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Many New Brunswick Visitors in Wolfville.

MUSICAL AFFAIRS.

The World Growing Better--An Address on the Progress and Improvement of Social Conditions by Rev. Dr. Tupper--A Hopeful View.

A series of four musical recitals have been given during the past two weeks, in Alumni Hall, by the instrumental and vocal graduates of Acadia Seminary. Those completing the musical course this year are: Misses Emily Christie, Amherst; Winifred Crisp, Paradise; Mary Davidson, Hantsport; Eva Doyle, Moncton; Cora Lantz, Middleton; Lida Munro (voice), Bridgetown; Coryl Schurman, Truro.

The last recital given on Friday evening, was of an especially interesting character. A very difficult programme of music was rendered in a faultlessly brilliant manner, by Miss Eva Doyle, of Moncton, N. B., and Miss Mary Davidson, of Hantsport, N. S. A married couple, the evening was a skillfully rendered dramatic reading by Miss Ethel Emerson, daughter of Premier Emerson. Miss Emerson graduated from the seminary last year, and is now attending the anniversary exercises.

The students and visitors feel fortunate to have with them at the closing of the annual address by the Rev. Dr. Tupper, Dr. Trotter presided and introduced the speaker in a few words.

His theme was "Optimism vs. Pessimism, or the World Growing Better." The subject of Dr. Tupper's eloquent and instructive lecture may thus be briefly stated:

In a fascinating address a short time before his death by the most gifted and accomplished statesman of this century, William Everett, had stated, uttered these royal words: "Humanity advances all the time. There is constant and developing progress in human affairs. The race goes forward with God-guided and irresistible movement."

To this happy conclusion must come every intelligent man, and the optimism of faith within him be sadly overshadowed by the pessimism of doubt about him. The world grows better from century to century because God reigns supreme from generation to generation. There are progress and improvement everywhere in material conditions, in social relations, philanthropic endeavor, in educational movement, in moral elevation, in Christian growth.

not till some 20 years ago that there was a science that touched antiseptics and bacteriology. Medical science is but one of the many sciences whose whole character has been lifted and whose whole sphere has been enlarged by the glad and glorious day of intellectual triumphs.

Take it politically. There is about as much corruption in politics but things are improving, even in this direction. Lecky tells us that Walpole, the prime minister, bribed his government with a hundred thousand pounds. In the United States there is less loss of money under the present administration than under any former president. Over 80 controversies between civilized powers have been settled by arbitration during the present century. More and more the political conscience of the people is being aroused for the assistance of right and the resistance of wrong. More and more we are seeking to raise the body politic from the low degraded air generated by ward politicians into the pure translucent atmosphere of exalted citizenship.

Take it morally. How much lottery in the past of which we do not hear today; how little of the use of liquor as an article of common sale. Once strong drink was used in the dedication of churches, ordination of ministers, funeral services; today these practices have given away before the logic of sober reason and educated conscience. And regard for human love and respect for human rights have greatly increased with the evolution of the ages. Some 2,000 years ago our word for love was agape. Study today the hospitals for homeless orphans and deserted infants, for the poor, dumb, blind, insane, imbecile. Thank God for the day when in the land I represent, fifty institutions care for 6,000 deaf and dumb, thirty-five institutions minister to 2,500 blind, while eleven asylums tend to 2,000 idiots and imbeciles. London's charitable institutions spend annually \$5,000,000. Such a day as ours never before dawned upon women and children from whose eyes has gone out light, from whose cheek has faded bloom, from whose soul has vanished hope.

Take the case religiously. Never was there so much growth, progress, culture, attainment, in connection with the Christian religion as today. It is remarkable how, in student life, our young men as never before are accepting Christ as Sovereign and Saviour and the Word of God as manual of devotion and oracle of faith. Never was there more love and loyalty to Jesus Christ than today; and never such an intelligent application of His Spirit to the problems of practical life. Let us believe in a God that is always awake and always at home. Let us have faith that truth is nobler than falsehood, right is stronger than wrong, love is stronger than hate, and God is stronger than Satan. With this conviction we can sing with the poet:

Heedforth my heart shall sigh no more
For other days and holier shores;
God's love and blessing, then and there,
Are now and here and everywhere.

INQUEST BEGUN.
Conductor Coffey Testifies as to the Death of Mrs. and Miss Graham.

