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CHAMBERLAIN AND THE FAST SERVICE

HIS ATTITUDE ON THE QUESTION OF SUBSIDY

Redecorating the Canadian Arch for Saturday—The King's Message to the People.

Montreal, Aug. 7.—The Star's London cable says:

"It is understood that Mr. Chamberlain has agreed to urge upon the British cabinet the importance of contributing one-half of whatever Canada contributes to the new fast mail service. If he succeeds, it will mean that in the event of acceptance of the offer of the Canadian Pacific railway, the British subsidy would amount to £85,000 and the Canadian to £170,000 per annum. If the tender of the Elder-Dempster-Allan combination is accepted, the proportion will be: Great Britain, £100,000; Canada, £200,000. The statement being put abroad in interested quarters that Mr. Chamberlain has declared he would never assent to one penny of British subsidy being given to the Canadian Pacific, is absolutely untrue. It is certain that Mr. Chamberlain's only desire is to see efficiency secured on lines acceptable to the Canadian ministers.

"The Canadian arch in Whitehall is assuming a new dress for the coronation on Saturday next. It will be resplendent in crimson and purple, and bear the motto, 'Canada, the free home for millions.'

"In order to leave a pleasant impression with the police, who, after the accident to Mr. Chamberlain, objected to the arch as causing obstruction of traffic, the Canadian government has given $250 to the police orphanage fund.

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier is arranging to leave London for Paris and Rome, August 13th, thus missing the naval review and Mr. Chamberlain's reception to the Colonial premiers on an Elder-Dempster boat at Portsmouth on the 16th.

"It is understood that His Majesty contemplates receiving the Colonial premiers at Buckingham palace next week, probably Monday or Tuesday.

"Hon. W. S. Fielding and Sir W. Mulock addressed a meeting of the Australian Merchants' Association yesterday, and answered many questions regarding trade between Canada and the Antipodes. The meeting decided to again discuss trade questions at a later date."

Roberts's Plea.

Toronto, Aug. 7.—The Evening Telegram's London cable says: "Because colonials gazetted into the British regiments on account of distinguished service in the field are looked upon as outsiders, even in corps where the officers are drawn from the ranks of the middle classes and lower, Earl Roberts has issued a special memorandum pleading for better treatment of Colonials.

"The Bishop of Saskatchewan and Calgary is seriously ill in London."

The King's Message.

London, Aug. 7.—The following message from King Edward to his people was made public to-night:

"To my people, on the eve of my coronation, an event which I look upon as one of the most solemn and important of my life, I am anxious to express to my people at home and in the colonies, and in India, my heartfelt appreciation of the deep sympathy they have manifested toward me during a time in my life of such imminent danger. The postponement of the coronation ceremony, owing to my illness, has caused, I fear, much inconvenience and trouble to all who intended to celebrate it. But their disappointment has been borne by them with admirable patience and temper.

"The prayers of my people for my recovery were heard, and I now offer up my deepest gratitude to Divine Providence for having preserved my life and given me strength to fulfil the important duties which devolve upon me as a sovereign of this great Empire.

"(Signed), EDWARD R. & I.

"Buckingham Palace, Aug. 8th, 1902."

King Edward's proclamation is a personal and spontaneous expression of His Majesty's feelings. It was conceived and written by himself in an autograph letter to the Home Secretary, C. T. Ritchie.

MANITOBA'S WHEAT.

Immigration Agent Estimates This Season's Yield at 55,000,000 Bushels.

Winnipeg, Man., Aug. 7.—J. J. Golden, provincial government immigration agent, who has been travelling over Manitoba to a considerable extent, estimates this season's wheat yield at 55,000,000 bushels. This estimate is for Manitoba only, and is arrived at on a basis of an average yield of 27 bushels to the acre. In the Territories, he thinks, there will be fully one-third increase over last year in the output. In Manitoba wheat fields, the wheat is growing much thicker this year than last, and the number of straws to the square foot is almost double that of last year. The plants have headed out well, and every head is full to the tip. The increased acreage under cultivation will also tend to increase the total output. Mr. Golden looks for an increase in the other grains also, and thinks the yield of oats, rye and barley will average fully half as much more again than last year.

