

MR. LAURIER AND THE PLEBIS-
CITE.

The Montreal Witness has no desire

which it is as warm a supporter as any other political paper in Canada. But

The Witness is making a demand which is calculated to embarrass the ministry. It has the unkindness to insist that the prohibition pledge should be redeemed. Since the station the press supporting the government has either not mentioned this part of the party programme at all, or has taken every opportunity to point out the difficulties in the way of prohibition, Mr. Laurier has himself delivered several important speeches since he became premier, but has studiously avoided the one subject on which he and his party have given positive and definite pledges. Mr. Laurier has given his personal pledge and the pledge of his party to ascertain by a popular vote the mind of the people on this question and to propose legislation accordingly. The premier was at great pains when leader of the opposition to declare that when he became head of the government there would be no flinching or evasion in this matter.

The Montreal Witness is a great admirer of Mr. Laurier, and expresses the view that he will not yield to timid counsels. The position of the other liberal papers is not, however, satisfactory to the Witness. Referring apparently to the Toronto Globe, which the faithful are accustomed to look for inspiration, the Witness complains of "long whining articles deprecating prohibition," and wants to know "what the purpose is if not to hinder or oppose prohibition." The changed attitude of the liberal press, now that its own party has the responsibility of dealing with the question and the duty of redeeming out its pledges, is thus described by the uncompromising Witness.

Why should the liberal press all at once change its attitude on this subject? It is to be that now that the time for taking a pledge has come, according to the pledge which the government has made.

lease of power? Is it because the government might fail in an attempt to carry

through permanent prohibitory legislation embodying the spirit of the law.

In favor of prohibition, that the government press has so suddenly adopted the attitude of a censor against prohibition! Seventeen years ago it was the organ of the Liberal Press—some strength of backbone, some hard muscle, some strength of purpose, instead of leaving it flabby, vacillating, shifty and wobbling. If the liberal press looks back to the columns of the "Liberator," it will find the platform of its platform it will find all the rudiments of the art of journalism. It is the organ of the bar-room and dissipation-inspired oration.

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CRETTE

The varied and contradictory accounts of the recent troubles in Armenia were in part due to the remoteness of the scene from the ordinary lines of communication and travel. The towns and villages where the outrages occurred were far from the region of newspapers or reporters, and it was usually not until long after the event that any clear account of the proceedings could be ascertained. When the stories reached the outside world it was possible for the parties charged with the outrages to furnish another account, throwing the whole blame on the sufferers. It was only after long and laborious investigation by the agents of certain societies, by the representatives of European governments, and by special correspondents from leading newspapers that the fables and the facts could be separated.

The island of Crete is not difficult of access, nor is it remote from the line of travel. It might be expected that a fair idea would be gained at once as to what is going on there. Yet the wildest stories of Turkish outrages are daily given to the public by some news agencies, only to be promptly contradicted by the correspondents of other agencies. The New York Herald has sent a representative to Crete. The ground he has to cover is not large, and whenever he hears of a new disturbance he rushes to the spot. Almost invariably his report either contradicts or modifies out of all resemblance to its former self the

to all parts of the world. There is a

plunging in Crete against the Turkish rulers, but according to the Herald correspondent it takes the form of bluster and noise, and has not yet occasioned much bloodshed. Yet it may be enough to lead to grave international troubles, since the European nations do not appear to be agreed as to what ought to be done about it. For the rest there is an ancient proverb reflecting on the veracity of the Cretans, which seems to have a modern application.

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One of the humors of the United States campaign was the publication of a speech alleged to have been made by Mr. Bryan, which contained a fierce attack on the United States supreme court. This rash deliverance called out emphatic protests in the interest of law, order and propriety. If now turn out that the extract quoted was taken from a speech of that eminent product of New England, the late Senator Sumner, Sumner's reflections were occasioned by the de-

the Fugitive Slave Law.

BOSTON LETTER.

