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ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

The Trade Returns for January Not Encouraging.

Great Freight Carrying Business Expected Over Parry Sound Railway.

Some of the Grain May be Shipped from St. John Next Year—A Bank Robbed.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—Militia general orders issued this afternoon contain the following: The major general commanding desires to remind officers and staff of permanent or instructional corps and all others who aspire to high commands in future, or to positions of responsibility upon the general staff, that a considerable portion of the military forces of the Dominion consist of French Canadian regiments. It is, in the major general's opinion, essential that all officers who now hold, or aspire to hold, or to positions of responsibility upon the staff, should be able to convey their instructions to French-Canadian troops in their own language. All officers of staff, of permanent corps, and of instructional staff (including non-commissioned officers) should more especially acquire a practical as well as a theoretical knowledge of the French language, and the major general suggests that all those who are unable to read or speak French with fair facility should take an early opportunity of making good this deficiency.

The date for receiving subscriptions to the Gordon memorial fund has been extended to March 10, and the committee in charge of the fund has in her power to secure mitigation of sentence. It is said the woman's mother, eighty years old, has secured the signatures of 500 women to a petition asking clemency by travelling from door to door, and it has been placed before the minister of justice.

The department orders that in severe weather every particle of oil should be removed from the lock action of the Lee-Enfield rifle, as the congealing of the oil impairs the weapon.

DR. G. B. BRADLEY, chief of the Hospital staff of the commons, died at Buffalo on Sunday last of hemorrhage of the stomach. Bradley was born in England and came to Canada thirty years ago. After spending some years in newspaper work in Montreal, Chicago and Toronto, he in 1875, with T. J. Richardson, took the contract for official reporting of the debates of the commons. When the contract expired Bradley went into journalism again, and remained in it until 1890, when parliament decided that the official report of the debates should be taken by a regularly employed staff, and the staff was organized with Dr. Bradley as chief. This position he held until his death.

The pleasing intelligence was communicated to the fisheries department today that the experiments in planting Atlantic coast oysters in the waters of British Columbia have probably proved successful. A despatch from Vancouver says that a couple of extensive beds of fine large oysters have been discovered in Burrard Inlet, and that these have doubtless been propagated from oysters placed in that vicinity by Prof. Prince in 1896.

Prof. Robertson, commissioner of agriculture and dairying, and W. T. Macoun, horticulturist, to the experimental farm, will leave next week for Prince Edward Island, to deliver a series of lectures to the principal farming communities of the island province. The primary object of the visit is to confer with the local authorities in the matter of further encouragement to agriculture in the province by the departments here. Having been asked and given his consent to address incidentally a few meetings of farmers, Prof. Robertson and his colleague have found themselves bidden to speak at twelve different gatherings in various parts of the island, a contract which will keep them hustling.

Hen. Clifford Sifton left today for Washington. The minister was telegraphed for by Laurier, in order that his advice might be given the commission upon the Alaska boundary question, a matter which appertains to the department of the interior. This would indicate that the despatches were premature in announcing that a settlement had been reached on this important issue.

Sifton has ordered all copies of his descriptive atlas to be recalled as far as can be, and a revised edition will be issued. Two hundred thousand already printed will be destroyed.

The suggestion is thrown out of a dominion conservative convention to be held at Ottawa.

An effort will be made this spring to induce the Indians of the Peace River country to settle on reserves and become wards of the government.

OTTAWA, Feb. 21.—Toronto is here in force to ask a loan of \$500,000 to improve its harbor.

Blair's scheme to complete 14 foot navigation this year has been knocked endways. Contractor M. P. Davis has been granted an extension until the spring of 1900.

Mr. Charles Tupper left for Toronto tonight.

Hon. Mr. Dickey is here attending the supreme court.

Some time ago the government press stated that the insolvent Yankes company which received the contract to carry supplies to the Yukon fulfilled his contract. Now it appears a portion only of the supplies was landed in Circle City, and the government is withholding the balance of pay until the contract is fulfilled.

