

CAPITAL NOTES.

B. G. Military Changes—Exports and Imports—Big Indian Meeting at Kamloops.

Canada and Her Right to Negotiate Trades—Redistribution—The Atlantic Modus Vivendi.

Export of Agricultural Products—The Behring Sea Modus Published in the Gazette.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, April 22.—Lieut. A. T. Cotton, No. 1 Battery, British Columbia Artillery, returns, and Captain J. W. Sinclair, of No. 2 Battery, Victoria, who is leaving the limits, has his name removed from the list of officers. E. A. Fraeger has been appointed lieutenant of the Maritime Infantry Company, vice Richardson, retired, of British Columbia.

The reports for March show an increase of \$722,000, and for the nine months of the year, \$11,750,000. The imports increased during March over a million and a half. The duty collected during the nine months showed a falling off of two millions and a half.

The University men ask that books for college libraries be allowed to enter Canada duty free.

Mr. William Smith, Deputy Minister of Marine, has been made Deputy Minister of Fisheries.

Talbot, the public works boodler, has jumped his bail.

Ex-Judge Foster, of Keweenaw, is likely to be made senator, in place of the late Senator Stevens.

Sir John Thompson gives notice of the introduction of his Redistribution bill on Tuesday night.

Archbishop Duhamel and Father McGuickin, of Ottawa, will attend a great meeting of Roman Catholics, Indians of British Columbia, at Kamloops, early in June.

Messrs. Earle and Prior saw Sir John Thompson, to-day, and urged payment to the Provincial Government of the amount owing on account of the Equivalents gravestone.

In the House of Commons the Atlantic modus vivendi bill was strongly opposed by the Grits, on the ground that it would give too much power to the Government. They insisted that the Government should ask Parliament annually for authority to issue licenses.

There was a big fight on the immigration vote. The Opposition trotted out the old story about an increase of 200,000 immigrants in six hours. The appropriation was not passed.

The Governor-General transmitted to Parliament, to-day, the reply of the Imperial Government to the Canadian request for the abrogation of the Favored Nation clauses in treaties with the German Zollverein and Belgium.

It is Her Majesty's Government's intention not to contest the statement in the Canadian address, that fixing the rates of customs duty by self-governing colonies, when applied fully to all nations, is their incontestable right, but the statement implies the right to discriminate against the member countries in favor of particular colonies.

Her Majesty's Government points out that this claim is too broad. No such general right has hitherto been recognized. The reply further states that the denunciation of the two treaties mentioned would seriously injure the trade in fiscal matters the Dominion desires.

In order to acquire this, it would be necessary to revise very extensively the existing commercial treaties of the British Empire, and a great break-up of existing commercial relations would result. For these and other reasons the Government cannot advise the denunciation of the treaties.

[The above was only read yesterday, though filed the day previous at Ottawa.]

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Mr. Stewart, who surveyed Burrard Inlet, has been assigned to Georgian Bay, this season.

The Imperial Government strongly dissent from the Canadian proposition for the carriage of dead loads in winter to the height of the head rail.

Twelve houses and three stores were wiped out by the fire at Casselman, near Ottawa.

The Behring sea modus vivendi appears in full in the Canada Gazette, to-day, to the end that the same and every part thereof may be observed and fulfilled with good faith by all our loving subjects.

Jacob Bell gives notice that after 30 days he will apply for permission to erect and extend the wharf fronting his property at Laurel Point, Victoria harbor. The plans were deposited with the Department of Public Works here.

YATES LETTER.

The Queen's Award—Prince Alexander of Battenberg—Consoling Other Royalities.

LONDON, April 20.—The Queen's visit to Darmstadt is to be strictly private. Preparatory orders have been issued prohibiting court functions and military display. The Queen will visit Prince and Princess Louis of Battenberg at Schloss Hellenburg, near Juegenheim, and the Count and Countess of Epeach, at Schloss Honenberg, in the same neighborhood.

During the visit she will go to the mausoleum at Rosenhöhe, where the late Grand Duke and Princess Alice was buried.

The Queen's visit to Darmstadt will probably lead to reconciliation between her and Prince Alexander of Battenberg, who has been in deep disgrace since hismorganatic marriage. The Prince has been placed in comfortable circumstances by an arrangement which he has concluded with the Bulgarian Government, under which he has a life pension of £2,000 a year.

When the Prince left Bulgaria, in 1886, it was agreed that he should receive £100,000, and that the Government should purchase his estate, palace, furniture, plate, and personal paraphernalia. Out of the £100,000, he owed £70,000.

With the remainder he has undertaken to provide for his youngest son, Prince Joseph. Prince Alexander of Battenberg's second son, £15,000, will only come to him on the death of his mother, the Princess of Battenberg. Prince Alexander has been urging his claims on the Government at Belgrade for nearly five years.

Emperor William intends to pay a strictly private visit to England at the end of July, coming in his yacht Hohenzollern direct to Cowes and staying there for the regatta week. The Emperor will probably arrive at Cowes on July 30. He will re-

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