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LORD DUNDONALD'S MANUAL ABOLISHED

Many New Officers Gazetted

Lord Aylmer, New Inspector-General, and Colonel Lake Chief of Staff—Other Appointments—Regimental Changes—The Road to Promotion.

Ottawa, Nov. 24.—(Special)—The following appointments were gazetted today: Col. The Right Hon. Matthew Lord Aylmer is appointed inspector-general of the Canadian forces, with rank of brigadier-general; Brigadier-General P. H. N. Lake, C. B., chief staff officer, is appointed (tem-

Lord Aylmer, Inspector General of Canadian Militia

porarily chief of the general staff, with rank of brigadier-general in the Canadian forces, while employed. Lieut.-Colonel and Brevet-Colonel D. H. Vidal is appointed adjutant-general to the Canadian forces, with the substantive rank of colonel; Colonel D. A. Macdonald, I. O. D. G., to be quartermaster-general; Colonel W. H. Cotton, Q. M. G., to be quartermaster-general of the ordnance under the provisions of section 55 of the militia act, 1904.

A militia order issued today says that promotion subject to the necessary qualifications will take place as follows: After one year's service as lieutenant, to be captain; after four years' service as captain, to be major; after ten years' service as major, regimental medical officers may be given the rank of honorary lieutenant-colonel, and their period of service extended, or they may be transferred to the reserve of medical officers, or the retired list, as the case may be.

Canada's trade for the four months ended October last show a decrease of about \$1,000,000 in exports, and \$7,700,000 in imports. There was an increase of nearly \$200,000 in the duty collected. The total imports were \$87,377,001, as against \$88,531,414 for the same time last year. The domestic exports were \$75,572,221, as against \$73,284,101 for the four months in 1903. There was a small increase in the fisheries, and about \$300,000 in manufactures, while animal and produce showed a decrease of about \$2,000,000; agricultural produce more than \$1,500,000; the forest \$1,500,000, and mineral produce nearly \$2,000,000.

The Lord Dundonald cavalry and infantry drill books have been discarded by the militia department. The books to be adopted for the future training of the militia will be those in use for the different branches of his majesty's army. First Regiment Prince of Wales Fusiliers—To be honorary lieutenant-colonel of the regiment, Lieut.-Colonel J. H. Burdall, reserve of officers. Fourth P. E. Island Regiment—Lieut.-Colonel J. A. Longworth, upon completion of his period of command, is transferred to the reserve of officers. Twelfth Newcastle Field Battery—Provisional Lieutenant S. Sargeant, Lieut. (superannuated) W. Ferguson, are permitted to retire. Seventy-First York Regiment—To be provisional lieutenant, Sergeant H. E. F. Barber. Seventy-Third Northumberland Regiment—To be lieutenant, F. H. Meneveau, gentleman. Third New Brunswick Regiment—To be captain, Major J. J. Gordon, from the reserve of officers.

Immigration Returns. Ottawa, Nov. 21.—The first four months of the fiscal year indicate an increase in immigration. Through ocean ports there arrived 22,054, and from the United States 19,926, a total of 41,980. This is 2,688 more than arrived in the same period last year. There were 17,231 men, 5,715 women, and 7,037 children. There were 1,103 returned Canadians.

CANADA WILLING TO "STAND PAT"

Coburg, Ont., Business Man at Washington Gives His Views

NO DEMAND FOR IT

Dominion Well Satisfied With Protection, and Reciprocity Proposals from United States Not Likely to Be Entertained—Doesn't Care to Be a Dumping Ground for Uncle Sam.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Some light on this feature of the proposition for reciprocity with Canada is contributed by R. R. Pringle, an influential business man of Cobourg, Ontario, who is visiting Washington, and who calls attention to the fact that it takes two to make a bargain, and would probably want to sell to Massachusetts just about the same products which States of the United States which lie west of the Alleghany mountains, and whose representatives in congress would have to be considered when a vote was reached in Senate or House.

