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THERE is very little news now from the seat of war. Havana advices of the 23rd say that the situation there remains the same as during the blockade. Provisions and other necessaries are said to be scarce and high. Madrid advices of the same date say that the opposition parties, supported by the press and public opinion, are urging the Government to resist American pretensions in the Philippines. It is said that the belief is general that Germany, Russia and France will oppose the United States annexing any considerable part of the archipelago.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL, Esq., has been chosen by the Conservatives of the first district of Queen's County to contest the election to be held on the 31st inst., to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of Judge Warburton. Dr. Robertson of Crapaud is the Government candidate. Mr. Campbell is an old and experienced parliamentarian, as well as a successful farmer. He is consequently closely in touch with the great majority of the electors of the district and understands their wants. We expect, therefore, that the electors of the first district will show their wisdom by triumphantly electing him on Wednesday next. The election of a Government supporter means approval of the recklessness and extravagance with which our finances have been managed by the Liberal Governments of the Province for the last seven years. We cannot imagine that the farmers of the first district of Queen's endorse the course pursued by our Provincial Government since 1891, or desire a continuance of the same. If not, let them return Mr. Campbell by a sweeping majority, this day week.

A HALIFAX despatch of Monday last says that a committee of the Maritime Board of Trade was appointed at the Truro meeting to present a memorial to Sir Louis Davies, for his use as Canadian Commissioner at the Quebec conference. The committee, it is said, authorized Sir Louis, on their behalf, to offer to the United States the free use of Canadian inshore fisheries by United States fishermen on the same terms enjoyed by Canadians. This privilege to be given in exchange for access to Porto Rico and Cuba, for Canadian products on the same customs tariff as is imposed on the United States products. It is also stated that a committee of the Halifax board of trade made similar representations to Sir Louis. This is what is going the rounds of the press. If the report is true, it would seem to be a somewhat arbitrary undertaking for these committees to assume the right to speak for the Maritime Provinces in a matter of such importance. Cuba and Porto Rico have scarcely come under the laws of the United States, and there may be many things to consider before any such arrangement should be made. To say the least, the action, if true, seems a little precipitate.

As intimated in our last issue, Mr, Beaven, failed to form a Government in British Columbia, and gave up the task. The Lieutenant Governor then sent for Mr. Semlin, Leader of the opposition in the last Legislature and asked him to form a ministry. It will be remembered that Mr. Semlin commanded a following of only about one half of the members elect who were opposed to the Turner Government. The other wing was divided between the famous Joe Martin and a Mr. Cotton of Vancouver. The latest accounts indicate that the factions have been united under Mr. Semlin, both Martin and Cotton accepting office in the new Government. Martin becomes Attorney-Ceneral, and Cotton Provincial Treasurer. The probabilities are that another general election will be brought on right away. From these facts it will easily be seen how deep was the plot that deprived the Turner Government of office. Mr. Turner is a Conservative and as such is not a *persona grata* to Lieut. Governor McInnes, who, in imitation of Lord Aberdeen, is evidently most anxious to please his masters at Ottawa. Apparently fearing that, by the time the Legislature met, Mr. Turner might have a majority of the members with him, the Lieut. Governor summarily dismissed him, and in turn, entrusted the task of forming an administration to two men, each of whom commanded a smaller following in the Legislature than the man he forced out. It has evidently come to this; that the Government at Ottawa and the Lieutenant Governors appointed by them are bound that Conservative Governments must be driven from office by fair means or foul. It must be admitted that this is a rather extraordinary state of affairs in a country where representative government is supposed to exist.

One of the wealthiest farmers in eastern Ontario—M. Purcell, of Glen Walter—was instantly killed in his carriage by a train on the Grand Trunk Railway. He had returned only the night before from a visit to Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia. He was a brother of the late P. Purcell, ex-M. P. for Glengarry.

Scottish Gathering.

