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Clever men are good, but they are not the best.—Carlyle.

Justice, sir, is the great interest of man on earth.—Webster.

Silence is as deep as eternity, speech is as shallow as time.—Carlyle.

The greatest of faults, I should say, is to be conscious of none.—Carlyle.

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ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., MARCH 5, 1901.

OUR HEROES.

The welcome extended yesterday to the two young men who have returned from South Africa was well deserved. Additional interest was given to the welcome extended to Corp. Armstrong from the fact that he had lost a limb in the service of the Queen, and during his stay in England was specially singled out by her late Majesty as a subject for the personal expression of her sympathy for her boys. We are again reminded by the arrival of these young men that it will not be our privilege to extend a welcome to all of those who went to South Africa. The fund to erect a monument in honor of those who died still grows all too slowly. The Star once more directs attention to the fact, and trusts that its readers will take the subject into more serious consideration.

The executive committee of the Strathcona statue fund and the Canadian Soldiers' Monument fund of Montreal have amalgamated. The result will be a combined memorial of Canada's contribution of troops in the South African war, and of Lord Strathcona's patriotism. Owing to the difficulty of Lord Strathcona, who had hesitated to consent to having a monument erected to his memory, the idea of amalgamation was agreeable to all and particularly so to his lordship himself, who expressed pleasure in the new idea. It is hoped that at least \$100,000 will be contributed by Montreal's citizens for this work. A very large executive committee is at work and a committee on design has also been appointed.

AMERICAN MILITARISM.

A press despatch yesterday gave special prominence to the fact that the military element predominated in the inaugural proceedings at Washington. It was stated that in the procession the military outnumbered the civilians more than three to one, while a large fleet in the Potomac represented the navy. The prevalence of the military spirit is a notable feature of the times. A few years ago American statesmen were very fond of alluding to Europe as an armed camp, and pointing with pride to the fact that the United States had no need to do with the quarrels of the old world, and therefore no necessity for a large army or a powerful navy. All this has changed. With the necessity for 60,000 men or more in the Philippines, the recruiting stations all over the country are very active, and a great deal of space is given in the newspapers to the discussion of the affairs of the army and navy. Enormous appropriations have been made by congress to enable the government to put the army on a stronger footing and to enable the navy to keep pace in its development with the growth of those of other nations. The American people have come out of their isolation and there is no turning back. President McKinley indicates very clearly, in his inaugural address, that the Philippines are to remain under American sovereignty, and so long as that continues the American people will have a vital interest in all that relates to the countries of the far east. His allusions to Cuba are sufficiently vague to show that his government is somewhat at sea with respect to the future relations between the republic and the island; but it may be taken for granted that the absolute independence of Cuba will not be tolerated.

ONE PRICE AT LAST.

(From Daily Sun.)

The reply of the commissioner of public works to Mr. Hazen yesterday is an authoritative statement of the price which the government is to pay for bridges under competition. In comparing this price with that paid by the Emmerson government, under the two-price system, it should be remembered that the price of steel has greatly advanced, so that a five cent per pound rate now is perhaps about the same as a four cent rate four years ago. It must also be remembered that the contracts now made are for the bridges completed and erected.

Now the largest bridge of the four for which contracts have been made with the Berlin Iron Works, is that over the Tobique. It may be compared with the one nearest its own weight built under the former system. The Lefebvre bridge cost completed 7.35 cents per pound. The contract price for the Tobique bridge is 4.27 cents per pound. Allowing for the increased price of steel, this is as near half the old price as can be judged.

The St. Louis and Sussex bridges are let at 5.61 and 5.21 respectively, whereas the one first mentioned would have gone at 6.13 had the lowest tender been accepted. They may be compared with the Petticoat bridge

at 10.34, or the Port Elgin bridge, 12.38.

The smallest bridge at the highest price in the modern contracts is the Taylor bridge, at 5.68. It may be compared with the Dingee bridge, which cost 9.70, or the Sanders Brook structure at 11.80, or Mill Cove at 9.78. But the fairest way is to compare group with group. We gave the other day the weight and cost of each bridge concerning which the facts were brought out last year. There were in all ten bridges. The aggregate weight was 652,910 pounds, and the cost \$35,815, or an average of 5.48 cents per pound.

