

## BATOCHÉ COLUMN OFFICERS

Elected Last Night—The Northwest Monument Will Be Decorated May 13.

The Union Jack was the tablecloth and Major Manley sat at the head of the table at the annual meeting of the Batoché Column Association in the Armouries last night. There was a good attendance of the men who fought their country's battles in the Northwest, and there was abundance of enthusiasm.

The celebration of the day's hard work will take place on its anniversary, May 13, and, as in the past, will take the form of a big smoker. A special effort will be made to have a large number of veterans of outside regiments at the gathering. The Northwest monument in Queen's Park will be decorated on May 13—Saturday afternoon—by members of the Batoché Column, and an effort will be made to have the Royal Grenadiers turn out for the ceremony. The Park School Corps will also be asked to participate, and the City Council will be asked to make a grant toward the expenses of the ceremony.

There was a keen interest in the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

Hon. Vice-President—Col. Rattan, Col. H. Smith, Col. Montgomerie, Major Constable, Col. Boulton, Col. A. M. Smith, Col. Chretien, Denis, Col. W. J. Smith, Col. Turnbull, Capt. Knight, Col. Hughes.

President—Major Manley.

Vice-President—Major H. J. Smith.

Hon. Secretary—Capt. Curran.

Treasurer—Major Harston.

Executive Committee—Col. H. Smith, Major Thompson, Sergt. H. Johnson, Sergt. Major Francis, Sergt. Major Harding, Sergt. Major McWhinney, Col. Constable, Pte. Hemmington, Pte. Brennan, Sergt. Major Cummings.

The Batoché Column will meet again two weeks hence, to complete arrangements for the celebration.

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## BLAIR AS A RAILWAY BOSS

Minister of Railways Makes a Poor Showing as Compared With Previous Years.

## THE INTERCOLONIAL DEFICIT

Increases, While There is Less Money Expended for Repairs and Equipment.

Montreal, April 7.—(Special.)—A special to the Star from Montreal, dated to-day, says: An examination of the reports of the Minister of Railways shows how the accounts of the intercolonial have been manipulated by Mr. Blair for the purpose of making the large deficit of last year appear to be smaller than it really is. General Manager Pottinger places the deficit at \$133,978.00, which he acknowledges is arrived at by taking no account of the rental paid the Drummond Company and the Grand Trunk for the Montreal extension. Chief Engineer Schreiber, on the other hand, includes this rental, which for the four months the extension was operated would be \$70,000, bringing the deficit up to \$203,978.00, as compared with a deficit of \$39,940.05 in 1897 and \$55,187.52 in 1898, the last year under Conservative management; so that the deficit is approximately as stated in The Star six months ago.

Last year's expenditure on capital account amounted to \$252,760.80, much of it for works, which, under Conservative management, were charged to operating account. The Liberal contention in opposition was that all expenditures on the completed part of the line should be charged to operating, and on this basis the intercolonial deficit last year was \$462,735.46. The Liberal newspapers have stated that the increased deficit in 1898 was due to the making of repairs on the roadbed earlier in the season, which brought larger expenditures into the last railway year that would not ordinarily have been incurred till after the commencement of the present year. This statement is not, however, borne out by the facts as given in the official returns. It is true that a larger amount of work was done on the track last year than in 1897, but 1897 fell away below 1896, the last Conservative year. In this respect Blair was only catching up in 1898. Thus of new rails to replace those worn out there were laid in 1896, while in 1897 only 13½ miles were laid, and in 1898 only 10½ miles, or less than in two years under the Conservatives.

**New Roadbeds.** Mr. Haggart in his last year put in the track 411,893 new ties, while Mr. Blair put in 283,961 in 1897 and 650,153 in 1898, his average only slightly larger than Mr. Haggart's. Mr. Haggart renewed 141 sets of switch ties in 1896, while Mr. Blair renewed only 203 sets in two years. Mr. Haggart used 90,000 cubic yards of ballast in 1896; Mr. Blair would not ordinarily have incurred till after the commencement of the present year. This statement is not, however, borne out by the facts as given in the official returns. It is true that a larger amount of work was done on the track last year than in 1897, but 1897 fell away below 1896, the last Conservative year. In this respect Blair was only catching up in 1898. Thus of new rails to replace those worn out there were laid in 1896, while in 1897 only 13½ miles were laid, and in 1898 only 10½ miles, or less than in two years under the Conservatives.

