

The Weekly Times

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MANITOBA FEELING.

The Winnipeg Tribune says: "If the Dominion government had made a special study of the question how it could best wreck the Conservative party in Manitoba, it could not have adopted measures more certain to have accomplished this object than those which have been followed the last year or so. The party—more especially its leaders—have been befuddled to such an extent over the Hudson's Bay railway fiasco that the whole country is laughing in its sleeve at them, and these leaders and their following are inwardly cursing the government and threatening dire vengeance. Then the conduct of the government on the school question has been such as to alienate all sympathy which even any Conservatives might have." The Tribune proceeds to point out that the government looked upon the school question as a means of making party capital. It might be said truthfully that the ministers treated this question as a political game, in which they thought they were playing a winning card when they issued their celebrated "remedial order." They over-reached themselves and are now in the midst of difficulties from which Mr. Laurier and the Liberals are implored to release them. Manitoba has a third grievance in the appointment of an outsider as lieutenant-governor, a blunder which none but a short-sighted and incapable government would have committed. Touching the Hudson's Bay railway the Nor'wester, the Winnipeg Conservative paper, says: "The answer to the resolution of the mass meeting held a few days ago is that on account of the deficit the government did not feel itself free to vote money in aid of any public enterprise this session, and that an exception could not be made in favor of the Hudson's Bay railway. This would have been a reasonable and satisfactory objection to the order-in-council pledging the loan, but will hardly do now. The difficulty of the deficit was known at the time the order was passed; indeed, it was greater then than it is at present, for in the meantime the revenues have increased and the financial position for the year has improved. It was also known in the early days of the session, when the premier, from his place in the senate, indicated that legislation would be had on the lines of the order-in-council, which merely proposed that the aid already voted should be readjusted in such manner as to afford practical assistance to the enterprise. The premier and his colleagues must not therefore be surprised if the explanation now given of the government's failure to carry out its pledge shall not prove entirely satisfactory to the people of the Northwest. There is a suspicion that the excuse is manufactured for the occasion, and that the real reason of the most extraordinary proceeding of the government in dealing with this matter is that it has suffered itself to be bullied by the Canadian Pacific company."

It is painfully evident that the government looked upon the Hudson's Bay railway question as another political game of cards, in which the order-in-council was to play an important part. The result of the play is most unfortunate for the government. At the coming election the people of Manitoba will show most decidedly that they are tired of the bungling and shuffling of the tricksters who have made political sport of their affairs.

A FRIEND'S OPINION.

Government organs are of course in duty bound to defend the action of the government in regard to Manitoba schools. An organ must be a very inefficient one indeed if it cannot grind out the tune the government wants. It was rather strange, then, to find the Toronto World, which has faithfully and firmly supported the government, objecting to its course at the present juncture. In an article published after the announcement of the government's decision last week the World referred to the impression which had got abroad, "that the government had determined to abandon remedial legislation, and probably for all time to come." It was reported, says the World, that they had decided to do this because of the strength of the opposition to remedial legislation which had developed of late among their followers from Ontario. That opposition was, we believe, well founded, but the government has seen fit to display the virtue of consistency at least, and they now stand before the country as committed, to all intents and purposes, to a policy of remedial legislation. It does not matter whether it be done now or six months hence, they say it is to be done." As the World's article is probably an accurate reflection of Ontario Conservative feeling, and shows the position of the government from the standpoint of a candid friend, we quote it at length: "The real significance of this determination, to put it in a nutshell, is that the government of Sir Mackenzie Bowell has

determined to introduce legislation at the dictation of the province of Quebec, and in spite of the remonstrance of the province of Ontario, to coerce the people of the province of Manitoba to conduct their educational affairs different from what they themselves think best. This is the galling point of the situation, as well as it is the crux, and it is because Sir Mackenzie Bowell stands so pledged, and because Messrs. Haggart and Montague stand so pledged, that many Conservatives at Ottawa and thousands and thousands throughout Ontario are having pause, and wondering what is coming next. To our mind, the Conservative ministers have surrendered everything, and the French wing of the Conservative party have obtained everything they sought. Ontario is to be humiliated, and Quebec is to be triumphant over the coercion of Manitoba.

