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**Captain Verney will Return to England and Meet the Charges Brought Against Him.**

**Some Plain Talk from the Newfoundland Delegates as to the Colony's Future Action.**

**Newfoundlanders' Plain Talk.**

LONDON, April 16.—The Newfoundland delegates held a sort of levee at the Hotel Metropole this evening, when they spoke of diplomatic things with a freedom amounting to the average British barrister, and which will certainly prevent Lord Salisbury from becoming very confidential with them. Nevertheless their way of presenting their views has apparently struck the public interest in their mission. Mr. Emerson, who is the smoothest talker in the delegation, assured the correspondent that if the mission fails to accomplish the objects which the colonists have set their hearts on, Newfoundland will look to the United States for its future inspiration. He stated that there was a strong feeling of sympathy for the Newfoundlanders in the United States, especially since the conference between Mr. Bond and Secretary Blaine. The Americans understood the situation better than formerly, and they were eager to acquire Newfoundland as the key to the valuable northern fisheries.

**Gen. Booth's Farm Colony.**

LONDON, April 16.—Gen. Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, has agreed to pay £10,000 for 600 acres of land near the South End, upon which he will establish his farm colony, one of the agencies by which he expects to redeem "Darkest England." He will, from time to time, buy additional land, and will spend from £15,000 to £20,000 in buildings, drainage and other improvements. The taxes on the property will average forty-two pence per acre. The land is badly squandered, and in the judgment of experts, the price paid is absurdly high.

**Will Probably Remain There.**

LONDON, April 16.—De Cobain, the Belfast M.P. who departed from the county while warrants were being issued for his arrest on charges of unnatural practices, has been traced to Paris. He spent a week in London, then went to Brussels, and is now in the French capital.

**The Rights of Wives.**

LONDON, April 16.—The Lord Chancellor stated in the House of Lords, to-day, that the Government would not introduce a bill, giving husbands power to put their wives in prison for refusing to comply with an order of the court to attend a trial. Parliament has abolished the power to imprison a wife for refusing to live with her husband, and the judges could not alter the law.

**The Italian Difficulty.**

ROME, April 16.—Premier Rudini stated to-day to a representative of the United Press that the cables summaries of Mr. Blaine's statement were inadequate for him to form an opinion upon; that he was waiting for the original, and was desirous of a friendly solution of the existing difficulties.

**The Newfoundland Question.**

LONDON, April 16.—The Newfoundland question has been left of the public, recently, amid other events, but the agents of the colony, and its delegates here, are working like beavers to keep its grievances before the government officials. Mr. Emerson has been especially interested in ascertaining the latest phase of colonial feeling. He says the colonists continue to be bitterly opposed to the coercive bill now before parliament. They denounce it because it was introduced without the sanction of the colony; because it is an indirect continuation of the Imperial pledges to the colony, and because, if passed, it would be an enforcement of power without the consent of the governed and without regard for the rights of those directly concerned; contrary to the very principles of government which sustain and bind together the British Empire. The delegates will do everything in their power to bring about a settlement of their demands without causing the Government any trouble in its relations with other powers. It is evident, however, that they expect opposition, and are prepared to meet it with the strongest possible representation of their claims, and securing all possible support from the press. It is significant that Mr. Emerson and his friends in all their conversation refer in the friendliest manner to the people of the United States.

**The Verney Scandal.**

LONDON, April 16.—The tide of sentiment in regard to the infamous charges hanging over the head of Capt. Edmund Verney, M.P., is changing somewhat in the captain's favor. The Liberal leaders are confidently of the opinion that the captain has been the victim of misrepresentation, and that he will at the proper time be ready with a complete refutation of the allegations brought against his good name. There is reason to think that the evidence against Verney is, at the worst, rather weak. It rests, principally, on the statements of an abandoned woman, who expects, by blackening Capt. Verney's character, to herself escape a long term of imprisonment. It is further rumored that an important witness in the case has vanished. There is evidently to be a desperate effort to clear Verney of the charges, and even those who believe him guilty are inclined to think that the cause of public morality will be as well served by allowing the matter to drop. In any event, Verney will probably never regain his former standing or influence. The effect of charges of this kind upon public men in England is well illustrated in the case of Sir Charles Dike, who, with all his exceptional brilliancy, cannot revive the prestige which the scandal of the divorce court destroyed.