**New Fences.** Of new fences Mr. Haggart built in 1896 4791 rods, while Mr. Blair built in 1897 only 3425 rods, and in 1898 only 4250 rods; and while Mr. Blair is purchasing locomotives and cars in the United States on capital account, he is not building as much as he used to replace condemned engines and cars as his predecessor built. Thus Mr. Blair rebuilt last year only six locomotives, as compared with nine rebuilt in 1896 by Mr. Haggart.

**Blair's Poor Record.** Of freight cars to maintain stock Mr. Haggart rebuilt 393 in 1896 to replace 364 condemned and taken out of service, while Mr. Blair rebuilt only 273 to replace 422 condemned and in 1898 only 261 to replace 350 condemned. So that in the matter of freight cars Mr. Blair has 133 fewer serviceable than when he took office, though he sits in Parliament that he found the rolling stock, as well as the roadbed, in a terribly run-down condition. It is quite evident that if Mr. Blair had done as much work on the roadbed and re-

## R. G. Dan's Trade Review.

At Montreal trade is barely as active, but this is not indicative of any relapse from the generally healthy business conditions that have prevailed of late, but is only natural to the season, as the general break up of the roads hampers the movements of travelers, and the distribution of merchandise to off-rail points. All things considered, remittances are well kept up, and failures are only notable by their absence, but two insignificant failures being reported in the Montreal press for the week. In spring stocks many values tend to stiffness and advance; buyers back from Europe report that French makers of goods will only accept orders subject to advance, and the Lyons silk market is also reported a strong one. As regards domestic goods, the recent circular of the Merchants' revised price list, showing an advance of 7½ per cent. on their makes of sheetings and plain cottons. Woolen manufacturers are reported freer buyers of raw wool, and a cargo of Cape wool for this market which arrived in Boston this week, is reported as being largely sold to arrive at good prices, and the owners do not seem over anxious to press the sale of the balance. The sugar market continues rather inactive, but the refinery, which was temporarily shut down, has resumed operations, and conditions are not so unfavorable to the importation of the American article. Molasses quotations at Montreal are quiet, but the market is not so favorable to the importation of the American article. Molasses quotations at Montreal are quiet, but the market is not so favorable to the importation of the American article.

There is little or no change in the business situation at Toronto. The volume of trade this week was moderate, and some dealers report a rather better demand for dry goods the past few days, owing to more favorable weather. In spite of unseasonable weather for two weeks, the turnover was good, and sales to date are away ahead of last season. The outlook is promising, and the firmness of prices continues. There is a little more activity in dry goods, and conditions are not so unfavorable to the importation of the American article. Molasses quotations at Montreal are quiet, but the market is not so favorable to the importation of the American article.

The adjourned meeting of the dry goods section of the Board of Trade will be held next week, when plans of reorganization will be considered.

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English Axminsters, at \$1.50 to \$3 per yard. Wiltons, at \$1.50 to \$1.75 per yard. Brussels, at 75c to \$1.25 per yard.

Tapestries, at 45c to 75c per yard. All-Wool Reversible Carpets, 65c, 75c, and extra quality 3-ply at \$1.00.

## A Few \$9 Art Squares at \$6.43 Monday.

23 only, Best English and Canadian All-Wool Art Squares, size 3 x 3 yards; these are all new goods and the latest combinations of coloring in green, fawn, blues, etc.; these goods are made from the purest of wool, thoroughly scoured, and will give excellent wear; the regular price is \$9 each, on sale Monday morning at 8 o'clock while they last, each. 6.43

## Curtains.

Renaissance Curtains, with real hand-made lace borders, 3½ yards long and 54 inches wide, fancy scroll design, in plain net centres, making a very effective curtain for drawing-room, special value, per pair 10.00. Irish Point Curtains—We have the largest assortment of these goods ever shown, and comprise some of the daintiest designs, in white or ivory, 3½ yards long, 54 inches wide, suitable for any room, we are showing special line at 5.00. Nottingham Lace Curtains, 54 and 60 inches wide and 3½ yards long; these curtains were all made to order from our own designs, and comprise some of the richest effects shown this season; special value, per pair 2.00. Gobelins Tapestry, 50 inches wide; this is a heavy silk tapestry, all the new colorings and the latest designs brought out this season, very suitable for portieres and furniture, extra value, per yard 2.00. French Velours—We have just received our new shipment of these popular goods, 50 inches wide, all the new colorings of green, rose, blue, reds, terras, etc.; these goods are specially adapted for the making of cosy corners and curtains; we are showing a very fine quality, per yard 1.10. French Drapery Silk, for window and mantle drapes, in rich combinations of coloring and designs, the newest goods shown this season, special value, per yard 1.00.