THE annual gathering of the Clans of P. E. Island took place, according to announcement, at Head St. Peter's Bay on Wednesday last. The weather, somewhat dull and inclined to rain in the morning, cleared off beautifully in the afternoon. With a good stiff breeze blowing it was a cool and ideal afternoon for sports. A special train of nine cars from Charlottetown was packed with people when it reached St Peter's. Crowds came by the regular trains from Souris and Georgetown and the special from Souris was filled. Besides these great numbers came in carriages, while those in the immediate vicinity thronged thither on foot. The number present on the grounds in the afternoon was between two and three thousand. The best of order prevailed; the pipers and band enlivened the scene with choice strains, while the best of violin music was furnished to those who patronized the dancing booth. The games commenced at 12 o'clock and were kept up without intermission till all was over about 5 o'clock. The number of entries was very large and the competition was most keen. A number of young athletes came to the front; gave an excellent account of themselves, and cannot fail to distinguish themselves in future competitions. In the heavy hammer competition Mr. D. E. Clarke of St. George's, broke the Island record by throwing it 97 ft. 1 in. The President's medal for the best all-round athlete, was won by Mr. D. M. McDonald, Charlottetown. The dancing of the Highland Fling, by Mr. Louis McDonald of Montague was splendid, and elicited enthusiastic applause. His Honor, Lieutenant Governor Howlan, Mrs. Howlan and party, and Mr. Alexander, of Dalvey, Mrs. McDonald and party were in attendance. They took the liveliest interest in the games and highly enjoyed the events of the day. The gathering brought forth much enthusiasm, and all present seemed to enjoy themselves to their hearts' content. After the distribution of prizes, and some remarks by the President, the Chief and the Lieutenant Governor, the national anthem was sung, and thus was brougdt to a close one of the most successful gatherings in the history of the Caledonian Club of P. E. Island. The prizes were presented by Mrs. McDonald of Dalvey, and each successful competitor, as he came forward, was loudly applauded. Following is the prize list:

Throwing light hammar—1, D. E. Clarke, St. George's, 110 ft. 6 in; D. J. McDonald, Ch'town, 107 ft 6 in; Angus McDonald, Dundas, 95 ft 10 in.

Running high leap—1, D. M. McDonald, Ch'town, 5 ft 1 in; 2, William McLeod, Lorne Valley.

Putting stone (14 lbs)—1, D. J. McDonald, Ch'town, 42 ft 2 in; 2, D. E. Clark, St. George's, 42 ft; 3, Alfred O'Hanley, St. Peter's Bay, 40 ft 7 in,

Hop, step and jump—1, D. M. McDonald, Ch'town, 41 ft 10 in; 2, Vernon Shaw, Montague, 41 ft 7½ in.

Throwing heavy hammer,—1, D. E. Clarke, St. George's, 97 ft 1 in; 2, D. J. McDonald, Ch'town, 95 ft 5½ in; 3 Angus McDonald, Dundas, 82 ft 7 in.

100 yard dash,—1st D. M. McDonald, Ch'town; 2nd Vernon Shaw, Montague.

Putting stone, 14 lbs (amateurs, —1, E. Ryan, Mt. Ryan, 37 ft 2 in; 2 James McGee, St. Mary's Road, 36 ft 1 in; Walter R. Gillis, Clyde River, 35 ft 8 in.

Running broad jump—1, Vernon Shaw, 20 ft 2½ in; 2, D. M. McDonald, Ch'town, 19 ft 9 in.

Flat race, 220 yards (amateurs) —1, R. L. McDonald, Peake's Station; 2, A. D. McArthur, New Dominion; 3, Vernon Shaw, Montague.

Vaulting with pole—1, D. M. McDonald, 9 ft 4 in; 2, Walter R. Gillis, Clyde River; 3, Ernest McEachern, Charlottetown.

Throwing light hammer (amateurs)—1, John J. Clark, Grand River, 95 ft; 2, James McGee, St. Mary's Road, 91 ft; 3, A. Morrison, Grand River, 89 ft 11 in.

Quarter mile race—1, A. D. McArthur, New Dominion; 2. Neil D. McNeil, Long Creek; 3, R. L. McDonald, Peake's Station.

Boys race under 16, 100 yards (amateurs)—1, John Scott, Charlottetown; 2, Ronald McNeill, St. Peters; 3, Wm. McLaren, Dundee.

Sack Race—1, M. F. McKinnon, Strathgartney; 2, Vernon Shaw, Montague; 3, Wm. McLeod, Lorne Valley.

Hurdle Race—1, D. M. McDonald, Charlottetown; 2, Wm. McLeod, Lorne Valley; 3, Neil D. McNeill, Long Creek.

Dancing Ghillie Callum—1, John G. Cameron, Dundas; 2, John Gillis, Ch'town; 3, Malcolm McNeill, Long Creek.

Dancing Highland Fling—1, (gold medal by Chief T. A. McLean),—Louis McDonald, Montague Bridge; 2, James Calder, Charlottetown; 3, James Duncan, Dundas.

Pipe Music—1, Peter Ferguson, Charlottetown; 2, Duncan McDonald, St. Peter's Bay.

