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HOME RULE.

The Government Amendments Are Carried and the Proceedings Rather Tame.

Mr. MacNeill Threatens a Caricaturist in the Lobby—Third Reading on Wednesday.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The strangers galleries of the House of Commons were crowded early this evening to suffocation by persons eager to witness the last scenes in the report stage of the Home Rule bill. The Peers' gallery was notably empty. The members' benches were fairly well filled. The proceedings of the evening were disappointingly tame. Timothy Healy, anti-Parnellite for North Louth, got the floor about 10 o'clock and talked until 11, merely to prevent Mr. Balfour, the Unionist leader, from winding up the debate. William Johnston, an Ulster loyalist, tried to cut Mr. Healy short, but without success. The House became restless shortly before 11, and declined to listen longer to talk against time. Cries of "Divide!" drowned Mr. Healy's voice, so that it was impossible to hear a sentence during the last five minutes of his speech. At 11 o'clock the Speaker began to put the eighteen Government amendments standing in the name of John Morley, chief secretary for Ireland. Only two of the eighteen were challenged by the Opposition. In each division the Government majority was 38.

This week's Punch contains an extravagant caricature of J. G. Swift MacNeill, Nationalist M.P. for South Donegal. In the caricature Mr. MacNeill's protruding front teeth are represented as startling deformities, while initials in the corner of the picture indicate that Harry Furniss is the author of it. Ever since Punch appeared, Mr. MacNeill has been threatening to punch Mr. Furniss the moment they meet. This evening the men came together in the lobby, Mr. MacNeill immediately shoved his fist under Mr. Furniss' nose, and shouted: "Your conduct has been blackguardly. If you were not such a little man I would kick you, as it is I will merely pull your ear." Mr. MacNeill then grasped Mr. Furniss' ear, twisted it and shook it, at the same time shaking Mr. Furniss. A group of excited members gathered about as a fight was supposed to be threatening. Mr. Furniss, however, did not strike a blow. As soon as he got his ear free he hastened to the Sergeant-at-arms with his complaint. No step has been taken as yet to discipline Mr. MacNeill.

When the last amendment was pronounced to-day, carried, the Liberals and Irish [illegible] burst out with loud and repeated cheers. The Opposition remained silent. The Speaker announced the third reading of the Home Rule bill for next Wednesday, and, without further demonstration, the House adjourned.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

The C. P. R.'s New Grain Tariff—Will Stand Aloof From the Other Transcontinentals—"C" Battery En Route.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 24.—(Special)—The new grain tariff for Manitoba and the Northwest is announced by President Van Horne, of the C.P.R. There is a reduction varying from one to nine cents per hundred pounds from points in Manitoba and the Territories.

W. G. Clegg, a millwright, employed in the Keewatin lumber mills, was caught by a wheel this morning and instantly killed. The accident stopped the machinery of the mill.

To-day was observed as a civic holiday in Winnipeg.

"C" Battery passed through on the delayed express train, last night, for Quebec. Col. Holmes, late commandant of the battery, dropped off here, to assume the duties of D.A.G., succeeding Lieut.-Col. Villiers.

The Canadian Pacific will not send representatives to the meeting of transcontinental roads called for in Chicago, August 28, to raise freight and passenger rates. "What will the C.P.R. do in this matter?" a C.P.R. official was asked, in discussing the possible outcome of the meeting. "We are just going to attend to our own business," was the reply. "For the present we will make rates to suit our interests, and those who were so eager in disturbing tariffs may, so far as we are concerned, fry in their own fat."

Prince Komatsu Yorihito, cousin of the Mikado of Japan, arrived here from Vancouver and left to-day for the World's Fair. He was received here by the provincial and civic authorities.

Dr. Munro, a former resident of Winnipeg, died yesterday at Green Bay, Wis.

Mr. Burgess, deputy minister of the interior, returned to Ottawa last night. Hon. Mr. Daly is expected here next week. He is now at Battleford.

WEAVER ON HARD TIMES.

Too Much British Capital Invested in the States is the Trouble.

