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The Grain Elevator Bill Caused Western Members to do Much Talking.

Maritime Men Ask Some Pertinent Questions-P. E. Island Cannot Get a Satisfactory Steamship Service to Great Britain

OTTAWA, May 30-Mr. Charlton asked this afternoon whether it was true that the Canadian building at the Paris exposition was to be closed on

Sundays. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he would tell him tomorrow.

Mr. Martin asked whether anything was settled about the steamship service between Prince Edward Island and England. He said that the service last year was very unsatisfac-

Sir Richard Cartwright said nothing had yet been accomplished, but he was negotiating about shins.

Mr. Dugas asked the premier if it was correct that the Roman Catholics of Manitoba had held a meeting to express dissatisfaction with the school

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said most the Catholics were satisfied. If they were not they would appeal to the local government and then, if necessary, to the federal government. The house took up the bill respect-

ing the grain trade in Manitoba. This is the elevator bill which has already been discussed at great length by western members. When the bill was last in committee a clause was incorporated that any ten farmers could build what are called flat warehouses on the station grounds of the railways. Today, Sir Henry Joly, when the bill came up for the third reading, moved it back to committee to put in a clause which would provide that the owners shall, in case such warehouses are built, be paid for their land so

The motion was strongly supported by the premier, and Sir Charles Tupper also spoke in favor of it, but the western members strongly denounced

After a vigorous discussion, government motion was carried by 93 to 10. The minority included the four members present from Manitoba, and the three from the Northwest. The other three were Stubbs (McCarthyite), Pettet (Patron), and Guillett (conservative) all from Ontario.

When the bill got into committee, Sir Wilfrid Laurier appealed to his friends from the West, urging that Charles Hibbert based his motion of the interests of the producer and of censure. the transportation company were the same and that the Joly amendment was a simple act of fair play and jus-

The clause was further discussed, changed somewhat by the premier,

and adopted. The bill was reported, and on motion for third reading, Mr. Davin moved it back into committee, to provide that at each elevator in Manitoba and the Northwest bulletins be posted daily showing the price of wheat at Winnipeg at ten o'clock each morn-

This motion was lost on division. Mr. Davin then moved the bill back into committee to provide that all Manitoba and Northwest elevators should be provided with grain clean-

Sir Henry Joly opposed this amendment, saying that on the previous day Mr. Davin had only asked for cleaners in elevators yet to be built.

Mr. Davin asked whether Sir Henry Joly would accept this compromise. Sir Henry Joly consented and asked Mr. Davin to amend his clause.

Mr. Davin did so. But in the meantime Mr. Campbell of Kent told the minister that he should not have yielded this point and

begged him to reconsider. Sir Henry Joly at once swung round and said he had acted too hastily and

withdrew his consent.

The amendment was lost. Mr. Richardson moved the house into committee to amend the clause permitting the construction of elevators beside a railway by independent persons. Lost on division. The bill

was then read a third time. The premier moved the third reading of the criminal code bill, and Mr. Fraser of Guysboro moved it back into committee, to restere the clause which permitted drawings for works of art by members of societies for the encouragement of art. This clause was in the bill as introduced into the senate and was struck out in that chamber. Mr. Fraser claimed that there was no harm in these art drawings and that distributions of works of art

served an artistic purpose. Mr. Craig opposed this amendment. Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked the house to reject the motion of Mr. Fraser. He said that lotteries, purporting to be art unions, were a great scandal, and the safe course was to maintain

the bill as it stood. Sir Adolphe Caron supported Mr.

Fraser's amendment in favor of art drawir.gs. Mr. Bell opposed the amendment. and Mr. Russell thought the amendment had some justification, but he

did not like its form.

The amendment was rejected on di-Mr. Borden of Halifax moved the house into committee to add a clause making it an offence to obtain credit on false pretences; also to provide for compelling obedience to subpoena for

witnesses from another province .-

It was agreed that these amendments would take effect next January. Mr. Powell proposed an amendment that the clause making a special of. fence of the seduction of girls employed in factories and shops be extended to include domestic servants.