Evansville, Ind., Aug. 8.—Albert O. Dutland, aged 62, the wealthiest man in Southern Indiana, is dead at his home in this city. He once owned a line of steamers plying between Evansville and New Orleans. He built the first railroad from Evansville to Nashville, Tenn., now known as the Nashville division of the Louisville & Nashville.

CORONATION CEREMONY.

A Number of Changes Have Been Announced—Proceedings at Westminster Abbey Curtailed.

London, Aug. 8.—A number of important changes in the coronation programme were announced to-day. The recognition, in which the King is presented to the people by the Archbishop of Canterbury as the "undoubted king of the realm," will be performed but once instead of four times as given in in official programme. The litany, which was to have followed the recognition, will not be said. The sermon will be omitted and the Te Deum which was placed in the order of the service after the presentation of the Bible, will not be given at that time, but will be sung during the recess at the close of the coronation office, when the King visits Saint Edward's chapel.

Owing to the age of the very reverend Geo. Granville Brailey, the Dean of Westminster, who is 81 years old, the King has relieved him of the duty of placing the regalia upon the altar and this service will be performed by Canon Duckworth, but the Dean will present the crown to the Archbishop for the act of the coronation and will present the communion cup to the King.

Canon Duckworth will lay the ampulla and spoon on the altar and will place upon His Majesty the Columbian sindonis and the supertunica or the close pall of cloth of gold, will deliver the spurs to the Lord Great Chamberlain, will take the King's sword from the altar and hand it to His Majesty, will put upon the King the armilla and imperial mantle, will take the orb with the cross from the altar and deliver it to the Archbishop for presentation to the King and will receive the orb from the King to be laid by him upon the altar.

ANOTHER MINE EXPLOSION.

Number of Men Killed is Not Definitely Known—Bodies of Eight Victims Recovered.

Pueblo, Colo., Aug. 8.—A special to the Chieftain from Trinidad says: "A disastrous explosion occurred at 6:30 o'clock last night at No. 3 mine at Bowen, a small camp about ten miles north of this place. Thirteen lives are known to have been lost. The exact number of men working on the night shift and in the mine at the time of the explosion is unknown. The mine is worked by the Union Coal Company, of Denver. It is a slope mine, situated on the mountain side, and about 400 yards from the tipple below.

"The explosion occurred about 800 feet from the mouth of the slope and was caused by fire damp. Immediately after the night shift had started in the slope, a startling explosion occurred, entirely filling the mouth of the slope and shaking buildings and breaking windows a mile distant. As the mouth of the slope was filled, the rescuers were delayed for some time, but succeeded in reaching some of the men through an old slope and eight dead bodies were quickly brought to the surface. The mine is filled with gas and smoke, and the rescuers are afraid of after-damp and are unable to stay in the mine more than a short time.

"Mothers, wives and children of the dead and imprisoned miners are almost crazed with grief, and the scene presented at the mouth of the mine is a most pathetic one."

SAVED SHAFT HOUSES.

Harewood Miners Succeed in Stopping Progress of Bush Fire.

Nanaimo, Aug. 8.—Bush and grass fires, which threaten property, have been breaking out for a few days. Yesterday the miners at Harewood combated a bush fire which threatened the destruction of the shaft houses at Harewood. It was only after the most determined efforts that these buildings were saved.

The funeral of the wife of Yuk Chong, one of the best known inhabitants, took place to-day. The funeral was attended by a very large number of the influential Chinamen of the city, and combined in a strange way the practices used by the Orientals and those employed in this land. Pallbearers, in compliance with the usage of this country, marched alongside of the hearse, while before proceeded Chinese scattering scraps of paper with perforations.