"In Canada we hear the echoes of the reciprocity talk going on in Boston and some other parts of the United States, and we simply laugh," said Mr. Pringle. "It is very fine for Mr. Foss and others of your prominent statesmen to shout for reciprocity with Canada, but who informed them that the dominion was herself in any humor to reciprocate? It strikes me that this is a case where it takes two to make a bargain. We have adopted the same protective system that you have in the United States, only not quite so extreme, with the same good results, and we are going to stick here to that policy. I do not mean that there are not some trade agreements which the States we would not be willing to make. I think the Canadians generally would be glad of a removal of duties on wheat and other cereals and on live stock. If the tax on these products of the farm were abolished it would be a good thing for the people on both sides of the line, but this could hardly be expected. As a matter of fact, Canada has been enormously benefited by the protective principle and is going to surrender it. To conclude a reciprocity agreement with the United States would simply mean the ruin of all of our flourishing industries. It would put us in the same condition in which England finds itself today, a dumping ground for the products of other countries. Nobody in Canada wants this, and hence, while your New Englanders can go blithely in their plausible arguments for reciprocity, we are content to stand pat and wonder how it would profit them if they should convert the whole Yankee nation to their views."

Senator Lodge has expressed himself as in favor of the negotiation of a reciprocity treaty with Canada. He said: "I am in favor of the negotiation of a reciprocity treaty between the United States and Canada which will prove advantageous to both countries." Beyond this the senator declined to discuss the subject. When asked if he had reason to believe that the state department would attempt the negotiation of such a treaty, the senator declared he had "no state secrets to give away."

"Perhaps you have noticed that we won a victory on Nov. 8," remarked the senator, whose predictions in the closing days of the last session of a great Republican victory were made with such confidence that some of his colleagues suggested that they were extravagant and due to the senator's personal admiration of the president.

Young Boys Have Fatal Quarrel. Dover, N. H., Nov. 24.—In a boys' quarrel this afternoon, George York, the ten-year-old son of Councillor York, was struck a severe blow on the head with a club in the hands of Morris Dion, aged eleven, causing a fracture of the skull, which the physicians fear will prove fatal. York and Joe Dion were having a quarrel, and thinking that his brother was getting the worst of it, Morris Dion seized the latter, although dazed, managed to walk to his home, a quarter of a mile away, and then lapsed into unconsciousness. He was removed to the hospital, where the physicians removed several shrapnel of bone from his wound, but his condition tonight is critical. Young Dion was arrested and taken to the police station, but later was allowed to be taken home by his parents.

Coldest Weather England Ever Had. Distress is General and Several Frozen to Death—Roads Blocked With Snow. London, Nov. 21.—The temperature in some districts during the night, although only twenty-five degrees below freezing point, was the lowest ever recorded. The distress is general, and the local authorities are organizing relief works. The interruption of rail communications in the country continues, and the isolated villages are suffering severely. In a few instances wayfarers have been found frozen in the snow.

Thanksgiving Gifts for Nan Patterson. New York, Nov. 24.—Miss Patterson received several presents from her friends today. Among them was a five-pound box of candy, which she shared with the fifty-seven women prisoners in the Tombs. Warden Flynn offered to have Miss Patterson's dinner sent to the Tombs from a restaurant, but the prisoner refused, saying: "No, I'll take prison fare."

Novo Scotia Woman and Her Aunt Killed at Attleboro, Mass. Miss A. May Coburn of Wallace, and Mrs. James F. Black Struck by Train. Boston, Nov. 21.—(Special)—Miss A. May Coburn of Wallace (N. S.), and her aunt, Mrs. James F. Black, whom she was visiting were killed by a train at Attleboro (Mass.), this afternoon.

Five Italians Perish in Fire. Spark from Man's Pipe Fell Into Pail of Gasoline and Caused a Panic. North Bend, Pa., Nov. 24.—Five Italians perished in a fire that late last night destroyed an old grain warehouse, which for some time has been used as a sleeping place for sixty Italians who are working on a Pennsylvania railroad extension. One of them was washing a pair of overalls in a pail of gasoline when a spark from his pipe fell into the pail, causing an explosion that scattered the burning oil. Instantly there was a panic among the Italians, most of whom were asleep. They fought madly to escape from the burning building. One man leaped from a window, breaking a leg. It is believed that the fire who perished were trampled upon in the rush to get out. Their badly charred bodies have been recovered.