The solicitor general said the bill went a long way further than any previous legislation, and he proposed to wait a year before going further.

ed that perhaps the house might as well adjourn, in order to give honor-able gentlemen an opportunity of join-ing in the celebration over the surrender of Pretoria.

Dr. Montague—I think the government ought to resign on the receipt of that news. (Laughter.)

The members then rose and sang God Save the Queon, and followed it with three cheers, led by the premier.

Mr. Borden, Halifax, asked today what the government intends to do respecting harbor improvements, including bell buoys and lights. Mr. Mills of Annapolis asked for information respecting the chartering of steamers for hay. He said he pro-

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of through Canadian brokers. A deputation from Westmorland, N. B., waited on the minister of railways today concerning a subsidy for a rail-way from Shediac to Cape Bauld.

posed to discuss the propriety of char-tering through foreign brokers, instead

OTTAWA, May 31 Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated at the opening of the house that a royal commission to investigate election frauds would issue on Monday at which time the government would announce the names of the judges and

make known the instructions. Replying to Mr. Charlton, Hon. Mr. Fisher said that the Canadian pavillion at Paris would be closed on Sun-Those Canadian exhibits days. scattered through the general buildings would be on view, but those sections over which the Canadian commissioners had control would be closed.

Mr. Gillies brought up the question of the fishing vessel of Lewis Coute of Arichat, which was refused bounty, though the owner claimed that he had fulfilled all conditions. Sir Louis Davies would not promise

to bring down the papers. Hon. Mr. Fielding moved the house in supply, when Sir Charles Hibbert moved an amendment respecting the Yukon scandals. He stated the particulars of the Carbeno case both in his speech and resolution The latter was a long document, requiring half an hour to read. It sets forth that three men went into the Yukon with Walsh, having signed a contract with him and his brothers. Under this agreemnt Carbeno and the others went in as government em-

ployes receiving public pay. While then on government pay under Commissioner Walsh they were to locate claims and to allow Walsh's brothers a quarter interest in these claims. While they were at Dawson the commissioner closed up Dominion Creek so that claims could not be taken up there. It was opened on a certain day without previous notice and the three parties who had the partnership contract with Walsh got information beforehand and started for the creek the night before the creek was opened. They made locations on which Walsh afterwards allowed them claims, which were shared with the Walshes. On these statements, supported by copious quotations from the records, Sir

Solicitor General Fitpatrick, in replying, began by stating that after Charles Hibbert had made his first attack on Walsh he got his rebuke from Walsh's neighbors in the Brockville election.

This brought derisive cheers from the opposition and the remark by Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper that Brockville elected a conservative and the machine stole the votes and got the seat.

Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick was speaking at six o'clock. tinued by Mersrs. Fitzpatrick, McIn-

erny, Britten, Bordon of Halifax, Sutherland and Davin.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper's motion was lost by a straight party vote of 74 to 38. The house went into supply, passing

appropriations for justice, dominion police, penitentiaries and changes of management. The minister explained that Mr. Sancton of the St. John Savings Bank

had one hundred dollars increase. NOTES. The Royal Society elected officers today, placing the poet Frechette in the

presidency. Before the house adjourned Mr. Foster read a telegram from Bathurst stating that the caretaker of the publie buildings there had refused to raise the flag today, and also on the relief cf Mafeking. Hon. Mr. Mulock said instructions to

raise the flag had been sent to the caretakers of all public buildings. The government has repented of its announced intention to disqualify the mounted police and permanent corps

from voting, and will not press these amendments. OTTAWA, June 1 .- Before the orders of the day were taken up there was some discussion of the copyright ques-

Dr. Borden moved the second read-ing of his bill giving the government power to appoint colonels and majorgenerals. The minister explained that one purpose of the bill was to give power to give a military title to civilians who might have attained distinction or done service to the country. The whole afternoon was spent in discussing the propriety of making

honorary colonels or lieutenant colonels out of civilians. Messrs. Osler, Fraser, Fester, Montague and others strongly condemned the practice of giving military titles to other than military men, and much amusement was created at the expense of Colonel Laurier, Colonel Dobell and Colonel (Sir Louis) Davis. Hon. Col.

