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PART 2.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

The Proprietors of the Calgary Tribune Committed for Trial for Libel.

Montreal Petitioners for the Construction of Hochelaga Ship Basin.

Calgary, April 10.—Creagh and Turnock of the Alberta Tribune, have been committed for trial for the libel of Bott. Efforts will be made to quash the conviction.

Toronto, April 10.—Inspector Rogers of the provincial detective force, who returned from Shallow Lake near Owen Sound, where he investigated the death of John Flynn, which was supposed to have been the result of four play, reports that the death was due to a fall.

Montreal, April 10.—The council last night granted a permit for the erection of a monument on Viger square to Dr. Chénier, the most notorious rebel of 1837.

The city council has decided to petition the government to begin at once the construction of the proposed ship basin at Hochelaga which Mayor Villeneuve stated would cost four million dollars. The have already passed a by-law contributing one million dollars.

Jules Gelinus, a prominent French-Canadian society man, shot himself in room 21 of the Richelieu hotel yesterday. The bullet made a ghastly wound but did not reach the heart. Gelinus was a victim of morphine. He was removed to Notre Dame hospital where he lies in a critical condition.

Bellefleur, April 10.—Philip Brown, a respected resident of Rawdon, was suffocated in bed on Sunday by a fire which broke out in his dwelling. He was over 80 years of age.

Hamilton, April 10.—Patrick Andrews, a laborer, who resided at 421 John street north, with his wife and two children, swallowed a mouthful of muriatic acid. He died from the effects of the poison.

WIND AND RAIN.

Terrible Storm Passes Over Seattle on Tuesday Night.

Seattle, April 10.—Wind and rain, accompanied by lightning, and a heavy shower of mischievous species, had a joint frolic with lightning across the Sound country last evening, starting at a point on the coast in the southwestern part of the state and exhausting their energies in the wilds of British Columbia, leaving wreckage of every description in their wake. The wind sent trees flying in all directions, laid all the telegraph and telephone wire low, wrecked a Lake Shore train and capsized a rowboat on the Sound, while the lightning played havoc with the switchboard at the central telephone office and with all the electric wires in the city. In strict orthodox weather bureau parlance it was a "squall," notwithstanding that many people called it an "Irish cyclone." Squalls are managed to combine, within the brief space of half an hour, wind, rain, hail, thunder and lightning, in such generous doses as to make it the worst mixing of the elements ever experienced in this city within the recollection of the "oldest inhabitant," while it creates such consternation in the minds of the young and timid as to impress it on their susceptible minds. The squall struck this city about 5:30, with the wind leading the rain by about five minutes, and blowing along at the rate of sixty-five miles an hour, with no stop-off privileges. It first picked up the dust and dirt and loose papers about the streets and gutters, and after eddying them in every nook and corner it whirled them up in clouds to the highest buildings, for a while obscuring the heavens and the carth and blinding and choking every one within its reach.

Every eye was turned toward the bay and Sound, where the storm first broke, as a number of boats were seen in the offing. The Flyer was just rounding the point, coming in from Tacoma, and when nearly half across the bay she was seen to turn and go toward West Seattle. At first it was feared that she had met with an accident, but it was subsequently learned that she had gone to the rescue of a man and woman who were clinging to a boat that had been capsized in the early part of the storm. The two steamers out of commission, the Selmoe and the North Pacific, broke from their mooring at the wharves and drifted rapidly toward the Flyer's dock. As they had no steam up and only a watchman aboard, a serious collision with the wharf was looked for, and this expectation attracted crowds of people even through the storm. By a fortunate coincidence, however, both boats came broadside to the wharf with very little jar and were safely moored.

Many small steamers were out on their regular runs, and much apprehension was felt for some of them, but the most of them turned up late last evening. The Glide, Capt. Vandenberg, caught the storm broadside when on her way from Des Moines to Vashon. The captain put her more to the storm, and for a while he could make no headway, but finally ran in under the lee of a bluff without any accident. Through his marine glass he saw the San Juan leave Chatsquam, and after being caught by the storm set under the lee of Point Roberts. The

NATIVE PRESS COMMENTS.

Chinese and Japanese Papers on the Peace Commission and the War.

Japan Beginning to Suffer From the "Big Head" Over Her Victories.

FROM THE OLD WORLD.

