this year the output promises to be still greater. For the period in 1896 ending July 15, practically only three months from the opening of the season, the total quantity of ore produced in Kootenay was 56,[illegible] tons, of which 14,797 was exported. The estimated value of ore smelted and shipped to July 15 was one million and three quarter dollars. Owing to the boom now in progress, the suggestion comes from the west for the organization of a Dominion Bureau of Mines. The Geological Survey Department is devoting attention to the wonderful Rossland country and is sending two skilled surveyors there.

For some years the Geological Survey Department has had geologists engaged in making topographical and geological surveys of parts of British Columbia. The examination of the rocks has been very thorough, and the results have been set forth in voluminous reports illustrated by maps showing the rich formation and configuration of the country. Each of these maps represents a tract of country fifty miles square. The last to be published was that of Kamloops and vicinity, and last year the work on the Shuswap district was completed, though the maps and report will probably not appear for another year.

Mr. J. McEvey, B.A.Sc., of the survey staff, who received his training under Dr. Dawson, has just arrived in Rossland preparatory to beginning work from the Columbia River westward. He will be met there by R. G. McConnell of the same staff, who has been engaged for two years in the Slocan, and the two will work together for the remainder of the season. An accurate contour map will be made, showing the distribution and formation. The work will occupy more than one season.

The opening of Parliament this week will bring to the Capital a larger crowd of visitors than have attended any similar function in recent years. Special rates are given on all lines of railway running into Ottawa, and it is said that from Montreal alone will come four excursions. Seven hundred people from Kingston and along the St. Lawrence to Prescott are coming through for the occasion.

Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen have come to the conclusion that it is too hot for the holding of formal entertainments at Government House during at least the early part of the session. There will therefore be no State dinner at Government House on the night of the opening of Parliament, and no State reception as in other years. The men who are obliged to appear in their heavy Windsor uniforms or in military uniform at these State receptions must be rather gratified than otherwise.

Numerous entertainments at Government House of an informal character are on the cards. Everybody knows what pleasant garden parties the present occupants at Government House have given, and the comfortable and unceremonious style of costume His Excellency and the members of the staff adopt at these garden parties. His Excellency has invited all his masculine guests to follow his lead and do away with the formality of top hat and frock coat, coming to his garden party in flannels or tweeds as they would go to a picnic. There are to be two garden parties a week during the session and of course some dinners.

A lesson to the civic contractors is conveyed in a case just reported to the Customs Department. Two or three weeks ago the City Council of Victoria, B.C., awarded to a local contractor, J. W. Keller, the contract for supplying a quantity of sewer pipe. There were only two tenders, Keller and the British Columbia Pottery Company. Both quoted prices for 9-inch pipe, while for 10-inch pipe Keller quoted 35 1-2 cents and the British Columbia Pottery Company 38 cents. Though there was only this small difference of 2 1-2 cents in one class of pipe, the City Council decided to give the contract for the foreign-made pipe. Ten days ago a consignment of pipe was brought in by Keller from Seattle for the city contract and Collector Milne found that while the smaller size had been entered at the Customs it was the larger size that was being brought in. Accordingly he had the pipe seized, and on its being measured up it was found that the value was $200 more than that which Mr. Keller had put on the article. The duty at 35 per cent. on the article came to $70, so that Mr. Keller had to pay to the Customs $270 before the pipe was handed over. This means that he had to buy his pipe twice over, once at Seattle and once from the Customs.

As foreshadowed two or three days ago by your correspondent, the Minister of Militia has authorized the free issue of ammunition to competitors taking part in the Dominion rifle matches commencing here on the 31st inst. This free issue is to be made for this year only, as it will use up the stock of Martini-Henry ammunition on hand. The Minister, in making this concession, apart from recognizing the importance of the association, considers that in all probability this will be the last year in which the Martini-Henry rifle and ammunition will be shot with.

Mr. Tarte is being urged to renew his demand for an enquiry into the conduct of the partisan political character of certain Quebec judges. The present Minister of Public Works submitted a motion to this effect in the House in 1894, but nothing was done. The Free Press says it is rumored there are one or two judicial officers whose conduct calls for investigation, and as the name of the entire bench is besmirched by the bad behavior of one, the innocent and well-doing will no doubt be very glad if Mr. Tarte takes the hint. The interests of the Province of Quebec require that the bench should be unimpeachable.