Here is a similar statement for the Bridges in the Berlin company's contract:

	Weight.	Cost.	Cost per pound.
Taylor's.	11,500	\$652.30	5.68
St. Louis.	70,500	3,994.55	5.61
Sussex.	34,500	1,797.45	5.21
Tobique.	18,000	734.92	4.08
Total.	234,500	\$12,179.22	5.19
Old list.	552,910	\$3,581.50	6.48

If the lowest tender had been accepted for the St. Louis bridge the total amount of the recent contracts would have been \$15,309.22, and the average price 4.65, making allowance for the cost of material this is certainly a lower price than 4.12 would have been when the former contracts were made. And 4.12 cents per pound is just half the price paid for the ten bridges which were the subject of last year's inquiry.

Extensive preparations are being made by the Canadian Pacific Railway for next season's tourist business. Owing to the discovery of beautiful glaciers in Emerald Lake, a great many new resorts have sprung up in that vicinity. On this account also, extensive improvements will be made this year on the Mountain Hotel at Field, B. C. With a view to making the Vancouver Hotel the best on the western coast the railway company is preparing to expend \$500,000 in enlarging and repairing it. It is officially announced that the plans have been completed and approved for an entire new wing. The work will begin as soon as the weather permits.

Campaign Assistant: Mr. Public Punisher. I dropped in to have a little talk over the Kings county prospects. I forged the Rothesay lists, but that plan didn't seem to work.

P. P.: My dear sir, don't talk so loud; I might discover you.

HON. GEO. E. FOSTER
Recalls the Memories of the Days of Boyhood.

In an interesting series on "The Youth of Prominent Canadians," published in the Toronto Mail and Empire, George DuRoi Foster gives this account (quoted in part) of his early days:

"I cannot remember when my childhood began, nor when it left off. The first part is all mist-covered and shadow-darkened, an unknown region in which I was a child, crying and wailing, and washed and combed (generally wrong way), are dressed when they don't wish to be, are cradled and dandled, and dandled, and cradled, and confined, have colics and cramps, chickenpox, and measles, and fight their way simultaneously and noisily up to the firm ground of a more independent existence. I have no record that this part of life's campaign was signalled by any strange signs or portents indicative of their extreme wickedness or excellence on my part.

By the way, I remember when I first found out who Santa Claus was. And I was really sorry when this fine old ideal of childhood's years was wrecked by the fact that Santa Claus had been so much to me. I was not satisfied that he should be only a winter personage. I remember when I used to watch far up in the blue heavens some great bird soaring, and persuading myself that this was he, gathering up and bearing away to his vast storehouse in the north, the coming dainties of the new year. I remember how I used to lie awake in my bed facing the chimney corner and listening for the tinkling of his bells, and watch and wait for his loaded sleigh to come down the big chimney, and for Father Xmas to fill my socks, hung to the great stone jamb; how he never came till I fell asleep; and how, in the morning, I would find his gifts, and go out to see if I could trace his sleigh tracks and the foot marks of his swift reindeers.

But one night I awoke just as he appeared in the chimney corner—a stuporously familiar figure, dressed in the coveted gifts of my stockings—then turning and presenting to my excited gaze, the stealthy figure and well known face of—my father! Alas! the tears I shed over a broken ideal; the first, but not by any means the last, I never mentioned it, but Christmas had forever lost its child flavor.

With all my devotion to study I was a keen lover of outdoor life and sports. For a match game of ball I would go without my dinner any day, and fishing and small shooting were constant delights in their seasons. Then the glorious ice and snow of our Canadian winters—the ring of the skate steel on the glare ice, the rush of the sled down the snow-crowned hills, the fox and hounds of the crisp winter days through field and bush! Often now I recall those days as from far away, the break of them, and the glory of the steady into the burdened hours of busy middle life, and lighten them with their fervid after-glow.

Then came my eighteenth year—an open door—and an entrance into the university. Here I must stop, for boyhood and college age go ill together. This young man marks the succession of the boy—wiser certainly, graver possibly, but in any case, forever past is that most golden, care-free, and beautiful belt of childhood and boyhood.

The less men know the more they tell.

SOUTH AFRICA.

List of the Men Approved by Lt. Weldon McLean

For Inspection and Examination for Enlistment in Baden-Powell's Constabulary.

