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REFERING to the Pacific Cable a London despatch of the 21st. inst., to the Montreal Star, has the following: No date has yet been fixed for the inter-imperial cable conference, but there is every expectation that the conference will report in time to allow the British parliament to assent to this session to the joint government undertaking to lay and maintain the cable. The imperial government's action in thus abandoning its previous decision is regarded as signal evidence of Canada's influence in imperial affairs. The high commissioner and other agents general will represent the several colonies at the conference.

SIR MCKENZIE BOWELL's request in the Senate for further information about some features of the bill confirming an agreement between the Government and the Grand Trunk for the Intercolonial of Victoria Bridge and the terminals at Montreal develops the starting fact that certain clauses of the agreement taken together with a traffic contract made by some subordinate officials would for ninety-nine years give the Grand Trunk and its United States, connections such control of the Intercolonial traffic as to practically constitute a lease of the government railways to them for the period.

It is now almost two months since the death of Judge Alvey, and yet no appointment has been made to the vacancy on the County Court bench, caused by his demise. The appointment in the County Court of Queen's County is very considerable, and this long delay in the appointment of a judge has doubtless caused no inconsiderable hardship and inconvenience to litigants. Now, the public naturally asked, why this delay? A little over a month ago a rumor obtained currency that the appointment had been practically decided upon. It was said the arrangement involved a species of deal and transfer. This information, whether or not well founded, is known to have created intense excitement in certain quarters, and the wires between here and Ottawa were kept very hot for a day or two, and if all accounts are true, the despatch opened by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries must also have been quite hot. Since then, although various rumors have floated about, no information of a definite character has come to the knowledge of the outside public regarding the appointment. The only thing positively known is that the vacancy on the Queen's County Court Bench has not yet been filled. In the delay in consequence of the delicate position in which Sir L. H. Davies finds himself in view of the management first reported from Ottawa? Is it because the Provincial Government are afraid to open such constituencies as the appointment of a member of the Executive would necessitate? Is the appointment kept back until the election for the Legislature shall be held in the first district of Prince, for fear of offending electors of a certain nationality in that district? As the famous Barnum would say, what is it?

A Washington despatch of the 18th. inst., to the Chicago Evening Post affords additional evidence of the manner in which the Brit tariff works with reference to United States trade. The despatch opens: Exports from the United States to Canada continue to increase, despite the legislation of two years ago, intended to give special advantages to imports into Canada from the United Kingdom over those from the United States. The legislation of two years ago, it will be remembered, provided for an immediate reduction of 12 1/2 per cent. of the import duties on articles coming from the United Kingdom and certain of the British colonies, and an additional 12 1/2 per cent. at the expiration of one year. Thus the law, reducing by 25 per cent. the duties on articles coming from the mother country and her colonies, as compared with those collected on articles coming from the United States, have now been in full operation nearly a year, while one half of the reduction went into operation nearly two years ago. It is interesting therefore to compare the exports of the United States to Canada during the last year with those of the earlier years. After going into particulars of exports in various lines the despatch closes as follows: "Our total exports to British North America in the ten months just ended amounted in value to \$73,052,810, against \$66,350,572 in the corresponding months of 1897 and \$52,831,784 in those of 1895. These importations into Canada show a steady gain during the years in question, while on the other hand the imports into the United States during the periods under review having been \$30,960,474 in 1897, \$29,800,000 in 1898 and \$33,000,000 in the ten months of 1899. From this it will be seen that our Brit friends fixed the tariff in a rather peculiar way, in view of their ostensible desire and intention of seeking the United States for a corresponding treaty. Thus, while they had white pickets on their borders, they were working in the shade to favor of United States productions.

IN SUPPLY.

EXPLANATIONS HARD TO GET—MEMBERS WHO DO NOT KNOW—MR. TARTÉ'S OPERATIONS—MR. BOHE'S GET THE MINISTERS MIXED.

