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TWEEDIE DISROBES.

The liberal conservatives of New Brunswick were not surprised to learn by inspired announcement in Wednesday's Telegraph that the Hon. J. Tweedie had ceased masquerading in their colors and had come out squarely as a Brit. They knew that the announcement would be made whenever the Hon. Mr. Blair gave the word. They have been waiting for it for years. It appears that Mr. Tweedie was called to Ottawa a few days ago, from Ottawa he posted to Montreal, and, acting under orders given out from the capital, he was interviewed by a member of the Montreal Herald staff, possibly by the man who not so very long since was deposed from the editorship of the St. John Telegraph, after a brief but extremely exciting fight. At all events, the reproduction of the interview by the Telegraph followed as part and parcel of the Ottawa instructions. When Mr. Blair wants a thing done he does not permit any little personal differences between the puppets who stand in the way.

Mr. Tweedie in the interview praises the government, and especially praises Mr. Blair. He predicts that Mr. Blair will come out of the next election with the largest following any minister ever had from New Brunswick. Mr. Tweedie flatters himself that he knows and boasts of his own success in election campaigns. He does not tell the Herald that Mr. Blair cannot possibly be elected in Queens and Sunbury, that Restigouche has no use for him, that York has unfilled its pledges charged against him, and that the constituency in New Brunswick where he can run with any hope of re-election. But the atmosphere is clearer. It is not so very long since Mr. Tweedie dramatically declared that he refused to be read out of the conservative party. Now that it suits Mr. Blair's purpose, Mr. Tweedie has read himself out. For once the party is in a position to extend to Mr. Tweedie its most cordial thanks. He has done it in the greatest favor that it is in his power to bestow. He has ceased masquerading in its clothes, and the party is no longer morally responsible for his conduct.

WINTER PORT BUSINESS.

The statement submitted by Secretary Allison to the board of trade yesterday, dealing with winter port business, was extremely gratifying. It shows an increase of over forty-five per cent. in value of exports through St. John by the regular steamship lines to the old country over the business of the preceding season. The volume of inward traffic also showed a large increase. Every year since the winter port business through this port was inaugurated there has been an increase in the volume and value of the trade. Owing to the effect of the war on steamship business there were some difficulties to be met during the past season, and it is very gratifying to know that in spite of them the trade showed a large increase. Another pleasing fact, though not at all unexpected so far as our own people are concerned, was the perfect safety with which the winter's business was carried on. The safety of the port of St. John cannot longer be doubted by the most obstinate of those who formerly appeared to entertain some doubt on the point. It was a gratifying coincidence also that, on the day when the statement elsewhere quoted in this paper regarding our trade was submitted, there should be in attendance at the board of trade the representative of the Manchester canal and steamship interests, to direct attention to the development of that great new port, its value as a distributing centre for Canadian produce to eight millions of consumers, and the cordial relations that should exist between Manchester and the winter port of Canada.

ONLY A BUNCH OF VIOLETS.

There is a noble side to war in its effect on human nature. A correspondent of the London Telegraph was eye witness of a little scene that will live in his memory as long as he lives. He was at the docks, to see one of Britain's mighty transports leave with its freight of good men and true for South Africa. We give his story in his own words: Just as the ship moved off from the quay...

VANDUSEN TRAGEDY.

Trial of Elmer Maxwell Begun in Portland

PORTLAND, Me., May 1.—The trial of Elmer Maxwell, charged with the murder of Captain George Balsey in the Bay of Fundy on the scho. J. B. Vandusen on the evening of the 11th of last November, was begun this morning in the United States circuit court, Judge Putnam presiding. The whole forenoon was occupied in empanelling a jury. The panel was completed at 12.30 o'clock, and the jury was excused until 2 o'clock, when the district attorney opened for the prosecution.

In the afternoon the indictment, a very long document, was read and Maxwell affirmed and pleaded not guilty. District Attorney Dyer made an able opening argument in which he told the story of the crime. The first witness for the government was Daniel T. Geminin of New York, who testified that he was the sole owner of the schooner J. B. Vandusen, and that no part of her was owned by J. N. Driscoll of St. John. Oliver T. Campbell, the first mate of the Vandusen, was the next witness. He told the story of the murder of Captain Balsey, saying that Maxwell, the respondent, was angry with the captain because he had not been signed as mate of the schooner, and had threatened to get square with Captain Balsey for the dirty trick which had been played upon him. Maxwell, who was on board the schooner at one o'clock on Nov. 11 and the vessel sailed at two. He was intoxicated and turned in his cabin at 2 o'clock. At that time the vessel was three miles and a half off Musquash light, according to the bearings the mate took at that hour. Maxwell broke away and hid in the fore-castle. Maxwell would not go, and there was a struggle. Captain Balsey struck him and finally locked him up. Maxwell kicked open the door and ran out on to the deckload of lumber, where the captain was pacing up and down. He grabbed the captain and they fell together on the deck. The captain tried to help Maxwell, but Maxwell had a knife. Maxwell broke away from him and chased the captain into the starboard mizen shrouds, where he struck him again with the knife, and then swinging out by the topmast backstay kicked the captain several times. Captain Balsey fell overboard and when they lowered a boat and picked him up he was covered with blood and died almost instantly. On cross-examination Campbell said the captain had a coat on when he fell overboard but had none on when picked up.

PORTLAND, Me., May 2.—In the trial of Elmer Maxwell for murder on the schooner J. B. Vandusen, the first mate Campbell continued his testimony this morning. The lawyers for the defence cross-examined him sharply, but nothing was brought out in any way to weaken his direct testimony. U. S. Commissioner Myers of St. John was the next witness.