## Coloured Dress Goods.

52-inch English Costing Serge, guaranteed to neither spot nor shrink, special, yard 50. 52-inch Venetian Broadcloth, unsputtable and unshrinkable, very special 1.00. 52-inch Amazon, Sedan finish, all colours, very special 75. 47-inch French Poplin, in every new shade, wonderful value, at 75. Very Handsome Quality Black Fancy, in the new raised designs, very suitable for separate skirts, very special 75. 46-inch Amazon Suiting, Venetian finish, in all the latest Paris shades, our price 50. 52-inch Broadcloth, handsome quality, will make very handsome tailor-made gown, our leader 1.35.

## Silks.

2,500 yards New Black and White Checks and Stripes—a choice array of these fashionable silks for dressy waists—in the soft make of taffetas, will not cut or crush, a regular 85c quality, special at, yard 60. 27-inch Black Taffeta (note the width), extra rustle, pure dye, rich black, regular value \$1.50, selling at, yard 1.00. 22-inch Black Faille Duchesse, a rich fine-corded dress silk, one of the best wearing goods, special at, yard 85. 22-inch Striped Waist Silks, new pin stripes, assorted colorings, extra values, yard 40. 22-inch Black Peseu de Soie, reversible, guaranteed for wear, regular value \$1.25, for 92. 24-inch Black Satin, very brilliant finish, rich black, special at 45. 22-inch Swiss Taffetas, plain silk ground with silk dot, one of the newest silks for waists, guaranteed for durability, our special price 1.00.

## Real Irish Dimities.

Monday you may get the first glimpse at our direct importation of Dimities, the productions of the best manufacturer in Belfast. They come in a beautiful sheer quality. White and coloured grounds; spots, small and medium; stripes, from the hairline to almost half an inch in width; pretty floral and sprig patterns for juvenile wear; as well as fancy designs. We know these goods to be distinctly high-class, very carefully selected, and sure to meet the best favours of our wash goods customers. It will be worth your while to make special note of this announcement, as there will be no further shipments, and the quantity of each is limited.

30-inch Irish Dimities, sheer quality, in white grounds with coloured spots, stripes, and sprigs, as well as coloured grounds of blue, pink, red, navy, and black, with stripes or spots of white, our special price 20.

## Shoe Specials for Monday.

120 Pairs of Samples in Ladies' Oxford Shoes, made in black dongola and vici kid and chocolate and tan colours, Goodyear welts and turn soles, patent leather, kid tips, in all the latest spring lasts, sizes 3½, 4, and 4½ only, regular \$2.50 and \$2 values, the bulk of this lot is in the higher price grade, for Monday's special shoe sale price 1.50. 60 pairs of Ladies' Golden Russet Lace Boots, a beautiful shade of tan, self tip, flexible turn sole, a very pretty and stylish boot, all sizes, 2½ to 7, regular \$2.50, Monday's special sale price 2.00. Ladies' Extra Quality Kidskin Lace Boots, glove kid top, kid tip, Cornell shape, all widths and sizes, has all the comfort of a broad toed shoe, but gives the foot a snug, dainty appearance, it fits where others fail, this boot retails in the principal American cities at \$4, Monday's special sale price 3.00. Ladies' Vici Kid Lace Boots, beautiful vesting tops, kid tips, Athens toe, military heel, flexible soles, all sizes 2½ to 7, well worth \$3.50, Monday's special sale price 2.75. Men's Tan Vici Kid Lace Boots, handsome silk vesting tops, Cornell toe, Goodyear welts, all sizes and widths, 6½ of the finest boots made, full \$4.00 value, Monday's sale price 3.00. Men's Dongola Kid Lace Boots, neat McKay sewn soles, Astoria toe, all sizes 6 to 10, comfort combined with style, good value at \$2.50, Monday's special sale price 2.00.

## Men's Clothing for Monday.

Men's Waterproof Coats, in a dark fawn covert cloth, double texture, box coat, seams sewn and taped, finished with velvet collar and perforated under the arm, guaranteed not to grow hard, sizes 36 to 48 4.75. Men's Fine Scotch Tweed Suits, in a neat brown broken plaid pattern, a fine, cool, Saxony finish material, lined with farmers' satin, elegantly tailored and perfect fitting, regular \$10 suits, sizes 36 to 42, special 7.00.

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