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PART 2.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION

The Grand Orange Lodge Declares Against Separate Schools in Manitoba.

Vice-President Shaughnessy Talks About the Wonders of Kootenay.

Quebec, July 31.—N. Courchesne, an employee of the Quebec crown lands department, has left the city rather suddenly, leaving many creditors.

Smith's Falls, July 31.—The Winnipeg train coming east is 15 hours late. It was detained by burning ties near Sudbury. The fire started in the bush and communicated to the track.

Halifax, July 31.—The committee on the grand master's address at the Orange convention to-day presented its report, which was unanimously adopted. It approved of the utterances on the defects of home rule; declared against separate schools, and approved Manitoba's stand; expressed the utmost confidence in Grand Master Wallace, and announced the further opinion that whatever the effect would be on his political fortunes, he would stand firm against remedial legislation. The school system prior to 1890 in Manitoba was characterized as "wretched," and it was declared that Orangemen would extend all aid possible to Manitoba.

Niagara Falls, July 31.—John Q. Adams, a direct descendant of the great Adams family which furnished a president to the United States, was found lying dead on Quay street near his home this evening. Mr. Adams was 59 years of age and was a devotee of the bicycle.

Halifax, July 31.—Eliakim Tupper, M. P. for Digby, is dead at Bear River.

Cornwall, July 31.—Navigation was resumed on the Cornwall canal at 3 o'clock to-day, when the steamer Persia was locked upwards.

London, July 31.—The colored citizens of London will celebrate Emancipation day to-morrow. The street procession will be headed by the Detroit colored band and the united choir of the Detroit colored churches will give a concert in the evening.

Winnipeg, July 31.—The weekly crop report continues to be encouraging. Not only was there sufficient moisture, but the generally warm weather is just the thing needed for ripening. Quantities of barley have already been cut and the cutting of wheat will commence this week.

Vice-President Shaughnessy, in a letter from the coast, he thinks Victoria and Vancouver have picked up remarkably, and business is brisk on all sides. But it is the extent of the wealth in Kootenay that staggers him. He describes the hill sides alive with men and ore coming to the surface in tons. Something will be done by the C. P. R. to help transportation and advertise the section.

Toronto, July 31.—The yacht Sunbeam, which is reported to have been lost in Lake Michigan, is not known here. Judge Kingsmill has no son named Walter.

Toronto, Aug. 1.—Information has been laid against the canteen keeper at the barracks for selling liquor to other than soldiers after hours.

Gravenhurst, Aug. 1.—The postoffice here has been burglarized, and about \$225 in cash stolen.

Quebec, Aug. 1.—Mr. Menary, formerly night watchman at the Grand Trunk wharf, and of late an inmate of the Finlay asylum, dropped dead yesterday. Counterfeit \$5 bills of the suspended La Banque du peuple are in circulation here.

Collector Lane of the inland department with a squad of police has just returned from Stoneham woods, where they located a gang of moonshiners, who, however, got wind of the officers' approach, and made good their escape after burning the camp.

Halifax, Aug. 1.—Col. Tyrwhitt, one of the delegates to the Orange lodge, went swimming in the harbor yesterday and narrowly escaped drowning.

Montreal, Aug. 1.—Private Hayhurst, who won the Queen's prize at Biscy, will arrive here on August 10th. Preparations are on foot in Montreal, Hamilton and other places to give the hero of Biscy a royal welcome back to Canada.

Brockville, Aug. 1.—Robert Bolton, while crossing the river in a small boat, was drowned.

Winnipeg, Aug. 1.—Rev. Bradshaw has declined the pastorate of Christ church.

Montreal, Aug. 1.—A London cable says: "Col. Gascoyne, of the Scottish Grenadier Guards, is the military man picked to succeed General Herbert in command of the Canadian militia. He proceeds to Canada shortly."