"And on top of this unexpected situation comes the report that the French ministers and the French Conservative members were not satisfied with the statement of the government, and were clamoring for the immediate execution of the bond, and that if it were not given the three French ministers would resign. If that is their attitude, and their conduct certainly looked that way yesterday, then we are of opinion that the sooner they go the better it will be for the Conservative party. But we more than suspect that what they did yesterday was in the nature of a bluff to counteract the rage of the Ontario Conservatives.

"At this juncture we cannot undertake to say what is likely to happen, but it does appear to us that cabinet reconstruction is the only way out of the difficulty, and that the Conservative party, if it is to remain in power, must get rid of the entangling promises which its present leaders at Ottawa have committed it to. We have no faith in legislation passed at Ottawa remedying the grievance complained of in Manitoba. The only remedy is a complete re-orientation of the government of Manitoba itself. If we attempt legislation at Ottawa, Manitoba will resist enforcement, and we will have the miserable exhibition, session after session, of the Manitoba minority coming down for additional remedial legislation or a further per enforcement of what may have been already conceded. In this way the question will drag on for years. All this session has been wasted over this miserable religious feud, imported into Dominion politics by the people of Quebec. No legislation of any importance has been passed or attempted. Nothing will be done next session but talk about the remedial bill. In the meantime the policy of the country will be more or less jeopardized by reason of the uncertainty of the tenure of office of the Conservative party. The highest and best public policy would have suggested that this question be kept out of Dominion politics, and the provinces allowed to manage their own educational affairs as they thought best. The attention of the parliament at Ottawa should be devoted to the development of our natural resources and the settlement of our waste lands, to the extension of our industries, to the improvement of our roads, and to a hundred other useful things. But, in place of one or any of those things, we are to have a miserable and what promises to be an interminable struggle about religion and education in a province which is unable to settle such questions for itself.

"The World believes that government in Canada can be carried on only on the basis of compromise and conciliation, and that such has been the rule of conduct of the Conservative party for many years. But there is no vestige of conciliation in coercing Manitoba, as is now proposed to be done."

AMERICAN DISPATCHES.

Day's Doings in the Various States of the Republic.

Ishpeming, Mich., July 15.—The miners of Ishpeming and Negaunee held a mass meeting to-day at Union park, midway between the two cities, and decided to strike for increased wages. Delegations of striking miners, headed by brass bands, visited various mines to influence the men. Five thousand men will be out by night if the strike may spread to other districts.

Boston, Mass., July 15.—District Assembly, No. 30 Knights of Labor, which includes in its jurisdiction the entire state, has been suspended from all privileges by General Secretary Haron. The suspension is for insubordination in admitting to its privileges State Master Workman Padden, who some months ago was suspended as the outcome of a controversy with the general boards. A meeting of the assembly will be held tomorrow evening and some predict its withdrawal from the order.

Portland, Oreg., July 15.—J. H. Belinger to-day ordered a decree of foreclosure in the case of the American Loan and Trust Co. against the Oregon Short Line and Utah Northern railway company.

CHILLIWACK.
The water is now going down quite rapidly in the Fraser, says the Progress of the 10th instant, and we may suppose that it reached its highest point this season on Friday last, though the water has not done much damage, yet it has come much higher than was expected, and several farmers in Sumas have lost part of their crop. There has been plenty of water this year to have flooded the whole valley if it had come in a jump as it did last year. For two months the river has been running nearly bank full, and it is only the cool weather in the upper country that has saved us. We may as well make up our minds that unless we get some protection, a proper combination will flood us out any year.

Irate farmer—Don't you see that sign that says: "No Fishin' on These Grounds?" Trespasser—Yes. It occurred to me as I passed by with all the water around.

VICTORIA WINS AT LACROSSE

Royal City Team Whitewashed in the Match at the Caledonia Grounds.

