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AUSTRALIAN TRADE.

Sir Charles Tupper's Golden Wedding Ottawa's Greatest Social Event.

Black Rod Not Unlikely to Be Abolished—The Soo Canal.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Oct. 8.—Commissioner Larke urges that, with a view to overcoming the matter of railway rates on goods from Eastern Canada destined for Australia, a line of sailing vessels from Montreal should be arranged for.

The report emanating from Winnipeg that Mr. Sifton will be sworn in as minister of the interior at Brandon on Tuesday next by His Excellency, is discredited here. Mr. McGee, clerk of the privy council, who has to attend such functions officially to administer the oath of office, has not been notified to go West.

It is reported that Black Rod Kimber will shortly be superannuated and the office abolished.

Four thousand two hundred and eighty-four vessels passed through the Canadian Soo canal this season up to September 30.

The greatest social event which Ottawa has seen for many a day is the golden wedding of one of the four remaining Fathers of Confederation. Telegrams and letters of congratulation to Sir Charles and Lady Tupper have been pouring in from all parts of Canada, also from England. Among those who so telegraphed were Lieutenant-Governors Patterson and Dewdney and Archbishop Langevin. This afternoon the ex-Premier and Lady Tupper were at home to several hundred of their friends. Premier Laurier, Sir Oliver Mowat, Hon. Mr. Davies, Mr. Mulock and other ministers called to offer their congratulations.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Senators Miller, Dickey and Sanford on behalf of the Conservatives of the Senate, and Messrs. Taylor, Boyd, Wood, Clarke and other members for the Commons, presented magnificent gifts each valued at over \$1,000. The list of presents occupies two columns of newspaper space.

OTTAWA, Oct. 9.—Hon. Messrs. Laurier, Cartwright and Davies had a conference this afternoon on the fast Atlantic line, and the decision of the government is expected very shortly.

"Joe" Martin left for Detroit tonight. He is tearing mad with his former Liberal friends and is breathing out "murder and threatenings" against them.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 8.—(Special)—Hon. J. D. Cameron left to-day and Hon. Col. McMillan and Hon. Robert Watson have to-morrow for Ottawa. The Premier has not been feeling well for some days and therefore does not go down. The Attorney-General also remains in town. It is understood these ministers will meet the members of the Dominion cabinet and discuss the school question in final conference. It is possible that this being satisfactorily disposed of minor questions may be taken up with the Cabinet or with the departments which have them in charge. Attorney-General Sifton, when seen to-day, was asked when the ministers would go to Ottawa. He replied that the intention was for the Premier and himself to remain in town for the present. It is understood that in addition to the school question, the ministers who visit Ottawa will discuss certain financial matters with the Dominion ministers, of which they were unable to obtain a settlement from the Conservative ministry.

Lord and Lady Aberdeen are expected to reach Winnipeg to-morrow, en route to the Pacific Coast. They will probably remain here over Sunday.

THE FRASER RIVER.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 7.—(Special)—Mr. Marani, the Vancouver member of the delegation which visited Ottawa in regard to the Fraser river improvements, has returned home and speaks of the great assistance Col. Baker and Mr. Earle were to the delegates in presenting their case. Col. Baker said that he had gone to Ottawa to show the sympathy and approval of the provincial government and promised that it would join the Dominion authorities in making surveys. Mr. Earle spoke of the navigation, commerce and industry of the river, and demonstrated that the question was of Provincial and even of Dominion importance. After the interview with Minister Earle, Col. Baker received a letter from the Department of Public Works stating that an engineer would be sent to make surveys in connection with the matter and to co-operate with the provincial engineer.

SIR OLIVER MOWAT

TORONTO, Oct. 7.—(Special)—The World's correspondent says he hears that there is a strong probability of Sir Oliver Mowat being recommended in the near future as a Canadian judge of the judicial committee of the Privy Council.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Synod of Diocese of Westminster—Members of Parliament to Explain Their Action.

Delta Agricultural Show—Mining in the Kootenay Country—Rain-fall at Langley.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 9.—The annual synod of the diocese of Westminster will be opened in Christ church, Vancouver, on Wednesday.

Seventy-five passengers are booked for the out-going steamer Empress of India. A mass meeting will be held on the return of the members from Ottawa, when they will be asked to give an account of their stewardship.

Another Chinaman has been found dead in a vacant room on Dupont street. A coroner's inquest was held and a verdict returned of "Death from natural causes." The medical authorities promise to prosecute the incompetent irresponsible Chinese doctors.

WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, Oct. 9.—Gambling is in full swing here. Faro banks, wheels, etc., are so openly conducted that the matter has aroused the local W.C.T.U., who have complained to the authorities, and a promise has been made that the law will be enforced.

Two men giving their names as Nelson and Barrett were arrested yesterday in the act of stealing a watch.

The Columbian bicycle parade of yesterday is said to have been the best parade of the kind ever attempted in British Columbia. Some of the characters were exceptionally well taken, the hayseed and the Turk being the favorites.

Bad weather spoiled the attendance at the ninth annual exhibition of the Delta Agricultural Association, held at Ladner on Saturday. There was very keen competition in live stock, though some of the exhibits were excellent. Dairy and farm produce and fruit were all most creditable. The display of flowers was very good. In fancy work there was little competition.

The Columbian has had an editorial commenting on the failure of No. 4 Company of the Fifth Regiment to turn out as usual to furnish a guard of honor to the Lieutenant-Governor at the opening of the exhibition. It says: "Why the men of the Fifth Regiment should not be put in a better position to do their duty is a question which is not raised, as it has been on several past occasions, we cannot say. Still less can we imagine what reason or excuse our local artillery company have to offer for their utter failure, in disregard of the usual order, too, to turn out and assist in the opening function of the exhibition. It is not so long ago that the company was reorganized, since it was provided with a new drill shed, and all appliances complete, and the public have been asked at various times (and have always heartily responded) to support our militia in their prize shooting contests, both at home and abroad. The least the militia should do in return is to do their duty on occasions like the present to do less than that is subversive of all discipline and reduces the service to the level of a farce, and to assist, for their own credit and that of the town, in making such local functions as successful and creditable as possible."

BOUNDARY CREEK.

(From the Boundary Creek Times.)

W. W. Gibbs recently returned from a trip up Kettle river, visiting both Canyon and Cedar creeks. The country is promising, the characteristic formation being diorite. Mr. Gibbs was particularly impressed with a claim owned by Ed. Sullivan and Alex. Waddell, some 28 miles from Rocky creek. The ore resembles that of the Winnipeg and is a solid pyrrhotite with the brownish shade imparted by copper. Assays by Mr. Gibbs gave an average value of \$12, which from surface rock is very fair returns.

A good prospect was located last week by Messrs. Dufour and Fisher in Sky-lark camp, adjoining the Lulu. The claim was called the Barrow, and has a small quartz ledge. The ore is iron-stained quartz carrying free gold and copper pyrites.

A placer claim was recently located by Mr. Hanrahan between the ranches of Kerr and Boyd, and contains good pay dirt. On an average it runs from five to fifty cents to the pan.

As the result of surface prospecting of the new iron-capped leads up Lost creek, pyrrhotite has been uncovered. On the Ballard, located by Robinson and McArthur, they are preparing to sink on a large body of it.

Jack Farrell, while prospecting on the Buttercup, in Wellington camp, found a small quartz ledge which has since widened out to nearly three feet. The quartz carries copper sulphurets, and runs well in gold.

The option on the Stemwinder expired on the 24th ult. It is understood the owners have received word that a sale has been consummated, but the final payment has not been made.

Fourteen men have been put to work on the Old Victoria in Camp McKinney. The property is likely to prove valuable. After a few days' work on the Cracker Jack, in Greenwood camp, copper ore was found beneath an iron capping. The ledge was stripped for some 11 feet; no walls were found.

W. T. Shattford and A. Cosens last week located the Sluam, in Camp McKinney. The vein is quartz, with a pay-streak of clean galena.

Mr. McIntosh, of Winnipeg, bought a three-quarter interest in the Big Six from Alexander Wallace this week. The assays run above the average.

All the water has been removed from the Stemwinder shaft. Sinking is in progress on one shaft and a drift is being run at the foot of another.

The Lincoln and City Paris have been bonded by an English company and development work is to be commenced shortly.

ROSEBERY RESIGNS.

His Lordship Vacates the Leadership of the Liberal Party in Britain.

Differs From a Considerable Number of the Party on the Eastern Question.

(Special to the Colonist.)

LONDON.