MOUNT GRETNA, Pa., Aug. 24.—The largest crowd since the opening of the national encampment of the Farmers' Alliance assembled yesterday. In the main auditorium William Benninger advocated the free coinage of silver, in the Pennsylvania Dutch language. He was followed by J. M. Thompson, late lecturer of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Alliance. When Gen. Weaver, of Iowa, arose to deliver his address this afternoon there were probably 20,000 people on the grounds. He said the situation of to-day was caused by the election of a Democratic administration, for that administration was still enforcing Republican laws and interpreting the laws the same as did Harrison. Such a curse could not be brought upon the country by a mere change of administration, nor is it the result of the Sherman law. Laws have been violated. The Republican secretary of the treasury and the Democratic secretary of the treasury did not comply with the law. They paid out gold and the secretary of the treasury has aided foreign conspirators when he had it in his hands to prevent this panic. This is the real cause of these hard times. At the close of the war the people were comparatively free from debt. There was more prosperity then among the farmers in the North, in spite of the loss of those near and dear to them, than ever has been since. The reason of this prosperity and good feeling was because there was an immense volume of paper currency in circulation. The financial system which contracted the currency is responsible for the loss of thousands of homes, innumerable suicides and corruption of the morals of the people. As a result of that crime perpetrated on our people from 1866 to 1873 British capital has come in and got control of factories, railroads and finances. Scarcity of money is what is the matter. When the farmers come into power, and they are going into power, they will give more money. Farmers will make a dollar that will stay at home. They don't want money that will go abroad; that is what is the matter with gold.

CANADIAN NEWS.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

Stabbed by a Brother-in-Law.

TORONTO, Aug. 25.—William Rogers and Thomas George, brothers-in-law, quarrelled last night over the manner in which George treated his wife, and George stabbed Rogers in the arm with a penknife. The doctor fears that gangrene has set in. George is under arrest.

Evidently a Plagiarist.

TORONTO, Aug. 25.—Lawrence Irwell, a well-known Englishman about town, and who has figured for the past year or two as a contributor to the Westminster Review and other English periodicals, has been arrested, charged with the larceny of a fur cap and various other articles.

His Contempt Purged.

TORONTO, Aug. 25.—McDonald, who was sentenced to jail for three months for contempt of court, in refusing to answer questions put to him, was released this morning, his term having expired.

Prominent Miner Dead.

TORONTO, Aug. 25.—It is announced from Fort Worth, Texas, that Alexander Bryce, a partner in the lumber firm of Bryce Bros., of this city, had died there.

An Injured Member.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—News has reached here that Jos. Marshall, member of Parliament for North Middlesex, has been seriously hurt at Grand Bend.

McCarthy and Laurier.

OTTAWA, Aug. 25.—It is reported tonight that when W. G. Fee, Mr. McCarthy's organizer was here last week, he entered into an agreement on behalf of Mr. McCarthy with J. F. Gorman, acting for Hon. Wilfred Laurier, that at the next election McCarthy would not put up candidates in constituencies where Liberals have a better chance of success than a McCarthy supporter. On the other hand Liberals are not to run candidates in ridings where McCarthyites have better prospects of election. It is stated positively to-night that Gorman showed Fee an autograph letter from Laurier assenting to this arrangement.

Judge Scott Resigns.

TORONTO, Aug. 26.—Judge Scott, of Peel, has forwarded his resignation to Ottawa, after twenty-six years' occupation of the position. His resignation is understood to be due to continued ill health.

Fire at the Portage.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, Aug. 26.—This morning a two-story building occupied by W. L. Lyall, tailor, was totally destroyed by fire; the stock was mostly all saved.

True to His Name.

ALVINSTON, Aug. 26.—John Coon, a private banker, who is wanted here for forgery, has been arrested by Detective Rogers, in Detroit. Coon assigned and disappeared. His forged papers had been negotiated with the Molson's bank to the amount of something like $55,000.

Fire at a Noted Stock Farm.

MONTREAL, Aug. 26.—The Haras National company's stables at Outremont were burned this morning, with a large quantity of live stock. Fortunately, most of the blood stock had been sent to the World's Fair, or the loss would have been much greater. It is estimated that $5,000 will not cover the loss.