CAPE BRETON COAL TO SOUTH AFRICA. Sydney, N. S., Nov. 24.—(Special)—The steamer, Melville, of the Elder-Dempster line, arrived here tonight to take a shipment of Cape Breton coal to South Africa.

N. S. WHOLESALE GROCERS COMBINE

Twenty Concerns Unite on Selling Terms to the Trade

LIBERAL NOMINATION

Colonel H. T. Laurence, Mayor of Truro, Selected to Contest Seat in Local Bye-election—2,000 Tons of Cheap Hay for Colchester Farmers.

Truro, N. S., Nov. 24.—(Special)—Twenty wholesale grocers in Nova Scotia have formed a combine on selling terms and gave notice to their customers by circular today. The terms on general groceries are one per cent discount for cash in ten days or not thirty days. Flour and meal not thirty days, no discount. Interest at six per cent per annum to be charged on all accounts not settled in thirty days. The agreement is signed by H. W. Wentzell & Co., J. P. Wambold, John Tobin & Co., R. J. Sweet & Co., A. W. Smith, H. B. Sexton & Co., Payzant & Co., Chas. H. Harvey, J. W. Gorham & Co., J. F. Crowe & Co., E. Mann & Chisholm and Bond Bros. & Co., Halifax; Black & Co., Truro; E. D. Allen, Wm. Law & Co., Lovitt & Lovitt and Parkin, Eakins & Co., Yarmouth; Fillmore & Morris, Amherst, and R. McCreagor & Sons, New Glasgow.

Colchester Liberals, in convention here today, nominated Col. H. T. Laurence to contest the county for the seat in the local house vacant by the resignation of his brother, Hon. F. A. Laurence elected to the dominion parliament. Col. Laurence is mayor of the town and for years was license inspector. The nomination was offered first to Alfred Dickie, of lower Stewiacke, who refused from business reasons, then to W. D. Davidson Hill, a prominent farmer, who refused on account of ill health, then to Col. Laurence unopposedly. Had Mr. Hill accepted the Conservatives would have opposed him, but may put man in the field against Col. Laurence. Some half dozen scattering votes were cast, at the first Dr. Wallace, of Economy; Hugh McKenzie, Truro; Chas. Hall, Onslow, and Henry Dickie, Truro.

Hugh McKenzie, municipal clerk for Colchester, has bought 2,000 tons of hay in Quebec which he is supplying to farmers at \$8.50 and \$9.50 per ton. Mrs. Robinson, of New Brunswick, and officers of Diamond Rebeck Lodge, Truro, insisted Crescent Rebeck Lodge at St. John's last night, in addition to the applicants for the charter thirty-four members were initiated. Mrs. Mary McKee, of Moncton, and Mrs. Boyer, of Halifax, grand officers, were present.

Overdue Steamer Stord in Port After Terrific Passage. Decks Were Swept and Several Men Injured—Nine Days from Sydney to St. John's. St. John's, Nfld., Nov. 24.—The steamer Stord, from Sydney (C. B.), with coal for this harbor this evening. The Stord was driven seaward in Sunday's gale and her machinery disabled. Her decks were swept by the sea, and she narrowly escaped going to the bottom. Several of her men were injured during the storm. The Stord was nine days making the passage from Sydney to St. John's, whereas ordinarily the trip requires only forty-eight hours.

King Charles in Snowball Fight. Portugal's King Startles Some Dignified Diplomats by His Accurate Aim. London, Nov. 24.—King Charles of Portugal and his party spent the last day of their visit at Glastonworth shooting in the pheasant preserves. The king, who is a magnificent shot, did great execution. The whole district was covered with pheasant, and the ladies of her suite joined the party at luncheon in a big quarry. While awaiting the ladies King Charles and the other shooters threw snow balls at a mark. This was too tame for the king, who catching Marquis Desoveral, the Portuguese ambassador to Great Britain, off his guard, made an accurate shot at the dignified diplomat. King Charles' example was quickly followed and the whole party engaged like school boys in an active snow ball match. While none of the ladies were actually aimed at by his majesty, a number of distinguished personages were less fortunate. For some minutes the fun was fast and furious, the king being the most active and one of the most accurate among the fighters. The whole of the unusual incident was greatly enjoyed by a large number of spectators and natives who had gathered nearby in the roadway.