J. H. Ross, a member of the Executive of the Northwest Assembly, is in the city and had an interview with Mr. Laurier yesterday. Mr. Ross is here in connection with affairs pertaining to the Northwest and will have an interview with some of the members of the Government on Monday. He will remain in the city for a couple of weeks. Mr. Ross says crops all over the Territories are in excellent condition.

Arpaul T. Dumas, D.L.S., arrived yesterday from Lake Temiscamingue, where he was engaged by the Hudson Bay Company and the Oblat Fathers in sub-dividing into village lots some lands around the fort. Mr. Dumas says some of the crops in the Temiscamingue are exceedingly good. All the lands surveyed by the Quebec Government are already taken, and there are even some settlers on lands not yet surveyed.

An order in council passed authorizes the Canada Atlantic Railway Co. and the Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway Co. to fix and regulate the tolls on the respective roads through the boards of directors.

Last year about this time parties who came from Labrador reported destitution among the Indians, and the Department of Indian Affairs did all that was possible to alleviate their sufferings. Instructions have just been issued to similar effect this year.

The Canada Gazette contains the appointments of Albert H. Smith of Sudbury to the sub-collectorship in Her Majesty's Customs; and Robert Bird of the town of Wood to be deputy judge of the County Court of Oxford during the leave of absence of His Honor Judge Finkle.

Hon. William Stevens Fielding of Halifax is gazetted Minister of Finance.

Dr. Andrew Smith of Toronto was here yesterday and had an interview with the Minister of Agriculture.

Rev. W. J. McCaughan of Belfast, Ireland, preached in Knox Church tonight to a large representation of Independent Foresters.

Hon. J. A. Cameron, Provincial Secretary of Manitoba, arrived here today.

Sir Richard Cartwright went to Kingston yesterday. The estimates were again under consideration in council yesterday.

Attorney-General Sifton has returned to the city.

Our genial friend, Registrar Peter Ryan of Toronto, and John J. MacIntyre of Niagara Falls were in town yesterday on business with some of the local lumber firms. Peter was asked what The World might say about his mission to Ottawa, and he replied: "Say I was fishing in the Rideau Canal." His business, it appears, was entirely non-political.

Hon. L. H. Davies, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, has instructed Capt. Smith of Halifax to make an investigation and report into the loss of the Gulnare while on her way from Cape Breton to Halifax.

Mr. J. D. Edgar, the nominee of the Government for the Speakership of the Commons, has arrived in the city, and was busy yesterday making arrangements for the opening of Parliament.

Hon. Robert Watson, Commissioner of Public Works in the Greenway Government, left for Quebec yesterday.

Collector Bown at Port Morien, Cape Breton, has reported to the Department the seizure of $1000 worth of liquor, being part of the cargo smuggled in by an unknown vessel.

JILTED BY A DANCER.

Count Arthur Pallavicini Shoots Himself—Asked the Vaudeville Artist to Press a Kiss on His Coffin.

Budapest, Aug. 16.—The funeral of Count Arthur Pallavicini, a lieutenant of Hussars, who committed suicide, took place yesterday. Social circles are discussing nothing else but the young man's untimely end.

The lieutenant was a handsome, well educated man, 21 years old. The Barrison sisters, vaudeville stars, whose career in New York and Berlin caused considerable comment, are playing here at a music hall. Count Pallavicini saw the sisters and fell deeply in love with one of them, Ethel Barrison. He obtained an introduction to the girl, and after several visits proclaimed his love. The song and dance artist laughed at the Count, who declared he would kill himself if she did not return his affection. She paid no attention to his threats of suicide, and refused to change her manner toward him.

Count Pallavicini carried out his threat last Tuesday. He was found dead on the floor in his room, with a bullet through his body. In his right hand was a revolver, and in his left a photograph of Ethel Barrison, and a slip of paper on which was written: "I beg that Miss Ethel Barrison will come to my coffin and press a kiss upon it."

The strange nature of the suicide aroused much interest, and there was considerable unfavorable comment made on the American music hall artiste. Some imagined Ethel Barrison would attend the Count's funeral, but yesterday she appeared at the services dressed in deep mourning.

The suicide of Count Pallavicini has caused a revival of the stories in which the Barrison sisters have figured, including the elopement of one of the sisters with Count Bernstorff of Berlin.

Then it is recalled that in February last Count von Wedel, a young officer in the German army, was arrested for having pawned jewelry which he had purchased on instalments. The disclosures which followed showed that the young man had spent quite a fortune on the Barrison sisters, and that when his money became exhausted he obtained funds in the manner stated in order to spend it upon them. It was stated that Count von Wedel was only one of a number of members of the nobility who had become victims of the enchantments of the American serpentine dancers. When these facts became known, the sisters were ordered to cease their exhibitions in Berlin and leave Germany.

