

AT SAND POINT.

Many Immigrants Landed During Last Two Days.

Allan Liner Virginia Arrived Sunday Morning—Lake Erie Had 1,300 Passengers.

The new turbine steamer Virginia, Capt. Vignon, of the Allan line arrived at Partridge Island Sunday morning at 1.25. Here she was compelled to anchor and wait till the steamer arrived in order to get a berth. When the Hawaiian left No. 2 berth the Virginia came in and docked about 3 o'clock. The number of spectators assembled to meet her was comparatively few owing to the early hour.

The Virginia left Halifax at 7 Saturday morning, being about 18 hours coming across. She brought to this port 424 passengers, 274 second cabin and 150 steerage. Her complement first cabin passenger list is as follows: E. Baker, Mrs. R. Baltus, Miss M. Baltus and infant; K. Bennett, G. N. Bernard, J. W. Bliton, J. D. Blyth, Rev. J. Boyle, Bishop T. Casey, Capt. Colquhoun, Mrs. Colquhoun, C. Desjardins, W. Edmondson, W. Sydney Field, Mrs. W. Sydney Field, E. T. Arnold Foster, A. B. Fullerton, Mrs. Lulu-de Gibling, Mr. Graham, Mrs. Graham, Mr. Hall, Henry Hewitt, Miss A. Hewitt, Austin Hudson, R. Hunt, Mrs. Hunt, V. B. Mhmer Jones, A. F. D. Luce, H. Levy, R. W. Lishman, Hon. P. A. MacNaughton, A. D. McCallis, A. McCullough, Bishop J. C. McDonald, T. McKinnon, Malcolm McNicol, Rev. H. A. Meshan, A. Montgomery, G. Morris, J. Morris, J. Noble, W. J. Pratt, Capt. A. Reid, Charles Rollin, Mrs. Rollin, Norman Rollin, Mrs. Rollin, E. Roy, G. Somerville, Murray Stephens, Miss Thodaly, L. M. Thornton, S. E. Thomas, Miss P. Thomas, infant and maid, R. Tierney, H. Topham, Rev. W. Wallace, Jas. Williams, Geo. Wolfe, Miss Wolfe.

The following is the staff of officers on the Virginia: Pursor—J. Stewart. Surgeon—Dr. J. Trumbull. Chief officer—L. Cooke. Chief engineer—W. Martin. Chief steward—J. Blakley. Salon stewardess—Mrs. Roberts. Assistant pursor—A. Taylor. The accommodation on the Virginia are all that could be desired. In most respects her interior finishes compare quite favorably with those of the Victorian. Although not so elaborate, the work on the interior of the Virginia is perhaps the more substantial of the two. The woodwork of the saloon apartments in the vessel is largely of light oak, while that of the Victorian was in mahogany. The grand saloon and the music room in this boat appear to suit the taste of many better than those of the other turbine. The Victorian's smoking room, although comfortable, is not to be compared with that of the Victorian. The room is smaller and its interior finishings much inferior to that of the Victorian was in mahogany. There are ten rooms on the bridge deck, including the bridal chambers, that are most elaborately finished and furnished. The passengers who landed yesterday all appeared delighted with the accommodation on the trip. The immigration building where the passengers landed was closed and no outsiders were admitted except on business. Visitors were also deterred from going aboard the boat. This made it much less difficult for the immigration officers to move about and attend to their duties.

Chief Justice Weatherbee, in speaking to the Sun, said that he had a most delightful trip. He was much surprised at the almost entire lack of vibration. He was just as comfortable during the trip as if he had been in his own house. He went on board on Friday evening and went to sleep. When he awoke the steamer was some distance on her journey. It was almost impossible to tell whether the ship was in motion or not. In fact, he said, that several times he thought she had stopped, when a good rate of speed was being made at the time. The chief justice said that the appointments of the various rooms was most luxurious and comfortable, and provided with every modern convenience. Judge Weatherbee will leave for Halifax this morning. He will meet Mrs. Weatherbee, who has been visiting in Ottawa, at Moncton, and accompany her home.

Mr. Lambkin was also greatly pleased with his experience and remarked that all who were fortunate enough to be on this magnificent steamer were most enthusiastic in their praise of the advantages of the turbine, and very grateful for the hospitality of the Messrs. Allan. Mr. Lambkin will remain in town for a few days. Hugh A. Allan and wife, and Andrew A. Allan and wife, also came around from Halifax in the Virginia and left by the special train yesterday for Montreal. The other Montreal members of the party also left for their homes by the special, being accompanied by P. R. Perry, C. P. R. district passenger agent.