Norton, June 4.—The coroner's inquest on the deaths of Mrs. Bartlett Graham and Miss Maggie Graham, killed on the I. C. R. yesterday, was resumed here today at 3.30 p. m., the jury being Daniel Robertson, Robert Ryan, Samud Allison, E. L. Perkins, J. H. Griffiths, John McKinnon and C. E. Ryan. Fred M. Spruel and J. M. McIntyre appeared in behalf of Bartlett Graham, husband and father of deceased, and George M. Jarvis, I. C. R. divisional superintendent, appeared in behalf of the railway.

Conductor Thomas Coffey, who was in charge of the train Sunday, gave evidence first. He said the train, when approaching Norton, was running not more than eight or ten miles an hour. The whistle was blown 300 or 400 yards below the semaphore, again between the switch and the station, and the driver's signal of six or seven short blasts was given between the station and the crossing. The driver on the train was George Morrison and A. H. Price, fireman. Frank McKinnon and George Galtely were the brakemen. There was an air brake on engine and hand brake on the van. The brake on the van was applied on the forward end.

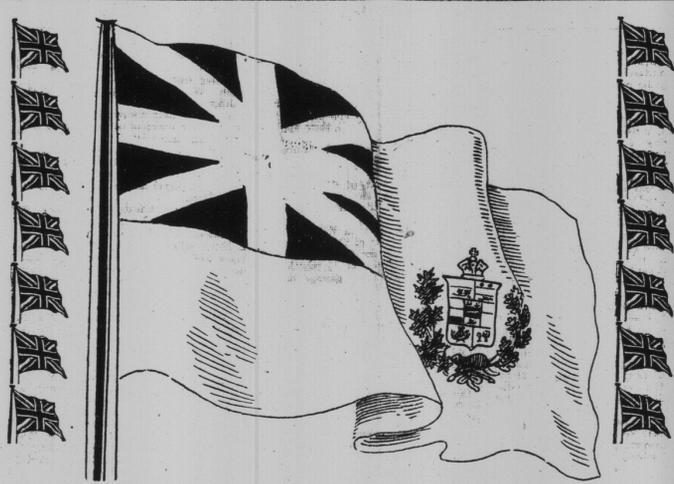
Conductor Coffey gave further evidence as to team regulations and then, at request of Superintendent Jarvis, the inquest was adjourned till Tuesday at 3 p. m., to allow Mr. Jarvis to procure the regulations and running sheets.

Tendered a Dinner.
Joggins, June 1.—Dr. C. McQ. Avaril, who has been associated with Mr. Wm. Rockwell of Joggins Mine and River Hebert, for the past four years, and who is leaving to take up the practice of his profession at Shediac, was tendered a complimentary supper by his numerous friends and well-wishers at Como's Hotel, Joggins, on Tuesday evening, May 29th.

R. Archibald, Esq., manager Canada Coal and Railway Company, the chairman, after the toast of the Queen had been drunk, proposed Dr. Avaril's health and presented him, on behalf of those present and others who were unavoidably absent, with a set of medical works as a memento of the pleasant relations which had existed for years, and expressed the hope that in his new field of labor he would meet with at least as much success, both professional and social as he had here.

Dr. Avaril responded briefly thanking his friends for their good wishes and after the usual toasts and the singing of Auld Lang Syne and God Save the Queen the gathering dispersed.

Appointment for Wheeler.
Washington, June 4.—There is reason to believe that the president has decided to appoint General Wheeler a brigadier-general in the regular army to fill the vacancy which will be created by the confirmation of the senate of the nomination of General Otis to be major-general. It is assumed by personal friends of General Wheeler that it is his purpose to retire within a short time after his appointment.



PRETORIA A BRITISH TOWN.

LONDON, June 5th, 12.30 P. M.

It is officially announced that the British have occupied Pretoria.

The Official Entry.

LONDON, 5th, 12.47 P. M.

The War Office has issued the following despatch from Lord Roberts:

"PRETORIA, June 5th, 11.40, a. m.—We are now in possession of Pretoria. The official entry will be made this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

CLARKE WALLAGE CENSURED.

The Ottawa Journal Disapproves of His Utterances

AGAINST THE PREMIER.

There May Yet be Trade with Trinidad--Another Canadian Branch Bank to Open There--Trouble Between Master Builders and Men in Ottawa.