Special Correspondence in the Herald. JUNE 24.—For the greater part of this week the House has been in supply. Progress is reported every day with more or less regularity, but on some days very little money is voted. The Opposition members claim that it is almost impossible to draw explanations of the Ministers, either as to expenditures made or outlays proposed. Hours are spent in cross-examining Ministers who either cannot or will not give details of expenditures in their departments, or explain why money has been spent without parliamentary authority, or why the established rule requiring contracts to be let by tender has been evaded. For instance, the Minister of Militia comes to the House and asks for some \$300,000 additional to the amount estimated by him at the beginning of the year. It is fair to say that a part of this money is to pay out of camp which the Minister perhaps did not intend to hold this year, but in other expenditures for the department the estimates made were about 25 to 75 per cent. in excess of money that has been needed, or at least that has been used. On the line of militia supplies, some discuss the contract for a certain quantity of blankets. The contract was made two years ago at a certain price and was filled. This year the department without calling for a new tender to the same quantity, has made a bargain for \$2,000 worth of goods to be made to cover about nine times that quantity. It happens that the price of wool had fallen, so the farmer concerned says from 1901 to 1913. The price of blankets should have come down accordingly, but this favored contractor, who was said to be a warm supporter of the Government, seems to have been allowed the benefit of the fall in price. One of the Ontario members points out that Mr. Mulock will not allow a mail carrying contract for \$20 a year to run over the time if he can re-let it at a lower rate. This is a good Government supporter. This member finds a considerable difference between the treatment of the humble mail carrier and the privileges allowed to the more opulent contractor for supplies.

MR. TARTE & MR. CHARLESON. The longest as well as the warmest debate of the week took place over the question of telegraph lines in the Yukon. Mr. Tarte, as Minister of Public Works, has asked Mr. J. C. Charleson to Klondike, at the head of a party of men with instructions to provide telegraph lines, improve river navigation, erect buildings, and perform other services estimated to cost \$150,000 to \$200,000. Mr. Charleson attained a certain eminence during the Marier regime in Quebec in connection with politics and finance. Mr. Tarte when he became Minister of Public Works soon found a place for Mr. Charleson in his department at Ottawa. Mr. Charleson was next heard from in connection with the Crow's Nest Pass Railway. Drawing pay from the Dominion he went about engaging men to work for private parties in the Crow's Nest Pass. It is not forgotten that many of the men engaged found their way home a few months later complaining of deception and cursing the day they ever met the person who persuaded them to go to the Rocky Mountains. The last we heard of this Mr. Charleson is that Mr. Tarte gives him \$4,000 a year and expenses, and sends him to the Yukon with \$15,000 cash and authority to draw fifty per cent. on the Dominion Treasury. Mr. Ferguson and other members are emphatic in the statement that Mr. Charleson had not their confidence in money matters, and some of them used very direct language in regard to the character and career of this over-seer.

MR. TARTE'S OPERATIONS. A brief discussion of the subject of a private car by Ministers took place in supply. It appears that the ministerial party are not so forthcoming as it is now. The members who were most concerned because the late Sir James Mackenzie used a private car, are making no disturbance over the private car journey. They are not only the former but the latter. Speaking of the minister he is now one of the \$100,000 gift which his friends have been making for him. Sir Donald Smith, High Commissioner for Canada, contributes \$10,000 and offers to double the amount. It is unnecessary to say that the Liberal party has overcome any old-fashioned scruples in the acceptance of such testimonials by the Minister.

A COST OF ENQUIRY. Two years ago the Government appointed three commissioners to hold an investigation into the management of St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary. The accounts covering the cost of the inquiry are now supposed to be all in. One would have said, as the Solicitor General has informed parliament, that the investigation had cost \$18,072. A large part of Friday evening was devoted to discussion of Yukon expenditures. The Honorable Police and Mr. Tarte were very nearly equal in the original appropriation. Militia and Mounted Police in the Yukon cost for the year \$2,700,000 according to Mr. Foster's computation. Each mounted police trooper in that country has cost the Dominion during the year \$100. The cost of each of the soldiers—more than 300 in number—was probably more. The Honorable Police said that it does not yet appear that there was any need of the soldiers.