Rolph, Smith & Co. Burned Out.

TORONTO, Aug. 26.—The premises of Rolph, Smith & Co., lithographers, has been gutted by fire. Loss, $30,000; covored by insurance.

Fell Overboard.

GRAVENHURST, Aug. 26.—James Readshaw, a 14-year-old son of G. A. Readshaw, fell overboard from a steamer yesterday and was drowned.

Their Candidate Already Chosen.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Aug. 26.—The Liberals of Restigouche have nominated George Haddow as their candidate for the Commons at the next general election.

The Effects of the Storm.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—Reports of wrecks and loss of life as the result of the great storm on the Atlantic Coast, on Wednesday night, are reaching the Life Saving Bureau. It is recalled that, just twenty years ago to the day, August 23, 1873, more than one thousand vessels were wrecked and many lives lost on the Atlantic Coast. Reports thus far received as to Thursday's storm show that the schooner Rapidan and nine pontoons were driven ashore off Narragansett Pier, R. I., and of a crew of nine, eight saved. The yacht Pleasure sank off Ottawa Beach, Mich., and of the four occupants two were lost. The schooner Julia Baker is ashore off Portland, Maine; the crew were saved and the vessel probably will be. The steamer Panther and barge Lykens Valley were blown ashore to-day at Southampton, N. Y., and have gone to pieces. They were wrecked Wednesday night. Of the crew three are saved, three dead and fourteen missing.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Important Changes Made in the Militia Staff for Economical Reasons.

Sir John Thompson Will Receive an Ovation—Dominion Rifle Matches.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 25.—Important changes in the militia staff, foreshadowed some time ago, have been decided upon. The following officers are placed on the retired list of their respective ranks with gratuity: District Staff Lieutenant Colonel Van Straubenzie, D. A. G., District No. 10, Winnipeg; Lieutenant Colonel G. M. Mattice, Brigade Major, District No. 5, Montreal; Lieutenant Colonel Pope, Brigade Major, District No. 6, Sherbrooke.

Store Branch—Lieutenant-Colonel A. J. L. Peebles, Superintendent of Stores, District No. 10, Winnipeg; Major W. King, Superintendent of Stores, District No. 3, Kingston; Major Dougherty, Superintendent of Stores, District No. 8, Prince Edward Island.

The following appointments have been approved: Lieut.-Col. M. Aylmer, from Brigade Major, District No. 1, London, to be Assistant Adjutant-General at headquarters, and to command District No. 4 from July 1. Lieut.-Col. J. Holmes, from the Royal Canadian Artillery, Victoria, to be D.A.G. of District No. 10, Winnipeg, to date from Aug. 25. Major J. Peters, from the Royal Canadian Artillery, to be D.A.G. of District No. 11, British Columbia, to date from August 25, 1893. Lieut.-Col. W. H. Colton, to be D.A.G. of District No. 3, while continuing to perform the duties of Assistant Inspector of the artillery stores branch.

The following officers to be superintendents of stores, Major and Brevet Lt.-Col. L. J. Gray, Toronto, to District No. 5, Montreal; Quartermaster and Honorary Major J. Fraser, Kingston, to District No. 10, Winnipeg; Quartermaster and Honorary, Captain L. G. Frenette, District No. 6; Paymaster and Honorary, Capt. F. Strange, District No. 3. By the above changes, it is expected there will be an annual saving of from eight to ten thousand dollars.

The contract for furnishing three new tubular boilers for the Parliament buildings has been awarded to W. J. Campbell, of Ottawa, the lowest tenderer.

Captain Smith, R.N., has been appointed a commissioner to investigate the wreck of the tug Dorcas and the barge Etta Stewart at Shut-in-Island, near Halifax, on Wednesday, by which twelve lives were lost.

There is every indication that Sir John Thompson will receive a grand welcome on his arrival at Ottawa to-morrow.

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JOHNSON'S CURRENCY BILL.

