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OTTAWA NEWS.

Sifton Desires to Weaken the Opposition Criticism.

The First Gin Distillery in the Dominion Opened in Quebec.

Tupper in Western Ontario—The Post Office Clerks Have an Increase in Work.

OTTAWA, Feb. 24.—Tarte returned today, and approving of the majority of his colleagues, the Canada Gazette tomorrow will contain a proclamation calling parliament for Thursday, March 16th.

Prominent scientists from Toronto, Queen's and McGill universities, met today in the office of Prof. Prince to report at the request of the government and the British Association on the advisability of establishing a marine biological station for the dominion for the purpose of studying all species of marine life. It was decided to recommend the government to establish such a station near St. Andrews, N. B.

Sharo Nishimura, a prominent Japanese merchant, here today, says that British Columbia may expect reprisals from her anti-Japanese legislation. The Queen's printer in his annual report complains of delay in procuring copy from the public departments.

The superintendent of insurance has issued an abstract of the life insurance in Canada for the year 1898. The total premiums in Canadian companies amounted to \$1,172,946, an increase of \$1,187,197, while the policies in force numbered 17,504, an increase of 7,651. The number of policies in force on December 31st was 23,214, an increase of 1,014.

OTTAWA, Feb. 27.—Chief Justice Sir Henry Strong met with an accident on his way to the supreme court this morning, and while in consequence prevented from taking his seat.

Arguments in the case of the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Co. v. Lebel were continued before the remainder of court, Mr. Justice Taschereau presiding.

The action was for \$1,480 under a policy of insurance on the stock and buildings of the respondent at Jacques river, near Bathurst, N. B., destroyed by fire. Payment was refused by the company for several reasons, the principal objections being misrepresentation by the insured in his application and want of title, as his building was on the highway and he was a squatter. The jury found a verdict for the plaintiff on which judgment was entered, and this judgment being affirmed on appeal by the supreme court of New Brunswick.

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The next appeal heard was Williams v. Bartling et al. The plaintiff, Williams, a shipwright, was engaged in May, 1897, by the defendants, owners of the schooner Topaz, then lying in port in Halifax, to make some repairs to the vessel. He complained that through the captain's negligence in and improper securing of the topping lift, the boom was allowed to swing while he was astride of it, and he sustained injuries by falling on to the deck, which necessitated the amputation of a leg and left him unable to earn a living. The case has been tried four times, the first three judgments having been set aside on appeals. The present appeal attacks the judgment upon the fourth trial, which took place in 1897. On the first trial the case was withdrawn from the jury. On the second the verdict was for \$3,000 damages. On the third trial the jury disagreed, and on the last one the jury found for the defendants, and the plaintiff now asks to have the last verdict set aside as unreasonable and another new trial ordered. W. B. A. Ritchie, Q. C., and King, Q. C., for appellant; Drysdale, Q. C., for respondents. The argument lasted most of the day, and on being concluded judgment was reserved.

Shortly before adjournment the hearing was commenced in the case of the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Co. v. Lebel. The court adjourned until Monday.

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—Wm. Peterson of Newcastle, who failed to meet the fast time prize, is here to endeavor to obtain a return of the deposit of \$9,000, which under the terms of contract is forfeited.

The Queen's printer claims the bureau system resulted in a large decrease in the cost of public printing.

James McShane of Montreal is here looking for the postmaster's position in succession to Dawson. Mr. Metcalf has received the latter's resignation.

The contest between the Hamilton stockholders of the Canada Life and Fire Insurance Co. is continuing. The company is being sold to the Hamilton stockholders.

The council of the Dominion Rifle Association held a meeting here yesterday, and approved of a draft report for presentation to the annual meeting on April 6th. The council also passed resolutions recommending the improvement of rifle shooting was considered, and several resolutions were adopted, which were referred to a committee composed of L. Cole, H. H. Anderson, Hughes, M. P. Stark, Hodgins, and Major's Mason and LaRoche, to be reported upon by them to the following meeting.

The London Scottish Rifles were granted the use of the Battery building on certain conditions. It is expected that a marriage

ADAMS POISONING.

Roland Burnham Molineux Placed Under Arrest.

It Was Sent to Harry S. Cornish, it is Alleged, by Prisoner.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The jury in the Adams case came in with its verdict at 8:40 p. m. It was as follows: We find that the said Catherine J. Adams came to her death on Dec. 28, 1898, in 61 West 86th street, by poison by mercuric cyanide, administered by Harry S. Cornish, to whom said poison had been sent in a bottle of Bromo-Seltzer by Roland B. Molineux.

