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SCOTS DIED FIGHTING.

LONDON, March 23.—At the Highland Society dinner in London on Saturday, Lord Roberts said it was the anniversary of the siege of Lucknow, where Highlanders had led the final gallant charge. There had been more Highlanders killed in South Africa than had died of disease. This record was unique in the history of the war.

Lord Strathcona said that probably more than half of the Canadian contingents to South Africa were Scotchmen or descendants of Scotchmen.

KOMIENSKY MUDDLE.

MONTREAL, March 24.—Harris Wener, Samuel Hart, David Komien-sky and Abram Weber appeared before Judge Chouquette in the court of special sessions this morning, where a charge of conspiracy to defraud the creditors of David Komien-sky was laid against them by Crown Attorney Cooke. The accused were remanded till tomorrow morning for arraignment, when a date will be fixed for a special trial.

UKIAH, California, March 24.—A lone highwayman held up the stage between this point and Mendocino City today, and shot and instantly killed the armed messenger, Q. A. Overmeyer. The driver whipped up his horses, and amid a rain of bullets escaped unhurt. The stage was held up in the same spot about a month ago. Today's stage carried a heavy treasure.

NEWCASTLE NEWS.

NEWCASTLE, March 24.—Judge McLeod presided at the court which opened today. The grand jury brought in a true bill against McCareon, Moore, McDonald and Fraser for shooting at Conductor Heine and Brakeman Warman. They also brought in a true bill against Cooper for breaking into and stealing from the house of Mr. Irving at Chatham. In the shooting case, Heine and Warman were on the stand this afternoon. Neither recognized the persons who did the shooting.

NOBLE BEQUESTS.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 24.—The will of Mrs. Bolton, who died on Sunday in this city, bequeaths \$23,000 to the Presbyterian Church. The Halifax Ladies' College gets \$17,000, and \$5,000 is divided as follows: Pine Hill College, \$1,000; Presbyterian Foreign Missions, \$1,000; Presbyterian Home Missions, \$1,000; Aged and Infirm Missions, \$1,000; the School for the Blind gets \$1,000, and the Deaf and Dumb School, \$1,000.

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BLOEMFONTEIN, March 24.—The representatives of the Transvaal, the Orange River Colony, Cape Colony, Natal and Rhodesia have signed a customs convention providing for a ten per cent. preference in favor of Great Britain and reciprocating colonies.

BOARD OF WORKS.

After the council adjourned yesterday afternoon the board of public works was organized, with Ald. Christie in the chair. In addition to the aldermen present at the council meeting, Ald. Maxwell was in attendance along with Director Cushing, City Engineer Peters, Harbor Master Taylor and Ferry Superintendent Glasgow.

Ald. McKelvin of the sub-committee named to inquire into the question of accepting the dedication of Cranston avenue, known in the past as Millidge lane, reported that the committee advised that it be taken over.

The question was referred to the director to report upon the probable cost of fixing up the place.

Mr. Thurston asked for a retaining wall where his property is on McChlen-burg street, and Ald. Maxwell, Bullock and McGoldrick were appointed to make inquiries as to the city's liability.

George Dick's request that a portion of Quinn's blocks be removed from in front of his wharf was then taken up. The harbor reported that Quinn's blocks were in a bad shape and unless they were removed they should be repaired so as to be safe for any vessels which might want to use them. They were seldom used of late.

Ald. Robinson, Lewis and Baxter were named to look into this matter. Engineer F. J. Lawis of the ferry service petitioned for pay for five days lost through illness. The communication was laid on the table.

Joseph Baxter, gateman of the ferry, wanted pay for some days he was sick, and this request was also tabled. Tenders received for the construction of floats for use in connection with the ferry floats were opened as follows:

W. Currier, big one, \$600; small one, \$50.

J. S. Gregory, \$1,500 for both. James McAuley, \$1,375 for both.

As Mr. Currier's offer did not comply with the specifications, that of Mr. McAuley was accepted.

Ald. Baxter thought there was unnecessary delay in the obtaining of tenders for plans for a new ferry boat. He thought it might be as well to get plans for a propeller boat as well as a side-wheel steamer. He moved that plans be asked for boats of each style.

Ald. Christie asked if it would not be well first to decide to build a new boat. Then take up the plans, etc.

Ald. Baxter took it when the board decided to get plans that they intended to build a new boat.

Ald. McKelvin declared that it would be a great mistake to build a propeller boat for use in this harbor.

Ald. Millidge said he had it on the word of a competent ship builder that under the competitive plan system no tenders would be got. Let a man in whom the city had confidence be engaged to prepare a plan for a new boat. He moved that the board submit to the council that it is in the interest of the city that a new ferry boat should be built.

