

CHIGNECTO POST AND BORDERER

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A NATIONAL MEMORIAL.

In the principal cities of the Dominion the friends of the late Premier are actively engaged in raising the erection of a national memorial to his memory. The Conservative press, headed by the Empire has taken the matter up. There appears to be considerable enthusiasm and a substantial subscription has been started. There is one thing required however before the work can progress very far; that is a definite plan of what is to be erected. Until this is decided, the sooner the better, no active progress can be made. Undoubtedly the main memorial, for there are several talked of in the principal cities, should be at Ottawa, near the scenes of so many of the premier's battles and there can be no better place than in front of the House of Commons, where he so often stood in debate and to die. Let the plans be laid and then do honor to Canada's greatest statesman.

THE SHIP RAILWAY.

During the past few days the most extravagant reports concerning the present stoppage of work on the Chignecto Marine Railway, have gone abroad, and the general impression created is that the promoters of the enterprise have practically abandoned it and the work will not be completed. The facts of the case are these: During the past few months the money market in England has been unusually tight, owing mainly to the failure of the large house of Baring Bros., and it was found impossible to float the second issue of bonds to enable the company to carry on the work. A secondary cause was the doubt which apparently existed in the minds of the English capitalists as to whether the government would extend the time for completing the road, and they were therefore slow to purchase. These causes have been removed, however. On Saturday last the bill granting an extension of time passed the upper house, and as the interest on the first issue of bonds was promptly met last month, the English capitalists will feel more assured in buying the bonds of the second issue. These bonds cannot be put on the market successfully until after July and August, the months of holidays on the other side, are over.

The work will not be delayed however by the present cessation. The Amherst dock is the key to the whole road and work there will be pushed towards completion as rapidly as possible and when it is completed, it is but a small matter comparatively to make the balance of the road equally ready.

The bonds will be placed on the English market in September and next spring the work will be pushed with vigor. Until then the only work carried on will be at the docks at the ends of the road.

Yorkshire Picnic.

Recently a historical society was formed in this place, called the Chignecto Historical Society, for the purpose of collecting and preserving documents, deeds and relics connected with early times in Cumberland, Westmorland and Albert Counties. The descendants of the Yorkshire immigrants propose holding a picnic at Prospect beach, near the mouth of the Chignecto, on Wednesday afternoon next 14th, and have invited the Historical Society to be present. The proceedings of the day are therefore likely to be enlivened by a number of addresses on the part of those who have made a study of those stirring and troublesome times in which our country was settled and our civil institutions fixed. Judge Haines, the president of the society will preside and deliver the inaugural address. All descendants of the original Yorkshire immigrants are cordially invited to be present. Others who may be interested in the preservation of our local history are also invited. Certificates will be issued to all those who have taken part in the picnic. Tickets will be granted at one first class fare. Tickets will be issued at all times. Those who have any letters, deeds, diaries, almanacs, books or relics of a profitable character, connected with this period, are invited to bring them, so they can be exhibited there.

Fire in Amherst.

On Friday morning Mr. James Moffat while drawing grain in the cellar of his house, in St. John's block, Amherst, upset the lamp he was using and the flames spread to the fluid he was handling, and soon afterward the whole building was in eminent danger of being destroyed. A large quantity of the goods were carried out and lost for the time, and rendered by the fire brigade, the whole block would doubtless have been consumed. The goods were somewhat destroyed by the removal, water and smoke, and the store will be closed until the insurance companies make their award.

The insurance on stock are: Imperial, represented here by Townshend, Dickey & Rogers, \$2000; Northern, D. J. McLeod, \$8000; Eastern, J. McKen, \$3000; Lancashire, C. R. Smith, \$2000. On building \$4000 in the Quebec, W. F. Donkin agent.

Consumption Cured.

An old physician retired from practice, having had placed in him a fine East India Missionary, the formula of a cure for Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Asthma, and all throat and Lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Disorders, after having tested his wonderful curative powers on thousands of cases, and finding that it was known to his suffering friends. Acted by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French, English, and in directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail, addressing with stamp, enclosing ten pence, to W. A. Rogers, 222 York Street, Rochester, N. Y.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT

OTTAWA, July 2.—A large deputation of brewers from Toronto, Prescott, London and other places arrived in town today to protest against an increase in the duty on malt from 36 to 72 cents a bushel, by which the government expects to add to its revenue about \$500,000. Mr. H. Stoper, member of the Central Chamber of Agriculture, London, England, accompanied the delegation.