The following are the men who have been appointed by Lt. Weldon McLean for Baden-Powell's Constabulary, and will present themselves at the drill shed on Friday and Saturday to be examined in riding and shooting:

Babbitt, Charles Samuel, Gagetown, Queens Co.
Brown, Frank C., 189 Princess street, St. John N. B.
Brownell, Charles I., Fairville Lun. Asylum.
Cronk, Fred T., 122 Adelaide street, Conway, Martin, Kingston, Kent Co. Chapman, George, Sussex, N. B.
Costes, E. V., Plumwasep, Kings Co.
Day, Chester R., Westfield, Kings Co.
Le Gall, James, Dalhousie, N. B.
Globe, Alexander, Carleton.
Hayden, Arthur, M. B. & A. city.
King, Leslie J., Harcourt, Kent Co.
King, Fred A., 65 Brittain street.
Le Blanc, Arthur T., Edmundston.
N. B.
Lyon, Dawson, Fairville.
McDonald, Roy, Petticoat, Sussex, N. B.
Ryan, J. T., Rothesay, N. B.
Robbins, David, Middleton, Westmorland Co., N. B.
Ross, John J., Sussex.
Robertson, Fred, G. Bathurst.
Sterling, Arthur, 78 Brussels street.
Smith, Arthur E., Sackville.
Schofield, Beverly A., Fairville.
Shaddock, Alfred (7) 59, Richibucto.
Welch Francis E., Glasville, N. B.
Worden, John W., Bayswater, Kings Co.
Withers, Louis C., 34 Paddock street, city.

Ayles, C. W., 38 Brook street.
Belyea, Horates, 190 Main street.
Balfour, Wm., 2 Short street, Marsh Bridge.
Black, Ralph N., Upper Dorchester.
Carr, John, 121 Brussels street.
Curran, Harry B., Bathurst.
Carney, John J., 188 Paradise row.
Coleman, Frank, Elgin, Albert Co.
Creighton, Crandell M., Sussex.
Emblston, Eldon H., Woodstock, N. B.

Grey H., Woodstock.
Hughes, 190 Union street.
Hallett, G. Adrian, Grand Falls, N. B.
Hickey, James, Woodstock.
Howell, Charles, Fairville.
Lea, J., Cleveland, Box 204, Amherst, N. S.
Lawson, F. W.
McDonald, 185 Carmarthen street.
McCook, Wm., 408 Main street.
Nice, John, King street, west end.
Nicholson, Chas. Tupper, Amherst, N. S.
Robertson, John H., 218 Waterloo street.

Robinson, Geo. Spence, M. R. & A., city.
Slack, Edward, Dockham, Gloucester Co., N. B.
Telfer, James, 21 Rebecca street.
Ward, Bertram Melvin.
Walter, Leslie G., 237 Main street.
Wright, Ludlow Wm., 64 Guilford street.
Welch, F. E., Glasville, Kings Co.
Wilson, James, Union hotel, Union street.

Hamm, Frank, 131 Main street.
The following were in the first contingent: George Chapman and Alex. Globe. John T. Ryan and F. W. Lawson served with the Canadian Mounted Rifles; H. Grey of Woodstock served in the Field Artillery in Africa.

HIS IDEAL FOR CANADA.

Rev. Dr. Black Does Not Believe Its Chief Business is to Raise Hogs, Etc.

The life of Ruskin was reviewed by Rev. Dr. Armstrong Black in a lecture at Trinity University, Toronto, on Saturday afternoon. Dr. Black took advantage of the opportunity to criticize and condemn an editorial utterance by a local journal that the chief business of Canada is to "raise wheat, hogs, and horses, make cheese and butter, convert forests and mineral wealth into useful articles of commerce, and bring up a sound intelligent race of Canadians."

Dr. Black said he would be sorry if the mother land should read that a statement of what Canada had set before herself as her ideal, for Britain believed better things of Canada than that. His ideal for Canada was nearer that of Ruskin when he asked if the youths of England (for whom Dr. Black substituted "sons of Canada") would help to make their country a royal throne of accepted kings, "for all the world, mistress of learning and the arts, faithful guardian of great memories in the midst of irreverent and ephemeral visions; faithful servant of time-tried principles, under temptation from fond experiments and illusions; amidst the cruel and clamorous jealousies of the nations worshipped in her strange valor of good-will towards men."

"That," said the lecturer, in conclusion, "is an ideal for Canada."

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT.

A boy of 12, dining at his uncle's, made such a good dinner that his aunt observed: "Johnny, you appear to eat well."

"Yes, aunt," replied the urchin. "I've been practising eating all my life."—The Bits.