Everything Ready for the Northwest Regatta—Canadians at Bisley.

LACROSSE.

SATURDAY'S GREAT GAME.

A large crowd was present at Caledonia Park on Saturday afternoon to witness the champion lacrosse match between the Westminsters and the Triangles. Although the Triangles whitewashed the boys from the Royal city in four goals to nothing, it was voted by all present to be a rattling good game. The games were fast from start to finish, and many brilliant plays were made. A genuine surprise was in store for those who expected to find weak spots in the make-up of the Triangles, for the new blood played like veterans and were at all times very much in evidence. The first game occupied nineteen minutes, the second 16, the third 14, the fourth 14. The teams were the same as published in the Times, with the exception that T. Watson acted as field captain for the Triangles instead of W. Clark. A. Suckling was referee, and his decisions were in every way satisfactory. J. B. Johnson, of New Westminster, and W. Smith, of Victoria, were behind the flags. T. Alice of Victoria and W. Mahoney of New Westminster were the time-keepers.

The strongest portion of Westminster's make-up was their defence, which called for many expressions of admiration as the ball, time and again dangerously near the flags, was sent spinning down the field in one-two-three order. Westminster played well—there is no doubt about that—but the Triangles played better, the team work of our boys showing wonderful skill in passing the rubber at the most critical times. Peele, Oddy, and Dalgleish were prominent on the visitors' team.

The boys in blue W. Smith, Campbell, Clark and Cusack surprised everyone with their excellent playing, and the frequency with which the grand stand yelled each of their names when some exceptionally fine play was made testified to the good work being done. Ditchburn seemed to be always at the right spot at the right moment and cries of "Go it, Ditch," and "Good boy, Ditch," were very often heard. The Cullins, Clark, The Coldwell, Patterson and Bell, and in fact every member of the team, were given an opportunity to distinguish themselves at various periods of the game, which they did to the fullest extent. W. H. Cullin and E. Cullin had to call on the services of "Old Tooley" Foster for repairs, which were speedily effected and the game went on.

Seidon has there been a more thoroughly satisfied and enthusiastic audience at a lacrosse match anywhere than that which witnessed its way home after the conclusion of Saturday's game. On all hands could be heard "I was never so interested in anything in my life!" "Wasn't it a corker?" "Say, our boys are all right, ain't they?" and so on. Many amusing incidents occurred during the progress of the match and created roars of laughter. Coldwell, the Triangles' able goal-keeper, has the out of a man who might put up a pretty good "scurry" and he was roundly cheered when he gave Cambridge a well deserved crack with his stick when that individual was wrongly within the lines. Another little affair which was the production of much merriment was the action of "Old Tooley" when the water boy, failing to respond as quickly as Bob expected, he seized the bucket from the bewildered urchin and dashed the contents over him amid the cheers of the crowd.

SUMMARY.

Game.	Won by.	Scored by.	Time
1.....	Triangles	19 m
2.....	Triangles	16 m
3.....	Triangles	14 m
4.....	Triangles	14 m

A special general meeting of the Capital lacrosse club will be held at 8 p.m. M.C.A. rooms to-morrow evening at 8 p.m. All members are specially requested to attend.

CRICKET.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.
The Royal Arthur defeated the Albions on Saturday by 159 to 110; Victoria College defeated the Battalion team by 64 and Victoria Regiment was 2nd eleven defeated Lieut. Strickman's eleven by 137 to 71.

THE WHEEL.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS.
A call has been issued for a special general meeting of the Victoria Wheelmen's Club this evening at 8 o'clock. Several items of importance will come up for consideration. The management of racing meets, arrangements for the championship meet, and the best means of advancing the general interest of the club are some of the items to be considered. All members are urged to be present.

LONG DISTANCE RECORDS.

St. Louis, July 5.—Ross Miller, of Century road, broke the 25, 50 and 100 mile state road records yesterday. The times for the same were: 25 miles, 1 hour 10 minutes; 50 miles, 3 hours 15 minutes; 100 miles, 7 hours.