Grave Charges in Sydney Failure. It is Alleged That Bogus Paper Was Floated by Building Firm. Sydney, N. S., Nov. 24.—(Special)—The worst crash in financial circles here for some time has been caused through the failure of Armstrong & Sutherland, building contractors of Sydney and Glace Bay. Their liabilities, as far as could be ascertained, amount to nearly \$15,000, while their assets are nominally nothing. The Bank of Montreal, who did their banking business, are said to be the largest creditors. The book debts of the firm have been assigned to them. Those, however, for the most part are believed to be valueless.

The worst feature connected with the failure, it is charged, is that the firm floated at various times and for various amounts paper on which, it is alleged, names of parties not in existence were used. The names, it is further alleged, were forged by a third party who disappeared some days ago and for whom the bank is now seeking all over the continent. He is thought to be in the western States.

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Convict Put Up Able Defence. I. C. R. Employee Pleaded Guilty to Stealing Goods from Freight Shed at Moncton, and Asked for Mercy—Disagreement and Acquittal in Moncton Assault Case. Dorchester, Nov. 24.—(Special)—The Westmorland county court has been in session for the past week. The docket presented three criminal cases. The case of the King vs. Leonard Lewis, a convict in the penitentiary, who was charged with having assaulted Guard George Drilite, was tried. Hiram Chapman appeared for the crown, and the prisoner defended himself. A full and impartial trial was accorded the prisoner, who summoned other convicts to support his evidence. The jury notwithstanding the fact that Judge Wells charged against the convict, returned a verdict of not guilty. The verdict has occasioned some comment. The case of Melnyre, indicted for assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm, took up more than a full day. The jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the case of Melnyre, senior and disagreed on the case of Melnyre, junior. In the case of the King vs. Herbert Leaman, charged with having stolen a large quantity of goods from the I. C. R. freight shed, the prisoner pleaded guilty and asked for the mercy of the court. Judge Wells, after giving Leaman some good advice, imposed a sentence of two years in Dorchester penitentiary on him.

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PARTIES DISAPPEAR

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Windsor Bark Safe After Much Buffeting. The Plymouth Reaches Boston, But Was Three Times Driven Off Coast. Boston, Nov. 24.—After being driven off the coast three times by hurricanes and cyclone gales, the barkentine Plymouth, of Windsor (N. S.), Capt. Fielden, finally reached the harbor yesterday morning from Barbados (B. W. I.). The vessel carried a cargo of lumber from St. John (N. B.) to Buenos Ayres, and on delivering her shipment she proceeded to Barbados where orders were received from the owners to sail for Boston and tie up, on account of the difficulty in securing freights. The vessel sailed from Barbados Oct. 27, and had fairly good weather until arriving off the port Nov. 13. On that date, when off Stelwagen bank, in the bay, she was struck by an easterly gale and blown off the shoals. She lost two ribs during this blow. By rare good luck she was kept clear of the dangerous places, and when the weather moderated she was put on her course again. Arriving off the Cape for the second time the bark encountered a northwesterly gale which drove her across Georges bank. She was worked slowly back, and on Wednesday Cape Cod light was in sight again, when she was sent back to Georges by another northwester.

Finally she came into the bay last Sunday night, after banging about the coast for more than a week, and Tuesday night she was picked up by the tug Pallas, and brought into port.

Sydney Man Charged With Embezzlement. A. S. Fraser Arrested on Fast Express on Complaint of Employer—He Was Bound to Boston. Sydney, N. S., Nov. 24.—(Special)—A young man named A. S. Fraser was arrested here today charged with embezzlement of a considerable sum of money from the Eastern Book Company, of this city, where he was employed as bookkeeper. Fraser belongs to Westville (N. S.), and is alleged to have been in similar trouble in Amherst not long ago. His arrest took place on board the fast express. He had a ticket for Boston.