BASEBALL CHALLENGE.

St. Louis American League Team Willing to Meet National Players.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 8.—R. L. Hodges, secretary and treasurer of the local American League Baseball Club, last night formerly challenged Frank Dehaas Robison, president of the St. Louis National League Club, to a post season series of five or more games, to be played in St. Louis for a $2,500 cup. Mr. Hodges said that if Mr. Robison wishes to wager anything on the result he will back his team to the extent of $50,000.

THE TRAIN ROBBERY.

Leader of Band Is Supposed to Be a Convict Who Escaped on Monday.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—Gus. Hyatt, who escaped with 15 other convicts from the Nashville, Tenn., penitentiary last Monday night, is now sought as the leader of the train robbers who held up the Burlington express at Savannah, Ill., 24 hours after the escape. At St. Paul, Minn., five men who are suspected of complicity in the robbery are under arrest.

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Shenandoah, Pa., Aug. 8.—Joseph Paulwicz and Matthew Paularkas, charged with the murder of Joseph Beddill in last week's riots, were arraigned to-day and committed, without bail, to the county jail at Pottsville. They were taken to the Pennsylvania station under guard to the troops. Joseph Wenczkonis, charged with rioting, was released on $2,000 bail.

MANY AMERICANS AMONG SETTLERS

ARRIVING IN MANITOBA DURING PAST MONTH

Delegates From United States Looking for Locations—Increasing Winnipeg's School Accommodation.

Winnipeg, Aug. 8.—The immigration returns for the month of July were announced yesterday by J. Obed Smith, Dominion immigration commissioner. The total number of settlers to register was 5,761, of whom 2,721 were Americans. It is estimated that fully 25 per cent. of the new arrivals do not register, and if this is the case the total number to arrive would be 7,201. The number to register for the corresponding month of 1901 was 2,821.

Delegates from Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Kansas, Minnesota and Dakota crowded the office of the provincial immigration department yesterday. There were about sixty inquirers, and they all represented families who wished to locate in Manitoba. To-day they will disperse throughout the province to visit the unsettled locations. Large numbers of similar delegates are reported to be coming into the country over the Soo line for points in the Northwest Territories.

Winnipeg's school population is increasing so rapidly that the school board finds it necessary to increase the school accommodation by 22 rooms this year, or sufficient to accommodate 1,100 additional children. This will be the greatest addition that has ever been made in one year to the schools. It includes the new school under course of erection on the southeast corner of Edmonton and St. Mary's streets, the addition to the Norquay school, and the completion of the Gladstone school.

CAUSED ALARM.

Door of King Alfonso's Carriage Broken Off While in a Railway Tunnel.

Madrid, Aug. 8.—Considerable alarm was felt to-day during King Alfonso's journey from Oviedo to Leon. While the train was in a tunnel near Livares the door of the King's saloon suddenly opened and was broken off. The King convinced himself personally that the occurrence was accidental.

SETTLEMENT IN SIGHT.

President Mitchell Says the Strike of Coal Miners May Soon Be at End.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Aug. 8.—President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, said to-day that he would not go to Michigan to take part in the conference between the coal operators and the striking miners. He said that a settlement satisfactory to each side would be reached shortly.

E. E. Loomis, vice-president of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Company, who has been making a tour of the strike region with a view of reporting actual conditions as he finds them to the presidents of the coal carrying railroads, has completed his mission and will probably make his report to the operators at a meeting to be held in New York to-morrow.

TECUMSEH FINISHED FIRST.

Crossed Line Ahead of Trident in Second Race for Seawanhaka Cup.

Beaconsfield, Que., Aug. 8.—(Off yacht race course.)—At one p.m. a steady light but increasing breeze from the west was blowing for the second race of the series for the possession of the Seawanhaka cup. The race to-day will be a triangular one, one and one-third miles to each leg, three times around.