Kington, Aug. 1.—Robert Wycott, charged with killing W. E. Castill at Sylvestra, has been found guilty but released on suspended sentence, the evidence showing that he acted in self defence.

Halifax, Aug. 1.—The grand Orange lodge re-elected Clark Wallace grand master. B. P. Clarke declined office.

Toronto, Aug. 1.—A deputation of farmers from Grey county waited on the Ontario government yesterday to lay before it the distressed condition of the farmers in that county as a result of the plague of grasshoppers during the summer and the continued drought. The deputation dwelt at length on the condition of the different townships and

asked either for a cash grant from the government or leave for the county to pass a by-law granting financial aid. Hon. Dryden, who represented the government, promised that the matter should be carefully considered.

UNDER TARIFF REFORM.

Voluntary Increases in Wages Continue in the States.

Dunkirk, N. Y., July 31.—The Brooks locomotive works, employing 950 men, will to-morrow raise the wages of their employees 10 per cent.

VAN HORNE'S BIG GRAB

The Annual Subsidy of the C. P. R. Increased \$100,000 by Order-in-Council.

Getting All He Can Before the Gang Are Driven From Power by Public Opinion.

Ottawa, July 31.—The increased subsidy to the C. P. R. passed by order-in-council is \$100,000, not \$10,000, as telegraphed yesterday.

Sealskins are likely to be dearer this year than for several seasons past. The principal factor in reducing the quotations of skins last season was the unusually large catch of the Canadian sealers, amounting to 94,000 skins, 25,000 more than the catch of the previous year, and about double the catch of 1892. At the department of marine and fisheries reports are carefully watched of the sealing operations, and there it is stated that the number of skins taken this year and likely to be taken in Belting sea during the open season, which commences on the 1st of August, will be considerably below the catch of 1894. The coast catch, already accounted for, is very much less. On the Asiatic side luck has been against the schooners in the way of storms and scarcity of seals.

The chief hope of those engaged in the industry is that the enhanced price will in a measure compensate for the greatly decreased catch.

Ten men of the British Columbia ridge team will receive transportation to Ottawa to attend the Dominion Fair match.

The customs department yesterday received from St. Michael's Island a bag of gold dust weighing 201 ounces, and valued at \$3,900. It came from Port Cudahy and is in payment of duties. It left St. Michael's on July 4. Last year's collections in the Yukon country amounted to \$3,248. This year to date they were \$4,504.

A dynamite explosion on the Parry Sound railway occurred just outside the city yesterday. Three Swedes received the full force of the shock, one being instantly killed and the other two are in the hospital here and their recovery is not possible.

Thomas Waters, the customs employee committed to prison for misappropriation of funds, was liberated yesterday, the doctor having certified that he would not live to complete his term, which has five months to run.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

Trial of the Directors of the Union Bank.

St. John's, July 31.—The prosecution of the Union Bank directors, previous to their commitment by the supreme court for trial, or otherwise, began to-day. The prosecution withdrew the case against Manager Phipps, who will be one of their leading witnesses. Much surprise was occasioned by the attempt this afternoon by the Telegram, Premier Whiteaway's mouthpiece, to influence public opinion in favor of Hon. Augustus Harvey, who was a member of the Whiteway ministry until last week. It asserts that the evidence will show that he is on a far different footing from the other directors. They propose to take steps to-morrow to endeavor to have it punished for contempt of court by comments on a case sub judice. The Telegram has also another local suit on its hands, Hon. A. B. Morine, formerly colonial secretary, sues it for \$50,000, alleging that it insinuates that he is responsible for sending abroad messages damaging the credit of the colony.

DURRANT'S TRIAL.

Only Four Jurors Have Been Secured So Far.