The C. P. R. steamer Lake Erie, one of the last of the line to visit this port in the winter service, arrived Saturday morning from Liverpool, and is now docked at Sand Point. The Lake Erie brought over thirteen hundred immigrants, of which 121 are foreigners, mostly Swedes and Norwegians. The immigrants as a whole were a fine looking lot and with the exception of about a hundred were all bound for the Canadian Northwest, leaving for their destination by special train during the day. The others will settle in the United States. They will be followed by the Mount Temple, which is now due.

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN, Arrived.

April 17—Str Florence, 1609, Barr, from London via Halifax, Wm Thompson, 2d gen. Bktn Enterprise, 400, Steeves, from New York, A. W. Adams, coal. Sch Hunter, (Am) 187, Hamilton, from New York, D. J. Purdy, sulphur. Sch Rewa, 123, McLean, from New York, D. J. Purdy, coal. Sch Wm Marshall, (Am) 250, Williams, from Richmond, Ya, P. McIntyre, coal material. Sch S. A. Fowner, 123, Ward, from New York, A. W. Adams, gen. Sch F. W. Pickles, 388, Paterson, from Apalachiola, J. A. Likely, pitch pine. Sch Harry Rowlandson, (Am) 271, Hale, from Boston, J. A. Gregory, bal. Sch John J. Ward, (Am) 280, Whelpley, from Boothbay, D. J. Purdy, bal. Sch Lena Maud, 48, Glegg, from Boston, master, bal. Bark Cordellera, (Nor) 635, Carlsen, from Havana, Wm Thomson and Co, ballast. Str Coban, 659, McPhail, from Louisville, W. V. Starr.

Constitute—Str Pin Back, 24, Ingersoll, from North Head; schs Souvenir, 27, Robichaud, from Metshah; Arel-na, 48, Outchou, from Tiverton; Susie, 58, Merlam, from Port Greville; Rolfe, 54, Rolfe, from Parrsboro; Maltrland, 44, Hatfield, from Port Greville; Bay Queen, 32, Levy, from Grand Harbor; Augusta Evelyn, 30, Soolvi, from North Head; Maudie, 28, Beardsley, from Port Lorne; Abana, 32, Christy, from St. Martin's; Economist, 13, Parker, from St. Martin's; Bees, 35, Manson, from Thome's Cove; Le-Vinia, 50, LeBlanc, from Public; Ethel, 34, Trahan, from Bellevue's Cove; L. N. Ellis, 34, Lent, from Westport; str Centreville, 32, Thompson, from Sandy Cove; Venus, 43, Thurber, from Westmouth; tug Springhill, 42, Cook, from Parrsboro; str Aurora, from Grand Manan.

Cleared. April 17—Constitute—Schs Harry Rowlandson, for St. Martin's; Packet, Chute, for Bridgetown; Maudie, Beardsley, for Port Lorne; Agnes May, Kerrigan, for Shute; Rowena, Dewey, for Rockport; Able Verner, Morris, for Advocate Harbor.

DOMESTIC PORTS. Arrived.

At Yarmouth, April 12, bkn Grenada, Gardner, from Philadelphia. British Ports. BARRADOES—April 3, bark St Paul, Kemp, from Forcados. Sid March 31, bt James Daly, Comau, for Honduras; April 4, bark Daphne, Christensen, for Miramichi. GIBRALTAR, April 2—Ard, str Isle of Lewis, Howey, from Carthagena for (? Philadelphia).

Passed list, str Venango, Manning, from Tyne for Savona, etc. str Wyandotte, Richards, from St. John via Cape Town.

TABLE BAY, March 23—Ard, str Montauk, Cole, from Mauritius. YOKOHAMA, March 23—Ard, str Nubia, Habeko, for New York via ports.

HONG KONG, April 1—Ard, str Indra, Wilkes, from Barry.

Foreign Ports. PERU, March 28—Sid, bark Killarney, Davis, for Barbados. PUNTA ARENAS, March 31—Ard, str Hathor, Kopp, from Hamburg for San Francisco via ports.

SALAVERRY, March 12—Sid, str Hughenden, Jones, for Caliao. MAZATAN, April 1—Sid, str Peru, McKinnon (from San Francisco), for Ancon.

MONTEVIDEO, March 8—Ard, bark Angara, Roderhiser, from Buenos Ayres, etc. Sid March 19, str Crown Prince, Thomas (from New York) for Buenos Ayres, etc.

MIRAGOANE, April 7—Ard, str Landria, Boldt, from New York via Inagu, etc. In port th, sch Asta, Chipman, for Flushing, LI to sail same day.

NEWCASTLE, NSW, about April 4—Ard, bark Brilliant, Morrison, from Yokohama.

NOUMBA, March 22—Ard, ship La Perouse, Rio, from Sao Diego. VALPARAISO, March 22—Sid, stra Seraphy-Richard, for Hamburg; Saxonia, Hepp, from San Francisco, etc. for Hamburg; 29th, Hermothis, Knudsen, for Hamburg.