Borden read a list of thirty-five or forty honorary lieutenant-coloneis already appointed. Only one of these Colonel Gibson, a member of the Ontario government, was appointed by a conservative government. All the rest are appointees of the Laurier government.

The discussion was a scene of wild hilarity, but the bill went through com-

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At 2 a. m. Hon. Mr. Fielding remark
Copyright was read a second time, Mr.

Fisher explaining that it provided pro
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tection for Canadian copyrights in books by Canadian authors which pub-lish in England as well as in Canada and secure copyright in both coun-

Hon. Mr. Fielding's bill amending the bank act went through the committee stage. The horse then went into supply or estimates of the interior departs

THE LATE DR. RAND

Buried on Saturday Afternoon at His Early Home, Canard, N. S.

Impressive Funeral Service-Memorial Ser vice in College Hall, Wolfville, Sunday

WOLFVILLE, N. S., June 3 .- The funeral of the late Dr. Theodore Harding Rand took place on Saturday at his early home in Canard from the residence of his brother, Everett Rand. The services were exceedingly im-

There in his old home, in calm re-pose, but very lifelike, lay the remains of one of the prominent educators and poets of our day. The casket was covered with beautiful wreaths, one from the McMaster faculty, one from Acadia faculty, and one from Dr. R V. Jones, as representing his class, the noted class of 1860. Five only out of a class of eleven survive: Silas Alward of St. John; Wm. A. Chase of Yarmouth; John Y. Payseant of Halifax: Wm. N. Wickwire of Halifax, and Prof. R. V. Jones of Wolfville.

Prayer was offered at the house by Rev. B. N. Nobles of Kentville, after which the remains were taken to the church, where a most eloquent sermon was preached by Dr. Keirstead from the text: "This man was born there." It was a most touching and sublime eulogy.

Appropriate remarks were made by Rev. Dr. Saunders, a life-long friend, and by Dr. O. C. Wallace of Toronto, who came specially to attend the funeral. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. B. Morgan of Aylesford. Rev. C. H. Martel presided and read the burial service at the grave in the old cemetery in Canard. The pall-bearers selected from those who had been associated with him at Acadia were Dr. R. V. Jones, Prof. J. F. Tufts, Prof.

A. E. Coldwell and Prof. I. B. Oakes-On Sunday afternoon in college hall a memorial service was held for the late Dr. Rand. Dr. Trotter presided and spoke feelingly of his relations with the deceased in Ontario, and said his life had been influenced by this connection. Rev. Dr. Sawyer spoke of him as a student at Acadia and his subsequent career as an educationist. Rev. Dr. Goodspeed of Toronto gave an account of Dr. Rand's career in Fredericton, his intense zeal and love of truth in his outpouring of himself for others. Dr. Saunders, a life-long friend, spoke of his intimate acquaintanceship with Dr. Rand from hood and his admiration for his many admirable traits of character, both of heart and mind. Dr. Wallace of Toronto spoke of Dr. Rand's services at McMaster in the highest terms. Prof. R. V. Jones offered prayer. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Boggs, who has just arrived home from India.

TERRIBLE SCENES,

After dinner the discussion was con- Louis Klopsch Tells of the Effect of the Plague and Famine as Seen by Him in the Bombay Presidency.

> BOMBAY, June 3.-Louis Klopsch of New York, publisher of the Christian Herald, who arrived here May 14 and started at once on a tour of the famine stricken districts, has returned, after travelling through the most sorely spitten portions of the Bombay pre-sidency, including Gujerat and Barola. He makes the following statement regarding his

observations.
"Everywhere I met the most shocking and "Everywhere I met the most shocking and revolting scenes. The famine camps have been swept by cholera and smallpox. Fugitives, scattering in all directions and stricken in flight, were found dying by the roadside in the fields and ditches. The numbers at one relief station were increasing at the rate of 10,000 per day.

