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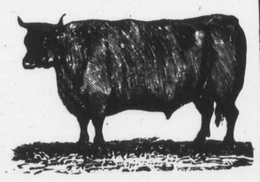

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Province Will Fight the Protest of Yankee Lumbermen.

The Attorney-General Says He Will Maintain at the Quebec Conference the Right of the Province to Enact Its Own Timber Laws—The Deficit for 1898-9 Will Be Greatly Increased—The Speaker's Ruling.

Toronto, Aug. 23.—In reply to Mr. Whitney, in the Legislature yesterday, the Premier said that the second half of this session of the House might be called by proclamation, which course gives the Government the option of a year. In the interim the bye-elections will be disposed of and things political in the province will be put upon a more certain basis. To provide for any contingencies that might arise, the rules of the House respecting the time for the reception of petitions, for the introduction of private bills and for the reception of reports of committees, are, by resolution, to count from the first day of the re-assembled or adjourned session. Thus when the members retire to their homes upon this occasion the House will not be prorogued.

Speaker's Friday Night Ruling.

Mr. Whitney said that while he had no desire to question the justice of the Speaker's decision on Friday night, the English House of Commons precedent for it did not require the substantive motion until after the division, when the votes of the eight members could be challenged. The Attorney-General said he had been ready with facts to refute the point raised, but as the Speaker was prepared also he had not submitted them. He argued that as the question was a matter of public policy the precedents sustained the votes of members unchallenged.

New Legislation Introduced.

The Attorney-General introduced a couple of amending bills, one to rescind legislation which prevented city clerks from posting up voters' lists before the Court of Revision had passed upon the assessment, and the other to correct certain clerical and typographical errors discovered since the revision of the statutes.

This Year's Deficit $651,000.

Then the House passed in committee, with Mr. Stratton in the chair, all the estimates brought down Friday night, with the exception of the $60,000 asked for "civil government," which, by Mr. Whitney's request, was allowed to stand.

Mr. Matheson said there was no statement as to how much of this was to tide the province over the year 1898, and how much was intended to provide funds for 1899. This was a loose way of presenting the interim budget. The additional $425,000 would make the total estimated expenditure for 1898 to be $3,944,760, while the Government's estimate of total receipts was but $3,293,372. This left a round deficit of $651,000. In the face of this the Government should either cut down expenses or put on taxation. They had scarcely made ends meet last year in spite of an excess of $700,000 in Crown lands and timber sales.

Provincial Treasurer Harcourt remarked that estimates so brought down were never known to be challenged, as a search of British or Canadian Parliamentary journals would show. It was always known as a vote of credit, and the very fact of its being presented in the rough bulk forbade the estimates being challenged. They were not brought down to cover 1898 expenses at all, but only for forty days of 1899. It was but a repetition of what had been going on for the past seven or eight years without objection.

Mr. Whitney—I hope the Government will give us an unwritten promise that they won't say on the stump that we didn't challenge this vote.

Mr. Kribbs objected because the estimates were not printed.

The Conservative whip stunned Mr. Hardy by asking whether if Messrs. Gibson and Dryden were still in the Cabinet without seats next year part of the vote would go to pay their salaries.

The Premier advised him to put his question on paper.

To Have Counsel at Quebec.

Questions on the order paper elicited some interesting facts connecting the timber question with the Quebec Conference.

The Attorney-General, in reply to questions by Mr. Whitney, said that his Government had received intimation that American lumbermen holding timber limits in Ontario had presented to the United States Government objections to the Act of last session respecting the manufacture of pine cut on the Crown domain. These representations had been forwarded to the Imperial and Canadian Governments. The correspondence had been transmitted to the Provincial Government by the Federal Government for an answer, but not for publicity at present. Despatches answering the complaints had been forwarded to the Federal Government on behalf of the province, in which the contention of the American lumbermen was opposed throughout. The Government understood that certain American lumbermen had retained counsel to appear on their behalf before the Quebec Conference with reference to the complaints against the new Ontario Timber Act.

Watch Lumber Interests at Quebec.

Mr. Whitney moved for a return of copies of all correspondence between the Ontario and Federal Governments relating to the complaints of the American Government, and their reported intention to have eminent counsel voicing their protests before the Quebec Conference. In moving it the Opposition leader spoke of the vast importance infinitely enhanced by what was to transpire before the International Commission. He called upon the Premier to see to it that the Government would be adequately represented at Quebec to answer the arguments of the Yankee lumbermen.