San Francisco, July 31.—Two additional jurors were secured to-day to try Theodore Durrant for the murder of Blanche Lamont. Then the third panel of 75 persons had been exhausted, an order was consequently issued for a venire of 150 new names. The additional jurors secured to-day are, M. R. Dempster, commission merchant, and Nathan Crocker, contractor. Four jurors in all have so far been secured. Durrant still continues to be the subject of much here worship. As he was leaving the court room a well dressed and handsome woman rushed towards him with exclaiming words and attempted to embrace him. The sheriff protected Durrant from this admirer and refused to deliver a quantity of flowers sent to him.

TRACING THE CASTLE CRIMES

So Far the Chicago Police Have Failed to Secure Direct Evidence.

But the Little Rock Convict Says He Can Clear Up the Mystery.

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 1.—Convict Allen persists in the assertion that Minnie Williams was alive six months ago and is of the belief that she is alive now. He did not meet Holmes in Arkansas; his connection with him was confined to Fort Worth, Texas. He never wrote any letters to Holmes. Allen declares that the detectives from Chicago will not get anything for their trouble unless they are able to secure his release from the penitentiary. The only place at which Allen met Holmes, he says, was at Fort Worth, and he knows a great deal about his crookedness in that city. "When the authorities come to my terms I will talk and not before. This is all I will say in regard to this case." Allen undoubtedly knows the whereabouts of Minnie Williams, but that he had anything to do with her disappearance is considered extremely doubtful here. When asked if he would parole Allen and under certain conditions pardon him, Governor Clark said the conditions would have to be presented in legal form before he could return an answer to that question. The chief executive of Arkansas would do anything reasonable to assist in clearing up the mystery surrounding Holmes, but he would have to be convinced that Allen's story was not made for the purpose of securing a pardon before he would even grant it parole.

Little Rock, Ark., Aug. 1.—There is hardly any doubt but that the man Pratt, mentioned in a recent Topeka dispatch as having lived there, and H. H. Holmes are one and the same man. Allen or "Mascot," the convict in prison, says Holmes went by the name of Pratt in Texas. Allen spends most of his time reading the newspapers. He said, "I know Pat Quinlan. He came to Fort Worth when Pratt (Holmes) and I were there, but would not take charge of things because of the shape they were in. Lyman (Pietzel) acted badly there. He drank a great deal, and became infatuated with a dashing widow. Pratt had with him then a woman whom he called Jeanette. I knew all the time his name was Holmes and also knew that he had five or six living wives. I started a great deal with him and we both visited the Hot Springs together. Holmes had the most winning ways towards women of any man I ever saw and never mixed up with any that were not good looking. He was also mild-mannered, content and affable towards men." There was a moment's pause and "Mascot" continued, "But I'm not going to tell what I know until the thing is fixed to suit me." There is perhaps no manner of swelling that Allen is not familiar with. Some people believe that he is now engaged in a sick attempt to gain his liberty by bartering his knowledge of Holmes' criminal career, a knowledge that may have to be taken with a grain of salt.

Chicago, Aug. 1.—The police acknowledge to-day their complete defeat so far in their efforts to secure direct evidence of murder against H. H. Holmes. Dozens of promising leads have been carefully investigated and witness after witness, who was confidently expected to tell all, has been examed without result.

CABLE NEWS.

Bank of England Statement—Gold for Europe.

London, Aug. 1.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve, decrease, £414,000; increase, £172,638; £587,000; bullion, increase, £257,000; gold deposits, increase, £320,000; public deposits, increase, £21,000; notes reserve, decrease, £38,000; government securities, increase, £498,000. The proportion of the Bank of England's reserve to liability, which last week was 59.03 per cent., is now 57.75.

Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in gold will be shipped from New York by the steamship Saale, which sails for Europe on Saturday.

Levy, a prominent sporting man, offers to back Peter Jackson against Corbett in a glove contest for \$10,000, the match to come off in London in February next.

M'GREVISM IN HONDURAS.

Canadian Tory Methods in Vogue in Central America.