ASBURY PARK.

Asbury Park, July 15.—There were five events to be decided this afternoon in addition to the exhibitions. At 2:40 p.m. the men got on the mark for the final of the 3-mile handicap, class B, special. Result: B. B. Bird, St. Paul,

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150 yards, 1st; A. H. Barnett, Plainfield, 180 yards, 2nd; J. Fred Barry, Syracuse, 120 yards, 3rd; J. Coburn, Syracuse, 180 yards, 4th. Time, 4:34.5.

THE OAR.

The first of the crews which are to take part in the big regatta here this week will arrive to-morrow. The Seattle and one of the Vancouver crews are expected to arrive first and the others will follow in short order. The crews will, on arrival, continue their practice on the course upon which they must win or lose. Quarters have been secured, and by Wednesday the quiet village of Esquimalt will be a point of interest to everyone who knows an oar at sight. There is always something fascinating in the very air which athletes breathe before a race. The "knowing one" is aboard and distributes his tips and hints either mysteriously to hearers one at a time or in orations to little crowds. Anxious eyes watch the strokes of each crew as they skim over the course, and speculation is rife. The coach is king and he rules with the will of a czar. Interest spreads like an epidemic, and the very courts of the land must not arrange their sittings to interfere with the event. Victoria will be strongly represented at the regatta, and the James Bay club house that Stroke Sullivan, of the seniors, will have an excellent view of the nearest bow to him at the finish. The juniors too are showing good form. They are a sturdy, solid lot of boys and have no end of staying power.

Entries close to-night, but it is understood that all who are to compete have already entered. There will be ample provision for transportation, with special services on the E. & N. railway and the tram line and the excursion on the Islander.

LAWN TENNIS.

CANADIAN TOURNAMENT.
Queen's Royal, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., July 15.—There was some grand play in the championship events of the Canadian tennis tournament to-day. Learned, Middle states champion, defeated Matthews, of Toronto, holder of the Canadian championship cup, in three straight sets, thereby taking the cup from him. Matthews labored under a serious disadvantage from a sprained wrist and consequently lack of form. Handicap singles, final round, Fritzwald of Rochester beat Arthur Taylor of New York, 3-4, 6-0, 5-3. Ladies' singles championship, Mrs. Sydney Smith, Ottawa, beat Miss Maude Osborn, Sutton, Ont., 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

NANAIMO.

Nanaimo, July 15.—On Saturday the home team met and defeated a team from H. M. S. Nymphe on the cricket grounds. This is the first time the blue jackets have been beaten this season.

The Nanaimo Literary Athletic Club celebrated their anniversary in the club rooms on Saturday night. The programme consisted of speeches, songs, recitations, dialogues and all kinds of athletic amusements. The coal rights of certain portions of Gabriola Island have been bonded to a Seattle company. W. Planta, of this city, is the local agent. Boring is to be commenced as soon as the necessary machinery can be obtained.

VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, July 15.—W. T. Bambridge, assistant foreman of the World, was drowned in English Bay on Saturday. Deceased, with his wife and a number of others, were spending the day at the Bay. Several of the party went to bathing. Bambridge swam out to a raft and was on his way back when he was seen to throw up his hands and sink. His brother swam out to the spot, but was unable to find the body by diving. Later in the evening it was recovered by a search party.

R. G. Dun & Company sent their Vancouver agent to Kootenay to enable the company to answer questions regarding the district. He has returned and seems much pleased with what he saw.

A. H. B. Macgowan has been appointed inspector of fruit pests at Vancouver. The proposition to erect a smelter at Vancouver is gaining ground.

Jim Hui, a Chinaman, whose sanity is open to question, attempted to commit suicide last Friday night by maiming himself in a most revolting manner.

Ald. W. P. Brown and Thomas tendered their resignations yesterday to His Worship the Mayor, who subsequently issued a writ for new elections in Wards Four and Five.