Several of the members supported this motion, and it passed.

Ald. Baxter thought the city engineer should be appointed to prepare for the board a report as to the best style of boat for St. John harbor. He made a resolution recommending to the council that this be done.

Ald. Robinson was told by people who ought to know that a side wheel boat was the best adapted to our harbor. He took occasion to speak of the condition of the interiors of the present steamers.

Ald. Christie thought the best plan would be to get the opinion of an expert. Take the best man that could be obtained, let him prepare plans and then the matter would be settled.

After some further discussion it was decided to recommend that the board be authorized to employ David Lynch to prepare a model and specifications for a new ferry steamer.

Ald. Baxter urged that the steps at the head of the Sand Point basin be put in proper repair. People landed there and the steps should be made safe.

Direction was given for these steps to be fixed up.

Ald. Baxter suggested that the seating capacity in the cabins of the present ferry steamers be changed and seats introduced as they are in railway cars.

The director was instructed to make a report upon the proposition along with the probable cost.

It was reported by the director that the blocks for the ferry steamers would be ready for use in the course of a few days.

Ald. Millidge asked that direction be given the street department to clean the railway bridges at Wall and Stanley streets.

This job was ordered to be done.

Ald. Bullock wanted changes made in the grades at the corners of Dock street and Market square, and Charlotte and Duke streets, so that these places may be kept dry.

Ald. Christie and Bullock, with the director, were appointed to look into this matter.

The director was authorized to procure mooring posts for the new McLeod wharf.

The request of the N. B. Southern Railway for permission to use Dunn's wharf at Carleton in connection with their railway was considered. It was impossible for them to continue using South Rodney wharf. Why not let them have the Dunn property from year to year at \$50 per annum? The city would get side-wharfage and top-wharfage in addition to that. The railway people reported that they would be enabled to handle large quantities of lumber, pulp, etc., if they had this wharf.

It was determined to recommend that permission be given to lay their rails down Dunn's wharf and make connection therewith under direction of the city engineer, they to pay \$100 a year and the city to get side and top-wharfage in all goods except those for the company, the railway people to pay all expenses necessary for the reception of the rails and all repairs to the wharf.

The board then adjourned till Thursday afternoon, when the estimates will be discussed.

WANTED.—A case of Headache that KUMFORT POWERS will not cure in ten to twenty minutes.

FREDERICTON NEWS.

FREDERICTON, March 24.—The members of the local government arrived in the city tonight and will hold a session tomorrow morning to prepare for the sessional programme. The address in reply to the speech from the throne will likely be moved by Jones of Carleton and seconded by Sweeney of Westmorland, while George W. Allen, M. P. of York, is strongly talked of as speaker. In consequence of the illness of Rev. Mr. Teasdale, a new chaplain will officiate, probably Rev. J. H. McDonald, Baptist. It is probable that a delegation will wait upon the government to urge upon them the importance of preventing the transmission of smallpox from the lumber woods.

Charles Barker, a well known resident of Ruslingorish, dropped dead at his home yesterday from heart failure. The deceased left a widow and six children.

The remains of Mrs. O. S. Crockett arrived from New York on the noon train, accompanied by E. H. Harrison and Mr. Crockett. Interment will take place from her late residence, George street, tomorrow at three o'clock. As a mark of esteem the members of the society of St. Andrew, of which Mr. Crockett is president, will attend in a body.

Dr. R. C. Weldon, dean of the Dalhousie Law School, Mr. Justice Gregory of this city and Mr. Justice Landry of Dorchester will be requested to act as judges in the intercollegiate debate to be held here next month between the University of New Brunswick and Mt. Allison University.

The board of directors of the Fredericton Y. M. C. A. have engaged Mr. McCrae, at present of Lehigh University as general secretary. The gentleman comes highly recommended, and will probably enter upon his duties shortly after the closing of the university which he is at present attending.

Two old cannon brought here from Halifax have been mounted on the plaza below the Temple fountain and directly opposite the parliament buildings. Lieut. Governor Snowball gave the matter his personal supervision.

CANADA IN LONDON.

MONTREAL, March 24.—The Star's London cable says: The fact that the Canada Pacific Company's steamers at the four guinea rate tells greatly in favor of St. Lawrence route with British ship-owners. It is understood that both the Canadian Pacific and Loyds regard the low premiums as a test justified by the Canadian Pacific's exemption from disaster with the Pacific steamers, and by the belief that the difficulties of the St. Lawrence route are largely matters of quality of pilotage. The Canadian Pacific has been given to understand that the low rate of four guineas is purely an experiment. If the year's experience does justify it the premiums will be raised.