**To Meet the Charges.**

LONDON, April 16.—The charges Matthews stated to-day in the House of Commons that criminal warrants had been issued against two members of parliament, and that both

**CANADIAN NEWS.**

**French-Canadians Returning to Quebec from the New England States.**

The Maniopus Again Defeated. CALCUTTA, April 16.—A Rangoon dispatch states that Capt. Prager, who was recently reported to have reinforced Lieutenant Gant at Fort Thabet, had a battle with a force of 200 Maniopus. Capt. Prager defeated the enemy, his mounted infantry pursuing them after their repulse. Fifty of the Maniopus were killed. The British lost none.

**The Late Prince Napoleon.**

PARIS, April 16.—The executor of the will of the late Prince Napoleon have presented a formal request to the French Government for permission to inter the remains of the Prince at Ajaccio, the capital of Corsica, where Napoleon I. was born.

**The Social Party Society.**

LONDON, April 16.—The social purity society, of which Mr. W. T. Stead is the leading spirit, has been making itself unusually prominent of late, because of the novel method it has taken to carry out its objects. Its detectives have been watching various members of parliament and other prominent men and obtaining evidence against them in their amours. The damaging facts have been forwarded to the editors of the recreant statesmen, with advice that they rid themselves by divorce of such unworthy partners. Strangely enough, there are critics who express an inability to perceive how the cause of public morality is to be served by such means.

**The Maniopus Rebellions.**

CALCUTTA, April 15.—More serious fighting is looked forward to in the near future between the British troops and the insurgent Ghoorkas. Profiting by the delay of the British troops in advancing to the front, the Maniopus are erecting stone stockades, digging rifle pits and in other ways preparing to give the British a warm reception. Gen. Graham was last reported advancing via Tamu, and General Collett is advancing from Nigriting. The sending to the front of a large force of British troops shows how serious the situation is, and the British authorities recognize the fact that a blow must be struck against the Maniopus in order to restore the lost prestige to British arms.

**Mary Had a Little Lamb.**

LONDON, April 15.—A dispatch from Bournemouth states that Mary Anderson Navarro gave birth to a child on Monday night at the Metropole Hotel, West Cliff, Bournemouth, where she has been staying for several weeks.

**There's No Place Like Home.**

MONTREAL, April 16.—More than 1,000 French Canadians have returned from the New England States, and are settling in the roundabout country within the last fortnight, and the movement still continues. They say times are poor on the other side of the line and that factory hands have the greatest difficulty to make both ends meet.

**FLOW OF NATURAL GAS.**

A Valuable Discovery as Kankloops—Arrangements Made for the Sinking of Test Wells. (Special to THE COLONIST.)

KANKLOOPS, B.C., April 16.—While a gang of men were excavating for a water pipe near the river here, they struck a flow of natural gas. A two inch pipe was inserted below the surface, and it has been brought to the surface. The gas is free. The land along the river is being taken up and arrangements made to start the sinking of test wells at once.

**WESTMINSTER'S INDIGNATION.**

At the Opposition to the Passage of the Enabling Bill—Enthusiastic Public Meeting in Favor of the Measure. (Special to THE COLONIST.)

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C. April 16.—Notwithstanding the short notice of a few hours only, and an entertainment in the opera house, as well as other meetings, the City Hall was packed to-night. Shortly after 8 o'clock every available space in both auditorium and gallery was occupied by an enthusiastic gathering of ratepayers and citizens to discuss the position of the Enabling Bill, before the House of Commons, and to take such action in the matter as should be deemed best in the interests of the city. Acting Mayor Curtis was unanimously chosen chairman, and Alderman Keay elected secretary. The chairman stated briefly that the meeting had been called on account of the strong opposition that was being made in the House at the last moment to the passing of the bill, after which it threw the meeting open for free discussion.

