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THE NORTHWEST BILL.

The Northwest autonomy bill has been introduced and is before parliament. Elsewhere is given a report of Sir Wilfrid's explanation of the terms of the measure. On the first reading of a bill, the exposition of the member in charge is the only source of public information concerning it.

The financial terms contain allowances for government and eighty cents per head, as in the other provinces. There is also a debt allowance based on a certain assumed population and an allowance of the interest on \$3,500,000 to each province, as a return for the public lands which the Dominion government is determined to retain. On the whole it will be seen that the provinces will start business with a fair income.

It is assumed that the population of these provinces is 250,000 each, or say three-fourths that of New Brunswick. But while New Brunswick has less than half a million revenue from federal subsidies, Saskatchewan and Alberta will each draw \$1,092,875. When the population reaches 400,000, which, according to the premier's calculation would be in less than three years, its income from Ottawa would be over \$1,400,000, which is larger than the amount paid to any province in Canada.

In view of these large allowances the withholding of the public lands from provincial control will not be a source of profit to the Dominion. On the contrary the federal government is buying the lands from the provinces, paying interest on the values, while the lands themselves are paying no return. No doubt if the lands were sold gradually as called for they would bring all the money that the Dominion places to the credit of the provinces on interest account. But the lands will not be sold. A portion of them will be given to the settlers as free homesteads.

While the Dominion government gains nothing financially, and the province gains a revenue by the retention of the western lands in the control of Ottawa, the provinces would like to have the control and management of this property. With most of the real estate in the control of the ministers at Ottawa the local administration will be greatly hampered and impeded. The Dominion authorities will always have an excuse or reason for interfering in local affairs. The provincial authorities will be constantly finding their jurisdiction contested and every place subject to Dominion veto. They will have to ask the consent of Ottawa to any scheme of settlement. Any provincial policy involving a right of way will be subject to federal approval. Ottawa will control the timber and stone, will probably control the water courses, and generally will have the power to hold up the provinces.

The Star predicted that the act would be ambiguous in the matter of separate schools, and would probably set forth that the provinces would be subject to the separate schools provision of the B. N. A. Act. The premier has followed this course to the extent that he proposes to guarantee separate schools and declares that the B. N. A. Act requires him to do so. As Mr. Borden points out there are no provisions of this character in the B. N. A. Act calling for the proposed legislation. Moreover, as the Sun says this morning, if the B. N. A. Act made it necessary to retain or establish separate schools there would be need of providing for them in the present act. The separate school clause of the autonomy bill is there because the Laurier government has adopted the policy of imposing separate schools on the new provinces. The question whether the policy is good or bad must be discussed on its merits. It is sufficient to say now, that it is not imposed by any constitutional requirement.

THE NORTHWEST BY SECTS.

The population of the territories in 1901 was 100,000. It is assumed now to be 500,000. How the people are now divided religiously cannot be stated. By the census of 1901 they were thus classified in round numbers:
Roman Catholics 30,000
Anglican 25,000
Presbyterians 25,000
Methodists 5,000
Baptists 4,000
Mennonites 9,000
Greek Church 7,000
Lutherans 12,000
Mormons 2,000
Pagans 5,000
Eight denominations are mentioned having less than 1,000 each and over 4,000 were enumerated as of various sects and unspecified.

AN EXAMPLE OF COURTESY.

More than Oriental courtesy prevails between the taxation committee of the board of trade, and the commissioners appointed to consider reforms in the assessment law. The board of trade committee has reported in favor of reducing certain taxes and abolishing others. It was not made clear in this report how the revenue so abandoned was to be replaced. When that more difficult part of the work

was taken up it struck the board of trade inquirers that they were intruding on the domain of the city council investigators. In vain have the members of the council commission assured the board of trade people that they would take such intervention in good part. In fact, they would welcome the assistance. The gentlemen of the board of trade absolutely refuse to intrude.

IT IS HARMLESS.

Certain excellent friends of the Star are somewhat worried over a local paragraph in this paper describing a stray consignment of drift ice which recently floated down the bay near the mouth of this harbor. Broken ice does happen along our coast occasionally. One need not mind saying that in the barmy spring time fragments of shattered river ice are sometimes seen in the harbor itself. But it has never been noticed that these pathetic relics and survivors of weary ice pilgrimage have caused trouble to shipping.

WINTER.

How strangely clear on the still winter air
Float far-off sounds; the rumbling
cars I hear
O'er miles of field and woodland, and
more near,
Blithe sleigh bells chime along the
thoroughfare.

The stripped and gnarled oak branches
snap with frost; the smoke
A last shrill whistle from the smoke-
wreathed town
Pierces the night—and over all, the
host
Of watchful stars in silent guard look
down.
—Eugene Dolson in Madama.

“There's many a
slip 'twixt the cup
and the lip.” Used
to be, but not now
if you take Tiger
Tea.

BIRTHS

BLAKNEY.—At Cambridge, Mass., February 19th, to the wife of George M. Blakney, a daughter.

DEATHS

LATHAM.—In this city, on the 20th instant, after a painful illness, John Latham, aged 53 years, leaving a widow and five children, four daughters and one son, to mourn their very sad loss.

FUNERAL (private) from the hospital, on Thursday at 2.30 p. m.
APPELBY.—At Halifax, N. S., on Feb. 21, Theodore Thomas, eldest son of John F. and the late Mary E. Appelby, of this city, in the 32nd year of his age.