"At Godhra there were 3,00 deaths from cholera within four days, and at Dohad 2,500 in the same period. The hospital death rate at Godhra and Dohad was 90 per cent.

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"The condition of the stricken simply beggars description. Air and water were impregnated with an intolerable stench of corpses. At Ahmedabad the death rate in the poor house was ten per cent. Every day I saw new patients placed face to face with corpses. In every fourth cot there was a corpse.

"The thermometer read 115 in the shade. Millions of flies hovered around the uncleansed dysentery patients.
"I visited the smallpox and cholera wards at Virigara. All the patients were lying on the ground, there being no cots. Otherwise their condition was fair.

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"I can fully verify the reports that vultures, dogs and jackals are devouring the dead. Dogs have been seen running about with children's limbs in their jaws.

"The government is doing its best, but the native officials are hopelessly and heartlessly inefficient. Between the famine, the plague and the cholera the condition of Bomhay presidency is now worse than it has been at any previous period in the 19th century. Whole families have been blotted out. The spirit of the people is broken, and there may be something still worse to come when monsoon breaks."

REV. MR. TROOP RESIGNS.

MONTREAL, June 3.—Rev. Osborne Troop, rector of St. Martins church, today announced his resignation to the parishioners. The cause of Mr. Troop's action is the refusal to make it a free church in fact as well as in name. Seats have hitherto been appropriated to those who promise a certain amount each Sunday. Mr. Troop came to the conclusion that this was an evasion of the free seat principle, and as the finance committee refused to change he handed in his resignation, to take effect in October. Michael Garriere, a milkman, and Napoleon Tellier, sixteen years old, his assistant, were killed last evening while crossing the Grand Trunk tracks at St. Elizabeth street, St. Henry. Freight cars obscured the view of the track which had no gate protection. The horse was also killed.

MET WHILE THE POLICE SLEPT.

mittee and stands for its third reading at the next citting.

In the evening the bill to change the name of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax to the Royal Bank of Canada passed committee and was read a third time.

The Toronto and Collingwood bill went through committee, but was not read a third time.

Hor. Mr. Fisher's bill respecting copyright was read a second time, Mr.

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P. E. ISLAND.

Dwellings and Much Timber PAINLESSLY REMOVED Destroyed by Fires Carelessly Set.

The Death Roll-Held on a Serious Charge-Personal Notes-Good Lobster Fishing.

CHARLOTTETOWN, May 31.-Wilbert Arsenault of Summerside, a son of Frank was drowned at Fifteen Point Tuesday. He was out in a boat looking over lobster traps in company with Wesley Allen, when a squall struck their boat and it sank, leaving only four feet of the mas above water. To this the young men clung for about an hour and a half, when Arsenault became exhausted, and notwithstandin every effort of his comrade he sank to the hottom. Allen was rescued some time afterwards, having been about four hours in the water. He was taken to a house unconscious, but after a time revived, and is now out of danger. Arsenault was 23 years old. out of danger. Arsenault was 23 years old. He was married only a few months ago.

A handsome caryed oak reredos is being placed in St. Peter's cathedral. The gift is cretted as a memorial to the late Rosa M. Stewart, who was a member of the church. McKenzie & Dewar have begin work on the repairs to the Presbyterian church at Georgetown.

Rev. Edwin Smith of Shediac was inducted yesterday in the pastoral charge of Kensington Presbyterian congregation.

Alphonze Arsenault, a boy 13 years of age, was driving a cart yesterday near his home.

was driving a cart yesterday near his home when the horse ran away, throwing the boy to the ground. The wheel passed over the little fellow's chest, causing rupture of the heart. The lad lived only ten minutes after the scalars.

the accident.