**Capital Notes.**

**Expiration of the Allan Mail Contracts—European Letters to Go by New York.**

OTAWA, April 16.—The mails for Great Britain will hereafter be sent by New York, except on Saturdays. The company which operated on Saturday has received a request from the legislature of British Columbia for the appointment of a county court judge for East and West Kootenay.

**Fishing Licenses on the Fraser River.**

Fishing Regulations to be Made Statutory.

OTAWA, April 16.—The rate on papers mailed direct from the office of publication, will be increased from one cent to seven cents per pound.

The Ontario legislature passed a bill last year affecting ditches and water courses on Ontario railways. The Minister of Justice has pointed out that the legislature has no right to interfere with roads under Dominion jurisdiction. Accordingly, Mr. Meeks will amend the act, making it applicable only to provincial railways.

The government has received a request from the legislature of British Columbia for the appointment of a county court judge for East and West Kootenay.

The text of the recent dispatch to the Imperial authorities shows that with the French government there has not been a discrimination amongst Canadian log producers.

It is understood that the license fee of all classes of fishing boats on the Fraser River will be \$20 each.

The 5-berry officers' convention will be terminated to-day. Among the recommendations is one that the close season regulations be made statutory.

Dr. Grandbois of Temiscouate will probably be the deputy speaker of the House of Commons.

R. J. Butler, of the post-office department, returned from California, yesterday morning, by the City of Puebla.

**CANADIAN NEWS.**

**The Opening of Navigation on Lake Superior Delayed—The Algoma Election.**

The Canadian Mail Contract. HALIFAX, April 16.—In consequence of the announcement made by the P. O. authorities, yesterday, that the contract made with the Allan Steamship company for carrying the Canadian mail had expired, and that henceforth the Canadian mails will go to New York, via the Atlantic, instead of via London, the Allan Steamships will cease calling at Londonderry.

**Foot Play Suspended.**

WOODSTOCK, April 16.—The body of John Pipe, a well-to-do farmer of this neighborhood, was found in a pool of water, yesterday, with a shot wound in his breast. The horse was lying some distance from the body, it is feared foot play has been committed.

**Opening of Navigation Delayed.**

OVERSOUND, April 16.—The ice has left the harbor, and there is now nothing to prevent the opening of navigation. However, reports from Lake Superior are not so favorable to the early opening, and it is doubtful if any of the Canadian Pacific fleet will sail before the first of May.

**A Contested Election.**

MONTREAL, April 16.—The election of Broderick, Liberal member of parliament for Bonville, will be contested.

**The Algonquin Election.**

RAT PORTAGE, April 16.—It is reported on seemingly reliable authority that MacDonell will not stand for nomination on Saturday. It is said Hon. Mr. Carling, minister of agriculture, will run instead, and that MacDonell has been offered the superintendency of the St. Lawrence canal, and that Davidson has been promised a senatorship.

**Short Stops Made at the Historical Battlefields of Chickamauga, Trees Creek, Etc.**

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 15.—When the Presidential train reached here, this morning, fully 3,000 people assembled at the station, and a salute of thirteen guns was fired. The station was draped with the nation's colors and evergreens. The party took electric cars, which were covered with flags and bunting, and were soon landed at the incline at the foot of Lookout mountain a short time, when the cars were mounted and they returned to the city. Carriages took the party through the principal streets. The public schools had been given a holiday, and drawn up in line on McClellan avenue, the main residence street, below the incline. The band played in the evening. The stand from which the President spoke, and where he held a general reception, was profusely and tastefully decorated. President Harrison was introduced by Hon. H. Clay Evans and greeted with deafening cheers. The President spoke for a quarter of an hour, and was followed by Postmaster-General Wanmaker and Secretary Trevelyan.

**Incidents of the President's Trip from Chattanooga to the Capital of Georgia.**

A reception upon the stand followed. Amid the reception, the crowd shook hands with the President while he stood on the car platform. As the train pulled out for Atlanta a shower of flowers, thrown from the crowd, fell over the head and shoulders of the President.

**NEWS OF THE RAILROADS.**

The Port Townsend Southern Elms Officers and the Great Northern's Big Mortgage—The Line to South America.