Silver Continues to Go up—Canadian Cattle.

London, April 10.—The Standard says silver was in good demand owing to the news that Japan's terms for peace with China stipulated for the opening of a large portion of China to foreign trade. It is believed this will lead to an increased demand for silver in the east.

The Scotch newspapers comment very favorably on the report made by Hon. A. R. Angers, the Canadian minister of agriculture, regarding the restrictions on the importation of Canadian cattle. Herbert Gardiner, president of the board of agriculture, is understood to be studying the report, as yet he has given no sign of the effect it may have upon his policy.

In the last week several newspapers have directed attention to the growing favor in which Canadian horses are held here. The omnibus and van companies, however, report that they have found several cases of septic pneumonia among the horses recently brought over. They suggest that the vessels in which the horses are imported be more carefully disinfected.

The leading military clubs have elected to honorary membership the officers of the permanent force in Toronto and Quebec who are here training with the Imperial troops.

Lord Rosebery and Lord Herchell, high chancellor, will introduce in parliament after the recess bill to create colonial judges to sit in the judicial committee of the privy council.

A company will be formed here privately in the near future to engage in converting into oil and guano the waste fish and offal from canneries of the rivers of British Columbia.

A dispatch from Buenos Ayres to the Globe says the steamer Tartar Prince, with Jabez Spencer Balfour on board, sailed from that port for London this afternoon.

The railway commission which on the 8th of March heard an appeal of the trades association with a view of preventing the London and Southwestern railway company from carrying American and Canadian products between Southampton and London at "cheap" rates, has this morning decided to order the company to be charged for the transportation of home products, rendered its decision to-day. The commission decided in favor of the railway, except in the matter of carrying hops, hay and fresh meats, in regard to which products the opinion of the traders' association was sustained.

The Daily News correspondent in Berlin says De Berecht von Kotze is determined to get to the bottom of the anonymous letter scandal. He is trying to ascertain the name of the real malefactor as well as those of the persons who first laid the suspicion at his door. It is understood that he has three duels impending.

Francis Kossuth, son and political heir of the late Louis Kossuth, was elected to-day to represent Tarpolva district in the Hungarian reichstag.

Emperor William has sent to Vaxzin a splendid wreath, which will be placed on the Princess Bismarck's tomb to-morrow, the anniversary of her birth.

The Standard's Berlin correspondent says, "I learn from a Chinese source that there is reason to doubt the present optimistic expectations of peace Japan has not abandoned her excessive demands, especially as to the cession of part of Manchuria, to which China will on no account consent."

General Duchesne, who will command the French forces in Madagascar, left Paris for the south this evening to embark. He was accompanied to the station by General Zurlinden, minister of war, General Boisdeffre, and many other high officials. A large crowd on the open space before the station entrance cheered him enthusiastically.

The Central News correspondent in Simonski says there was a two hours' conference between the Chinese and Japanese negotiators to-day. Li Hung Chang was present, with all the other members of the Chinese mission. Of the Japanese negotiators only Mr. Su, the minister of foreign affairs, was absent. He has the influenza.

In a leader on the circular sent out by the Canadian Copyright Society the Daily Chronicle will say to-morrow: "Everything in this circular has been re-written and over again. The society wastes its time in flooding the country with such inaccurate and misleading documents."

WILDE'S BOOKS.

They Are No Longer Allowed in the Newark Library.

Newark, N.J., April 10.—The books bearing the name of Oscar Wilde, which from time to time have been added to the collection of the Newark free library have been taken from the shelves by order of the library trustees. Hereafter the name of the infamous London author and playwright will not appear in the library catalogue.

Henry Croft left last night for Grace harbor.

OSCAR WILDE ON TRIAL.

Seems to Realize the Dreadful Position in Which He Has Been Placed.

Repetition of the Evidence Given on Saturday—Taylor Acts Indifferently.

London, April 11.—Great crowds of people were gathered outside and inside Dow Street police court this morning when Oscar Wilde and Alfred Taylor were brought from prison at an early hour in order to be examined on a charge of having committed serious misdemeanors. The court opened at 11 o'clock with both prisoners in the dock. Wilde looked haggard and worn and much more subdued, although he smiled once or twice at certain questions.