This province is just now undergoing a series of heavy woods fires, caused in some cases by farmers clearing land, and in other cases by children setting fire to old grass. Wednesday no less than three dwelling houses and six barns were destroyed at Argyle shore. The fire from an adjoining woods swept down upon them by means of rail fences with such fury that nothing could be done to same them. The losers were: Alexander McDougall, two dwelling houses and two barns; John McDougall, residence and two barns; John Finman, barn; Charles McLean, barn. Some of these buildings were large and new, and all were good ones. Mr. McDougall's furniture was also destroyed, although it had been carried into the centre of a field for greater safety, and when the fire ended not even a coat was left of all the contents of the dwelling. Another heavy fire raged yesterday in Nine Mile Creek. Much valuable woodland was destroyed, It was with great difficulty that some dwellings there were saved. The furniture was removed from Rice Point school, and the building for a time was in imminent danger. This province is just now undergoing removed from Rice Point school, and the building for a time was in imminent dauger. Sarah McDonald, aged 31 years, daughter of Malcolm McDonald of Mermaid, Lot 48, died in Boston on the 24th ult. Her remains were brought to the Island for interment. Miss Carrie Rogers and Miss Helen Anderson have gone to Paris to visit the exposition. They are also delegates to the Woman's Congress.

Estelle Burdette, daughter of Richard Burdette, now of Pictou and formerly of Dundas, was married at Montreal last week to Rev. N. A. Whitman of Toronto. Mr. Whitman has accepted a call to Selkirk, Ontario.

man has accepted a call to Selkirk, Ontario. Rev. J. A. Gordon, formerly of St. John, officiated. Mrs. Norman McLeod died at Montague

bridge on Monday, aged 46 years. She was a daughter of the late Alexander Martin of Valleyfield. valleyheld.

The residence of John McLellan, post-master at Indian River, was considerably damaged by fire recently. The fire originated from one of the stoves. Not a room in the house escaned charring. in the house escaped charring.

Naum Jasnogrodsky, representing the New York Life Insurance company, has been remanded to the supreme court in this province on a charge of obtaining money under false pretences. The case was brought on at the instance of George E. Hughes, who claimed that the accused had sold him an irsurance policy for \$5,000 on the life of his (Hughes) son. Hughes gave a promissory note for \$98 in payment of first premium. Hughes claims that the accused had represented the policy as being a twenty year endowment, but the application showed it to be only an ordinary life accumulation

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Word has been received of the death in Gloucester, Mass., of Mrs. Matilda Beaton, wife of Captain Ronald Beaton. The decessed was a native of this province and had resided here for nearly forty years.

Charles McKelvie of St. John is visiting his parents in Summerside.

Lobster fishing is fairly good in some sections this season. At Murray Harbor South last week, the average daily catch per boat

last week, the average daily catch per boat was about 600.

Mrs. Martin Taylor of Summerside died suddenly Wednesday. Mr. Taylor is in the employ of Warren, Hicks, McMurdo Bros.

The Sons of England paraded to the First

Methodist church last Sunday, where an impressive sermon was preached by Rev. J. W. McConnell. W. McConnell.
Frederick D. Hall, son of Samuel Hall of
Summerside and formerly of Tryon, and
Saidie A. Pashly of St. Paul, Minnesota,
were married at St. Paul last week. The closing exercises of Prince of Wales college were held in the Opera house tonight. Lulu Robertson and Cora White were equal in the centest for the Anderson gold medal. They were each awarded a sliver medal and three sovereigns. Roy Fraser won the governor general's silver medal, Arthur Cameron the vice chancellor's silver medal, and James D. McLeod the governor general's beauty medal.

ernor general's bronze medal. . THE BRIDGE CAUSES THE TROU BLE.

Captain Porter Explains Why the Star Has Several Times Passed Armstrong's Wharf.

Several complaints have been re- SIR CHARLES AND THE OLD FLAG ceived of late that the steamer Star had several times passed by Armstrong's wharf and landed passengers seen by a Sun reporter Friday in regard to the matter. The captain passengers. "I am not running a pleasly that I would neglect my pairons, The draw has only fifty feet of clear water, the Star needs forty. Besides in the coming political contest." this there are no proper guard posts. It is then, even in calm weather and low water, a somewhat dangerous thing to go through, for if the steamer sheered in she would be smashed by an arm of the bridge. In high water and anything like stormy weather the risk is considerably greater, and it is made more so by the fact that the boat is hampered in her movements, once inside, by a huge pile of slabs. Capt. Porter has been on the river for twenty-five years and has not had an accident, and he says he does not propose to have one now. Hon, Mr. Blair promised him faithfully at the last election that the bridge would be put in proper shape, but though Capt. Porter has several times made application nothing has yet been done.