The Barrison sisters made their first appearance on the stage in New York several years ago. They were born in Denmark.

MR. BLAKE AS LEADER.

Delegates to the Dublin Convention Say That is the Only Solution of the Irish Problem.

Montreal, Aug. 16.—(Special.)—It looks as if the Canadian delegates to the Irish pacific conference, to be held so soon in Dublin, have about made up their minds that the only solution of the vexed question will be found in the choice of the Hon. Edward Blake as leader and consolidator of the different Irish factions now represented in the Parliament at Westminster. A leading Irish-Canadian told your correspondent to-day that the feeling at home was so bitter between the Parnellites, the McCarthyites and the other sections into which the Home Rule party were divided as to make it absolutely necessary to select a leader outside of the ranks of the Irishmen proper and that Edward Blake was the man for the position. The same gentleman is also authority for the statement that Hon. Mr. Costigan, Archbishop Walsh and other leading Canadian delegates were most anxious that Mr. Blake should accept the leadership of the Irish Parliamentary party.

POLITICS—CANADIAN.

Mr. S. Barnett of Toronto, has got the House of Commons restaurant for the coming session.

The Governor-General is expected to arrive in Ottawa on Tuesday, to take part in the ceremony of opening Parliament on Thursday.

Mr. Justice Ferguson gave judgment at Osgoode Hall upon the election case motions argued before him on Tuesday in favor of the petitioners, and ruling that the protests had been properly filed.

POLITICS—FOREIGN.

The Bulgarian Cabinet tendered their resignation to Prince Ferdinand on Saturday.

The Island of Madagascar is in a very bad state. Outside the French lines the country is seething with anarchy.

In an article inspired by the German Foreign Office it is intimated that the negotiations between Germany and Denmark for the purchase of the Danish islands will be soon resumed, and that Germany does not care a fig for the Monroe doctrine.

BURNED TWO GATES.

War Against the Toll-Takers in York County.

NO CLUE TO THE INCENDIARIES.

Toronto Fire Brigade Called Out to Quench the Flames—New Lessees Adopt a More Stringent Policy, and Their Action is Resented by Some People.

Toronto, Aug. 17.

The tollgate on Yonge-street, just beyond the city limits, and what is known as the check gate at Deer Park, were set on fire by parties unknown at 3.30 o'clock on Sunday morning. Policeman Crowley of No. 5 Precinct saw the flames issuing from No. 1 tollgate, and summoned the fire brigade, who extinguished the blaze. The check gate, however, was burned to the ground.

High Constable Jones was notified of the occurrence, but so far there is no clue to the identity of the firebug. At about 3 o'clock Policeman Crowley saw a man come from the direction of the gates and turn along Wickson-avenue, but it is not known who he was.

It appears that there has been some dissatisfaction existing on the part of parties passing through the gates for some time past. Until a short time ago Mr. Mowat was lessee of No. 1 gate, but it has lately passed into the care of Mrs. Atkinson. Gate-keeper Mowat was easy on the patrons of the road, giving some people credit and allowing others the privilege of single fare. Since Mrs. Atkinson has taken hold, she and her two sons have been running the gate in a more businesslike manner, and this has not been agreeable to some of Mr. Mowat's delinquents. Until a couple of months ago it was possible for those desirous of doing so to evade payment of toll by going around the gate via Reservoir Park-avenue-road and St. Clair-avenue, but since the erection of the check gate at Deer Park this evasion of the toll is not feasible. This may have had something to do with yesterday morning's incendiarism.

Mr. Atkinson intimated last night that it was probably some sorehead, owing to the determination on the part of the lessee that toll should be paid. Often people driving through have referred to the demolition of other tollgates, and have hinted that these gates would, perhaps, suffer, but Mr. Atkinson cannot recollect any particular person having said this.

The places were set on fire through holes being made near the bottom, and the ignition of coal oil, which had been poured through the apertures.

No. 1 tollgate was burned down before about four years ago.

TO CLEAR THEM OUT OF ESSEX.

Warning Has Been Given That the Remaining Two Gates Will be Fired.

Windsor, Ont., Aug. 16.—Another tollgate outrage is reported from Essex county. Some men went to the gate at Ouellette's Corners and partly tore it down, but left after notifying Mrs. Smith, the tollkeeper, that next week they would return and burn this gate and the gate at Grand Marais, the only gates left standing at present. The gates destroyed during the recent riots are not rebuilt.