**Nova Scotians Figure In Several
Fatalities.**

**Miss Della McGrenn Did Not Leave
Big Fortune, as Was Recent-
ly Reported.**

A Canadian Year in the Sporting Calendar

Lumber Business Very Unsatisfactory
—The Fish Market.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Boston, Aug. 8.—This has been one of the weeks when the depots have been choked with people leaving the city and the steamboat wharves piled high with baggage because of the uncomfortable, stinky weather. A heavy wave has hung over most of the country since last Sunday, but the eastern coast has been spared. Boston was until Wednesday, when it disappeared. It has been missing since.

Nova Scotians figured again this week in several fatalities, one of which is a complete mystery to the police. Mrs. Eliza M. Crampsey, who came here from Yarmouth a few years ago, was found in a boat off Cape Cod Island, near Ipswich, Thursday.

A Boston lawyer, who employed her as a housekeeper was the last one seen with her, and as another woman, who was also his housekeeper, died mysteriously two years ago, the authorities are making an investigation.

The most plausible theory is that Mrs. Crampsey poisoned herself. The stevedore will be analyzed at Harvard college by Prof. Wood. Hattie Austin, a seventeen-year-old girl who came here from some part of Nova Scotia about a year ago, is present residing at the city hospital.

condition. Dr. Edward F. Wells was charged with the duty of performing a criminal operation on the victim. Gertrude N. Chalmers, also a Nova Scotia girl, died in Cambridge Wednesday night in a peculiar manner. She had been troubled with heart disease and was suffering a heart attack. She came up towards morning she was badly frightened by a heavy peal of thunder that she faints and never rallied. Last week Louis Cormier, called a "hacker" from Moncton, was killed in Cambridge by falling from a staging.

The story which was recently published in a Boston paper that Miss Delia McGrenn, the housekeeper at the "Cottage" on the corner of Washington street, who died and was buried at St. John's last \$25,000, is denied by the hotel authorities. It was stated that the money had been found in a old built-up. The proprietor of the hotel died a few days ago. Miss McGrenn was said to be difficult to get a straight story, seems, however, that a small sum of money and other valuables were really found. Mrs. McGrenn was a sister

Walter M. Parker, a Manchester, N. H., millionaire, and Miss Christine E. Parker, daughter of the late John H. Parker of Holmeville, Cape Breton, were the only persons whose monographs were recently married.

Capt. W. B. Miller of the bark Laura E. B., which arrived at New York recently, says that when off the coast of Labrador in July he saw an immense lumber raft drifting with the tide. The raft was so large that he thought it was the wreck of a ship. It was the rest of the immense raft which J. L. Macdonald constructed in Nova Scotia in 1880.

State Auditor Parks of Colorado says that he will cancel the license of all insurance companies who send out circulars to policy holders saying that the policy will be worth but half the amount on which the premiums have been paid providing that the free state of Colorado wins in the coming election. He says that he will not do this.

The button craze has captured the town. Thousands of campaign buttons and buttons of all description are being worn.

Hon. Mr. Lauriers' latest speech as reported in American papers make him say that he desired to make Ottawa the Washington of the north. I have added to the immense popularity

the line.

and other lumber men, such as Curtis and Main, at its head, have received orders for 3,000,000 feet of spruce deals from England. Tramp steamers will carry the deals across.

Dr. J. W. Rogers and other physicians, surgeons, Professor Herman, pugilist George Dixon and other celebrities arrived here on the steamer Halifax this week.

The Mines of Henry M. Whitney, president of the Dominion Coal company, has caused dominion coal to touch the lowest point in the stock market in its history. President Whitney is improving, and will be, all right. The Dominion Coal stock, which was at \$25 per share; today it is at \$10.

A Nova Scotian in Oakland, Cal., writes that Mrs. James Brennan of North Sydney is superintending the construction of a ranch to be known as Crocus Island, a volcanic island, 70 miles southwest of Vancouver, where it is said there is treasure buried. The island is uninhabited, but some of Mrs. Brennan's slaves were once wrecked there, and they are behind them a large sum of money.

the sporting calendar. The latest victory is that of John McCall, champion hammer thrower of Canada, who defended all corners, including the champion of Connecticut and Hartford, Wednesday. Beside the success of Canadians at Bixley, the yacht races in Long Island sound and the big Halifax boat race, the work of the gunners at Shoeburyness has opened the eyes of several American sportsmen. If the Toronto ball team can win the eastern league pennant, and the Canadian boat come out ahead in the

James Sullivan, Jr., the twenty-four year old son of James Sullivan of St. John, died in Chelsea this week after a long illness.