Silver Medal for best all round athlete, presented by the President, Mr. James McIsaac, D. M. McDonald, Charlottetown.

THE attitude assumed by the New York Sun shows that there still exist in the United States men and journals that believe or profess to believe that, in order to secure reciprocity with that country, Canada must join the Union. This is what it says: As for reciprocity, the attainment of which is hoped for by the Canadian members of the conference, they will have to show, in the first place, how they can reconcile any valuable conession to us with the preferential treatment given to England by the legislation of last year, and secondly, they will have to answer the fundamental question how the admission of our manufactures to a market of five million consumers can be reckoned as equivalent for the admission of Canadian raw products to a market of seventy millions. It is just as true today as it was last year that the only way in which the Canadian dominion can secure the advantages of free trade with this country is through political union. We trust that our commissioners will impress this fact upon Lord Herschell and that he will return convinced that the surest and quickest method of establishing close and abiding relations between the two great sections of the English-speaking world would be to encourage the incorporation of Canada with the United States. It is the existence of an independent and not too friendly political entity on our northern border which constitutes the principal obstacles to our prompt and general recognition of the essential solidarity of British and American commercial interests in the Pacific." It is to be hoped the commissioners from Washington will not so far forget the nature of the business they are called upon to engage in as to propose anything so insane as what the New York Sun advocates. Otherwise it would be just as well for the commission not to meet at all. It must be presumed however, that the subjects assigned for discussion have been proposed in all seriousness by the United States, and that they will be taken up in a practical way and dealt with in a spirit consistent with the dignity of the nations that are parties to the commission.

One View of the Conference.

(Halifax Herald)

The Chicago Inter-Ocean has been discoursing on the coming international conference at Quebec, the subjects to be considered there, and the probable out come, and least among its errors of fact may be noted its notion that the conference was to meet a week or so ago. But full of error as to facts, as the Inter-Ocean was at the time of writing, and in its writing, the article it sent forth is nevertheless of interest as a United States view of the coming conference, its subjects and probable outcome. On the subjects to be discussed our Chicago contemporary said:—

"Nine issues, all of them important, and one of supreme importance, will be considered by the commissioners, whose functions are advisory only. Placing them in the order of importance, the questions to be determined are: 1. Armed vessels on the lakes between Canada and the United States. 2. The rights of American fishermen on the coasts of the Atlantic and Pacific. 3. The transportation of goods in bond through Canadian and United States territory. 4. The Alaskan boundary. 5. Mining rights of American and Canadian citizens when working in the territories of each other. 6. Pelagic sealing in Behring sea and the Pacific ocean. 7. Alien labor laws. 8. Inland lake and river fisheries. 9. Reciprocity in trade and extradition of criminals."

Canadians cannot help being interested by the order of importance which the Inter-Ocean assigns to the several topics. It is very notable that "armed vessels on the lakes" is given foremost place, when it is remembered that it is from the United States that the demand has come for this new measure of departure from an international peace basis. The next most important object of attack appears to be the undoubted and indisputable rights of Canadians to their coast fisheries on the Atlantic and Pacific. On the other hand, the place assigned to reciprocity should be particularly interesting to the grits who have sought to make so much of that matter. From the wonderful order of importance of topics, we now turn to the Inter-Ocean's estimate of the probable outcome of the conference. It says:—