Mr. Hardy said he would be unable to bring down the correspondence, since secrecy had been enjoined from Ottawa. He had asked to be allowed to give it publicity, but the Federal authorities had not conceded the point. The petition of Don M. Dickinson of Lansing, Mich., and a fellow-lumberman of Detroit, called upon the Dominion Government to consent to disallow the late Ontario timber legislation at the Quebec Conference. The Attorney-General stated that he had taken the ground that such disallowance would be ultra vires of Federal power, in that the British North America Act placed the Crown lands and timber thereon within the jurisdiction of the provinces exclusively. The lumbermen were taking the ground that their rights were being confiscated, while he contended that he was acting solely in pursuance of conditions imposed and in accordance with terms of sale. But, above all, he held that his Government alone had the right to say as to what would be their timber policy. The provincial interests would be safeguarded and its case presented before the conference.

In reply to Mr. Miscampbell Mr. Hardy said 200,000,000 feet of lumber in logs would be the outside figure of logs taken to the U.S. before the time the Act of last session came into force.

The order was then discharged.

The Price of Binder Twine.

On the motion for a return of copies of correspondence between contractors and the Government relating to the manufacture of binder twine at the Central Prison,

Messrs. Barr (Dufferin) and Hoyle (N. Ontario) said the increase in price was due to the inactivity of the Government in repairing the prison since the fire.

Hon. Mr. Davis said the increase was due to the war.

Mr. Kidd (Carleton) said there was a rumor in his riding that the Government had sold twine to its contractor friends at 3 or 4 cents while they retailed it to the farmers at 14 cents.

The return will be brought down.

The motion of Mr. Duff (W. Simcoe) for a return of copies of all correspondence between the County Council of Simcoe and any member of the Government with relation to the injurious effects of the barberry shrub or hedge on grain crops, was also agreed to.

HOMESICK AND DISGUSTED.

American Troops Don't Want to Remain at Manila.

New York, Aug. 23.—The World's special cable from Manila says: The American troops are homesick and disgusted. They hope the Philippine Islands are not to be retained by the United States.

Aguinaldo is in an ugly mood. The insurgents would have pillaged Manila and confiscated the property there had they not been stopped from doing so by the Americans. They are kept under surveillance.

The natives control the water supply of Manila, and refuse to allow the water to run except for a few hours each day.

Business is booming in Manila. The whole number of prisoners taken proves to be 13,000.

The Beginning of the End.

Philadelphia, Aug. 23.—Notices have been posted at the Frankford arsenal to the effect that the services of all the extra men who were put to work since the outbreak of the war will be dispensed with on Sept. 1. About 700 persons are effected by the order. The reduction in force will reduce the daily output from 150,000 to 40,000.

Policy of Resistance Urged.

Madrid, Aug. 23. — The Opposition parties, supported by the press and public opinion, are urging the Government to resist the American pretensions in the Philippines. The belief is general that Germany, Russia and France will oppose America's annexing any considerable portion of the archipelago.

Spanish Ships May Enter.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The Secretary of the Treasury has decided that, under existing conditions, there is no reason why Spanish ships should not enter, load and clear to ports in the United States. Collectors of customs were instructed to this effect yesterday.

Perhaps It's Yellow Jack.

Bridgeport, Conn., Aug. 23.—Admiral Schley is confined to his summer home in Westport by illness, and no one except his attendants is allowed to see him, or have any conversation with him. The illness is of pronounced fever, the character of which is not yet known.

Sampson at Washington.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Admiral Sampson arrived here yesterday and reported at the Navy Department at 4 o'clock. Soon afterward he went to the White House, accompanied by Acting-Secretary Allen.

Perfect Order at Manila.

Manila, Aug. 23.—Perfect order has been maintained in Manila under American control. The city is quiet and seems almost to have resumed its normal business and social activity.

Brooke Will Be Boss.

Ponce, Porto Rico, Aug. 23.—Major-General Miles has decided to leave with his staff for Washington. He will turn over his command to General Brooke, who is expected to reach here to-day for a conference.

OTTAWA NOTES.