FIRE AT BELLEISLE.

Wednesday afternoon a disastrous fire occurred at Belleisle. A spark from an engine on the Central railway is supposed to have ignited the grass in the vicinity of the track, and the fire swept across the meadows, which were as dry as tinder, burning everything before it. The people came out promptly and did all in their power to stop the flames, but they were able to do much the pretty little wood church of the Methodist congregation caught, and was soon in a perfect blaze. The library and the organ were saved, but everything else in the building was burned. The fire seemed to have spent its energy there, but it was with hard work that the station and other adjoining buildings were saved. The loss of the church building is a severe blow to the Methodist people, who have just built a parsonage. The church structure would hold about two hundred and fifty people. Rev. E. W. Pickles is the pastor. A singular coincidence to the destruction of the church occurred yesterday morning, when its oldest trustee, James Myles, was found dead in his bed the next morning. Mr. Myles had been ailing for some time. He was about seventy years of age, and was a brother of Andrew Myles of High street.

DORCHESTER.

Thomas Nickerson Admitted to Bail—For the Relief Funds. DORCHESTER, May 3.—This morning before the circuit court Attorney General Emerson and W. B. Chandler addressed the court on behalf of defendant and plaintiff respectively in the action of ejectment, Maxwell v. Cromwell, which was delayed by the Hon. chief justice in favor of the plaintiff, B. B. Teed and W. B. Chandler, B. C. G. G. Chapman and Hon. H. R. Emerson for defendants. At eleven o'clock Thomas Nickerson, on whose trial for receiving stolen goods the jury disagreed, was brought into court and admitted to bail in the sum of eight hundred dollars, with two sureties in four hundred dollars each, conditioned to appear and stand a second trial at the next circuit court in September. M. G. Teed and A. W. Chapman became sureties. He has returned to his work at the hotel where he is.

ARCHBISHOP O'BRIEN EN ROUTE HOME

BOSTON, May 3.—Archbishop Cornelius O'Brien of Halifax, N. S., who has been on a tour of the eastern section of the United States, left for home tonight after a two day visit here.

FERGUS, Ont., May 3.—Duncan McNece, a prominent farmer in Lower Nichol, committed suicide by hanging some time late last night or early this morning. It is believed that his mind became unbalanced as a result of an attack of grippe a year ago, though there was no suspicion that he contemplated self-destruction.

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BRavery of Canadians at Paardeberg

Bravery of Canadians at Paardeberg. (Halifax Herald.) Sergeant Notting, of the Gordon Highlanders, writing to a friend in this city speaks in glowing terms of the bravery shown by the Canadians at the battle of Paardeberg. In this connection the following extracts from his letter show what a non-com. in one of the best fighting regiments in the British service thinks of the boys from Canada. "The Canadians are wonderful. Their charge towards the Boer trenches fairly took my breath away. "They had to face a terrible fire and they must have lost terribly, but they made a charge which will live in history. "We had to support them and we started to with the best of intentions, but when the order was given to charge, the Canadians jumped ahead like race horses. "We have met them in their camp, and what surprised us was to find that they were mostly headless youths, but they fought like veterans. "They are sociable fellows to meet and have made things pleasant for us whenever we have paid them a visit."

A Transaction in Bonds

A Transaction in Bonds. The municipality of Gloucester is likely to have an interesting lawsuit, as the result of a recent sale of \$20,000 of 5 per cent. bonds for the carrying out of a new jail and court house. Among the tenderers for the issue were Amelius Jarvis & Co. of Toronto, who were advised by the secretary-treasurer of the municipality that their offer was accepted. A few days later the same official advised them that a tender of Hanson Bros. of Montreal, which had been wrongfully directed, had been received, and as it was more advantageous the municipality desired to accept it. Amelius Jarvis & Co. notified the county that they had entered into negotiations for the sale of the bonds and could not withdraw, in response to this the municipality formally notified them that the contract was off and that the tender of Hanson Bros. had been accepted. Jarvis & Co. have retained Weldon & McLean to bring suit against the municipality to compel the carrying out of the contract, and a notice has been issued warning purchasers not to buy or handle the bonds if issued by any other parties than Jarvis & Co. The municipality, it is understood, claims that certain transactions in connection with the sale were illegal, and that therefore it was bound to go back on the agreement and make the award to Hanson Bros.—Globe.

Farewell Presentation

Farewell Presentation. The post office staff on Monday said farewell to Robert C. McIntyre, whose superannuation they went into effect. Mr. McIntyre saw more than thirty-one years' service, and is the senior of most of the present staff, and enjoyed the confidence and good will of all. This was manifest Monday afternoon when A. W. Reed, on behalf of the staff, expressed their regret at his departure and presented him with a fine Corgo wood cane, silver mounted. On the handle plate was inscribed: "Robert C. McIntyre, from the P. O. staff, May, 1900." The gift was gratefully and feelingly acknowledged by Mr. McIntyre. Read the SEMI-WEEKLY SUN.

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Many friends in St. John and Kings county will learn with regret of the death of Samuel A. Northrup, which occurred yesterday. Mr. Northrup was a native of Millstream, Kings Co., but for some years had been living in St. John. He kept one of the stalls in the country market for several years, but was compelled to give it up last June on account of ill health. Besides his wife and child, his mother and two sisters live in this city, and he has one brother in the States. The funeral will take place from his late residence on Saturday afternoon.

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