It Provides for the Exchange of Treasury Notes for Government Bonds.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—For two and a quarter hours yesterday the House committee on banking and currency discussed Representative Tom Johnson's bill, providing for the exchange of treasury notes for Government bonds at the request of the holders of the latter. The committee then adjourned until next Tuesday, when the author of the bill hopes decisive action may be taken upon it. The bill encountered opposition from Messrs. Sperry, of Connecticut, and Warner, of New York, who argued that the scheme opened a new channel for the depletion of the gold holdings in the treasury. It was said that if the bill becomes a law, holders of bonds would exchange them for treasury notes and then demand gold for the notes. To this Johnson responded that the only occasion when it would induce holders of bonds, themselves redeemable in gold and commanding a premium, to exchange them for currency of any kind would be just such a stringency as is now upon the nation. It was a far-fetched objection that gold would be demanded for them. Brosius, of Pennsylvania, had a substitute for the Johnson bill. It proposes to authorize the secretary of the treasury to issue notes in exchange for gold coin. To this Johnson said he had no objection as an independent measure, but it did not in his opinion meet the case. People who have gold do not have to send to Washington City for notes in order to pay their debts. Gold itself will do that, but people who hold bonds, especially if they are of large denominations, cannot with them discharge their obligations. Johnson's bill was advocated by Messrs. Walker and Hall of Missouri, and Springer, while Cox favored it with the substitution of some other form of note than treasury notes. Messrs. Sperry and Warner supported the substitute proposed by Brosius.

CABLE NEWS.

Practical Sympathy.

LONDON, Aug. 24.—The Mansion House fund for the relief of sufferers by the Victoria catastrophe has now reached a total of $350,000, and sparmodic contributions are still coming in. It is thought that the total of the fund will reach half a million of dollars.

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CHEAP ALUMINUM.

A New Process Discovered to Produce It at a Less Price Than Copper.

DULUTH, Aug. 23.—The patent office authorities sent to this city a chemical expert on an application for a patent for a new process of obtaining aluminum from its oxide. The process includes chemical combinations heretofore supposed to be impossible, and on this ground the application for a patent was rejected, the method being termed inoperative. Three entirely satisfactory tests were made by the Government chemists, and they have returned to Washington City. A copy of the report to the patent office was received here to-day. After detailing the tests as made by himself, he said that the process is operative. That it appears to be almost perfect in its results in obtaining the entire aluminum value of the oxide. The discoverer of this process and his Duluth associates say they can produce pure aluminum at a price considerably below that of any existing process, and cheaper bulk for bulk than copper. Experiments have been under way here where the clay is rich in aluminum for much over a year, looking to the perfection of the process. It was first discovered by a German chemist and his friends in this city.

All Quiet at Samoa.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—In view of the present peaceful condition of affairs, Secretary Herbert has decided not to send a naval vessel to Apia at least for some time.

'FRISCO'S FAIR

Begun Yesterday With Appropriate Ceremonies Amid Much Enthusiasm.

Director-General De Young Turns the First Sod of the Site.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24.—Ground was broken to-day in Golden Gate park for the California mid-winter international exposition with appropriate exercises and in the presence of over 50,000 people, who had gathered to witness this important event in the history of San Francisco. The morning opened cheerlessly, a heavy fog overhanging the city. In a few hours, however, this disappeared with the coming out of the sun, and thereafter the day was perfect. Most of the business houses in the city closed this afternoon for the day, and after that time the destination of everybody seemed to be the park. There was an enormous traffic on all the car lines, and vehicles of every description carried their quota of people. Shortly before two o'clock the military and civic organizations, which formed at the Baker street entrance to the park, were given the order to march by General John Dickinson. The route traversed by the procession was along the main drive of the park to a point just opposite to where ground was to be broken, and then turning, the column, excepting bands and artillery, swung to the left, and thence up to a position in rear of the speakers' stand, where it halted during the ceremonies. In the meantime the artillery had been assigned to its position for firing salutes, and the bands had reported for further duty in the grand stand. The procession was led by a platoon of police followed by Battery "D," 5th United States artillery, and Grand Army veterans. In the second division were the naval reserve and carriages containing the executive committee of the Midwinter Fair officials, speakers of the day and invited guests. Conspicuous among those occupying the carriages were the following distinguished gentlemen, together with representatives of various foreign countries: Brigadier-General Thomas B. Ruger and staff, General J. S. Clarkson, the Chinese Ambassador, Yang Yu, Hawaiian Minister L A. Thurston. The third, fourth and fifth divisions were composed of various foreign and military organizations. When the officers, speakers, and invited guests had taken their seats on the grand stand, Rev. John Hemphill rose before the assemblage and offered up a prayer. Then followed a brief address by General R. P. Hammond, president of the day. He paid a glowing tribute to the state and the work the commissioners had performed. Following General Hammond, M. H. De Young, president of the executive committee, and other prominent men made the addresses. After the reading of a poem dedicated to the exposition by Native Daughters of the Golden West, by Mrs. Charles Freeman Jackson, and a speech by Hon. Irving M. Scott, a blessing upon the exposition and those who were there assembled was then offered and the important event of the afternoon followed.