Taylor, the man who is charged with having acted as procurer for the author and dramatist behaved in a sneeringly indifferent manner and was evidently not impressed with the seriousness of the charge brought against him, as was his companion in the prisoners' dock, Sir Edward Clarke, formerly solicitor general again appeared for Wilde and two lawyers acted as counsel for Taylor. The prisoners are evidently making a desperate fight. Taylor's lawyer said he would recall all witnesses who were examined on Saturday last, as Taylor was not represented by counsel on that occasion. Chas. Parker, the 19 year old witness was again placed in the witness box this morning. He was subjected to cross-examination by Sir Edward Clarke but his testimony was not shaken. The proceedings were continued and Mr. C. P. Gill, who acted as prosecutor for the treasury department, and who incidentally was Mr. Edward M. Carson's junior counsel in the Marquis of Queensberry case, placed on the stand a man named Fred Atkins, 20 years of age and described as a variety singer. Atkins in reply to questions put to him by Mr. Gill said that Wilde took him to Paris in 1888. Further testimony furnished by the same witness was similar to that given by the young man and boys who have been previously examined in this extraordinary case. He added that Wilde gave him a silver cigarette case and money. Asked if he did not recall the name of Wilde, witness replied "Yes, I wrote something about a woman of no importance."

Edward Shelly was the next witness. He related how Wilde gave him copies of his works with tender inscriptions, took him to theatres, to the Prince of Wales club and to other resorts. The witness also testified in detail as to Wilde's criminal behavior. Then a number of disreputable lodging house keepers from Chelsea, the district of London in which Wilde's house is situated, and to other resorts. The witness also testified in detail as to Wilde's visits to these houses in company with youths. The proprietor of the Hotel Albemarle, was examined and testified as to how he became suspicious of Wilde and finally issued a writ for a week's bill in order to prevent him from returning to the establishment.

Testimony was presented showing the relations between Wilde and Shelly were brought to the attention of the latter's employers and Shelly was discharged. After the police had presented evidence concerning the arrests, Wilde and Taylor were retained for a week, bail being refused.

Wilde's counsel reserved his cross-examination of witnesses until the trial of the charge against Wilde. Taylor's counsel wrung from one of the prosecution's witnesses, named Parker, that he had been guilty of heinous offences with many persons. Parker also admitted having received twenty pounds which he extorted from gentlemen.

IN THE EASTERN PROVINCES.

Canada's Trade with the United States—Other News.

Ottawa, Ont., April 11.—The advance sheets of the April issue of the United States consular reports just received, show that the exports from Canada to the States for the first three months of this year were about one million dollars greater than for the same period last year. This is due to the reduction in the United States tariff.

Sarnia, Ont., April 11.—The West Lambton Conservatives have nominated W. J. Hanna, a young barrister of Sarnia to oppose Lister, the present Liberal member at the general elections.

Brockville, Ont., April 11.—Word has been received here of the death at Ogdensburg of Ed. Davis, director of the James Smart Company of Brockville. He had charge of the road department of the company.

CHICAGO'S DEBT.

The Windy City Owes Over Six Million Dollars.

Chicago, April 11.—Comptroller Walsh prepared a statement for Mayor Swift on finances. The city floating indebtedness, not taking into consideration its bonded indebtedness and what it owes an outstanding water company, is a little over \$6,000,000.

ANGERS WINS HIS CASE.

Awarded Five Thousand Dollars Damages by Judge Andrews.

Quebec, April 11.—Judge Andrews rendered the verdict in the case of Hon. A. R. Angers vs. Ernest Faucher to-day. The plaintiff sued for \$25,000 for an alleged libel published in L'Electeur in 1893, when it was charged that Hon. A. R. Angers used his position as Lieut. Governor to oust the Mercier regime and bring about the preferment of his political friends, especially Hon. L. Pelletier and Senator Landry in regard to the Beauport asylum contract renewal, out of which deal, Hon. A. R. Angers was alleged by the paper to have received \$25,000 with which he bought his Ottawa residence. After a lengthy review of the case his Honor dealt upon the gravity of the libel and the difficulty of overtaking such a story with the apology that was afterwards given publicly in the same paper by defendant. He also stated that it had not been proved that said libel was penned by a political friend who took the responsibility therefore, but the proprietor of the paper must in any case be held responsible. Judge Andrews condemned Faucher to pay \$5,000, and costs of suit.

CHITRAL EXPEDITION.