The yachts got off at 1:53, Trident crossing the line first, followed a few seconds later by Tecumseh. Rounding the first leg on the first round, the defender was over two minutes ahead of the challenger. The wind was light.

Tecumseh crossed the finish line at 4:21.10, Trident at 4:22.30.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN

Says He Will Not Be a Candidate For President in 1904.

Muscatine, Iowa, Aug. 8.—William J. Bryan settled for all time the rumors that he will be a candidate for President in 1904 in an interview to-day while on the way to Danville, Ill., where he was to speak to-night.

"I will not be a candidate for President in 1904," said Mr. Bryan. "While I would not promise never to be a candidate again under any circumstances, I have no plans looking to the future nomination for any office. I am perfectly content to do my work as a private citizen and enjoy my educational work. I shall continue to advocate with tongue and pen reforms which I believe to be necessary."

BODIES RECOVERED.

Remains of Victims of Drowning Accident at Old Orchard, Me., Sent to Canada.

Old Orchard, Me., Aug. 8.—Searchers to-day recovered the body of Alderman Ford, of Ottawa, Ont., the third victim of yesterday's triple drowning accident. The bodies of Walter Basham and Miss Florence J. Thomas, the other victims, were found yesterday. All have been sent to Canada.

FAST ATLANTIC SERVICE.

Lord Onslow Says Question Has Nothing to Do With the United States Combine.

London, Aug. 8.—The House of Lords adjourned to-day to October 6th. In response to inquiries just prior to the adjournment as to whether the government was taking steps looking to the establishment of a British Atlantic steamship service, Lord Onslow, under colonial secretary, said the question of a new Canadian service had nothing to do with the United States combine. Certain proposals had been submitted to the Canadian government, but the latter had not informed His Majesty's government of their purposes or asked assistance. The question of the establishment of a British service, however, was receiving their earnest attention.

South African Line.

Toronto, Aug 8.—The Evening Telegram's London cable says: "Canadian ministers here have closed arrangements pending parliamentary action for a line of steamships to ply between Canada and South Africa.

"Strong opinion exists among shippers and insurance men here that the Canadian line should end at Sydney or Halifax. Halifax undoubtedly is favored as between the two. It is argued that it would be useless to make either Quebec or Montreal a terminal point, as it is a dangerous course, involving steamship accidents yearly. Wrecks off the coast are also urged against the St. Lawrence river, and the fact that navigation is closed for six months of the year. Agents are agreed that the long railway journey from Sydney is a great objection to passengers from the West of Canada.

"The Canadian Bisley team sails on the Lake Simcoe on Tuesday next."

IRISH AFFAIRS.

T. P. O'Connor Attacks Government for Refusing to Extradite Sergeant Sheridan.

London, Aug 8.—On a motion providing for the third reading of the appropriation bill in the House of Commons to-day, T. P. O'Connor, Irish Nationalist, made a brief fighting speech, in which he re-aired the grievances of Ireland, vigorously denouncing Sergeant Sheridan. He described Sheridan as a perjured villain, who, while in the Irish constabulary, falsely convicted innocent persons. Mr. O'Connor strongly attacked the government for its refusal to extradite Sheridan from his retreat at Lowell, Mass.

George Wynham, secretary for Ireland, declined to further discuss the Sheridan case, but promised that if Irish landlords combined and resorted to such practices as boycotting and intimidation, he would take much pleasure in summoning them before magistrates.

The House of Commons adjourned to-day to October 16th.

ORDERED TO HOIST FLAG.

Expedition Which Left Honolulu For Marcus Island Is Well Armed.

Honolulu, Aug. 2, via San Francisco, Aug 8.—According to Honolulu men who are interested in the Marcus Island guano expedition, against which Japan has sent a war vessel, as reported by the last advices received from the States, the vessel which left here for the Island carried a complement of Mauser rifles, and her captain had instructions from the company to plant the American flag on the island and keep it floating until compelled to haul it down. Capt. A. A. Rosehill, the discoverer of the island, who left his claim to it on a cocoanut tree on Marcus Island in 1889, is in command of the expedition. The company's claim is based on this title, which is on record in the state department in Washington.