MISS KENNEDY'S DEATH.

Verdict of the Coroner's Jury in the Case.

Recommendation that Lights be Placed at Kirk & Daniel's Crossing, so Called.

(Continued from page ten.)

The inquiry relative to the death of Emma Kennedy was concluded Monday light before Coroner Berryman.

James McKeever was the first witness sworn. He said he was on St. Charles wharf when Miss Kennedy was struck by the train. He heard her scream, and on reaching the place ascertained in moving the body.

Thos. R. Jones, one of the directors of the St. John Bridge and Railway extension company, and superintendent of the extension, was next called. There was a flagman at the Portland street crossing, but he did not think he was of much use there. Nor did he think a flagman would accomplish much at Kirk's crossing.

incident occurred. He told how the company gave the private owners the right to cross their track. It was a concession of the rights of the people and their employment for the public. There were notices stating that it was private property and not thoroughfare. He did not consider Kirk's crossing such a danger because the case was the right of the locomotive, and did not know which way to turn. He could not see the necessity for a light there.

To the warden Mr. Jones said he thought the company would have to stop the crossing. He was of the foot of the mountain. He thought the city ought to make an agreement with the company for the accommodation of the residents of the north end. Mr. Jones then devoted some little time to the Bentley street crossing. He said that the company had represented that the crossing was a private street, but that the bridge and extension would be exempt from taxation. Bentley street was only a footpath at that time. The track was laid in accordance with the plans approved of by the governing authority. He said that the completion of the line people residing in the Straat Street asked that a road be opened up in place of the so-called Bentley street. The Portland council had approved the railway extension \$1,200, which the city had to pay for. He said that the council would pay for crossings in good condition. Neither the Portland council nor that of the city had done anything at Bentley street, although the company had repeatedly asked them.

The former said that all the evidence was in, Recorder Skinner addressed the jury briefly. The city, which he represented, had nothing to do with the property over there. It was all owned by private parties. The company would not put a light there, as they would not pay for it.

and making the citizens responsible for whatever might occur. Dr. McKnight said the owner of the wharf asked the city to place a light at the head of the wharf, but they declined to do so. The right to erect this foot bridge was given Mr. McKnight and other property owners for a certain period of time. Now it appeared that it had become a public convenience. Hon. Mr. Jones insisted that the city should burn down the foot bridge. The legal attorneys of the C. P. asked the coroner to let the jury exonerate the C. P. R. employes on all blame. Mr. Jones agreed that this should be done. The coroner reviewed the evidence of considerable length and placed before the jury the questions they were called upon to determine. The jury, after an absence of an hour, returned with a verdict, but the coroner asked them to advise it and make it more definite.

about midnight they came back to court with the following verdict:

But the jury empaneled to inquire into the cause of the accident found that the late Sen. James Kennedy came to his death by being accidentally struck and killed by a passenger train at the Pacific station at 8.10 o'clock, on Sunday, June 27, the third of June, 1895. We do not think it was due to carelessness on the part of the railway company, but to the fact that the account of being a very dangerous crossing was not recognized by the Pacific Railway Extension company, on whose line the accident occurred, be requested by the committee to have Gates Boardman, Kirk's counsel, go called, and a watchman be stationed at the crossing to warn the citizens to the rails.

We would further recommend that the proper authorities be notified on and about the foot bridge erected between St. Helena and the Pacific station, that the bridge be removed in public use as now.

C. P. R. MEETING

Members of the Board of Directors of the Pacific and North Western Railroad Company met on the 27th of June at the ordinary Stockholders' meeting.

Montreal, Aug. 10.—At the meeting

The board of directors of the Lumber Pacific Realty Co. today declared the first half-yearly dividend of two per cent. was declared, and a dividend of one per cent. for the half year on the ordinary stock. Although the results of working for the half year have been satisfactory, the directors deemed it prudent to take a conservative course in dealing with the interim dividend on the ordinary stock, in view of the disturbed commercial and financial situation on this continent.

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