Ottawa, June 4.—The Ottawa Evening Journal, independent, with Conservative leanings, has a strong leading article to-night denouncing Clarke Wallace's attack on Sir Wilfrid Laurier, at the Grand Orange Lodge meeting. The Journal says: "The noblest utterance yet made in the British cause has come from Sir Wilfrid Laurier's lips, and we believe from his heart."

Mr. Edgar Trupp, Canada's consular agent in Trinidad, reports that a representative of the Bank of Nova Scotia has been in Trinidad for some time arranging for the opening of a branch there, and there is some likelihood of the branch being opened, as there is room for a second bank in addition to the Bank of Halifax. In the event of the convention with the United States being allowed to lapse it is likely that the negotiations with Canada will be reopened and the presence of two Canadian chartered banks in the island would tend to take a satisfactory settlement certain, probably along the line of the offer made by the government this year.

There is big trouble in building trade, as a result of the contractors refusing to pay the Union laborers \$1.80 a day. All the works have been shut down and hundreds are idle.

The Royal Canadian Dragoons Now.

Ottawa, June 4.—Lieut.-Col. Lessard, who is in command of the First Battalion Canadian Mounted Rifles, reports that in accordance with the wishes of the officer commanding (Lord Roberts), the name of the regiment has been changed to the "Royal Canadian Dragoons."

BOILER BLEW UP.

An Engineer was Killed Near Sydney Yesterday.

TERRIBLY INJURED.

He Expired About Ten Minutes After the Explosion, Which Had Broken Both His Legs and Some Ribs--Hodgkins, the Marksman, Committed for Trial.

Sydney, June 4.—The boiler of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company crusher at George's River limestone quarries exploded this morning. Engineer Perry, who was the only person in the engine room was fatally injured. Both his legs and a number of his ribs were broken and he expired about 10 minutes after the accident. An engine was sent over the I. C. R. to Sydney to bring a physician, but was too late to be of any service. Perry belonged to Londonderry and was married. The cause of the explosion is not known. Hodgkins, who attempted to shoot Sergeant Ingraham on Wednesday evening last, has been committed to the supreme court.

The French Strike.

Chalon-sur-Saone, France, June 4.—This city is now quiet. The funeral of the victim of the rioting took place this afternoon without incident. Another of the wounded is dead. An investigation has resulted in the announcement that the troops were fired on from a window before they replied to the fire.

Drowned in the Kennebec.

Waterville, June 4.—Earnest Bonnard, 12 years old, was drowned in the Kennebec river in rear of the Maine Central car shops late last evening. The body was recovered this morning.

Kruger Took the Coin.

"President Kruger is somewhere to the eastward, but is in constant wire communication with the leaders here. There is, however, a deep feeling of anger against him on account of what is now called his unnecessary flight, and because he and the officials took all the gold and left his subordinates unpaid. The latest phase of public opinion is a marvelous revival of courage."

TO DO IT UP BROWN.

Halifax Has Determined to Celebrate on

A LARGE SCALE.

The Blue Jackets, the Firemen, the Red Coats and Citizens Generally are to Participate in a Demonstration at the Fall of Pretoria.

Halifax, June 4.—(Special)—The city council held a special meeting tonight to make arrangements for a suitable celebration when the official news of the capture of Pretoria is received. It was decided to have a celebration such as will eclipse anything of the kind ever seen here. Admiral Bedford will be asked to have the marines and blue jackets with guns land from the ships and take part in a monster torch light procession, in which the militia forces, the firemen and others will also take part. William Robertson, a well known hardware merchant, met with a serious accident tonight. He was driving down Pleasant street with two daughters, when a horse bolted. All were thrown out and the horse smashed. The ladies escaped with a few bruises, but Mr. Robertson had a rib broken and his head badly cut. He was conveyed home in an ambulance.

Major Girouard Kept His Line in Touch With the Advancing Troops.

Toronto, June 4.—The Telegram's special cable from London says the Daily News correspondent at Smalldell in a letter says the celebrity shown by Major Girouard, who pushed the construction of the railroads so that the trains moved forward on each section of the line as the troops advanced, was simply marvellous.

Major Dale, late of the Canadian militia, was today installed military knight of Windsor. This honor has only been conferred on two other Canadians. Lieut. Col. James Fitzgibbon and Col. George de Statenburg.

Publishers in Liquidation.

Montreal, June 4.—The William Drysdale Company, a well-known firm of book publishers and stationers, has decided to go into liquidation. Alexander A. Murphy is provisional liquidator.

THE COMMISSION NAMED.