Evidence for the Prosecution in the Boyer Murder Case All In.

Ottawa, Aug. 23.—Mr. Patrick J. Holmes, who has been crippled for five years, and who returned from Ste. Anne de Beaupre Saturday partially cured, intends giving a public talk on his experience at the Shrine.

Boyer Murder Case.

The final evidence for the prosecution in the case of Andre Riopelle, charged with complicity in the death of Leon Boyer, was given yesterday.

Mr. Foran, Q.C., one of the lawyers for the defence, says that they intend to call about five witnesses. Part of their evidence will go to contradict that given by Drs. Fontaine and Paquet. The rest will be from parties who saw the deceased and the prisoner, Andre Riopelle, driving along the Eardley road on the night of the tragedy in the position Riopelle has all along said they were in. That is that Riopelle was asleep in the bottom of the wagon, while Leon Boyer was driving. Dr. Church of Aylmer gave evidence for the defence. He said that he examined body of deceased a few hours after death and that Boyer's death was accidental. There was no evidence on the body of violence. An adjournment was made until to-day.

Runaway and Perhaps Death.

Forest, Ont., Aug. 23.—As Thomas Stogdell of Plympton Township crossed the G.T.R. track on Main street Sunday on his way to church, his horses were frightened by a train and ran away. He and his wife, son and three daughters were thrown out. All were more or less injured. Mr. Stogdell was badly cut about the head, his shoulder was much bruised and he was generally shaken up. His son Albin, about 15 years old, is injured about the head and internally. He had not, after 24 hours, recovered consciousness, and his recovery is doubtful.

HAY'S RECALL.

Britain and the United States Will Act Together as Regards Trade in the Far East.

London, Aug. 23.—The Manchester Guardian says: We understand that United States Ambassador Hay's recall to Washington to accept the post of Secretary of State is due to his special fitness to carry out a policy in regard to which negotiations have been proceeding for some time between Washington and London, and upon which a substantial agreement has been reached, whereby the two countries will act together in the far East, or wherever American and British interests are identical.

There is no intention of binding the nations in an alliance. Each is to be free to pursue its own destinies in its own way, but the Governments will act together diplomatically where their common interests are concerned.

EXPEDITION TO THE SOUDAN

Metemmeh Is Now a Veritable City of Desolation.

The British Force on the March Into the Interior of Africa—The Sirdar and the Troops Now Within Fifty Miles of Khartoum—The Stronghold of the Dervishes May Fall Into Kitchener's Hands Within a Month.

Atbara, Aug. 23.—The transport column of the Soudan expedition, which left Camp Atbara on Aug. 16, marching along the left bank of the Nile to an advanced post at Naari Island, arrived at Metemmeh on Sunday last. Metemmeh itself, a town of 5,000 houses, is now a city of desolation, its houses in ruins, its alleys blocked with skeletons and its courtyards putrid with corspes. The few natives seen are disposed to be friendly.

The Sirdar, having already reconnoitered the river to Shabluka, evacuated by the Dervishes a fortnight ago, within 50 miles of Khartoum, found the passage easy for the gunboats. A full advance is expected to begin shortly and it is not unlikely that Khartoum will be captured by the middle of September. The heat is trying, but the expedition is in good condition. Practically the whole force is now encamped at Wadhemid, 55 miles from Khartoum. The Sirdar has arrived there.

BRITAIN INTERESTED.

London Times, Standard and Sunday News Hope the Conference Will Be a Success.

London, Aug. 23.—The Times this morning, referring editorially to the approaching International Conference at Quebec, says:

"It is possible that future historians will mark Aug. 23, 1898, as a date of considerable importance in the chronicle of the relations between Great Britain and the United States. It may be hoped that the Quebec Conference will clear a number of irritating difficulties, and view the impending peace negotiations and the prospect of a better understanding between England and the United States as extremely important.

"The conference has an imposing list of subjects to deal with, and if any real business is to be done there must be a very active tendency to conciliation among the commissioners.

"We may be sure the United States will do their utmost to make the conference a success."

The Standard publishes a similar editorial. It declares that anything bringing Canada and the United States into closer and more amicable relations is a gain for both England and the United States.

The Sunday News says: "It is a happy augury that the conference meets in the capital of old French Canada, which city years ago was the scat of the conference that led to the federation of British North America. To-day's gathering may be the first step in a reunion movement before which even the making of the Dominion would pale into insignificance."