July 3.—The voting of supplementary estimates was concluded today. Sir Richard Cartwright brought up the question of the Intercolonial railway deficit. He asked acting minister Bower what was received for freight per ton per mile on coal from Springhill to Quebec, and was informed that the rate was three tenths of a cent per mile. Sir Richard pointed out that the government had received five tenths of a cent per ton per mile for stone from Newcastle to Quebec. Cartwright concluded therefore, that the government was losing one fifth of a cent per ton per mile on all coal carried, and maintained that this business should be stopped in order to adjust matters.

Mr. Fraser of Guylford, thought that the difficulty was not the carrying of coal, but argued at some length that the deficit was caused by the free carriage of non-resident voters in election day.

Mr. Bower and Mr. Foster said they would make some full enquiry into the railway management. Doubtless there were many evils that ought to be remedied if possible. The ministers knew that members on the government side of the house had suggestions to make in respect to radical changes of management. It was the desire of the government to have full discussion on these matters. It was pointed out, however, that as the fiscal year had expired it was necessary to vote at once the money required last year in order that the employees could be paid. Opportunity would be given for full discussion on the main estimates.

The McGreevy case took a new aspect today. Mr. Murphy has been a most willing witness while testifying against Sir Hector, but he was very absent minded when Mr. Oler of Toronto cross examined him on Sir Hector and Mr. McGreevy's behalf. He acknowledged that he was an emigrant from New York, of an amount \$50,000, and was now a fugitive from that country. With Michael Connolly, one of the members of the implicated firm, he had received a part of the work and paid all expenses.

July 4.—The only business was the McGreevy enquiry. Murphy testified that he first carried his statement of the affair to Mr. Tarte of the *Canadian* newspaper in 1890, where previously he had given an account of his political differences it appeared that he would not get any more contracts. He swore that several sums had been paid to McGreevy but could not remember anything about the date of each payment.

July 5.—In answer to questions, it was stated by the government—(1) that mails would be carried on the Oxford and New Glasgow railway and delivered at stations along the line. (2) That Laford Langewin, assistant engineer of Quebec harbor works, was a certificated engineer. (3) That Chas. Kinney, now in command of the steamer *Alert*, had been appointed to the position, having previously held a marine examination, and that subsequently to his appointment to the *Alert* he had been examined and found competent for his present situation.

A long debate and a division took place over the motion of Mr. Mulock to place binding time on the free list. He said it was three cents a pound cheaper in the United States than in Canada.

Mr. Bower pointed out that the American manufacturers had two prices, one for the farmers there which was as high as ours and one for the export trade.

Mr. Stairs of Halifax and others spoke in the subject and it was decided that if the present embargo combine taxed the consumers by high prices something would be done to prevent it.

After a lot of cross firing a vote was taken and the motion lost by 80 to 100.

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contradicted his previous evidence as to \$10,000 which he claims to have paid to Sir Hector. At first he said it was a contract balance and again that it was his personal gift. Murphy became greatly agitated, and as Mr. Oler questioned him sharply on the matters in his diary he dropped his book from his trembling hands, swayed a moment from his side and was caught as he fell fainting to the floor. Application of water restored him and as the hour for the close of the sitting was approaching, the meeting adjourned.

THE STAPLES CASE.

A DISAPPOINTING VERDICT.

The case of Queen vs. Staples was brought up in the Supreme court at Amherst last week before Judge Morse, W. T. Pipes, Q. C. and C. R. Smith, Q. C., appeared for the crown and S. E. Gossay and J. A. Derry for Staples. His Honor before opening court spoke in reference to an article which appeared in the *Press* news paper in which he had been accused of leniency, and stated that the article was actionable, and a repetition would lead to an arraignment for contempt.

The first witness was the father of the girl who brought the action, who testified as to his daughter's age, the frequency of the "reverend" gentleman's visits to his house, and the conversation he had with him before the denouement.

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