The coroner immediately issued a warrant for the arrest of Molineux, and the latter was at once arraigned before him. Through his attorney, before him, he demanded an immediate hearing, but Assistant District Attorney Osborne objected, saying it was impossible to proceed with the hearing. The hearing was then set down for Wednesday morning at 11:30 o'clock. Molineux was committed to the Tombs without bail.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Roland Burnham Molineux, son of General Leslie Molineux of Brooklyn, was arrested tonight, charged with murdering Mrs. Katherine J. Adams in this city on Dec. 28, 1898. He was locked up in the Tombs. The arrest followed the verdict of the coroner's jury accusing him of the crime. The indictment was into the death of Mrs. Adams, it also went into the circumstances of the death of Henry C. Barnett of the Knickerbocker athletic club, who was poisoned by a powder received through the mails, as was Mrs. Adams. The verdicts of the final day of the inquest were sensational in the extreme. The case had dragged along monotonously, witnesses being examined for the sole purpose, as it seemed, of contradicting Harry Cornish's testimony in minor details or of eliciting suggestions as to a motive that might have led Cornish to commit the crime. The newspapers from the beginning had stuck to Molineux as the person most to be suspected, but the prosecuting officials apparently never harbored such a thought. The examination was kind and gentle when Molineux was on the stand; gruff and severe when dealing with Cornish.

This afternoon a shipkeeper who rented private letter boxes spoke positively that Molineux was his patron, using the name of H. C. Barnett. It was proved long ago that bottles of medicine had been sent to that letter box.

FREDERICTON. Jim Paul and Other Indians Off to New York Sportsmen's Show.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 26.—The tourist committee of this city are very much disappointed over the fact that New Brunswick sportsmen have exhibited at the sportsmen's show which will open in New York next Thursday. As was mentioned in the Sun on Saturday, the chairman of the committee was awaiting Mr. Emmerson's ultimatum. It came at a late hour, and was to the effect that the committee should have anything to do with the exhibit. Since the scheme was projected the gentlemen who compose the tourist committee have devoted a great deal of time and labor to make it a success, and it is up to Friday so sure were they of the government's aid that all arrangements had been made for transportation and placing of exhibit.

Gilbert Mitchell, son of J. H. Mitchell of Lincoln, died at his father's residence this morning from heart failure. The deceased was forty-six years old, and was well and favorably known in this city.

The contract for window and door frames has been awarded to Taber & O'Brien of this city. The contract price is in the vicinity of \$1,000. There were other tenders received, one from this city, one from St. John and one from Woodstock.

At St. Dunstan's church, Rev. Father Casey announced further donations during the week from two citizens of \$225 and \$40 towards improvements being made in this church.

James Carter of this city, who has been ill for nearly a year, died this evening. Deceased was seventy years old and a well known and highly respected resident. Three sons, William H. Carter, druggist, James and John Carter, survive. The funeral takes place on Tuesday morning at 8:30.

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Donald Fraser left this afternoon for the upper provinces, where he will purchase the engines and machinery for his lumber mill, which is soon to be built on Temiscouata lake.

Mayor Whitehead will entertain at his residence on Saturday evening. Premier Emmerson, Provincial Secretary, Tweedie, Surveyor General

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BIG LUMBER CUT.

Kennebec Log Driving Company Causes an Increase.

BINGHAM, Me., Feb. 27.—The exceptionally fine season for lumbering, the fair outlook for an advance of prices for manufactured lumber, and the improvements made by the Kennebec Log Driving Co. along the Kennebec river, have tended to cause each of the lumbering firms to increase their expected cut for this year.

1899 will see the largest cut of lumber ever made and rafted in the Kennebec river, it being nearly one-third larger than the estimate given by the Associated Press at the beginning of the season. There is every reason to believe that manufactured lumber will be \$3 per thousand more this year. Improvements along the Kennebec are such that driving will be practically easy compared with former years. A new boom will be utilized between Solon and Bingham, a sand bar south of Bingham which has caused much expense, is removed, also a part of the ledge opposite Shawmut and at Waterville. The dead river dam has been thoroughly repaired and a part of the ledge near Long Falls has been removed.

A conservative estimate of the cut to date is as follows: In the Kennebec section, 25,000,000; the cut in the Dead river regions: Berlin Mills, 1,000,000; Clark Bros., 1,000,000; Elias Thomas, 500,000; Ellis Thos. & Co., on Bay Brook, 350,000; on the Cutts, 100,000; Lawrence Newhall & Co. on the North Branch, 5,000,000; Lawrence Newhall & Co. on Moose River, 5,000,000; on Supton Brook, 5,000,000; Viles and Thomas on Black Brook, 1,500,000; Viles & Co. on Carry Ford, 500,000; Lawrence Bros. and Holingsworth and Whitney Co. on the Spencer, 6,000,000.

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