"It is not likely that much will come immediately from the conference; it is quite possible that nothing will come directly from it, for our Canadian friends and neighbors are in the full bumptiousness of youth, and therefore are disposed to claim everything and to concede nothing. Repeated conferences and negotiations have disclosed a Canadian obstinacy on the fishery questions, both as to seals and to edible fish. The treatment of United States fishermen driven by storm or other untoward circumstances into Canadian harbors frequently has been inhospitable, and not seldom brutal. The "strict construction" of fishery treaties has been insisted upon by Canadian statesmen with a vigor that has violated the spirit of comity in which the instruments were framed, and that at times came dangerously near to disregard of their language. As to the sealing question, Canada has chosen to stand as the only country or colony that makes profession of civilization while pursuing a policy of extermination of a valuable sea animal. Such reciprocity as Canada demands cannot be consented to by this country; it was adopted as an experimental policy between 1854 and 1866, and worked disastrously to our trade. A recapitulation of its evils and of the measures taken for its repeal forms one of the most interesting chapters of Blaine's famous book, Twenty Years of Congress. The transit of bonded goods is a commercial question, upon which the commissioners might easily concur in recommendations upon which the moderates in the parliament of the Dominion and and the Congress of this country would agree, but, unfortunately, in this, as in the other questions at issue, the Canadian is intolerant and grasping. It is well that the United States Commissioners are men of American spirit, for the unconciliatory tone that permeates so conservative and nonpartisan a paper as the Canadian Journal of Commerce indicates that weak men would be out of place at the meetings of the commission. Nevertheless, indirectly the sessions of the commission are likely to be productive of good, especially as regards the repeal of the treaty that limits us to one warship on the lakes. In this, as in no matters, the Canadians have not kept good faith with us; for while conforming to the letter by keeping one commissioned warship afloat they have a fleet of so-called revenue cruisers that are convertible into gunboats at almost a minute's notice. Our commissioners may be trusted to bring out facts that will justify congress in making urgent demands for fair play on the part of Canada in regard to all the nine topics at issue. If there were no other cause assignable against an alliance with Great Britain the friction between her greatest colony—a colony that speaks of itself as a nation—and the United States would be sufficient. Much will be said and written concerning the proceedings of the commission that assembles to-day; all of its deliberations will be pregnant with suggestions. Yet it is to be feared that its conclusion will leave all of the issues presented to it as indeterminate as they are to-day."

Passing by our Chicago contemporary's errors of fact, especially as to treatment accorded by Canadians to their neighbors, we would say it is comforting to be even thus assured that the conference will not amount to much. It is manifest that if the United States commissioners are as ill-informed as to facts as the Inter-Ocean appears to be, and if their attitude towards this country is anything like that which it displays, then certainly nothing new could be settled at the conference which would not be to the injury of Canada. Under those circumstances, the best that our commissioners can do is to do little or nothing new, but maintain the status quo. They may not like to do that, because they are politicians who have promised to do great things in international matters, and merely maintaining the status quo might look like failure; but on the other hand they cannot be unmindful that the Canadian people will not suffer Canadian interests to be sacrificed, nor will they forget that the country has a constitutional way of maintaining its international rights even though its handicapped commissioners might be willing to sacrifice them.

General Greely's 278 Days of Death.

The true story of those 278 days of suffering by Greely's heroic little band of explorers in the Arctic region has been told by General Greely himself, for the first time, for the October *Ladies' Home Journal*. For years General Greely has kept an unbroken silence about his fearful experience and that of his companions, as they dropped dead one by one at his side, and it was only after the greatest persuasion that the famous explorer was induced to write the story.

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DIED.

A Morell Rear, on June 22nd, Abram Suppier, aged 95. He leaves 11 children, 66 grand children and 48 great grand children and one great, great grand child to mourn. He was one of Chief Sark's most immediate friends.

At Hope River, on the 17th inst., Joseph A, beloved son of Daniel and Mary Traught, of this city, aged 12 years. R. I. P.

At Black Point, on Monday, July 25th, Mrs. Daniel Fisher, in the 36th year of her age, leaving a husband and three small children to mourn. R. I. P.

Sunbeams.

"Sunbeams" is the name of a collection of original poems, by Mrs. W. W Rodd, authoress of the "Island Rose." This is a pamphlet of over fifty pages, and contains fifty-one poems. Being the product of home talent it is deserving of encouragement. The booklet is for sale at Carter's and Hornsby's bookstores. Following is the opening poem of the collection:

PRINCE EDWARD ISLE.

The poets sing of other lands,
Of nations brave and wise,
Of noble, patriotic bands,
And land them to the skies.
But we will sing of our fair land—
May fortune on her smile,
May love and friendship, hand in hand,
Reign on Prince Edward Isle.

Fair native land, no Klondike gold
Would tempt us far to roam,
Here we may gather wealth untold
In our fair Island home.
Thy fertile soil rich harvest yields
For many and many a mile,
Here we can see no barren fields
On fair Prince Edward Isle.

Our native land we love thee: here
When children we have played,
Each well-remembered spot is dear
Each mossy bank and glade.
Oft' have we rambled free from care,
Blessed by our mother's smile,
For she our happiness did share
On fair Prince Edward Isle.

Oft' have we stood upon the beach
And watched the good ships sail
Outward as far as eye could reach,
As they sped before the gale;
And breakers dashed upon the shore,
Majestic all the while,
As we listened to the ocean's roar,
Of fair Prince Edward Isle.

Thy hills and landscapes are so grand,
Thy scenery so fair,
Kind Nature, with a lavish hand,
Her blessings did not spare,
While on thy honest sons so brave
Thy lovely daughters smile,
Sons who would give their lives to save
Our fair Prince Edward Isle.