The statement of the secretary of war, Sir John Broderick, in the house, in reply to Alfred Davies, shows that the British war office still excludes Canadian beef from army contracts. Broderick stated the army beef must be British or Irish grown, must not be frozen or chilled, and must not be from animals killed at Deptford or elsewhere within ten days of arrival from abroad.

Broderick added in typical war office phraseology that it would not be clear that anything else was required to make the terms of contract clearer.

ABOUT A SUNKEN WRECK.

A number of weeks since a small Grand Manan schooner, called the Minnie C, sank almost directly in front of the berth occupied by the D. A. R. At yesterday's meeting at the City Hall Ald. Millidge reported that he had conferred with the recorder with reference to the removal of the vessel. The city was asked if an arrangement could be completed so that the sunken vessel would go to the party who raised her and took her out of the harbor. The recorder assured him that the city would not enter into any such agreement. But the recorder held that if any vessel ran into the sunken schooner the city would be liable.

Harbor Master Taylor explained that the little craft had 5 fathoms of water over her at low water, so that she would not become a dangerous obstruction unless some vessel lifted her with an anchor. P. Egan, who had arranged with the owners of the vessel to raise her and take her, was willing to complete his undertaking as soon as the conditions were favorable.

IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 24.—The Nova Scotia Produce and Supply Co. headquarters at Canning, successor to the R. W. Kinsman Co., in which Sir Frederick Borden was a large shareholder, is in financial difficulties. The National Trust Co., from whom it borrowed some \$50,000, has taken steps to foreclose on all the properties secured to it, and these are advertised to be sold at sheriff's sale on the 15th of April. There are 14 blocks of land covered by this mortgage, including the dyke lands of 500 acres recently recovered from the tide-water at the mouth of the Habitant river.

DALHOUSIE, N. B., March 24.—The county court opened today, Judge Wilkinson presiding. J. A. Johnson and George Chiverton were brought before him under the Speedy Trials Act, charged with robbing the Dalhousie post office in July last and pleaded guilty. Subsequently they were sentenced to three years each in Dorchester penitentiary. Chiverton had no counsel, W. Mot was counsel for Johnson, and H. F. McTavish acted in behalf of the minister of justice.

HALIFAX, March 24.—The Norwegian str. Argyle, bound from Glasgow for Sydney, has been posted as missing. She is now two months and twelve days out. She is a small steamer of 500 tons register.

Grave fears are also entertained for the steamer Sapolla, which has frequently visited this port. She left Mobile, Ala., on a voyage to Antwerp, calling at Norfolk, Va., on Feb. 10. It is not improbable that she struck on an iceberg and sunk.

PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, March 24.—In the house Mr. Morrison submitted a bill to incorporate the Dominion Institute of Metallurgical Engineers.

Before orders of the day were called, Mr. Haggart drew attention to the speech of Sir Wm. Mulock last night advocating a bonus to the Grand Trunk. He asked if it was the policy of the government, and if not, what was it.

Laurier had not seen the report, and declined to commit himself beyond stating that additional transportation between the east and west was necessary.

Be. (Picot) then moved his resolution condemning the action of the government in not pressing Canada's claims for the removal of the cattle embargo imposed by Great Britain against Canadian cattle. He reviewed the history leading up to placations on the importation of Canadian animals. In England the movement in favor of the removal of this injustice was gaining strength. Experience pointed to the absurdity of the British laws. He quoted from eminent authorities in support of his contentions. The facts showed that Canadian cattle were freer from disease than those in the mother land. Mr. Hanbury admits this, but still refuses to permit the law of 1898 to be repealed. Scottish farmers have taken up the agitation and shown that their business had suffered materially because the laws had not been relaxed. The only remedy, it had been stated, was to bring pressure to bear upon the home government. The Canadian authorities had not done this, and therefore neglected the country's interests. Cattle raising was one of our important industries, and when under British laws animals had to be disposed of under existing disadvantages, it resulted in large losses to farmers. It was ridiculous to claim that Canadian cattle were liable to introduce disease. From Ireland tuberculosis had been brought to England, but no restriction was to be found against that country. Hanbury's course was unfair and unwarranted. Canada had taken every precaution to guard against disease, yet its efforts have been fruitless. He thought that the time for showing our discontent had arrived. Canada had given blood and treasure to the empire, and it was due to her concessions should be made in her case. The government had its hands strengthened last session by the unanimous resolution of the house. At the time of granting preference it was in a position to have made lasting terms but failed to do so. At the colonial conference Canada's claims were not considered sufficiently important to receive more than passing attention, and it had only been discussed in private before the board of agriculture.

Hon. Mr. Fielding replied that the time was inopportune to discuss the resolution, which was a vote of want of confidence in the government. Until papers concerning the government's action in the matter were brought down he would refuse to explain.