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LONDON, June 1.-In connection with the rumors current of Lord Rosebery's willingness to resume the leadership of the liberal party if the majority of the party desire it, he is regarded as having embodied his principles in the following letter, sent tonight to the Plymouth Mercury, a lib eral organ, on the occasion of its fortieth anniversary. After formally congratulating the paper Lord Rose-

bery proceeds: "This anniversary comes at a remarkable moment. It finds faction annihilated by the war, in which the great mass of the nation desires to stand shoulder to shoulder for the war. With all its curses it may ultimately bring a blessing. It may brace up the nation. It may mould a nation. It may unite a nation. It must make a nation take stock of itself and examine its deficiencies.

"Under these circumstances the function of the press, always important, has supreme value at such a juncture. It must be sincere. It must divest itself of the mere catchwords and impulses of the party and educate the people without fear and without partiality. It must be prepared to discard the absolete shibboleths to search out abuse, to disregard persons, to be insistent in pressing for necestutional, and moreover with regard to sane appreciation of the destinies and We responsibilities of the empire. stand at the parting of the ways. Will Britain flinch or falter in her world wide task? How is she best to pursue it? What new forces and inspiration will it need? What changes does it involve? These are questions requiring clear sight, cool courage and freedom from formula. It is because I believe the Mercury is facing this crisis in our fortunes in a bold, liberal spirit, that I sent it a message of hearty good-will."

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On Thursday, May 24th, a very happy event took place at the residence of M. S. W. Merritt, when his sister, Miss Sarah Merritt and Willet Cain of Springfield, Kings Co., were united in marriage by Rev. W. J. Gordon. A large number of friends and relatives witnessed the marriage, and the bride was the recipient of many handsome and costly presents. Mr. and Mrs. Cain will take up their fu-

ture abode in Wickham, Queens Co. About one o'clock on the afternoon of Sunday, May 27th, the house of the above mentioned Mr. Merritt caught fire very mysteriously, and was quickly reduced to ashes. The family only saved what clothing was on their backs. There was a high wind, and on that account the flames had gained such headway before neighbors could arrive that they were unable to render much assistance. Mr. Merritt and family have the sympathy of the whole community.

President J. W. Y. Smith has presented the Sir Charles Tupper Club of and freight bound for there at points Moncton with a handsome British flag. higher up the river. Capt. Porter was In an accompanying note to the club's secretary Mr. Smith says: "I cannot restrain myself from mentioning the said that he regretted that this was fact that we have our noble leader, 'true, but it was done in order to ensure the safety of the boat and the prominence the dominion has taken in sending the contingents to South Afure yacht," said he, "and it isn't like- rica. Now that the war is at its close, we can look back with a feeling of especially when I am competing with pride on the successful way in which a subsidized railway." The real rea- our boys have acquitted themselves. son is the draw bridge over which the The success which has attended his trains of the Northern Central run. (Sir Charles's) efforts in this direction is no doubt the forerunner of victory

THE D. A. R. AND THE Y. S. A.

A Boston despatch of May 22 says: The negotiations that have been for some time in progress between the Domirion Atlantic Railway Co. and the Yarmouth Steamship Co., relative to the absorption of the latter by the larger company, lend a peculiar interest to the New England-Nova Scotia tourist season, now at hand.

All official and semi-official denials to the centrary, such negotiations have been under way, and they have progressed so far that a definite offer for the steamers and good will of the Yar-mouth line has been made by the Dominion Atlantic people. I am not at liberty to state the terms of the offer, but, not unnaturally, there is quite a wide gulf between the amount offered and the amount which the people controlling the Yarmouth line are willing to accept."