Director-General De Young with his silver spade in hand performed the onerous duty. Simultaneously with the turning of the first sod the batteries in the distance at a given signal fired a salute of seventeen guns, the sound of which was enhanced by strains of the national anthem "America," given by a chorus of one thousand voices, accompanied by combined military bands. At the same time the laboring men, who had been waiting patiently for their signal, turned their implements into the soil, and the great work had begun.

BULLYING SIAM.

France Now Wants to Impose More Conditions and Sends Out More Warships.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—A special dispatch to the Times from Bangkok says that M. Le Myre de Vilers, the French special envoy, has demanded that the Siamese Government dismiss all Danish officers from the Siamese service. The effect of such dismissals would be the disorganization of the Siamese army and navy. The dispatch adds that there is every reason to fear that France is seeking a protext to satisfy the demands of the Cauvenists in Saigon, who desire the acquisition of more Siamese territory on the right bank of the Mekong river. M. de Vilers has announced in Bangkok that four more French warships are on their way to that city. Further meetings between M. de Vilers and the Siamese foreign ministry have been adjourned without date. Another dispatch received in this city from Bangkok says that M. de Vilers received the French residents of the Siamese capital on Wednesday and requested them to submit to him proposals or complaints, especially in regard to commercial matters. He stated that his object in asking for proposals or complaints was that he might secure from the Siamese Government more definite measures to advance French commercial and other interests. M. Bonneville, a leading French merchant of Bangkok, in response, contrasted the former prosperous state of French trade in Siam with the present depression, and expressed the hope that more cordial relations would be established between that country and France.

CALIFORNIAN VINEYARDS.

The Crop is Liable to Be a Heavy Loss Through Lack of Funds to Gather It.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—The grape crop in California is a fair one, but both the vineyardists and wine makers lack the necessary funds to take advantage of it. They are consequently appealing to the various banks for the financial aid required, but so far they have met with very little success. The grape product is one of the most important in the State, and it is most essential to all concerned that it should not be neglected for want of capital. In 1892 there were shipped abroad wine and brandy to the value of $7,000,000, which is equal to one-third the value of the wheat exports, twice the value of the salmon exports, and much greater than the total value of the entire canned fruit trade in this state. Consequent on the continued depression in financial matters the banks are very reluctant to lend money, except on good negotiable securities, but if the growers and wincmakers don't receive some financial assistance, promptly, they will in all probability let their crops go, while the state will suffer to the extent of several millions. So far as is at present known, there are only two winemakers who have definitely started with the intention to buy, and the total amount of their intended purchase is only some 7,000 tons, so that unless the capitalists come to the rescue, it will be a question of co operation between the growers and the winemaker if the crop is to be saved, and even this in many cases is not practicable through want of funds.

DUKE ALFRED.

Saxe-Coburg Diet Formally Notified of the Duke of Edinburgh's New Dignity.