THREATENS TO CUT CABLE.

Telegraph Company Appeals to the United States for Protection.

Washington, Aug. 8.—The United States and Haytian Telegraph & Cable Company has appealed to the state department to prevent the cutting of its cable at Cape Haytien. According to information received by the company, the Haytian gunboat Cretes Perriot, commanded by Admiral Killiek, secretary of war and navy under the Firmin revolutionary government, intends to sever the cable between Cape Haytien and New York. The company appealed to the authorities here to instruct Commander McCrea, of the gunboat Machias, to protect the cable. Commander McCrea has been directed by cable to prevent the cutting of the cable.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

The Queen, looking particularly well, presided on Friday at a meeting of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association in London. The announcement was the hospital fund, had given the Queen a similar sum, which Her Majesty desired to devote to the work of the association, and that the Queen's appeal in January had brought in $1,500,000, making the total public subscriptions to the association during and since the war, $5,500,000.

Warrants have been served by Sheriff Dawson, of Kingston, Ont., upon 28 striking machinists, making them defendants in a suit for $3,000 brought by the Canadian Locomotive Works Company, which also asks for an injunction to restrain the strikers from further interference with the company's employees. This action is the result of an attempt to induce three Scotch machinists to obtain work in Watertown, N. Y., a few days ago.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

A. Ormiston Roy, superintendent Mount Royal cemetery, Montreal, has been appointed vice-president of the American Park and Outdoor Art Association, Boston, Mass.

Alfred Ellinghouse, the San Francisco theatrical manager, is dead, after several months' illness from heart disease. He was 39 years old.

The action of the Philippine friars in selling their lands to syndicates of laymen is disapproved at the Vatican. An investigation indicates that the Dominicans alone sold their lands.

MORE CHANGES IN BRITISH CABINET

CHAMBERLAIN'S SON IS POSTMASTER-GENERAL

Report That Agreement Had Been Reached Between Admiralty and Morgan Combine Was Premature.

London, Aug. 8.—The official announcement was made to-day that Austen Chamberlain, son of the colonial secretary, has been appointed postmaster-general, vice the Marquis of Londonderry, resigned.

The appointment of Sir Wm. Hood Walrond to the chancellorship of the Duchy of Kniester, in place of Lord James of Hereford, resigned because of ill health, was also officially announced to-day.

Since Austen Chamberlain will have a seat in the cabinet, the rare spectacle will be furnished of both father and son holding cabinet rank simultaneously.

It is said that a new office, that of minister of education, has been created, to which the Marquis of Londonderry has been appointed.

Although the official announcement will not be made until to-night, the Earl of Dudley has been appointed Lord Lieutenant of Ireland; Chas. Thomas Ritchie, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Aretas Akers-Douglas, Home Secretary.

Not Yet Completed.

London, Aug. 8.—As intimated in the dispatches yesterday, the announcement made in Belfast that an agreement had been reached between the admiralty and the Morgan shipping combine was premature. Negotiations on details on the agreement are still proceeding, and, it is believed, with every promise of success. In the House of Commons this afternoon the premier, A. J. Balfour, said the government had been engaged in negotiations connected with and arising from the circumstances connected with the formation of the shipping combine. "Unfortunately we are not yet in a position to make a statement to the House," said Mr. Balfour, "the accident to the colonial secretary, Mr. Chamberlain, having caused some delay, but I am confident that when the House meets again we shall be in a position to take it into our confidence."

War Inquiry.

London, Aug. 8.—The premier, A. J. Balfour, to-day announced the appointment of the following commission of inquiry into the condition of the Boer war: The Earl of Elgin, chairman; Sir Henry Norman, Sir John Hopkins, Lord Esher, and Sir John Edge.