The warbling songsters as they soar,
Afar on rapid wing,
Seem to be singing o'er and o'er,
Praise God, our Heavenly King;
O land of Beauty, land of Peace,
May Heaven on thee smile,
May Truth and Righteousness increase,
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LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

THE tender of John P. Nicholson, Charlottetown, being the lowest for sewerage construction was accepted by the commissioners. The other tenders received were from James K. McDonald, New Glasgow, McCusker Bros., Waltham, Mass., and T. A. McLean, Charlottetown. About 1600 bbls. of cement have arrived and the pipe is expected this week. Two tenders for Manhole Covers were received, one by T. A. McLean, City, and the other by I. S. Matheson & Co., New Glasgow. The contract was awarded to the latter.

CLERICAL CHANGES.—The following changes, in the diocesan clergy are about to take effect: Father McLellan, St. Margarets to be Rector of St. Dunstan's College; Father Gregory McDonald of Summerside, to return to his old parish, St. Margarets; Father Curran, Rector of St. Dunstan's College, to be pastor of Summerside; Father Ignatius McDonald to be pastor of St. Teresa's; Father McGuigan to replace Father Ignatius at the Palace.

MRS. HUGH MCMILLAN, of New Haven was thrown from her carriage and somewhat injured in consequence of a runaway one day last week. Her horse started at the blowing of a whistle and bolted; the buggy was upset and Mrs. McMillan thrown to the ground. Happily, however, she was only stunned by the fall and slightly cut on the face. Her husband who was in Captain R. McMillan's office at the time came quickly to her rescue. The horse ran into a lumber yard near by, and was captured.

GOOD TIMES COMING,

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

This season's Labrador fisheries are very unsuccessful, in fact, almost a failure. The North Bay fleet, however, has, according to a Lunenburg, N. S. despatch, done exceedingly well.

On Thursday last, as a train was passing over Trail River bridge, in the northern section of Vancouver Island, past of the bridge broke and the train fell into the river from a height of 120 feet. Six lives were lost and a number of persons injured.

Emperor William II., of Germany, accompanied by two hundred European Protestant clergymen, propose making a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Doubtless many persons will follow in their train, as the event is certainly a new feature in the nineteenth century.

From a Fredericton, N. B. despatch of the 18th. we learn that Dunfries parish was visited by a tornado which destroyed the houses and barns of John Jones, Fred Elbett and Councillor Scott. At Stanley, John Logan's house was struck by lightning and his son killed.

The witnesses against the mate of the Herbert Fuller, Thomas W. Bram, were liberated from Boston jail on the 15th. Although enjoying their freedom they are still under police supervision. Bram is now to be tried for the murder of Bloomberg, second mate of the barkentine.

Destructive fires are reported from many parts of the European continent. In Spain forest fires are making much headway in the mountains. $50,000 worth of property was destroked at Achenbeck, near Brussels, Belgium and serious outbreaks are reported from Russia.

According to the Canadian commercial agent in the Argentine Republic, D. M. Rennie, that country yielded 63,000,000 bushels of grain last year, being an average of ten bushels to the acre. Of this, 23,828,000 bushels were shipped. Forty-eight cargoes of Canadian lumber, eleven of which were white pine, arrived there during June and July.

A heavy storm of lightning, hail and rain raged, on Wednesday last, along the New England coast and in New Brunswick. Much damage was done in Maine and Massachusetts. Some of the hailstones which fell in Boston were over an inch in diameter. At St. Stephens, N. B. a church was set on fire by lightning, and both there and in Calais much injury was done to shade trees.

The programme for the Dominion Rifle Association meeting has been issued. The matches will begin on Monday, Aug. 29, and close on Thursday, Sept. 1st. There are no additional matches, and the team scores in the Dominion of Canada match will count in the Walker. There is no change in the rules and regulations governing the matches. As formerly, ammunition will be free and the Enfield rifle used. All competitors appearing in uniform are requested to be properly dressed.

Whilst the intense heat prevailed in England and France during the last two weeks many cases of sunstroke were reported. A thick fog in the English Channel also caused much inconvenience. Paris was even hotter than London. During the manœuvres at Beziers Lieutenant Colonel Longuet fell from his horse and died from the overpowering heat. At the same time the inhabitants of the Austrian mountain regions suffered from extreme cold, the thermometer having, within a few hours, fallen from 100 to 50 degrees. Snow storms prevailed at Gratz, Insbruck and several other places.

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