HIS LAST ASCENSION.

Frank Jacobs Went Into Mid-Air for the 1005th and Last Time—An Awful Fall.

Quincy, Ill., Aug. 16.—Frank Jacobs of Cincinnati, a balloonist, made his 1005th and last ascension at Baldwin Park this evening. Jacobs and a local aeronaut named Dudly were to give a balloon and parachute race. Both balloons were about loose together, when 150 feet high Jacobs' balloon burst. Jacobs cut loose from it with his parachute, which failed to open, and the man shot downward at a terrific rate of speed. He struck on ground feet first and was picked up in an unconscious condition and carried to the tent, where he died half an hour later. Both legs were horribly mangled, and his neck and two ribs were broken. Jacobs' wife and child were among the spectators.

RHODES AS A WITNESS.

He Will be Called to Testify Before the Imperial House Committee Regarding the Raid.

London, Aug. 16.—Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, was questioned to-day regarding the statement made by The Sunday Sun to the effect that the Transvaal had entered into a treaty with a foreign power, contrary to the Anglo-Boer convention of 1884, and that Great Britain had demanded an explanation from the Boer Government. Mr. Chamberlain said that the Colonial Office did not attach importance to the news.

Mr. Chamberlain will invite Cecil Rhodes to testify before the Parliamentary Commission appointed to inquire into the administration of the British South Africa Company and into the origin and circumstances of the incursion into the Transvaal by an armed force. Mr. Rhodes will probably be the first witness.

SAFE BLOWERS AT HAMILTON.

Professional Cracksmen Do a Lot of Work for Little Gain.

Hamilton, Aug. 16.—(Special.)—About 4 o'clock yesterday morning burglars successfully cracked the safe of the Hamilton Engine Packing Company in Alanson-street, but got away with only $5, the same amount of postage stamps, a gold and a silver watch, a revolver and a number of valuable papers. The explosion awakened the family of Alex Grant, who lives close by, and upon looking out saw smoke in the factory and heard men hammering. Mr. Grant aroused J. H. Clappison, who lives some distance away, but when the men returned the night artists had decamped. The police were telephoned for, but it was some time before the patrol arrived. When it got there the officers endeavored to trace the footprints, but were thrown off by four tramps in a barn, whom they thought were the burglars, and arrested them. The tramps were discharged at the Police Court. The artists were evidently experts, as they first tried to drill the safe, but then decided to blow it.

Cholera in Egypt.

Cairo, Aug. 16.—Official cholera statistics show that during the past week there were 1001 deaths from the disease throughout Egypt. The total number of deaths since the outbreak of the scourge is 14,755.

The Anglo-Canadian trade is still most satisfactory. Exports to Canada increased six per cent. in July, as compared with the corresponding month of last year, and imports from Canada increased seven per cent.

According to the reports of the New York commercial agencies, the business situation throughout the United States is unprecedentedly dull. The intense heat has had a considerable effect, but political and financial unrest has had more, while present and impending labor troubles have intensified the general depression.

TWO GREAT OLD HEADS.

Li Hung Chang Pays a Visit to England's Grand Old Man, Gladstone—They Were Photographed Together.

London, Aug. 16.—Li Hung Chang visited Mr. Gladstone yesterday at Hawarden Castle, and the two carried on quite a long conversation through the medium of an interpreter. The meeting took place in the drawing-room in the presence of Mr. Gladstone's family. The Chinese statesman complimented Mr. Gladstone upon his services to his country, to which the latter replied that he had done all he could, but would have liked to have done more. In accordance with Chinese etiquette, Li Hung Chang propounded numerous questions, chiefly relating to public topics.

In replying to one of the questions Mr. Gladstone advocated economy in public expenditures, whereupon Li Hung Chang said that the revenue of Great Britain was so large that she could afford to dispense with economy.

Mr. Gladstone adduced reasons why economy was a necessity, and Li remarked that British interests in the trade of China were greater than those of all the other powers combined. Mr. Gladstone thereupon entered upon a strong advocacy of free trade, and said he hoped Great Britain would always be as attached to this system as she is now. He added that he rejoiced that China was also mainly a free trade country.

Li Hung Chang interposed with the remark that it was necessary to place some restrictions upon the merchants. Chinese finances, he said, needed constant consideration and discussion. China could not be properly developed until it was intersected with railways.