HOSPITAL GARDEN FETE.

Arrangements for Annual Event to Be Held Next Week.

The annual garden party in aid of the working fund, Woman's Auxiliary Society, Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital, is fixed to take place this year at the Douglas gardens on Wednesday, August 20th, from 3 to 10 p.m. The fete is under the kind patronage of the Commander-in-Chief and Mrs. Bickford, Col. Grant, R.E., and Mrs. Grant, His Worship the Mayor, the president and executive committee of the Woman's Auxiliary, and the president and board of directors of the Provincial Royal Jubilee hospital. The Daughters of Pity are taking their usual prominent share in the work and arrangements, and it is greatly by their efforts that these entertainments have achieved such general popularity. The special object this year is to provide funds to complete payment on the sterilizing apparatus, which is about to be installed at the hospital by the Woman's Auxiliary, and which has been a most long-felt need. The kindness and patronage of the public is invited for the occasion, and all members or friends of the society are urged to contribute either cake, sandwiches, home made candy, choice cut flowers (for buttonholes), or small articles for the fish pond. Further particulars will appear later.

BUSH FIRES.

Flames Are Raging Around Kaslo—Railway Track Burned.

Kaslo, Aug. 8.—Kaslo is literally surrounded by raging bush fires, which are sweeping down the mountain side from three different directions. One fire is within three miles of the city limits, just behind the cemetery. The air is thick with smoke and falling ashes. The worst fire is seven miles away at the Blue Ridge mine, and fears are entertained for the safety of the mine. Every preparation is made for fighting the flames. The Kaslo & Slocan railway track is burned for three miles. A relief train was sent out from Sandon to get the passengers.

BRITAIN'S TRADE.

London, Aug. 8.—The July statement of the board of trade shows increases of $5,290,500 in imports and $8,217,000 in exports.

COULDN'T ESTIMATE ITS VALUE!—Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart never fails. It relieves in 30 minutes. It cures. It is a beacon light to lead you back to health. W. H. Musselman, of G. A. R., Weissport, Pa., says: "Two bottles of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart entirely cured me of palpitation and smothering spells. Its value cannot be estimated." Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—139.

Joseph Gilson, 44 years old, and Oscar Bergevat, both of Bradford, were instantly killed near Bradford, Pa., by the explosion of a load of nitro-glycerine.

CANADIAN NEWS NOTES.

The Crops of Manitoba—Steamship Captain Missing—Wireless Telegraphy Station.

Toronto, Aug. 8.—The Toronto Field Battery will fire a royal salute at seven o'clock to-morrow in honor of the coronation of King Edward. That hour was chosen because it is then noon in Britain and all the batteries there will fire salutes.

Ended His Life.

A. Vevers committed suicide by taking carbolic acid in a glass of beer last night. A quarrel with the woman he was living with was the cause.

Manitoba Crops.

Hon. Robert Rogers, of the Manitoba government, is in the city. He says the farmers of his province sold $40,000,000 worth of produce last year. He states that Manitoba has 23,000,000 acres of arable land as good as the 3,000,000 acres now under cultivation. He estimates this year's crop at 50,000,000 bushels, and thinks the railways are in good condition to handle the crop, with ten million bushels increase in the elevator

Captain Missing.

Windsor, Aug. 8.—Ten days ago Capt. Edward Gatfield, of Amherstburg, disappeared from his steamer at Cleveland and has not since been heard of. He is said to have had money in his possession at the time of his disappearance, and it is feared he has met with foul play.

Two Drowned.

Quebec, Aug. 8.—Joseph Dery, of Charlesbourg, and Alexis Tremblay, of Chateau Richer, were drowned in a dam at Chateau Bigot last night. Both men were repairing the dam when their boat capsized.

Remanded.

Gaynor and Greene came up again this morning but Judge Caron remanded the prisoners for a week, when he expects to be able to give judgment in their case.

Will Attend Celebration.

Halifax, Aug. 8.—United States Consul Foster was notified last night that the United States government was sending the battleship Indiana to Halifax to take part in the coronation celebration to-morrow.

Match Drawn.

All-Halifax cricket match with Philadelphia was concluded yesterday afternoon and resulted in a draw in favor of the home team. On account of bad weather only one inning each was played. The home team scored 218 and Philadelphia 127.

Marconi's Station.

The final touches have been put on the Marconi building at Table Bay, N.S. Accommodation has been made for a hundred telegraph operators.

Drowned.

Robt. Webster, a prominent young business man of Kentville, was drowned to-day while gallantly endeavoring to save two boys from drowning, sons of Ralph Seaton, a large fruit farmer.

Winding-up.

Montreal, Aug. 8.—Application has been made to the Supreme court for a winding-up order for the Canadian Woollen Mills Company. The company has a capitalization of $2,000,000, of which $1,100,000 is common stock, $400,000 preferred stock and $500,000 first mortgage bonds. The John Manville company, of New York, control the bond issue and are large shareholders of the common and preferred stock. It is explained that the company's capitalization has been found too great and the present method is being used to reduce it. The operations of the mill will be continued and trade creditors will not be affected.

BATTLED WITH ELEMENTS.

Thrilling Experience of Barque Abbie Palmer in Storm in Which Condor Was Lost.

A letter from T. J. Johnson, at Algoa Bay, master of the barque Abbie Palmer, gives a most thrilling account of that vessel's battle for life in the terrible gales of December 2nd and 3rd last, in which H. M. S. Condor and the collier Matteawan went to their graves.

Trouble was brewing when she stood out from the land, but it was no time to turn back, and she was put to it to make the best offing she could. A sou'easter that had been blowing all day, with ever increasing force, was a young gale by nightfall, and as the hours wore on its age gave it almost hurricane strength. Things had been snugged down in preparation for the fight that was at hand. The barque held on with her lower foretop-sail until it threatened to part company with the bolt ropes, and this finally had to be clewed up. Morning found the Palmer stripped to a main spencer, and even this was too much for her. It was gotten off just as the wind struck her a smash on the port side and hove her down to her hatch combings. The deckload lashings parted at this juncture, and wind and wave picked up 28,000 feet of lumber and scattered it broadcast.

The vessel lay wallowing in gale and water most of the day. Every one on board realized that death might be only a matter of moments, and they were powerless to help themselves. Crew and officers were gathered aft near the wheel, waiting for "something to happen." The sea was furious. Suddenly the skipper gave a yell for every man to look out for himself. He saw it coming—a great brute of a green comber, with a breaking mane of white. He figured that it would be all over in a minute more, for it looked as though it were going to take the battered craft clean on the beam, and hove down as she was there could be only one ending. On it came, faster and faster, but as it approached the vessel, instead of smashing, where it was believed it would, it took her hull on the port bow. Off she went with it and all hands gave a shout. She had steerage way again, and not a second was lost in getting her heels to the sea and taking it full abaft. The Abbie never was smarter under a pack of canvas. Capt. Johnson kept her running, and under bare poles she made eight and a half and nine knots for the next eleven hours, when she landed herself out of the storm circle and found fairly good weather.

The Abbie Palmer is the vessel which collided with the Empress of Japan in the Straits last winter, and whose captain and crew spent several days in this city attending court.

SOMETHING ABOUT MACKINNON MATCH

ANOTHER VICTORIAN WRITES FROM BISLEY

Onerous Conditions Sprung on the Colonials in the Event Referred to Above.

A letter has been received from Sergt.-Major Macdougall, one of the Victorians on the Canadian Bisley team. When it was written the writer was not in good shooting form, having contracted a cold which affected his eyes and interfering considerably with his scoring in the practice matches. He writes that quite a number of Canadians will attend the coronation festivities in London to-morrow, including himself, Richardson, of the rifle team, and possibly Sergts. Bailey and Lettice of the coronation contingent. The weather at Bisley, he says, has been anything but pleasant, varying from warm to cold. The day he wrote the weather was very unpleasant, necessitating a fire in the hall of Canadian House.