Booth, the Ottawa Valley lumber king, says if the American lumber duty is not repealed, then he for one is in favor of making it as hot as possible for the United States.

Commercial Agent Remie at Buenos Ayres says there is a great demand for agricultural machinery, and an outlook for the lumber trade is good.

Lieut. Governor McInnes stands to receive a wigging for permitting the premature publication of confidential correspondence relating to the anti-Japanese legislation passed by British Columbia.

The governor general's secretary writes a letter to the papers denying that the Countess Minto had written convict Cordella Vian, promising to endeavor to secure mitigation of the death sentence.

The story which the Countess denies appeared in a despatch from Montreal under date of Feb. 18, as follows: An interesting announcement is made here today in connection with the case of Cordella Vian, who with her partner, Sam Parslow, is under sentence to be hanged on March 10 for the murder of her husband, fiddler Folger. Her lawyers have taken every possible step to save her neck without avail. A few days ago Cordella Vian wrote Lady Minto, imploring her excellency's influence in securing a commutation. Today a letter was received acknowledging receipt and promising to do whatever lies in her power to secure mitigation of sentence. It is said the woman's mother, eighty years old, has secured the signatures of 500 women to a petition asking clemency by travelling from door to door, and it has been placed before the minister of justice.

Her mother also, called on Archbishop Bruchet, who promised to go to St. Scholastique and administer the last rites of the church, and it is said his grace also favors commutation. Parslow's lawyers are also doing their utmost to save his neck. They have the benefit of the recommendation to mercy by the jury, but the result depends largely on the report of the trial judge.

CABLED FROM LONDON.

Edward Blake to Return to Canadian Politics—A Stamp Auction.

MONTREAL, Feb. 20.—The Star's London correspondent cables that it is Edward Blake's intention to sever his connection with the Irish party in May next and return to Canada, and that in all probability he will go into Canadian politics again as the representative of the old guard liberals.

TORONTO, Feb. 20.—The Evening Telegram's London cable says: The Financial News, commenting on the dominion's debt, says that if ever money was carefully used Canada's borrowed capital has been.

At a stamp auction sale in London today a sixpence Canada perforated sold at 14s shillings; New Brunswick Connel at 36s shillings, and Nova Scotia shilling value at 28s shillings.

FAST IN THE ICE.

HALIFAX, Feb. 20.—The steamer Bruce arrived at North Sydney today from St. John's, Nfld., with mails and passengers. She passed through hundreds of miles of heavy ice, and reports the gulf so completely blocked that there is no chance of the new Canadian liner Gaspeia getting out for weeks. It would be impossible for a sailing steamer to reach her. The Gaspeia was caught in the ice a couple of weeks ago.

A GENEROUS GIFT.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Phillip D. Armour has given \$750,000 more to the endowment fund of the Armour institute of this city. This makes the total gift to the institute \$2,250,000.

ST. STEPHEN.

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BOSTON'S COAL SUPPLY.

BOSTON, Feb. 20.—All danger of a soft coal famine in this section was removed today by the arrival of about thirty cargoes, aggregating more tons of coal than has been received in Boston since January.

EMMERSON SUSTAINED,

Thanks to Powerful Assistance From Federal Government.

The Opposition Carry Sunbury and Divide Westmorland, Defeating Hon. Mr. Richard.

Two Independents Will Represent the County of Madawaska in the Next House.

The election is over, and the returns to hand show that the government is sustained. The opposition put up a good, stiff fight, but the odds were against them. In this city there was much excitement about the polls and the streets were lively with government teams dashing to and fro after voters who "were on the list." The crack of the federal whip was no small factor in helping to roll up the majority for Citizen Robertson and his associates, and where intimidation failed, the "resources of civilization" were called into requisition. There were other influences potent in certain quarters, that were resorted to with good effect by Citizens Reynolds and McKewen, while Citizen Purdy marshaled his north end contingent with the ability of an old ward politician.