The annual meeting of the Port Townsend Southern railroad was held in Port Townsend, on Thursday. All of the stock was represented either in person or by proxy. The officers elected were: W. H. Starbuck, president; E. J. Smith, C. J. Smith, vice-president; W. H. McNeil; secretary; H. McNeil, re-elected. The board of directors consisted of W. H. Starbuck, of New York; F. H. Prince, of Boston; C. J. Smith, of Portland; J. C. Haines and H. McNeil, of Seattle, and Charles Eisenberg, and Thomas Jackson, of Port Townsend. With the exception of Messrs. Prince,

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**CANADIAN NEWS.**

**President Van Horne and Party Reach Fort William and Start for Winnipeg.**

The C.P.R. Scheme to Populate the Northwest with Desirable Settlers.

**The Soria Extension.**

QUEBEC, April 17.—Among Messier's political friends, the opinion seems to be universal that Mr. Greenway has strengthened his government very materially, by his recent arrangement with the C.P.R. to build a line to the Soria coal field. Aside from the practical advantages that result to the province from the construction of the line, the arrangement would seem to indicate a better feeling between the government and the company than was supposed to have existed for some years past.

**Provision of Manitoba's Legislature.**

WINNIPEG, April 17.—The Manitoba legislature closed its labors this afternoon. Provisions for to-morrow morning.

**Horribly Mangled.**

STRAFFORD, April 17.—Joseph Weldon, a sawyer in Seibert's sawmill, at Logan, fell against a circular saw yesterday. His leg was cut off and the upper part of his body mangled horribly, the heart being completely cut in two.

**Van Horne and Party.**

WINNIPEG, April 17.—A dispatch from Fort William says President Van Horne and party arrived here last evening by special train, remaining here all night and leaving at 8 o'clock this morning. During the evening the party were inspected. The party consists of the following: W. C. A. Horne, B. B. Angus, Montreal; Hon. D. MacInnis, Hamilton; Hon. G. A. Kirkpatrick, Kingston; W. D. Matthews, Toronto; John S. Davidson, Toronto; E. B. Oiler, Toronto; John Casinger, and W. A. Brant, secretary to President Van Horne.

**Sentenced to be Hanged.**

BELLEVILLE, April 17.—James K. Kane, was yesterday, tried for the murder of his wife, Elizabeth, whom he stabbed to the heart, on March 23rd. The jury, after an absence of an hour, returned a verdict of guilty, and the prisoner was sentenced to be hanged on May 2nd. Kane was the second husband of the deceased, and they had lived unhappily together.

**Legislature to be Hanged.**

GOOMBRIDGE, April 17.—Donald C. McKinnon, a fisherman, has been acquitted of the charge of murdering his wife, the evidence almost conclusively showing it to be a case of suicide. McKinnon, himself, tried to commit suicide at the time of the alleged crime, and on this charge he was committed to jail for four months.

**An Excellent Scheme.**

MONTREAL, April 17.—It is learned that the Canadian Pacific railway is about to put forth extraordinary efforts to fill up the great Northwest with the best possible class of settlers. With this end in view, instructions have been given to have a car built in Great Britain which will be filled with specimens of Canadian Northwest products, given in charge of men who have the resources of the western prairie at their fingers' ends, and sent all over England and Scotland, thus laying before the agricultural population of Great Britain the most practical evidence of what can be done in Western Canada.

**October 18 Satisfactory.**

OTTAWA, April 16.—The government replied, to-day, to Secretary Blaine that Oct. 12 was a satisfactory date for beginning the discussion of reciprocity trade relations at Washington.

**Commander of Canada's Militia Conrator.**

OTTAWA, April 16.—Major Gen. Herbert, commander of the Canadian militia, will visit British Columbia on a tour of inspection the coming autumn.

**CAPITAL NOTES.**

**Newfoundland Sealing Schooner Crushed in the Ice—The Crew in a Perilous Position.**

Increased Postage on Newspapers—New Rule for Receivers of Wracks.

OTTAWA, April 17.—The scales of charges for steamboats using Government wharves, piers, and breakwaters have been changed from a dollar a day to double those imposed upon sailing vessels, calculated upon a tonnage basis according to the following scale: