

Patriotic speech by Senator Girard.

In the Senate Hon. Mr. Girard moved that an humble address be presented to his Excellency the Governor-General, praying that his Excellency will cause to be laid before this House correspondence between the Imperial and Dominion governments relating to subsidy to any line of steamships hailing between Vancouver, the Pacific terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and Japan, China, India, and Australia; also, relating to the carrying of Her Majesty's mail and troops for the East, via Canadian Pacific Railway, from England. I shall take the liberty of making a few remarks on the great event which it seems to me, interests the whole world in the opening of the Canadian Pacific Railway. We naturally see with a certain amount of pleasure that before many days this wonderful work will be in operation from ocean to ocean. It is interesting, not only for this Dominion as a whole, but it has more especial interest for the British Empire. We are all interested in maintaining the high position now occupied by the mother country. It is our pride to assist in its glory and to contribute as well as we can to any means to which England will retain her position as one of the first nations in the world. We have spoken of imperial federation as giving us representation in the Parliament of Great Britain. I don't know if anything of that kind will at any time come to pass; but I submit as my humble opinion that the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway will certainly contribute very largely to the maintenance and continuance of that bond with the mother country which we appreciate so much. When we have a line of steamships starting from Vancouver making regular communication with Japan, China, East India, and Australia, our position as one of the colonies of the Empire will be completely changed. It will be easy for England at any time to transfer troops and munitions of war to her hundreds of millions of subjects in the east, and at the same time it will be an easy matter for England to relieve from those colonies that assistance which has been so willingly and cheerfully given in the past when circumstances arose that demanded it. We have the important appreciation of our great national highway by the authorities in England in the past of tenders having been called for the transfer of Her Majesty's mail between Vancouver, China, and Japan, the trade of which is of very considerable importance to our American neighbor. In 1884 the Americans imported from China \$16,292,000, Japan \$11,792,000, and from the Sandwich Islands \$3,857,000, a total of \$33,941,000, consisting of cottons, wool, leather and petroleum.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald hoped the announcement was correct that an annual subsidy of \$100,000, for ten years had been granted by the Imperial Government.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

An American lady resident at Florence has presented the Pope with a gold pen adorned with precious gems, as an act of homage for the Encyclical "Immortale Dei."

Cardinal Ledochowski celebrates this year his silver episcopal jubilee. He was consecrated Bishop of Thebes, in partibus, in 1861.

It is estimated that the total cost of the new Church of the Sacred Heart Montmartre Paris, will be twenty six million francs, or £1,040,000.

One of the residents in the Papal Palace states that at least 12,000 persons were admitted to the Vatican on the anniversary of the Pope's coronation.

At a recent meeting of Catholics at Fribourg, Baden, it was resolved to petition the German Government for the immediate abolition of the Kultur Kampf.

A body of French Canadian pilgrims whose destiny is the Holy Land arrived at Havre, from the port of New York, on the 19th or 20th of last month.

EASTER 1886.

This year Easter falls on the latest date on which it can possibly fall, that is to say, April 25, or nearly a month after the beginning of the second quarter of the year. Such a case has not happened in this century, will not occur again. In the next century, the twentieth, Easter will be on April 25, in 1943. If we turn back to previous centuries, we find that such a late date for Easter occurs once in each century that is:—1834, 1666, 1546, 1451; the fourteenth century goes without such a late date, 1204, 1109, 1014, 919. The earliest date for Easter, March 22, has occurred only once in this century. In 1818; and it will not recur before A.D., 2000. The earliest day for Easter has occurred in 1761, 1692, 1598, and 1573, passed over; 1136, 1041, 946. It is as interesting to note how Easter will distribute itself up to A.D. 2000. In the present century, Easter will fall only twice more in March, on the 29th in 1891, and on the 25th in 1894. Of the remaining twelve years of this century five Easter days fall in the first week of April (1888 on April 1, 1893 and 1899 on April 2, 1896 on April 5, 1890 on April 1), three in the second week (1887 and 1898 on April 10, and 1895 on April 14), and four in the third week (1900 on April 15, 1895 on April 17, 1897 on April 18, 1889 on April 21). As indicated above the last week of April, with the exception of 1886, is not represented again in this century by an Easter day.

Montreal's ice place next winter will cost \$6,000.

Japan, according to the new census, has a population of 30,500,000.

The first reading of the Bill in favor of Home Rule, passed on Wednesday with out opposition amidst tremendous cheering.

The Upper House of the Prussian Landtag has accepted the ecclesiastical bill with amendments offered by Dr. Kopp, Bishop of Fulda.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Pacific Railway will be held on the 12th of May, at the general offices of the company, Montreal.

A terrible railway disaster occurred last week at Greenfield, Mass. by which one hundred passengers are said to be killed and injured.

A rumor is current in St. Petersburg that the Czar and the Sultan of Turkey will meet some day next week on board a vessel on the Black Sea.

An anonymous volume, entitled "A vant la Bataille" devoted to an exposition of the entire ability of France to cope successfully with Germany should the latter make an attack on France, has been published at Paris.

A cable to the Globe says the subscription lists for twenty million dollars of Canadian Pacific Railway bonds were closed on Tuesday afternoon. This was quite unexpected and a day earlier than the first announced. It is reported on 'change that the applications reached six million pounds.

A severe cyclone raged south of the boundary on Wednesday last and caused great damage and loss of life in the vicinity of St. Cloud Minn. At that place 21 people are reported killed, at Sault Rapids 52 are said to be killed, and at Rice 10. Over 200 people are reported wounded.