London, July 31.—The auditing commission in Honduras has finished its

work on the accounts of preceding administrations. From trustworthy sources it is learned that the defalcations during President Bogran's administration amount to more than \$2,500,000, but none of this money, it was found, was received by him personally. He was only responsible as head of the state. During the Vasquez regime the defalcations aggregated nearly \$3,000,000.

SUCCESSFUL THIS TIME.

Body of A. J. Rowbotham Found Hanging in an Outhouse on Herald Street.

Just a Year Has Elapsed Since He First Attempted to End His Life.

A. J. Rowbotham, formerly a prosperous grocer, who just a year ago attempted to commit suicide by shooting himself, was this morning found hanging in an outhouse at the rear of an empty house on Herald street. When found he had evidently been dead for some time. The place he had chosen in which to end his life adjoins the house in which he had been living with his wife and child.

Early this morning Mr. Rowbotham rose as usual, dressed himself with the exception of his coat, and left the house. As he did not return for some time his wife became uneasy and asked Mr. Keys, one of the lodgers, to go out and see if he could find him. Noticing that the gate of the adjoining house was open, Mr. Keys went in and in looking through the outhouses saw Mr. Rowbotham's body suspended from the ceiling. He immediately notified the police, who took charge of the remains. An inquest will probably be held this afternoon.

It was on Sunday evening, August 5, 1894, just a year ago, less a few days, that Mr. Rowbotham first attempted to end his life. That time he went into a room over the store which he kept on Yates street and sent a bullet into his head. The bullet did not penetrate very far, and although he was not found until seven hours afterwards, he was nursed back to health. Business and financial troubles were given as the cause of the deed. He was charged in the police court with attempting to commit suicide, but the case was dropped. Friends took hold of him and tried to get him to take an interest in life, but all in vain. He would get very low-spirited, especially when he was not working steadily. Mr. Spencer, of the Arcade, for whom Rowbotham worked at odd times, says he had been very down-hearted lately, but he did not think he would commit such a rash deed. The only opinion his friends express is that he was tired of life.

He leaves a widow and one child, and his mother also resides here.

CLOUDBURSTS AND WASHOUTS.

Socorro, New Mexico, Inundated—Many Persons Homeless.

Denver, Aug. 1.—The town of Socorro, New Mexico, was inundated by the overflow of a mountain stream on Tuesday and hundreds of people were made homeless. Six members of the Durane family were drowned. The loss is estimated at one million dollars. A disastrous cloudburst occurred on Tuesday night at Casper, Wyoming. A freighter and family named Newby, camped on Garden creek, were in bed when the flood came upon them, and without a moment's warning they were hurled into a mass of water and debris. Mr. Newby only escaped, his wife and child being carried off by the flood. Two other children were also drowned in the torrent. A freight train on the Florence and Cripple Creek railway was caught in a landslide and derailed near Adelaide. A succession of cloudbursts occurred at the head of Eight Mile creek, about 12 miles north of Adelaide. Three lives were lost and four employees of the railroad were injured in a collision.

Colorado has been visited for two days with the most disastrous rains and cloudbursts in the history of the state. At Golden Gulf all trains are tied up because the track up Clear Creek canyon had been washed out in several places, and four bridges were carried away.

At Catskill, in New Mexico, the Red river went on the rampage, bridges were washed and several families had to flee for their lives. From a score of other points on the mountain come reports of heavy rains and cloudbursts. Travel on all the mountain roads is interfered with, and it will be weeks before the damage to some of them is repaired.

President Johnson, of the Florence and Cripple Creek railroad, put large forces at work to-day repairing the extensive damage done by the cloudbursts. It is believed that the road can be reopened in about ten days. The damage to railroad and other property is estimated at \$35,000. The supposed death list of eight at Adelaide is now reduced to three. The three trainmen who were caught in the flood are now said to have escaped.

Harry McDougall, a logger who formerly resided on Humboldt street in this city, was drowned at Bute Inlet on the 7th ult. He was making up a boom at the time. Deceased was born in Milton, Halton county, Ontario, 28 years ago.