A FURNAL of our advertising columns will show that all the tea parties and social gatherings are not confined to the eastern section of the Province; but that the west is also distinguished by its reputation as a social entertainer. In this connection the tea party to be held at Kenagatash, in aid of the Indian River church, on the 11th July will be an event most worthy of notice. The place selected for holding the tea is admirably adapted for such a gathering. Add to this the excellent reputation enjoyed by the parishioners of Indian River as entertainers and the probability of the success and you can scarcely fail to be convinced that you should attend.

A COLLISION occurred at the crossing near the station at Pookoquin, N. B., on 12th. inst., Friday afternoon, when, unfortunately, was not attended with any loss of life or serious bodily harm. Train No. 1, the day express from Halifax, and No. 8, a freight, in some mysterious way underwent a collision on the same track, with the result that usually follows such collisions. Both locomotives were derailed and badly smashed up. The engines and frames, when they saw that the collision could not be avoided, jumped, and so escaped death or serious injury. As it is, they are considerably shaken up. No damage was done to the passenger coaches or cars. The fire was torn up for some distance, and traffic completely blocked. The wrecking train arrived from Montreal about six o'clock and the work of clearing the road progressed very rapidly.

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At Little River, on the 10th. inst., Mr. Williams, widow of the late Alexander Douglas, in the 67th year of her age.

At Little Pond, on May 31, Alexander Francis McDonald, youngest son of the late Donald McDonald, in the 24th year of his age. Deceased was an exemplary and very popular young man, and his death is much mourned by his many relatives and acquaintances. He had been in failing health for nearly two years, and in his last illness was attended by Rev. J. C. McLean, who administered to him the last sacraments. His funeral took place on June 5th, and a very large number of his acquaintances assembled to do honor to the remains of their departed friend. Burial took place in the cemetery.

The P. E. Island Dairy-men's Board of Trade will meet in Charlottetown on Tuesday, July 4th, at 11.30 a. m. Premier Ferguson has arranged to allow the Board to hold their meetings in the Land Tax Office, Provincial Buildings. Returns tickets on the P. E. Island Railway will be issued to members at one first-class fare. If any of the Secretaries of the various factories have not received their tickets, they should apply to the Board or to the Secretary, Mr. J. W. Blain, at the Land Tax Office, Provincial Buildings, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

The Ladies of Fort Augustus Parish intend holding their annual Hillsboro' Tea on Thursday, July 13, on the beautiful grounds adjoining the Church. Fort Augustus has not only many places of historical interest to boast of, but has scenery which for beauty and variety is unrivalled in the Province. A committee in charge are determined to have nothing but the best. The beautiful new clubhouse will be stocked with temperate drinks, confectionery, ice cream and the famous Dewar Scotch Whisky. The tea will be held on Saturday following.

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Prizes will be given for 100 yards dash, sack race, tag of war, etc. Tea on the tables at 12 o'clock. Tickets 50 cents. Friends best on a Saturday evening will please remember the date—July 8th, and thus ensure for themselves a pleasant evening.

Should the day prove unfavorable, the party will be held on the following Monday. Following are the train arrangements and fares: A special train leaving Charlottetown at 8.30 A.M., standard will run on the following schedule:

STANDARD TIME. Leave Charlottetown 8.30 a. m. St. John's 9.30 a. m. York 10.30 a. m. Miramichi 11.30 a. m. Grand Falls 12.30 p. m. St. Lawrence 1.30 p. m. St. Basile 2.30 p. m. St. Jacques 3.30 p. m. St. Hubert 4.30 p. m. St. Adolphe 5.30 p. m. St. Georges 6.30 p. m. St. Eustache 7.30 p. m. St. Jean 8.30 p. m. Arrive at St. Teresa's 10.00 a. m. Retaining will leave St. Teresa's 8 p. m. standard. Passengers from Georgetown, Cardigan and Perth will go by regular morning and afternoon trains retaining regular evening train.

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