Three men who have made their mark in Germany will soon pass away. The Emperor William, who completed his 86th year on the 22nd inst. Count Von Moltke, who will be 86 on the 25th of October next, and Prince Bismarck, who on the 1st of April was 71 years of age, are all in very poor health.

Since the accession of Pope Leo XIII. forty four cardinals have died. Of the Cardinals created by Pope Pius IX. twenty-six are still living, the remaining thirty-four have been created by Leo XIII. There are ten vacancies in the Sacred College. Cardinal Newman is the oldest of the Cardinals. There are now 1,208 dignitaries in the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

The Prince of Wales will go to Dublin in May to attend the Punchestown race. He will be accompanied by Lord Randolph Churchill. According to the lobby gossip, the Prince, after listening attentively to Mr. Gladstone's great speech on Thursday evening, curtly expressed his approval of the sentiments and proposals of the premier.

A cable dated 12th inst. to the Globe says: "On Monday the Barings will invite publications for twenty million dollars of Canadian Pacific first mortgage bonds bearing interest at five per cent. The price of the issue is one hundred and four per cent. The list will be opened simultaneously at London and Amsterdam. The official statement of the company shows a net revenue for last year's working of the incomplete system of \$100,000 in excess of the working expenses and all fixed charges. The opinion in the street is that the issue will be a success."

The army and Navy Gazette states that Indian advices indicate uneasiness among the European officials stationed in that country in consequence of the existence of Brahman plots against the English Regiment. The spirit of native press is increasingly hostile to the English. The agitation for an increase of the native army and for arming the native soldiers with artillery of improved pattern is very formidable to the interests of the foreign born residents of some portions of the province. The reduction of the strength of the English garrison, in consequence of the military necessities in Burmah, has added to the alarm.

The following appointments and changes in connection with the Superior Court of Quebec have been made; Hon. J. S.C. Wurtele Speaker of the Quebec Legislative Assembly, for the Ottawa district instead of the late Judge McDougall; Cyras Pelletier, Quebec, to be Judge for Rimouski district, vice the late Judge Mousseau, Judge Gill of Sorel, Richelieu district, removed to Montreal instead of Judge Rainville, who retires on account of ill health; Judge Taschereau, removed to Joliette instead of Judge Cimon, transferred to Kamouraska; J. Alphonse Ouimet, Montreal appointed a Judge for Richelieu district vice Gill removed to Montreal; Jules E. Larue Quebec, appointed Judge of Gaspé district, vice Judge McCord deceased.

Advices just received at San Francisco from the Philippine Islands state that on February 15th a party of Mahomedan fanatics attacked the Mission house at Zamontace, on the island of Mindanao set fire to it, the dwelling-house of the priest, the old church, a church in the course of construction and a number of store houses, all of which were destroyed. A force was subsequently sent to chastise the fanatics, twelve of whom were and several wounded. A Spanish captain in charge of the force and four men were wounded and one killed. Three days after this first outrage the same band burned the village of Amadeo and a naval coal depot.

The Earl of Shaftesbury killed himself Tuesday afternoon. He was in a cab riding through Regent street when he took his life. He drew a revolver and discharged the contents of its several chamber into his person. The corpse was conveyed to the Middlesex hospital. The suicide was 54 years of age. He was the eight Earl of Shaftesbury, succeeding on October 1 1865, to the title on the death of his father, the noted philanthropist. He leaves a widow and one son and five daughters. He had lately been unwell and complained of mental depression.

A return was presented to Parliament the other day showing that since confederation, 45 acts passed by provincial legislatures have been disallowed by the Governor-General in Council. Of these acts, eight were passed by the province of Ontario; five by Nova Scotia; two by Quebec; twelve by Manitoba; fourteen by British Columbia, two by Prince Edward's Island; one by New Brunswick and one by the Northwest Council.

It is stated that the ten or twelve Indian prisoners remaining in the Manitoba penitentiary are all suffering seriously from the effects of the confinement and that they cannot live long unless released. Big Bear, among others, is breaking down. It is said, therefore to be the Government's intention to release the prisoners next week. This is in pursuance of the general policy of amnesty, but the release, it is stated, would not have taken place soon but for the reported danger to the lives of the Indians.

A Toronto despatch says: It has been ascertained that amongst the important business transacted at the meeting of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association: The law that associated companies shall not act for companies outside the association was rescinded and it was left to individual companies to enforce. A scheme of schedule rating for manufacturers and wholesale establishments and providing for their special inspection was adopted. Where there is a co-insurance clause, 10 per cent. additional reduction ordinary rate would be allowed on large risks, and 20 per cent. additional reduction where automatic sprinklers are kept for use. It was decided not to raise prize and valuable cattle along with ordinary cattle. An adjusting bureau to settle unreasonable for losses was proposed. Manitoba was admitted into the association.

THE NEW PULPIT FOR NOTRE DAME.

It will be remembered that the authorities of the Church of Notre Dame decided about one year ago to construct a new pulpit for the sacred edifice. Mr. L. P. Hebert has just finished the nine statues of the holy doctors and prophets which are to surround it, and the woodwork is being rapidly completed in the workshops of the Seminary. It is expected that the new pulpit will be placed in position during the month of June, and will cost about \$5,000. It will be placed exactly in the same place as the present one, and will be surmounted by a statue of 'Religion.'

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