LONDON, Oct. 7.—Earl Rosebery, the late Liberal premier, has written to Mr. Thomas E. Ellis, Liberal member of parliament for Merionethshire and the first Liberal whip, saying that he has resigned the leadership of the Liberal party. Lord Rosebery says in the course of his letter:

"The recent course of events makes it necessary to clear the air. I find myself in apparent difference with a considerable number of Liberals on the Eastern question, and there is the same conflict of opinion with Mr. Gladstone, who must necessarily always exercise matchless authority in the party, while scarcely from any quarter do I receive explicit support.

This situation, except as it regards Mr. Gladstone, is not altogether new. But I complain of no one and only regret that I should appear to divide the energies and try the faith of the Liberals. This question, however, is above personal considerations, and I must speak my mind and speak it without reference to the party.

"Under these circumstances, it is best for the party and for myself that I should speak, not as a leader, but as a free man, and to notify you that the leadership of the party, so far as I am concerned, is vacant. I resume my liberty of action. I can only feel the deepest gratitude and regret at parting with you and with those who, like you, have given me such loyal co-operation under circumstances so difficult."

Lord Rosebery expressed himself on September 18 with reference to the public agitation in England for intervention in Turkey by Great Britain by saying: "For England to interfere in Turkey without the consent of the powers would involve a European war." This opinion he based upon the supposition that Russia had not qualified the attitude which she assumed in Turkey by opposing separatist action in Turkey by any power.

In contrast to this view of Lord Rosebery is the attitude assumed by Mr. Gladstone in his carefully considered speech at Liverpool on September 24, in which he declared that "We (Great Britain) have a just title to threaten Turkey with coercion," adding: "But that does not in itself mean war. Our first step should be to recall our ambassador and it should be followed by the dismissal of the Turkish ambassador from London."

The correspondent of the Associated Press at Florence, Italy, telegraphs that there is a rumor that Russia has ordered Salvisini to resign, which has found currency in the United States.

William Edwards, fourth Baron Kensington, is dead. He was born in 1836, and served in the army and the navy, and was captain of the Yeomen of the Guard from 1892 to 1895.

The release of Haines and Kearney at Rotterdam is not due to any change in the British policy. The reason why the treaty with Holland does not admit of extradition for the offence alleged. Overtures were made by the British government officials to the United States to secure the arrest of the men on their arrival at New York, but the U.S. authorities refused.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Oct. 8.—At a meeting of the clergy of the Royal Diocesan Chapter of the Diocese of Vancouver, the Rev. Canon of the Nanaimo district, at Cedar district, the question of the election of a royal dean for this half of Vancouver island was discussed.

Grand Master J. E. Church and Grand Recorder J. T. McEwen, of the A. O. U. W., visited the Nanaimo lodge last evening.

The Nanaimo Water Works Company have a number of men engaged in clearing in their several reservoirs of any floating or other debris that may have accumulated.

ROSSLAND.

(From the Rosslander.)

Some of the first car load of ore from the Evening Star taken to the Trail smelter assayed eight ounces in gold.

A strike was made on a property about two and one-half miles from Gilliam's hotel, Salmon river, by a man named Boyd. The rock ran \$200, besides a good percentage in copper.

Negotiations for the sale of the C. & C. were closed by telegram on Saturday night. The sale is made to old country parties, who will organize a new company and continue development work. About 150 feet of work has been done, chiefly a shaft 78 feet in ore all the way. Good sample assays have been got for the last 30 feet of shaft.

The owners of the Iron Colt are very well pleased with recent developments. By Friday last the men had sunk 22 feet, and the whole bottom of the shaft was in almost solid iron sulphide ore. It is anticipated that a few feet more will give pay ore.

The Waneta and Trail Creek Mining Co. has been organized to acquire and develop the property of the Iron Colt. The property is situated on the Copper Belle mine claim, situated about two miles west of Waneta, six miles south of Trail. A continuous trail has been traced through six claims, with surface showing of about twenty feet in width. Work on the Copper Belle adjoining these claims has exposed a vein of fine copper pyrites, and a silver bearing rock.

A contract has been let to Boxham & Beaton to run a tunnel of 75 feet on the Boie, to tap a vein at the depth of 65 feet. This ledge has very heavy crop-

GUESTS OF FRANCE.

Enthusiasm Over the Czar's Visit Shows No Signs of Waning.

Their Imperial Majesties at the Elysee Palace—Presented to the Notables.

(Special to the Colonist.)

PARIS.

PARIS, Oct. 7.—All Paris is in holiday attire to-day. In spite of the cloudy weather the streets are packed with thousands of sightseers, many of whom have not been in bed all night. Excitement over the visit of the Czar and Czarina shows no sign of waning, in fact the enthusiasm appears to be increasing.