Li Hung Chang and Mr. Gladstone were later photographed together. After leaving Hawarden Castle Li Hung Chang proceeded to Barrow.

BLOWN OUT INTO THE LAKE.

Mr. A. Peate and Miss Darch of Bowmanville are Supposed to Have Been Lost.

Bowmanville, Ont., Aug. 16.—This afternoon Mr. A. Peate and Miss Darch went out on the lake in a small skiff. Shortly afterwards a heavy wind sprang up, and they were noticed outside the harbor, drifting outward. As they did not return shortly after another boat went out to assist them, but could get no trace of them. Fears are entertained for their safety, as a heavy sea is rolling.

$50,000 DAMAGE

Was Done at Barrie and Allandale on Saturday by a Sudden Cloudburst—G.T.R. Train Service Thrown Out.

Barrie, Ont., Aug. 16.—Not since the flood of June 5, 1890, have the citizens of Barrie witnessed such a storm as visited here Saturday. Until 1 o'clock the day seemed perfect, large excursions being brought in by steamers Enterprise and Islay. About 1.30 thunderclouds gathered from the south and the wind became very fierce, tearing down many large trees, also the roof of Anderton's livery. About 4 o'clock the rain began to fall in torrents, washing out the roadway along Peel-street. The worst flow was down Clapperton-street, which was also badly damaged by the flood of 1890. The current ripped at the Five Points, and ran along Dunlop-street. At 6 o'clock a stream fully a foot deep was running along the pavement on the south side of Dunlop-street. The cellar of Cashman & Perry's store, along the north side, was filled with water, and even the stock to a depth of several inches. Shortly after 6 the rain ceased, leaving the marks of its work on nearly every street of the town.

It is hard to believe that yesterday's storm could cause such serious loss to the Grand Trunk Railway. The yards at Allandale are in a state of turmoil, tracks being ripped up, cars thrown on end and some buildings completely destroyed.

Residents say had the storm continued half an hour longer the G.T.R. station and restaurant would have been washed away, the track in many places being washed away, causing much delay to traffic. The train leaving Toronto at 5.15 for here could get no further north than Lefroy, the passengers being brought from there to Barrie by boat. The damage to the town and Grand Trunk will be at least $50,000.

At the Union Station last night The World learned that the storm came up with great rapidity about 5 o'clock, and burst over the Northern yards at Allandale, washing away, it is estimated, some three hundred yards of track and burying several freight cars which were lying in its path. The town is somewhat of a railway centre, and, consequently, plenty of men were on hand to repair the damage without outside assistance. Everything is expected to be in good running order late to-night, so that trains will probably run to-morrow morning on schedule time. Passengers by the morning train for Barrie and the north will arrive at their destination all right, but those leaving in the evening will not get past Craigville.

For the convenience of local traffic a special went out to the latter place at 8 o'clock this morning. Arrangements have been made to accommodate all passengers, however, as the Midland train that is to leave at 8.20 will go as 8.30 this morning, and will reach Barrie and all points north via Georgetown, while a special will leave for Craigville at the same time. The damage cannot as yet be ascertained.

TWO WERE DROWNED.

A Terrible Accident at Amherst, N.S.—The Yacht Capsized and the Tide Carried Away the Victims.

Amherst, N.S., Aug. 16.—A terrible accident occurred near here late yesterday afternoon; whereby two young and useful lives were suddenly cut short. A man named Smith, belonging to Boston, who has been spending the summer at Minudie, built a yacht, and yesterday afternoon, with two young men, Cormier and Brien, went up the river to try her. The centre-board of the yacht became fastened in the flats and immediately upset, filling with water, and sank. The three young men clung to the shad nets which are strung along the river. After sinking the boat came up, and young Smith, who could swim, jumped from the nets and, catching hold of the boat, was saved. Brien and Cormier clung to the nets and the tide soon washed them off, when they immediately sank. Fishermen on the shore saw the accident, but were, owing to the want of boats and the force of the tide, powerless to render any assistance. Brien was the son of Savien Brien, aged 30 years, married and small family. Cormier, about 19 years of age, was employed with Rufus Hibberd, Lower Cove, and unmarried.

In New York, for the five days ending Friday noon, there were 1200 deaths, of which 434 are attributed to the heat.

Mr. Thomas H. Peterson, one of the oldest and most respected residents of Colborne, Ont., is dead, aged seventy-four.

Sir John Millais, the distinguished English painter, president of the Royal Academy died last week. He was sixty-seven years of age.

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