British Forces had Hard Work Getting Through the Pass.

Calcutta, April 11.—A dispatch from Simla dated noon to-day says that Col. Kelly, commander of the British forces which have been attempting to reach Chitral from Gilgit since March, 1894, have succeeded in crossing the Spunul pass and was about 60 miles from Chitral on April 7th. The march of the troops was a most arduous and brilliant military exploit. The pass is 12,000 feet high and is impassable to beasts of burden, consequently the pioneers had to carry the field and mounted guns during the last seven miles of the route through deep snow and with the weather intensely cold. The troops suffered in many cases from frost bites. When these advices were forwarded to Simla the enemy was in position 20 miles from the force commanded by Col. Kelly and an engagement was expected.

OPPOSED TO CONFEDERATION.

Petitions From Different Portions of Newfoundland Against it.

Halifax, N. S. April 11.—A dispatch from St. Johns says the people of Outer Cove, Middle Cove, Flat Rock and Torbay, outlying settlements near St. Johns at public meetings adopted resolutions declaring themselves unanimously opposed to confederation with Canada and agreeing to use all lawful means to oppose it. Petitions to the Governor-in-council to that end were signed.

LATEST NEWS OF THE NORTH.

Steamer Nell Ashore—New Canneries—Big Catch of Oolachans.

The Danube threw out her lines at the wharf last night. She arrived down from the north after a stormy trip. Rain and snow are reported very plentiful and heavy seas were the usual thing. The weather is more wintry up north than it has been for three months. The cannery steamer, Nell, has gone ashore near Mekeatka. She dragged her anchor in a storm last week. The Nell is valued at \$16,000. The damage to her is not known. Good fishing is reported at Naas River. The oolachans were late in coming, but now they have come, and there are millions of them. The Indians of Essington and Simpson are said to be jubilant at the prospective arrival of the Salvation Army officials among them to organize a station there.

A large number of men went up on the Danube to erect the new cannery at River's Inlet for the A. B. C. company. The transfer of the entire plant of Price's cannery, Gardner's Inlet, to the new Carlisle cannery at Skeena was successfully made last week. It consisted of about 150 tons measurement and was handled by the steamer Nell, Capt. Madden.

Capt. Bonsor and Engineer Hickey went north on the last trip to take charge of the Hudson's Bay Company's steamer Caledonia, which will make her initial trip to Hazelton next month. She has been overhauled.

Special Constable D. Stewart brought down an Indian named Holland, a prisoner convicted of whiskey selling. The Danube had a good consignment of freight.

The passengers were C. H. Todd and wife, Miss Downey, R. G. Cunningham, A. H. Pollard, H. Olsen, O. S. Akor, H. A. Munn, S. A. Spencer, D. A. Lewis, W. Holland, D. Stewart, Mrs. Robertson.

The Law relief fund now totals \$971.16.

FIRE AT WINNIPEG.

School Building and Provincial Museum Burned.

Winnipeg, Man., April 10.—The fine new school house erected two years ago in the north western portion of the city at a cost of \$25,000, was destroyed by fire last night. In addition to the school, the normal school furniture and provincial government museum, including the Manitoba exhibits at the World's Fair, valued at \$15,000. All were lost. Insurance only \$14,000. The fire was discovered at midnight and being a long distance from the fire halls and water tanks, there was no hope of saving the structure when the firemen arrived. Defective heating apparatus is supposed to have caused the fire.

FAVORS THE COAST.

New System of Freight Rates Inaugurated by the N. P. R.

Seattle, April 10.—The receivers of the Northern Pacific railway yesterday announced a new tariff to take effect to-day, which, if maintained, will almost if not entirely shut out St. Paul and the other Eastern cities from the markets of Eastern Washington and Idaho, and will hand over the trade of that section to Seattle and other Puget Sound cities to the exclusion also, of San Francisco. This change seems to have been made with a view to making the ports of Washington the supply points for the interior territory, which is natural territory, not only as regards home products, but for all kinds of commodities brought in by sea, instead of as now having goods shipped from the East through the Sound, thence to be re-shipped to the interior. This system has handicapped the Seattle merchants with a double freight for a double haul between the Sound cities and the point of consumption, and has given St. Paul Minneapolis and Chicago a corresponding advantage. The receivers now seem to have adopted an entirely new policy, namely, that of encouraging the ship-

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