Judges Directed to Look Into Election Charges.

A WIDE SCOPE

Given the Commission and Extensive Powers Placed at Its Disposal -- The Government was Yesterday Kept Busy Answering Questions.

Ottawa, June 4.—At the opening of the House today the prime minister read an order in council in connection with the appointment of the commission of inquiry into the charges of electoral frauds which is as follows:

"On a memorandum dated 2nd June, 1900, from the minister of justice submitting that whereas allegations have been made that during and for several years prior, and subsequent to the general elections of 1896 for the election of members to the House of Commons, frauds were committed by returning officers, deputy returning officers, or other parties in several of the electoral districts either while the votes were being polled or thereafter, by the spoiling of the ballots marked by the electors or by the fraudulent substitution of other ballots for those so marked, or by other fraudulent conduct in respect of the ballot at any time before and up to the return of the writ, and it being most desirable that all such frauds should be investigated and the recurrence thereof prevented, to the end that the return may show the actual vote by the electors who vote in such electoral districts.

"And whereas it is desirable to appoint a commission with full power to make inquiries, investigation, report and recommendations as hereinafter set forth: "Therefore the minister recommends that under the provisions of chapter 114 of the revised statutes of Canada, 'An act respecting inquiries concerning public matters,' the Hon. Sir Alexander Boyd, Knight Bachelor and president of the Supreme Court of Judicature for Ontario, chancellor of the province of Ontario, be chairman, the Hon. William Glenholme Falconbridge, one of Her Majesty's judges of the said Supreme Court and a member of the Queen's Bench division of the high court of justice for Ontario, and His Honor Duncan B. MacTavish, judge of the county court of the county of Carleton, be appointed commissioners under the said act in respect of the election of members of the House of Commons of Canada, 'An act respecting inquiries concerning public matters,' the Hon. Sir Alexander Boyd, Knight Bachelor and president of the Supreme Court of Judicature for Ontario, chancellor of the province of Ontario, be chairman, the Hon. William Glenholme Falconbridge, one of Her Majesty's judges of the said Supreme Court and a member of the Queen's Bench division of the high court of justice for Ontario, and His Honor Duncan B. MacTavish, judge of the county court of the county of Carleton, be appointed commissioners under the said act in respect of the election of members of the House of Commons of Canada.

"That the clerk of the crown in chancery do produce before the commissioners all poll books, voters lists, and all other papers, letters, documents and memoranda and ballot boxes in connection with any such election whenever the same may be called for by the commissioners for the purpose of any such inquiry and investigation; "That the said commissioners have power to appoint two of Her Majesty's counsel, learned in the law, to assist them in such inquiries and investigations, and also a registrar of their proceedings and necessary stenographers; "That the clerk of the crown in chancery do make such inquiries and investigations they may require such rules and regulations governing the practice and procedure as seem to them proper for the initiation and conduct of such inquiries and investigations, and that in making such inquiries and investigations they exercise all due despatch, proceeding in each case under-going inquiry and investigation do die in them unless for special and sufficient reasons they otherwise determine, and at the close of each inquiry and investigation they report the result thereof to the minister of justice; "That the said commissioners be vested with the power of summoning before them any witnesses and requiring them to give evidence on oath, orally, writing, or on solemn affirmation, if they are persons entitled to affirm in civil matters, and to produce such documents and things as such commissioners deem requisite to the full investigation of the matters into which they are appointed to investigate. That such commissioners have the same power to enforce the attendance of witnesses and to compel them to give evidence as is vested in any court of civil record. That while for the purpose of such inquiry and investigation they are not limited to such period, if they deem it advisable to extend the same to a period prior thereto;

"That at the close of such inquiries and investigations the commissioners may make such recommendations for the amendment of the laws respecting the conduct of the elections as are calculated in their judgment the better to preserve the sanctity of the ballot and to enable the elector to vote in the most effectual manner to exercise their franchise; "And generally that the said commis-

sioners may report any facts or circumstances or opinions that to them seem proper in respect to the matter referred to them. The committee submit the above recommendations for your excellency's approval.

Sir Charles Tupper said that he would defer until tomorrow any remarks that he might have to make on the order.

On motion for the third reading of the bill of the Canadian National Railway and Transportation Company, Clarke, (Toronto) moved that the bill be referred back to committee with instructions to insert a clause giving the government power, at a month's notice to acquire the railway.