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THE CONTINGENT FUND.

The Transvaal contingents fund is still short a considerable amount the sum which it was expected to raise in order to pay each man fifty cents per day from the date of enlistment, as was decided at the citizen's meeting before the first contingent left. H. D. McLeod, who is treasurer of the fund, has furnished the following statement:

Estimate sum required to pay the several contingents first, second and third at the rate of fifty cents per day from date of enlistment to Sept. 1st,

110 men Nov. 1st, 1899 to Sept. 1st, 1900, 304 days, at 50 cts.

66 men Jan. 8th, 1900 to Sept 1st, 1900, 235 days, at 50 cts. or \$107.50 per man 1,755.00 3rd contingent (so called):-

10 men March 12th, 1900, to Sept. 1st, 1900, 172 days, at 50 cents, or \$86 \$26,036.00

Received on account of 1st contingent\$10,454,32 Ditto, 2nd contingent 5,536.21 Guaranteed by city 2,000.00

committee to pay all up to Sept. 1st\$3,045.47
It is expected that the drill to be given by the ladies next week will add

at least \$500 to the fund. Provincial Secretary Tweedie, representing the government of New Brunswick, Saturday afternoon handed Mayor Daniel, as chairman of the Canadian contingent fund, a check for \$5,000, being the contribution of the province towards the contingent fund.

THE LATE CORP. WITHERS.

Anent the death of Corp. Withers, Pte. Fred Kirkpatrick writes to his mother, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, 85 Marsh road, as follows, from Bloemfontein,

April 18: "I have been enquiring about Corporal Withers' death to see if there was anything in his last moments that would be of interest to his poor mother and his friends, but I found that he was shot through the forehead and he died without uttering a word. He was advancing on the Boer trenches when he was struck by the fatal bullet. He was liked by all the men, and his loss is keenly felt by the battalion, and especially by G Co., who will long

remember their genial corporal."

A BIG LIFE INSURANCE. John Stewart, one of St. John's most esteemed citizens, passed to his rest on the 17th instant at his late residence, King street east, at the advanced age of 79 years. Mr. Stewart was a sary reforms, social, educational and practical shipbuilder and did much to administrative, and if need be, consti- give the port of St. John its reputawooden ship producing cities in the British empire. Mr. Stewart was insured in the Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York, policy No. 402,897, and this endowment policy matured on the 12th inst., only five days prior to the demise of Mr. Stewart, so that the estate is paid with profits, which makes quite a difference, the policy

with accumulations being \$5,285. GOOD WORDS FOR AMERICA.

LONDON, May 31.—The secretary of state for the colonies, Joseph Chamberlain, during the course of his speech today at the meeting of the University of Birmingham, referred to Andrew Carnegie's magnificent referred to Andrew Carnegie's magnificent donation to the university and to the report of the deputation which, at Mr. Carnegie's suggestion, had visited the great colleges of the United States and Canada. That report he added, showed how it was that Great Britain was behind hand in preparation for the imminent great struggle of commercial comparition between nations. He eulogized the imminent great struggle of commercial competition between nations. He culogized the splendid system and equipment of the American and Canadian colleges, saying it was the outcome of the great liberality of the wealthy classes across the Atlantic and earnestly appealed for initiation and emulation between the control of the structure of the control of the structure of the st

tion here. HOW TARIFF HELPS UNCLE SAM.

(Toronto World.)
An analysis of the foreign trade of the Uinted States is presented in the New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bul-Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin of yesterday.

In this it is shown that the exports to British North America during the last five years amounted to \$356,000,000, as against \$223,000,000 during the previous five years; and that the import from British North America during the last five years amounted to only \$183,000,000, as against \$184,000,000 during the previous five years.

This huge gain in the trade of our neighbors is almost entirely at Canada's expense (Newfoundland not having contributed much to it), and is the work mainly of Mr. Fielding's tariff concessions to the United States. States.

"Our largest and most profitable customers," says the Journal of Commerce, "are in British North America and Northern Europe."

The present government of Canada has done well by the United States.

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