Long before the polls closed the opposition were prepared for the result in the city, and it was therefore not a surprise to them. They were somewhat surprised, however, as from county after county came the news of the defeat of their candidates. In the government looked at one time as if the government would carry the entire forty-six seats.

CONSERVATIVES HEAR THE RETURNS.

The committee rooms at Foster's corner and later in the evening the institute had large crowds in attendance hearing the returns and listening to speeches from the candidates. The gathering did not appear of act like one composed of men who had worked hard all day only to meet with defeat.

As the candidates dropped into the committee rooms they were cheered again and again.

G. B. Lockhart was the first to arrive, and in response to calls made a brief speech. He was given three rousing cheers in responding. Mr. Lockhart heartily thanked the people for their noble work, and spoke on their behalf. The vote he and his colleagues received was the honest vote of the electorate, while on the other side the vote was one bought by run and money. When he considered the influences at work against them they will well to get the vote they did.

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DR. STROCKTON having entered the room, was given three rousing cheers and a tiger. Personally he did not feel sorry for his defeat. He did, however, feel sorry for his supporters. The government had won a victory, but under circumstances which he would venture to predict would cause a revolution in the constituency in twelve or eighteen months. He did not take back a single word he had uttered during the campaign, regarding the steel bridges, crown lands scandal or anything else. Some of the means resorted to were disgraceful to representative institutions. (Applause.) In Victoria was coercion and intimidation of government employees was carried on openly, and no doubt, with success. Such acts must be disgusting to the great majority of right thinking people. One of the government candidates stood in the ward and watched the government employees. The opposition had the patronage and influence of two governments against it. He won!

board was placed in the office, on which the returns from the various constituencies of the province, as well as the city figures, were posted.

An invitation is to be telegraphed, probably today, to Hon. John Costigan, tendering him a banquet, to be held at the Dufferin Hotel some time during the next few weeks. St. John supporters of the local government are the moving spirits in the matter.

THE RETURNS.

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crisp, new Dominion notes and with instructions to use them freely. At one point in this town at least ten heeleders were at work all day. Conservatives would bring men to the polls who were pledged to vote the conservative ticket. Government heeleders would call or drag the voter to one side and after some conversation, march into the booth with the voter, put a government ballot into his hand and holding his arm, force his hand to the ballot box. Mr. Esbar's election act had done away with the secret ballot and the voter could not withstand the purchasing power or intimidation of the heeleders.

The St. Stephen vote was as follows: Chapman, 407; Grimmer, 402; Clarke, 382; Hartt, 365; Todd, 324; Hill, 300; Russell, 269; O'Brien, 262.

The total conservative vote is 1,556; total liberal, 1,161, making the conservative majority 395, as compared with 244 in the last dominion election. This is a very pleasing result, as the liberals expected to reduce the conservative majority by at least 150 votes.

Details from the islands have not yet been obtained, but it is known that Grand Manan gives the government a vast majority of 101. The vote on the mainland is as follows: Todd, 1,884; Russell, 1,771; O'Brien, 1,768; Hill, 1,819; Grimmer, 1,720; Chapman, 1,674; Hartt, 1,639; Clarke, 1,688.

The government members have no reason to feel proud of their election for Charlottetown never saw such corruption at any election. A man could get any price for his vote from five to twenty dollars.

Your correspondent was shown today ten crisp Dominion notes, numbered consecutively from 193401 to 193410, that were given yesterday for his vote, and another set of the same bills, numbered from 222902 to 222910, that went to another man.

ST. STEPHEN, Feb. 19.—Latest corrected returns show that both opposition candidates are elected in Sunbury, Glastier leading the poll. An error in the first returns sent from Sunbury, Glastier second place. The government party here conceded Hazen's election. The corrected figures are:

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