Collision in the Channel.

Hamburg, Aug. 23.—The pearl fishing steamer Hamburg collided with the English schooner Catherine in the Channel during the prevalence of a dense fog on Sunday. All of the Catherine's crew except the helmsman and eight men were drowned. One member of the crew of the Hamburg was killed in the collision.

The Pope on Bismarck's Death.

Rome, Aug. 23.—The Pope, upon hearing of Prince Bismarck's death, is credited with saying: "It is strange that my poor little body shows more resisting power than that of the giant of this century."

Personal Estate of Dr. Herz.

London, Aug. 23.—The personal estate of the late Dr. Cornelius Herz, who, it was charged, was implicated in the Panama Canal scandal, has been sworn to be £20.

WOODSTOCK TAKEN IN.

R. L. Middleton Has, It Is Alleged, Done the Town Up.

Woodstock, Ont., Aug. 23.—The Brantford & Woodstock Railway, on which a large number of surveyors have been employed since early in July, has suddenly collapsed. It was supposed the Canadian Pacific was behind this road, but it turns out that it was simply an idea of R. L. Middleton, who is said to be Bigamist McDonald, who married Maggie Thomas here a year ago while his wife was still living. It is alleged that the purpose of the railway was simply to swindle storekeepers and to get sums of money from contractors and others. Middleton gave a grand reception to the prominent citizens of Woodstock on Tuesday last, and it was there he was recognized as McDonald of Indianapolis, who is wanted by the police. A warrant is out for his arrest.

Unity in Herd Books.

Toronto, Aug. 23.—The efforts of the Shorthorn Breeders' Association have at last borne fruit, and last week their efforts for a unification of the herd books of this association and those of the Ayrshire Breeders' Association were crowned with success. Mr. Charles E. Gardner of Prince Edward Island, the custodian and editor of the Ayrshire herd book, sold out his right and good will to the Shorthorn Breeders' Association. All registrations for the Dominion will henceforth be made in Toronto.

PURELY PERSONAL.

Mr. Erastus Wiman of New York is on a visit to relatives in Ottawa.

August Schrader, the divine healer, as he terms himself, is in Hamilton.

It is reported that Mr. McCready has resigned his position as science master of the High School at Paris.

Ex-Mayor Edward O'Callaghan of Cornwall is back from the Yukon gold fields. He is thoroughly disillusionized.

His Lordship the Bishop of Ottawa, late Bishop of Niagara Diocese, has issued invitations for the marriage of his daughter, Miss Hamilton, to the Rev. Lenox Smith, curate of St. John the Evangelist, Montreal, son of Mr. Larratt Smith of Toronto, which will take place at Cocouna on Aug. 24.

Had Read About It.

"I had distressing pain in my left side and was also troubled with severe headaches. My blood was out of order and my constitution was generally run down. Reading what Hood's Sarsaparilla had done I began taking it and after using two bottles I was cured." MAY FLANIGAN, Manning avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

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MINNIE SEXTON'S CRIME.

A Newmarket Girl Shot and Killed Her Sister.

The Shocking Tragedy the Deed of a Demented Girl—She Was Opposed to Her Sister Marrying, and, Crazed by Jealousy, Shot Her Sister Four Times—The First Shot Produced Death Instantly—Laughed at the Deed.

Newmarket, Ont., Aug. 23.—An awful tragedy was enacted here yesterday morning about 7 o'clock, when Minnie Sexton deliberately put four 32-calibre bullets into the body of her elder sister, Susie Sexton, killing her instantly. The girls were orphans, and lived together. Susie was at the wash tub at the time, while Minnie was preparing toast for breakfast.

George Partridge was passing the house when the shots were fired, but hearing joyous laughter from the house, thought that the sisters were amusing themselves. Minnie dressed herself and went to Barrister Widdifield and told him what she had done. Mr. Widdifield at once started for the house, accompanied by the girl. On his arrival he found that the girl's story was only too true. Susie Sexton was lying on the floor dead.

Minnie was at one time incarcerated in an asylum for the insane, and it had been noticed for some time past that she was acting rather queerly. No particular attention was paid to the fact, however, as the girl was believed to be harmless. The dead woman was about 35 years old, and was to have been married shortly. Minnie, however, was violently opposed to her sister marrying, and had been heard to declare that she would never allow her to do so. Minnie is now in charge of the police.