LATE CABLE DISPATCHES.

The Election of Mr. Gully to the Speakership Not Opposed by the Cabinet.

Intense Excitement in Brazil—Colonies in Tropical Africa—Bi-Metallism.

London, July 31.—The cabinet has decided not to oppose the re-election of William C. Gully as speaker of the house of commons.

Rumors that all the Methodist missionaries in China, who were in grave danger, are now safe in Shanghai, have been received. They had many narrow escapes on their way from Changtu.

A correspondent in Rio Janeiro telegraphs that indignation meetings in protest against the seizure of Trinidad by England continue. These are not confined to Rio Janeiro, but are being held in all parts of the country. The police last night found it difficult to disperse the great crowd which gathered in the public thoroughfares in Rio Janeiro. It is reported that among the late General Pelvoto's papers have been found documents offering Trinidad to the United States. The late ex-president, as these documents are seen to show, also offered Annapolis to France, and various lands on the Amazon to countries who would grant a recognition to the rebels in the last revolution.

The new Chilean ministry has been formed with Senor Recabarren as premier and minister of the interior, Senor Valdes as minister of foreign affairs, Senor Valdes as minister of war, and Senor Maciver as minister of finance.

The Daily Telegraph's Berlin correspondent says that Right Hon. Sir E. B. Malet, British ambassador to Germany, has resigned and desires to retire from active services in October, presumably on account of the bad health of himself and wife. Sir Edward Malet came before the world of London in the character of Librettist for the opera of "Harm" the manuscript of which was written by F. H. Cowen.

The Daily News announces that there is reason to believe that the international Antarctic expedition, as suggested by the International Geographical congress at their meeting on July 29, will become an accomplished fact at no distant date. The project was proposed at the meeting of the congress by Dr. Murray, leader of the Challenger expedition, who supported the theory that the Antarctic continent is not a succession of volcanic islands, and that investigation in the Antarctic ocean ought to be undertaken by the navies of the world. The congress appointed a committee to further consider the project.

A dispatch to the Standard from Berlin says that a severe earthquake has occurred at the Russian town of Krasnovodak, on the Caspian sea, which is the site of the most noted Russian military post and fortress in the trans-Caspian region. It is reported that twelve persons were killed.

The question: "To what extent is tropical Africa suited for development by the white races or under their superintendence?" was discussed by the International Geographical Congress to-day. Papers were read by Sir John Kirk, the naturalist, who was attached to Dr. Livingstone's second African expedition, Captain P. D. Lugard and Slatin Pasha, who escaped last winter from Omdurman, where he was for a number of years a prisoner of the Mahdists. Sir John Kirk advocated the introduction of small colonies of British Indians into the tropical parts of Africa. Capt. Lugard, on the other hand, argued that the British Indians were of no value as skilled artisans; Europeans, he thought, would develop the country and at the same time preserve the forests. Henry M. Stanley declared that he knew of no intention to colonize any part of Central Africa.

The financial article in the Times this morning, in a discussion of the possible consequence of an international bimetallic agreement, says: "Not France, whose monetary position is secure, but America, would be the first to take advantage, should we be foolish enough to enter into such an agreement. America is the only great country which would really gain by the agreement. She would try to dispose of her silver here for gold. But the mere hint that she would enter into an international bimetallic agreement would cause such a scramble for gold that it is very doubtful if any would be left in the Bank of England by the time the agreement was signed."

NEW ZEALAND IN EARNEST.

Votes £20,000 Subsidy for a Line of Steamships.

Wellington, New Zealand, July 30.—In the house of representatives to-day the colonial treasurer said that the government had decided to subsidize a line of steamships to run between this island and Vancouver, B. C. The amount of the subsidy proposed is £20,000. A bill has been introduced which proposes legislation looking towards co-operation with the Dominion of Canada in the matter of the construction of a Pacific submarine cable.

—During July there were six marriages, 24 births and 15 deaths.

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