The House divided on the amendment which was lost by 37 yeas to 49 nays. Mr. Puttee and Mr. Richardson voted for the amendment. The bill was read a third time.

In reply to Mr. Bourassa Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the government was not consulted in regard to the conditions upon which the South Africa war was to be settled nor did the government intend to offer any suggestions or opinion on the matter.

Answering a question by Mr. Ellis, Dr. Borden said that 146 officers from Canada had received commissions in the forces sent out from Canada by the government and Lord Strathcona for service in South Africa. There were also 24 Imperial commissions granted to Canadians on the recommendation of Lord Roberts.

In answer to Mr. Prior the postmaster general said that he was endeavoring to arrange with the United States authorities in regard to the collection of insufficient postage on letters posted in the United States for Canada so that the same regulations as was in force between Canada and other countries under the postal union might be adopted.

In reply to Sir Hibbert Tupper Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that it was not the intention of the government to ask parliament this session to provide for the representation of the Yukon district in the House of Commons. The government thought it desirable to wait until the next census was taken so that the population of the district might be properly ascertained.

In reply to Mr. McLennan (Inverness), Hon. Mr. Mulock said that the cost of carrying mails in the county of Inverness in the financial year 1896 was \$14,921 compared with \$9,850 in 1890.

The bank act was read a third time and passed.

On motion to go into supply Sir Hibbert Tupper moved an amendment, ensuring the government in regard to the valuation of the steamer John C. Barr at Yukon.

This steamer he said was a United States vessel and was valued at only \$10,000 when it should have been \$60,000. He concluded his speech with an amendment which took about half an hour to read, ensuring D. W. Davis, the collector of customs and F. C. Wade for their connection with the matter and asking for a prompt and searching inquiry into their conduct, and also asserting that the administration of laws in regard to merchant shipping had been lax and inefficient and deserving of censure.

Hon. Mr. Patterson, in replying, said that this vessel had been valued by different parties at sums from \$10,000 up to \$60,000. Before Sir Hibbert Tupper touched the question it was the subject of investigation by the department of customs. The result was that the chief inspector was sent to Dawson to investigate the matter and to have the steamer appraised. The inspector reported that \$25,000 was a proper figure to have put the vessel at. The duty was collected on \$25,000 and a double duty on \$15,000. Mr. McMichael, the chief inspector, had the power to dismiss any return when he went to appraise the steamer if he found any wrong doing, but he did not do so. He dealt with the matter as an undervaluation which was done by mistake.

Mr. Montague, Sir Louis Davies, Hon. Mr. Borden, Mr. Fraser and Mr. Wallace spoke, after which an amendment was defeated by 22 yeas to 43 nays. The house then went into supply, taking up the interior estimates.

The House adjourned at 1.30.

CHINESE TROUBLE.

Christians Stand No Show in the Celestial Kingdom.

London, June 5.—The Pekin correspondent of the Times, telegraphing June 3, says: "The Boxers have burned Niasz Train station on the Peking-Tien Tsin R. R. The railway service is detained, and the foreign guards are necessary to police the line. "The services of a party of Cosacs were accepted on Sunday to accompany the relief party from Tien Tsin to re-occupy the station on the Peking-Tien Tsin R. R. The relief party returned without fulfilling its mission. "Two officers have been wounded by the Boxers, and another Russian detachment is sure to be sent to punish their assaults. Chinese who are associated with foreigners and with Christianity are being vigorously prosecuted.

Tien Tsin, June 4.—The Boxers are reported four miles off and an attack is expected. Everything is ready, and the residents are confident. Thirty-five German marines arrived here this evening. Three Belgian engineers have arrived. The French consuls say 11 are still missing, but there are hopes of saving five.

Bank of Montreal Sound.

Montreal, June 4.—At the annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal this afternoon very satisfactory reports were presented of the year's business. E. S. Clouston, general manager, speaking of the trade outlook, said the situation was most satisfactory in all the provinces except British Columbia, where, owing to legislation, progress had been stopped. Mr. Clouston added there was danger of over-production and advised caution on the part of merchants. The old board of directors was re-elected.

Speaker Bain to Retire.

Hamilton, June 4.—Hon. Theo. Bain, speaker of the House of Commons, written to the executive of the South West-Whitby Liberal Association announcing his intention to retire from politics. It is rumored a convention of the party will take place in Hamilton June 18 to nominate a successor to the seat. Personal reasons, Mr. Bain says, have led him to come to this decision.