Newspapers of all classes and political belief express the very highest satisfaction at the speeches made by the Czar, especially the one delivered at the Elysee palace.

Le Figaro sums up the general opinion of the newspapers on the situation in an editorial to-day, which says: "Conclusive acts and definite words will be completed at Chateau. But they are enough to convince Europe of our union."

The Czar and Czarina on their arrival were as closely scanned as politeness permitted. She suffered fearfully from seasickness, and was too tired to attend the banquet last evening, but was not deterred from going to the round of the French squadron, though she had to go out to the roads, where the sea was running high. The Czar was apprehensive of the effect on her health, but she insisted quietly. In this and many other traits she is truly Queen Victoria's granddaughter.

The Czar has just body enough to work his highly developed nervous system. His brow shows thoughts of care and contrariety, for things both sovereigns equally as with common mortals. Blue is prominent in his honest blue eyes, which are very like those of the Duke of York, whom he generally resembles. His nose is like the Empress Dowager's, but his mouth is hidden by a fair beard. He is sure to improve with age. He is methodic, painstaking, conscientious, and knows his own mind.

He will not let President Faure draw him into the Czar shows deep feeling in his pallor, but the expression of his face remains unchanged.

After the Imperial party had left the Russian church yesterday the horses attached to the Czar's carriage reared owing to the cheering and became entangled in the traces. During the confusion the carriage backed against the curbstone, colliding with some persons which struck the Czarina who was waiting to enter the vehicle slightly in the face. The Czar then drove to the Elysee Palace alone in order to return the visit of President Faure, and the Czarina returned to the Russian embassy.

The President met the Czar at the portico of the palace and after shaking hands with him they proceeded to the salon, where they conversed for twenty minutes. The President then conducted the Czar to another salon where the ministers were presented to His Majesty, and then the latter was escorted to the Grand Salon de l'Hotel, where 500 senators and deputies were presented to the distinguished visitor.

His Majesty entered into conversation with leading men. He said to M. Ribot: "You were Minister of Foreign Affairs in 1891?"

M. Ribot bowed in reply, and the Czar continued, "That was the germ." On this M. Ribot remarked, "It was the beginning of great things." "Quite so," answered the Czar.

His Majesty bowed to the majority of the persons present without conversing with them, and on returning to the Russian embassy received the president of the chambers, cabinet ministers and members of the diplomatic corps, who were presented by Mr. Ferreres, the papal nuncio, who is dean of the diplomatic corps.

LONDON, Oct. 7.—The St. James Gazette this afternoon publishes a despatch from Paris saying that the performance of the opera yesterday evening terminated abruptly in the middle of the ballet, owing to the illness of the Czar, which it is said was occasioned by bad cooking at the Elysee palace.

PARIS, Oct. 8.—The guests of the Czar at luncheon at the Russian embassy yesterday included M. Hanotaux, minister of foreign affairs; General de Boisdeffre, chief of the general war office staff and present aide de camp to the Czar; Admiral Gervais, in attendance upon the Czarina; the Dukes and Duchesses of Chartres, Magenta and de Rohan; the Duke d'Aumale and others.

After luncheon their majesties drove out to inaugurate the new bridge, and at 2.30 p.m. were met at the site of the bridge by President Faure, the usual immense crowd cheering and bright sunshine prevailing. The Imperial standard of Russia was hoisted, the Russian anthem was played and the ceremonies were carried out with promptness and without a hitch. President Faure stood between the Czar and Czarina, who in turn had M. Loubet, president of the senate, and M. Brisson, president of the chamber of deputies, on either side of them, and with M. Meline, president of the council of ministers, on the right of M. Brisson. Behind the presidents of the chambers and the ministers were grouped the cabinet officers, and further back were the members of the diplomatic corps.

The stands erected for the accommodations of the senators, members of the chamber of deputies and mayors of the different towns, etc., were heavily loaded and the entire neighborhood was densely packed with people. Paul Monnet read the stanzas composed for the occasion by

Jose Heredia, to whom the Czar asked to be presented, warmly shaking hands with him. The Czar also extended her hand, which he kissed. M. Boncher, the minister of Commerce, delivered a short address, begging His Majesty in the name of the government of the republic to lay the cornerstone of the bridge, and thus accord to a great work of civilization and peace, his high approbation and the gracious patronage of the Empress.