Dr. Sproule drew attention to the fact that Bourassa had introduced a similar resolution last year under precisely similar circumstances, and it had been received with a protest. The government had sought shelter behind ridiculous reasoning.

Macdonald, the government of under attack of interest in the rights of Canadians in this matter. Jabel Robinson showed that farmers lost fifteen dollars per head on all cattle sold in British markets, and the government should take action. The city was asked if the high handed manner in which the resolution was being met, and demanded some better explanation than that given. This brought Laurier to the scratch. He claimed that the government had done its best to have the question of the cattle embargo considered at the conference, but as it was only of interest to Canada it had to be referred to the board of agriculture. He asked to have the question laid over until the papers were brought down. He claimed the matter was too drastic.

Tarte supported Bell's claims that the British authorities were treating Canadians unfairly, but he claimed that the government had done its best in the matter. One lesson to be learned was that Canada should look after her own interests, as John Bull is doing in this case.

Sherritt, Cargill, McGowan, Boyd, Clancy, Hughes, Ingraham, Roche and Hackett also spoke against the government's policy.

After further discussion Mr. Bell withdrew his motion, with the understanding that the papers would be brought down at once.

Hon. Mr. Fielding stated that the budget would not be taken up on Thursday. The house went into supply and took up consideration of votes for public buildings. The grant for public buildings in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia caused a lot of discussion. It was ascertained that \$23,874 was already expended on the new custom house at Halifax. Mr. Sutherland asked for a new vote of \$60,000, which passed. A vote of \$1,500 for quarantine station passed.

The item for the St. John quarantine station tripped up the minister. It is for water works and involves an expenditure of \$3,000. Casgrain asked for details. He thought the sum a large one for such work. No information was forthcoming, although Tarte and Blair tried to throw light on the subject.

Mr. Sutherland apologized and promised to get the information required before insisting on the item being adopted. The same fate befell the vote for the St. John dominion buildings.

Richibucto got \$10,000 for its new public building.

The vote for the St. John immigration building, amounting to \$12,000, was agreed to.

For dominion buildings for the maritime provinces generally \$12,000 was voted.

The house then took up the Quebec votes, and strong objection was made to the public works department carrying on work without tender. Another

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had feature condemned was the indiscriminate advertising when a small amount of work was to be done. Mr. Monk protested against the system of providing for small buildings all over the country when large centres were suffering from lack of accommodation for carrying on public business. A vote of \$5,000 for Theford Place, 1,600 population, was asked for, while the whole of Manitoba gets only \$5,000 for public buildings. This caused general criticism in behalf of the west.

ARCHAIC WORDS.

A fair audience assembled in St. John's schoolhouse, when Dr. Dole lectured upon Archaic Words in the Prayer Book. The Rev. J. de Soyres presided. The lecturer, after defining the title of his lecture, proceeded to explain the processes of change in the value and signification of words. Reference was made to some famous lectures delivered in Boston about a century ago by John Quincy Adams on this topic, from which a very eloquent passage was quoted. The lecturer traced the growth of the English language, quoting the Lord's prayer in the English of the year A. D. 900, and showing the almost infinite changes until the golden age of Elizabethan prose. The lecturer denied that the Darwinian principle of the "survival of the fittest" had any proof in the evolution of language. Many a happy and expressive word had been lost to us, and it could be much desired could it be revived. Turning to his special subject, the lecturer reviewed the order of morning prayer, touching upon all the expressions which have more or less ceased to be in general use. The lecture was a masterly effort, and was listened to with great interest throughout.

CULTIVATED PLANTS.

Last evening Wm. McIntosh gave a talk on some cultivated plants—hyacinths, tulips, narcissi—in the Natural History Society rooms, explaining their structure, mode of cultivation, and the many varieties these interesting plants assume. Mr. McIntosh had numbers of fine specimens to illustrate what he said.

Dr. G. U. Hay followed, explaining the origin of cultivated plants. He gave some interesting facts about certain plants that were used for food and drink among the Indians and by the early settlers of this province, such as wild peas, the bulb of the Canadian lily, the Labrador tea and many others. Dr. G. F. Matthews spoke of finding parched peas in the shell heaps of Indians at places where they had their encampments in the country, showing that these were an article of food among them.

Brignoli Pinney of Torbrook Mines, N. S., was united in marriage yesterday at 5.30 p. m. in St. Jude's Church, Carleton, by the Rev. G. S. Scovil, to Miss Winnifred S. Fales of Wilnot, N. S. The bride was given away by J. G. Shewen of the C. P. R., her brother-in-law. After the wedding the guests were entertained at the residence of B. J. Appleby. The happy couple left by the 6 p. m. train for the west.

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