General Superintendent Abbott went up the line yesterday to meet Vice-President Shughnessy, and will accompany him through the Kootenay country, where the C.P.R. may probably do a large amount of construction work this season.

NEW WESTMINSTER.

The dead body of Capt. Tiddy, of the

Vancouver steamer Pinal, was found in the Fraser on Saturday afternoon near Wadhams's cannery, Ladder's Landing. He had been missing since Sunday. It is supposed that he fell overboard.

There seems to be prospect of the council accepting C. D. Rand's scheme for building the Westminster bridge.

Mr. J. A. McMartin brought up from Mr. Woodward's ranch at Lulu Island a fine sample of oats. He states that Mr. Woodward has about 10 acres, the oats on which are an even crop, fully 6 feet high and heading out well.

At a public meeting held on Saturday evening the following resolution, moved by Judge Bole, seconded by Mr. J. L. Brown, passed unanimously: "That this meeting having heard the explanation given of the present position of bridge matters, respectfully request the city council to pass the resolution required as a condition precedent to the putting up of the guarantee to Mr. Rand and to call upon Mr. Rand to deposit his guarantee and proceed with his work without delay."

LARDEAU.

The Lardeau country is rapidly filling up, and the prospector is very much in evidence.

The owners of the Badshot are cutting a private trail from the Gairner creek trunk trail with a view of shipping ore. L. Arthur, of Victoria, who owns a half interest in two claims of the Gairner group, came in this week and will start to work immediately on his assessment.

ROSSLAND.

A. E. Humphreys now carries two hundred and fifteen thousand dollars worth of property in the Trail Creek camp. He has the Iron Horse, Mt. Cristo and Enterprise bonded for \$65,000, the Kootenay bonded for \$75,000 and the Crown Point, Hidden Treasure and White Swan bonded for \$75,000. On Tuesday he closed a deal with Topping & Hanna for a half interest in the townsite. Besides putting in a smelter plant Mr. Humphreys will open a real estate office and interest eastern capitalists in the building up Trail.

J. C. Devlin came down yesterday from Cariboo Creek, where he reports things looking up. He brought a sample of ore with him from Veder's claim. A hundred-pound sample of his ore sent to Tacoma gave returns of \$170 in gold to the ton.

It is not an exaggeration to say that the whole belt of the country from the head of lower Arrow lake down the Columbia river to the boundary line and west to Okanagan divide is alive with men.

SLOCAN.

A large ledge of zinc was discovered in the McKean basin last week. Samples taken from the surface of the IXL mine run \$105 in gold and 774 ounces of silver. Slocan lake was probed another Trail Creek in productiveness. Nine hundred men are employed on the Kaslo and Slocan railway, which is expected to be in running order by September 15th.

REVELSTOCK.

A meeting was held in the school house last week to discuss the feasibility of organizing a board of trade. Mr. C. B. Shaw was elected secretary pro tem. Twenty-three business men put down their names as supporters, but 90 names are required before a charter can be obtained. This movement is one that has become a necessity; it is also one which demands the hearty co-operation of all the business men in the district, which, no doubt, it will receive.

Capt. Campbell's steamer Red Star arrived on the cars from Kelowna last week, and was launched on Saturday. The steamer left on Monday for Robson. Capt. Campbell is still undecided as to whether he will run the boat on the Columbia or load her on the cars at Robson and launch her in the Kootenay lake.

J. D. McDonald has discovered a rich claim on Cariboo Creek, nine miles from Burton city. The specimens that McDonald brought down with him look very much like the Le Roi ore.

MEPPERSONS.

McPersons, July 15.—There was a well attended meeting of the residents at McPersons Station last Saturday evening, when it was decided that a deputation of five residents would go to Victoria to interview Hon. James Baker, minister of education, in regard to having better schooling facilities for the children in the vicinity of McPersons.

VERNON.

The strawberry season is almost over and the fruit is becoming scarce in the city. Over 3600 pounds were sent in from the Coldstream ranch from about an acre and a half, and the B.X. fruit garden also supplied a large quantity to the local dealers.

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