KUCHINOTZU, April 1—Sid, str Fernley, Seddon, from Singapore. GATAQUIL, March 8—Ard, str Coye, Thomas, from New York via ports.

LATE SHIP NEWS.

Domestic Ports. HALIFAX, April 13—Ard, strs Bavaria, from St. John (and sailed for Liverpool); Veritas, from Jamaica; schs United, from Newark, N. J.; for Charlottetown; P. E. I.; Walter, M. Young, from Lubec for Magdalen Islands.

Sailed, strs Orinoco, Bale, for Bermuda, West Indies and Demerara; Sanica, McKinnon, for St. John via ports. Cleared, str Mackay-Bennett, (Br cable), Schenck, for sea.

British Ports. BARBADOS, April 15—Sid, str Margotta, for Montreal. PORT FIFE, April 15—Ard, bark Crown of Germany, from Port Gamble.

BELFAST, April 15—Sid, bark Darby, for Canada. CAPE TOWN, March 23—Sid, ship Germania, for Canada.

LILLESAUND, April 10—Sid, bark Ludwig Holberg, for Miramichi, N. B. MOLLIS, April 15—Sid, str Pur-nessia, from Glasgow for York. INISTRADULA, April 17—Passed, str Laurentian, from Boston for Glasgow.

LIVERPOOL, April 15—Ard, str Bovic, from New York. GLASGOW, April 12—Ard, str Caladons, from New York. Sailed, str Buenos Ayres, for Montreal; Barthenon, for sea.

Foreign Ports.

YINELAND HEAVEN, Mass., April 17—Ard, schs Lavoie, from Bristle; Landing for New York; Alaska, from South Amboy for Eastport; W. R. Perkins, from New York, bound east; Alice Maud, Grete, Cora May, and Dolman, from St. John for New York; B

OTTAWA LETTER.

OTTAWA, April 14.—Telegraphic correspondence of the Sun gave a fair amount of Mr. Crockett of York, with respect to the tobacco bill from a legal point of view. It was only at the end of his speech that he dealt with the Barrett incident. As his remarks will be distorted by the liberal press, it may be well to quote from Hansard just what he did say.

Before resuming my seat, I desire as a member of the house and a citizen of this country to enter my protest against what has transpired in reference to the shaping of this legislation behind the backs of the constitutional representatives of the people. I refer to the conferences which have taken place with reference to the educational clauses of the bill between the prime minister and M. de la Roche, and between the prime minister and the representative of the paper. Far be it from me, Mr. Speaker, to utter any words which would even be capable of being misconstrued into an expression of disrespect to the eminent gentleman who has represented this country in the capacity referred to at the instance of the prime minister and other gentlemen sitting in the gallery of the chamber, or with reference either to the great church of which he is the representative. I have no doubt that M. de la Roche is a gentleman of the highest character and of the highest attainments, and I feel sure that he was doing what he conscientiously believed to be his duty as the emissary of his house in this country. The criticism which I make is not of the gentleman, but of the action of him or of the church he represents, but of the prime minister, who as such is presumed to represent the whole of the people of this country. Roman Catholic and Protestant alike, who, presumed in his public, representative capacity, to know no creed, has violated his duty by recognizing in the tobacco bill a partisan and a party affair which is not recognized by our constitution, and which is wholly foreign to our system of government. The people of this country have a right to insist that this bill, if passed, is no affair of state shall the premier or government of this country take counsel with or accept dictation from any foreign ecclesiastical power, be that power Roman Catholic, Protestant, and I have no hesitation in saying that if the prime minister has taken counsel with the papal legate, as has been charged and regarded in this house, that is an action which is so much educational laws shall be imposed upon the new provinces in the Northwest while ignoring two of his most important constitutional advisers, and the premier of the territories upon which the legislation is to be imposed, he has committed an offense against our constitutional government which the better party are entitled to be concerned about. I have probably forgotten, as the right honorable gentleman seems himself to have forgotten his lofty, high-sounding professions of 1896, when, as leader of the party, in the opinion, he moved the six months' hold to the Manitoba remedial bill, but they will, I venture to predict, not so readily forget this right hon. gentleman as Mr. Laurier, democrat to the hilt and leader of the opposition in 1896, "representing not Roman Catholic Protestants but the whole of the people of the Dominion, and I must give an account of my stewardship to all classes. Here I am, a Roman Catholic of the French extraction, entrusted by the people with the most important duties under our constitutional system of government. I am here the acknowledged leader of a great party, the majority of whom are Protestants as well as in the majority, as Protestants must be in the majority in every part of Canada. 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