Mr. Macdougall also alludes to the success attending their efforts to advertise Victoria, and the intention of the Australian and South African teams to return to their homes by way of this country, shooting in the D. R. A. matches at Ottawa en route. English teams will also be represented at Ottawa by twenty crack marksmen.

In the Mackinnon match the scores of the two Victorians were as follows:

Richardson	38	46	38	122
Macdougall	42	43	30	115

In view of the criticism appearing in the press regarding the Mackinnon Cup muddle, Sergt.-Major Macdougall sends the following account from the London Chronicle:

"What was really a much more interesting, but at the same time, as it turned out, a far more unfortunate event on the day's programme, was the Service Rifle competition for the Mackinnon Cup at 800, 900, and 1,000 yards range, with ten shots at each, open to twelve-man teams, representing the Yeomen or Volunteers of the Mother Country and the Colonies—a competition, with a difference, analogous to that for the Kolapore Cup. Much interest was manifested in this Mackinnon Cup shoot, seeing that it was the first occasion on which the frequenters of Bisley were to have a chance of 'sizing up' the colonials, the presence of whom, as I have already pointed out, has imparted to this year's meeting its distinctive personal stamp. Since its foundation in 1891 the Mackinnon Cup shoot has undergone various modifications, and this year, for the first time, it was transferred to the longer ranges, so as to show what could be done with the service rifle under conditions similar to those of the concurrent Elcho Shield competition with the match rifle. The idea was an excellent one, but unfortunately it has for the present miscarried. The ranges in both cases are the same, but whereas the Elcho teams consist of eight men, the Mackinnon teams are composed of twelve. This, of course, tends to prolong the Mackinnon shoot, while on the other hand the Elcho marksmen are allowed for their competition the forenoon as well as the afternoon, which latter is the only portion of the day allotted to the Mackinnon.

"And now comes the trouble. For the competition there were eight entries—England, Scotland, Ireland, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Natal, and Northern Rhodesia. At the first range—800 yards—which was taken concurrently with the 900 yards for the Elcho, the Mackinnon teams were allowed their own time, when Canada came out leading with 470, followed by Scotland with 469, Australia with 468, New Zealand with 462, and Rhodesia with 461. Then back they went to the second range, when, to their astonishment, they were informed by the executive officer that the shooting at each distance was subject to a time limit of 70 minutes—a limit which made it not only impossible for them to compete on even terms with the Elcho people, but also to finish their own respective rounds. Even the target markers would have found it impossible to do their work at such a rapid rate. The result was that Scotland and New Zealand retired at once from the unforeseen ordeal which had thus been sprung upon them, leaving the other teams to finish as best they could, though even then their curtailed competition was anon stopped by gunfire before it could be fairly "fought to a finish."

"The Canadians, for example, had still nineteen rounds to fire when they were thus rounded off, and held up. As it was Australia came out of the abbreviated battle with an unfinished score of 1,328 out of a possible 1,800, Canada with 1,308, Rhodesia with 1,267, and poor old England with only 1,265.

"The officials refuse to issue any statement until the council has sat upon the subject, but so far it is perfectly clear that there has been a misunderstanding and muddling in some quarters—all the more regrettable as first impressions are everything with our gallant Colonial visitors—but possible to-morrow may bring with it light and peace."

The re-shoot for the McKinnon cup took place on July 28th, when the Canadian team won with a score of 1,375.

THE CORONATION HONORS.

London, Aug. 8.—King Edward held an investiture at Buckingham Palace today and presented orders to a number of those included in the coronation honors, among them the order of the Garter to the Duke of Marlborough. His Majesty also received Ras Makonnen, the Abyssinian envoy, and made him a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.