FUNERAL from his late residence, 30 Pitt street, on Thursday at 2.30 o'clock. Service at 2.15.
CAMPBELL.—Entered into rest, at Dorchester, N. B., on Tuesday, 21st February, Anna, beloved wife of the Reverend J. Roy Campbell.
Funeral from St. Paul's (Valley) Church on Thursday afternoon, 23rd February.

UNDERTAKING

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A few days ago the Lurcher lightship was reported with distress signals flying. The government steamer Landsdowne, Captain Bissett, has, for about ten days, been awaiting a chance to get alongside of the lightship with supplies. The weather has been so rough that the Landsdowne has been compelled to remain at Brier Island. It is expected that the government tender will get into communication with the lightship today.

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HUGE DIAMOND ON WAY TO ENGLAND.

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LONDON, Feb. 20.—After having been exhibited in the office of the Premier Mining Company of Johannesburg, South Africa, for a week, the monster gem, known as the Premier diamond, has been shipped to England on the Union Castle liner Briton at Cape Town, which is due here on Saturday.

The mammoth diamond—the value of which is estimated by its owners at \$2,500,000—has been sent here as an ordinary registered postal package. It is a fact that if the Briton founders at sea, if the registered package goes astray, as stones, smashed or lost overboard, its shippers will be able to recover only \$25.

This is the extreme limit of liability that the postoffice will assume for a registered package. The owners pay the registry fee of four cents in addition to four cents per oz., according to weight for postage, so that the cost of transportation to the diamond company is only about 10c. The diamond has been carefully wrapped in cotton wool and packed in a strong box. No extra precaution has been taken on the steamer. The box containing the gem has been placed in the ballroom of the Briton along with the other registered packages, and there it will rest until the steamer reaches port, when it will be regularly delivered to the person to whom it is addressed like any other registered package.

As a matter of extra precaution, however, the owners of the Premier have insured it with the underwriters to its full value—\$2,500,000—so that should the diamond be lost or stolen, the Premier Company is protected. Here in London this stone will be exhibited for a while. After that, its fate is problematical. Neuman & Co., the London agents of the Premier Company, will hold it subject to the owners' orders and on this point a correspondent had an interview with a prominent diamond expert on Holborn viaduct.

“These large stones,” said he, “are really white elephants to their owners. The Premier diamond, which weighed 79 carats and was at first valued at \$1,250,000 could have been purchased afterward for \$500,000. Wemmer, Beitz & Co. finally had to cut it into pieces at the present time as I have no doubt that the Premier will share the same fate after it has been exhibited here. There are no monarchs or millionaires at the present time who would be likely to purchase the immense gem.”
For a similar reason it is not possible that any thief would care to burden himself with the diamond, guaranteeing the possibility that it could be stolen. According to the London agents of the Premier Company, the mine where the diamond was found is located 14 miles from Pretoria and has only been worked about eighteen months. Only Kafir laborers are employed in the mine and it is more than probable that the stone was discovered by one of the white overseers, who are always on the watch.

RAN AWAY ON MILL ST.

It Don't Always Pay to Harness a Colt and an Old Nag Together.

A double team ran away on Mill street about noon today. They were frightened on Pond street by the whistle of the yard engines, and they rounded the corner at the Grand Union Hotel and ran up Mill street at a pretty lively pace. They stopped after running about 200 yards. No damage was done. Their owner had laid down the reins and was talking to a man nearby when two engines came along and whistled for the crossing. One of the horses was young and he became alarmed, the other being older, saw no cause for alarm at the engine whistle, but, thinking his young companion had decided that discretion was the better part of valor and off they went around the corner and up Mill street. They had not got far up the hill when the older and wiser horse saw that he was making poor use of a good opportunity to rest and he at length prevailed on his young friend to take advantage of such an excellent opportunity. They were not permitted to enjoy the rest long, for their owner came and took them away.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Rev. J. F. Floyd gave last evening in Coburg Street Christian Church the last of a series of interesting and practical lectures on Science, Travel and Love. His subject last evening was Getting Married and Staying Married. The water tank at the new round-house is not yet in use, but may come into service next summer. This tank has never yet been used, but it was filled with water, and then frost came along and burst the big frost-proof pipe.
Miss Estelle Cook, B. A., of Acadia university, and lately instructor in literature and history at Mt. Allison Ladies' College, has been appointed to the position of teacher of literature and music at the Provincial Normal School, Truro, Miss Cook, who comes well recommended from Acadia and Mt. Allison, has for some time been pursuing studies in voice culture and literature in Toronto, in the university and with private instructors.
A memorial meeting to Frances Williams was held by the W. C. T. U. yesterday afternoon.

FOUR FROM ST. JOHN.

The Massachusetts General Hospital will grant graduation diplomas to eight maritime young ladies four of whom are from St. John. The following are the names of the successful students:
Miss O. B. Golding, St. John.
Miss B. M. Holder, of Carleton.
Miss M. E. Hailick, of Carleton.
Miss Violet L. Kirke, North End.
Miss Catherine Beaty, of Kent Co., N. B.
Miss Helen Cody, Centerville, Carleton county.
Miss Nellie Steeves, Albert county, N. B.
Miss Eulalia Smyth, Woods Cove, C. B.
The course about completed is of three years' duration, including special study in the Sloan Maternity Home, New York; the new Corey Hill private hospital, Brookline, Mass.; and the Waverly Hospital of the same state. The nurses have worked under some of the most renowned surgeons and medical men in America. By a new regulation applicants for nurses' positions in the Massachusetts General Hospital are hereafter required to pay a considerable entrance fee.

CLOSE-FITTING.

“Does Mabel's new gown fit her figure?”
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