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Port Arthur is Being Starved Out. Looking for the Temperance Vote. Ontario Liberal Convention Compromises on a Platform—Form Acrimonious Debate. Report Advocates Restraint of Treating Habit and Local Option Instead of Prohibition—Vote to Be Taken on the Abolition of Bars and Shop Licenses. Toronto, Nov. 24.—(Special)—At the Liberal convention today there was an acrimonious debate upon the report on the temperance question. The resolutions in the report advocated further restraint on the treating habit and acknowledged that a law giving local option for prohibition would remove many of the evils. They provided that a vote of the municipality must be taken under local option upon the petition of twenty-five per cent. of the ratepayers without reference to the municipal council. Provision must be made for the alternative of government control. The resolutions specified that the vote be taken in 1906 for the abolition of bars and shop licenses for all time. If the vote be unfavorable it again may be taken in three years. The cause making it compulsory for the vote to be taken in 1906 was struck out. Otherwise the report was adopted.

Stoessel Reports Such to Czar. Fall of Fortress Inevitable, Says Moscow Correspondent—Tokio Gives List of Positions Captured at the Stronghold—Kuropatkin May Take Offensive Again. London, Nov. 25.—The correspondent at Moscow of the Daily Telegraph claims authority for the statement that General Stoessel's dispatch sent by the torpedo boat Havogony informed Emperor Nicholas that the Port Arthur garrison was being starved out, with other frank details of its actual condition, showing that the fall of the fortress is inevitable. Some Forts the Japs Have. Headquarters of the Third Japanese Army, before Port Arthur, Nov. 22, via Pusan, Nov. 24.—The only permanent forts in possession of the Japanese are the two Panlung forts captured in August. They hold the advance works of the Billung redoubt, called Fort Kuropatkin, and an entrenched hill called P fort, Cobu fort, Sitchitakiyama, and one hundred and seventy-four metre hill. They also occupy the Caponeze galleries and most of the two Billung forts and North Kevikan fort. Japs Capture 3,000 Tons Meat on Steamer. The Foo, Nov. 24.—The reports that the steamer Lunchow, laden with 3,000 tons of meat was captured by the Japanese yesterday while trying to enter Port Arthur, appears to be correct. The Lunchow was a British vessel and belonged to Bunkerfield & Swire, of Shanghai. Last Monday when leaving Shanghai she was transferred at the last moment to a man believed to be acting for the Russian government. Kuropatkin May Take Offensive. Mukden, Nov. 24.—The artillery has been silent for two days. The opinion prevails that if the Japanese Kuropatkin will take the offensive again. Another Jap Attack Failed. Mukden, Nov. 24.—The Japanese made a fresh attack on Poutifoff Hill the night of Nov. 22. Their advancing ranks were decimated by the Russian shell fire. Some of the Japanese secured lodgment on the slopes of the hill but were driven out at the point of the bayonet, when the whole Japanese contingent fled. A similar attempt was made on the night of the 23rd. The assault of Erldog, which also was repulsed with a bayonet charge. The Japanese lost heavily, while the Russian loss was 30 killed. A band of 1,500 Chinese bandits, with six guns, under Japanese officers, coming from the direction of the Liao River was in conflict with three companies of border scouts near the station of Kaihua early on the morning of Nov. 23. The scouts charged without giving the bandits half a day's time to come into action. The bandits made a feeble resistance and fled in all directions, leaving 200 of their number dead. The Russian loss was trifling. A Japanese column of two companies attempted to penetrate the Russian eastern flank on Nov. 23, but was met by two squadrons of Russian cavalry and driven off with severe loss. Russian Transports Throw Off Mask. London, Nov. 25.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Port Said asserts that the Russian volunteer steamer Voronez, which passed the Dardanelles as a transport, has three submarine boats on board, and that the Yarnaslav, which passed the Dardanelles similarly has a large armament of Hotchkiss guns. "Evidently once through the canal," says the correspondent, "they will emulate the volunteer steamers St. Petersburg and Smolensk."

\$20,000 FIRE CAUSED BY LIGHTED CIGARETTE. Williamstown, Mass., Nov. 24.—Mongat Hall, the largest and newest of the dormitory connected with Williams College, was damaged to the extent of \$20,000 last afternoon by a fire that started from a cigarette carelessly dropped in a room on the second floor. The loss is fully covered by insurance. Owing to the fact that most of the students were spending the holiday at home, but few persons were about the building and the fire had gained great headway before it was discovered.