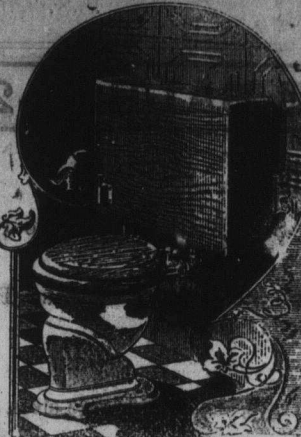
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LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

Short But Interesting Session Yesterday Afternoon.

FREDERICTON, March 4.—The house met at three o'clock. Bill No. 2, relating to provincial revenues, was read a second time. This bill declares that it shall be the duty of the auditor general, within sixty days after the close of each fiscal year, to prepare and publish in the Royal Gazette a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the province for the preceding year. Such statement shall contain such details of the income and expenditures as will give to the public reasonably full information as to the provincial accounts and financial condition of the province.

Mr. Hazen enquired: 1. Does the government intend to cause a thorough investigation of the facts in connection with the placing at the time of the last revision on the list of voters in the parish of Rothesay, in the county of Kings, over four hundred persons who had no qualification as voters in said county, and who made no application to have their names placed thereon, and whose names it was declared by the judgment of the supreme court were placed thereon by means of forgery and theft?

2. Does the government intend to take steps to ascertain and punish the person or persons who were guilty of having such names placed upon the list by such criminal means?

3. What proceedings do the government intend to take for this purpose, and when will they be taken?

Hon. Mr. Pugsley replied as to the first enquiry: "Yes, I might further say that I have made a very careful investigation into the matter."

To the second enquiry: "Yes, if and as far as possible to do so."

To the third enquiry: "By proceeding in the manner usual in cases where an offence has been committed, by seeking to discover the guilty parties, and then having the necessary information laid against them."

The proceedings, also which information is asked by the second enquiry, have already been taken by the attorney general, and will be continued as long as there is a reasonable chance of obtaining or ascertaining the name of the person or persons who committed the offence. When the proceedings to punish the guilty party or parties are to be taken will depend upon how soon they may be discovered.

In reply to Mr. Hazen Hon. Mr. Lablouis gave the details of the construction of bridges at Rothesay, St. John, Kent Co.; Sussex and Tobique.

In reply to Mr. Hazen's question, Hon. Mr. Tweedie said that the attention of the government had been called to the fact that under the present marriage law a Jewish rabbi could not be licensed to solemnize marriage. The government would introduce a bill to amend the law in the particular.

Mr. Osmar inquired whether there had been any report received by the department of public works upon the preliminary survey for the construction of a bridge across the Petticoat River, above Moncton.

Hon. Mr. Lablouis—No.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie's bill for cold storage warehouses was read a second time. It provides that the government shall be authorized to grant aid to the New Brunswick Cold Storage Co., to enable it to erect a cold storage warehouse in the city of St. John, and also warehouses at other central points within the province. The aid is to be in the form of guarantee of the principal and interest of the bonds and debentures of the company to the extent of \$50,000 for the warehouse to be erected in the city of St. John, such guarantee not to exceed seventy-five per cent. of the actual cost of the building and plant, the government's guarantee is also given to the company for the erection of cold storage warehouses in one or more of five central points within the province, the sum in any case not to exceed ten thousand dollars, for any one warehouse, or seventy-five per cent. of its actual cost. The rate of interest on the bonds is not to exceed three per cent. per annum, and the bonds are to run forty years. No portion of such guarantee is to be given until the cold storage warehouse is completed and in running order. The title of the lands, buildings and plant of the company shall be vested in His Majesty the King until the bonds have been paid. Provisions are made for government supervision.

Mr. Hazen gave notice of the following motion for Thursday next: Resolved, that in the opinion of this house, it is desirable in the interests of the public justice and morality that the hon. the attorney general shall discharge his duty as the law officer of the crown by causing immediate steps to be taken for the punishing of the criminal or criminals concerned in the Rothesay election lists fraud, and that there are now sufficient facts publicly known to warrant the commencement of a preliminary investigation before a magistrate.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley presented the petition of the Hon. Daniel Hanington, praying that a bill to amend the act vesting the property of the Madras school in the Diocesan Church Society may pass and become law.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley moved that leave of absence be granted to Geo. Robertson until the 28th inst. Mr. Robertson being absent in England on important private business. Granted.

Leave of absence was also granted to Messrs. Fleming, Laforest, Humphrey and McLeod.

House adjourned at 4.10 p. m.

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