LATER DETAILS OF THE TRAGEDY.

Appears as if the Murderess Was Crazed by Jealousy.

Newmarket, Aug. 23.—"I could not help it; I was compelled to do it by some impulse," remarked the murderess calmly, as she told some of the neighbors of the dreadful tragedy.

While the two girls were engaged in their household avocations, Minnie suddenly left the kitchen and ran upstairs, where she secured a revolver that was kept in the house. Returning to the kitchen, she placed the revolver close to her sister's back and pulled the trigger. Susan fell back on the floor, when Minnie deliberately fired three shots into her breast, killing her instantly. After the deed was committed, she placed the revolver on the kitchen table, walked composedly to the office of Mr. W. T. Widdifield, barrister, and told what she had done. She laughed while explaining how she shot her sister, and did not in any way seem to realize the terrible position in which she was placed.

The Love of the Sisters.

It is said that the love of the two girls for each other was touching, they being very seldom apart if they could help it. Minnie, who committed the murder, was in particular passionately fond of her sister, and would hardly let her out of her sight, following her when she went anywhere. Minnie, however, was known not to be strong mentally, and about three years ago was placed in the Toronto Asylum for the Insane, where she remained for three months. She was discharged as cured, and while she had never since shown any signs of violence, still it was noticed that at times her mind appeared to be wandering. The jealousy of her sister that rankled in her mind until it ended in murder was noticed, however, whenever Susan had company at the house. Minnie objected to this and it was the cause of many a hot quarrel between the two. Minnie would always run out of the house whenever Susan had company, and, more recently, a report that Susan was to be married aroused Minnie's jealous passions, and she was heard to declare that she would never allow her to do so.

Left $10,000 Each.

When the late Mr. Sexton died he left the two girls $10,000 each, and there was a mutual arrangement that whoever died first should leave the money to the other. It is reported that Minnie brooded over the idea that this money would go out of the family in case her sister died, and that this may have led her to commit the crime.

The sisters are daughters of J. B. Sexton, an old and well-known resident of Newmarket, who for many years carried on the business of jewelry. He died September 25, 1896, leaving a will dated December 2, 1892. There were two Mrs. Sextons; the first died many years ago, and the second seven or eight years since. There is a boy in the family, named Fred Sexton, but he is not named in the will.

County Constable Savage arrested the sister who fired the shots, and has her under close surveillance.

An Inquest To-Day.

An inquest will be held to day at 10 o'clock before Coroner Scott. Mr. Raney of the County Crown Attorney's office will conduct it for the Crown.

Took Gas to Die.

Toronto, Aug. 23.—James Stevenson Martin was found dead yesterday morning at his father's workshop. The surroundings pointed to the fact that the man had deliberately committed suicide by inhaling gas. Martin was 31 years of age and unmarried. He has lately been brooding over an order issued by Magistrate Denison some time ago ordering him to pay a certain amount towards the maintenance of an illegitimate child. Coroner Young decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Both Bad Marksmen.

Arnprior, Aug. 23.—Robert Havey, liveryman, was told by a burglar who had entered his bedroom with pointed revolver to be silent and give up his money. Havey quickly reached for his revolver and fired at the burglar. The shot missed its mark, but the burglar retreated. He came back again, when Havey fired two more shots, and the burglar fired one in return, but neither Havey nor the burglar were hit.

Montcalm's Engineer Dead.

Father Point, Aug. 23.—Despite the best medical attention, A. M. Lawson, the fourth engineer of SS. Montcalm, landed here on Saturday, suffering from injury to the skull, is dead. Concussion was the cause of death. The coroner, Dr. Fiset, decided that no inquest was necessary.

Killed by an Ice Wagon.

Point Edward, Aug. 22.—About 8.30 p.m. Saturday a boy about 7 years of age named Kee, son of Engineer Kee of the G.T.R., at Point Edward, was run over by an ice wagon and instantly killed.

Little George Tune Drowned.

Ingersoll, Aug. 23.—On Saturday evening Maxwell, the two-year-old son of George Tune, Victoria street, was drowned in the cistern at his parents' home.