The Czar and Czarina thereupon signed the formal document prepared for the occasion and the Czar was then handed a trowel by President Faure, with which His Majesty spread a small portion of mortar and tapped the corner stone with a mallet. At the same moment a boat, in which was a bevy of maidens dressed in white, left the right bank of the river and crossed the stream to the place of ceremony, where they presented the Czarina with a silver vase containing some splendid flowers. The corner stone laying of the bridge is also that of the Paris exhibition of 1900, for which the bridge will be used. After signing the minutes of the meeting and the minutes of the Hotel de Ville.

In the evening President Faure attended a dinner at the Russian embassy as the guest of honor. The Czar presided, Mme. Faure being upon his right and M. Brisson, president of the chamber of deputies, upon his left. The Czar sat opposite the Czar with President Faure upon her right hand, and M. Loubet, president of the senate, upon her left.

The Czar and Czarina, and the President and M. Faure, after dinner, went to the Theatre Francaise to attend a gala performance. Following the play and the curtain rose and revealed all the artists of the Comedie Francaise, with red cloaks grouped around the busts of Moliere, Corneille and Racine, while M. Mounet Sully read a complimentary ode in which were the words: "It is from the North hope comes to us to-day."

The reading was received with loud applause. Mesdames Bartlett, Reichelberg and Baretta also read similar addresses. The illuminations were repeated on all the public buildings and numerous private buildings on a grand scale, and the appearance of the city was no less brilliant than at the previous night's demonstration.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—The Paris correspondent of the Times says President Faure's chief has resigned on account of irritation at the President ordering the Elysee banquet from a caterer.

SPANISH BRUTALITIES.

CHICAGO, Oct. 8.—A special to the Times from Key West says: Butcheries on an awful scale are being perpetrated nightly in Havana according to a letter received here from one of the most reliable correspondents in the Cuban capital. Every night at police headquarters prisoners are taken out and placed on the books as released. These individuals, in charge of three policemen, are placed in a boat and starved for three days and land anywhere, but after a while the officers come back without the prisoners. This action has been watched night after night. From the 1st of September to the 30th eighty-three prisoners have disappeared in this way. Five were drowned on the night of September 26.

From the Cabanas and Moro castle, prisoners are taken out and drowned in the same way. The reason they are taken out of the harbor is on account of the number of sharks, which get hold of the bodies and leave no trace. La Barrera has five men under arrest on suspicion of putting a dynamite bomb under a gas main. They are kept in a police station and tortured to make them confess. The torture consists of feeding them dry codfish and not allowing them any water. No other food is allowed, and they die of starvation if they refuse to eat the salt cod. This is the method the means employed by Weyler in Barcelona, and it is said it never fails to produce the desired effect.

HELD FOR THEFT.

LONDON, Oct. 8.—Waller Michael Castle, described as an American merchant; Ella Castle, his wife, and Fred Castle, his son, 10 years old, have been arrested at the Hotel Critic and subsequently arraigned at the Marlborough police court, charged with stealing several chinchilla skins of a total value of \$105 from furriers of this city. They were found in the rooms occupied by the Castles in their trunks, which were marked Mrs. Castle, San Francisco, and W. Castle, New York.

Mr. Castle, when taken into custody, said: "My God, we bought these things in Geneva and one skin we bought from a boy in the street."

Both the prisoners were remanded for a week, bail being refused, and the boy was discharged.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 8.—William Castle, who was arrested in London on a charge of stealing furs, is the senior member of the big tea importing and dried fruit shipping firm of Castle Bros. of this city. He is a millionaire, and very prominent socially. His firm here is one of the largest in the country and Mr. Castle has always borne an untarnished reputation. His brothers here, when shown a copy of the London dispatch, were overcome with grief and surprise. The Castles are the leaders of wealthy Jewish society here and the arrest will create a profound sensation.

TORONTO, Oct. 7.—The council of the board of trade has adopted a resolution favoring a two cent letter rate through Canada, and also a penny postage throughout the empire.

CARDINAL SATOLLI.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—Cardinal Satolli left Washington to-day at 12:45 p.m., on the beginning of his journey to Rome. He goes first to Newark, N. J., thence to West Point, Brooklyn and New York, calling up his time in paying visits to some friends until October 17, when he will sail from America.

TORONTO, Oct. 7.—J. D. Ivey & Co., wholesale milliners, have suspended a case of dilapidated trade and slow payments. The chief creditors are in England and the firm expects to make arrangements by which they will be able to continue.

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