COBOURG, Aug. 25.—The body of Duke Ernest of Saxe-Cobourg and Gotha was laid in state to-day at the Castle of Rheinhardsbrunne. Many people from the villages and the country round about the castle viewed the remains of their late ruler. The body was attired in the uniform of the Cuirassiers, and upon the breast were the orders and medals that had been awarded the Duke. The room in which the body was laid was profusely decorated with flowers and mourning draperies. A number of troops and foresters from the Duke's domains guarded the remains. The Diet assembled in extraordinary session today. Prime Minister Strene formally notified the members of the death of Duke Ernest, and announced the events that had occurred on the day following his demise, including the taking of the oath of allegiance to the constitution by the Duke's successor, the Duke of Edinburgh. The Prime Minister declared that Duke Alfred (the Duke of Edinburgh) had assumed the government of Saxe-Cobourg and Gotha. The Diet adopted a resolution expressing the hope that Duke Alfred's reign would prove a blessing to the country and to the Empire.

CURTIS ACQUITTED.

The Actor Who Shot a Policeman Gets Off Free.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—The third trial of M. E. Curtis, the actor, charged with the murder of Police Officer Grant, ended this afternoon in the acquittal of the defendant. District Attorney Barnes concluded the argument this morning and urged the jury to find the defendant guilty of murder, though he did not dwell on the first degree. He said that the chain of circumstantial evidence was complete, that direct evidence showed only two men were present on the night of the murder. One was Grant now in the grave, the other the defendant now in the box. The judge instructed the jury that they might find guilt of murder it either degree, or of manslaughter. The jury went out before noon and brought in a verdict at 2:30 p.m. of "not guilty". The first ballot stood nine for acquital and three for conviction. The second ballot eleven to one and the third acquittal. Mrs. Curtis was very cool, but Curtis nervous, when the jury came in. It had been believed that the jury would hang him, and the verdict was somewhat of a surprise.

LUDLOW'S REPORT.

What the Commander of the Mohican Says About Behring Sea Rookeries.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—News of the United States fleet in Behring Sea has been received from Commander Ludlow, of the U.S.S. Mohican. The report is dated July 16, and on the 26th Commander Ludlow, writing from St. Paul, Pribyloff Islands, states that up to the date of the last report nothing in the shape of sealing vessels has been seen, either from shore or from the Mohican. He reports the seizure by the Rush of the Alexander and the St. Paul, both American vessels, and also states that the gunboat Petrel seized the American schooner C. G. White, off the Sanaks, on July 7. Concerning the seal rookeries, Commander Ludlow says: "They seem to be pretty well filled, and it is remarkable that very few seals are seen over two and three miles away from the islands. Mr. Crowley, the Treasury agent, informed me that the natives reported fish more plentiful this year about the islands than for several years, which may account for the seals keeping close about the islands. The agent informed me that 2,829 seals had been killed on the islands this season."

WASTED ELOQUENCE.

Nobody Paid Any Attention to the Silver Debate Yesterday—To-Day Will Be Stormy.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25.—The second day of the five minute debate on the silver bill began at 10 o'clock this morning. Mr. Pendleton, Democrat, and Mr. Bowers, Republican, California, were in favor of free coinage, and Mr. Dockeye, Democrat, Missouri, spoke in favor of bimetallism. Mr. Moore, Republican, Michigan, spoke for bimetallism, and Mr. Cobb, Democrat, Alabama, opposed unconditional repeal. Mr. Burows, Republican, Michigan, advocated repeal and was opposed to free coinage. Nothing sensational transpired, and, aside from the speeches delivered by Messrs. Burrows and Springer, there were none that commanded the attention of the members, and, indeed, these two speeches were not listened to with the interest they deserved. To-day was a day of calm, the precursor of the storm that will come to-morrow. A large number of members addressed the House, but, for the greater part, they wasted their eloquence on empty benches.

Why the Strike is Threatened.

TORONTO, Aug. 24.—Nine hundred street railway men in this city have formed a union, and threaten to strike unless a discharged employe named Maginson is reinstated. The men claim that Maginson was discharged because he refused the president's private secretary admission to a railway mens' mass meeting held on Sunday.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Sir John Thompson Returns Home and Speaks of the Arbitration.

Were Canada Not Joined to Britain She Would Have Had No Voice.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Aug. 24.—Mr. Ives, president of the Council, and Mr. Fred. White, comptroller of the Northwest Mounted police, will visit the Northwest and British Columbia shortly.

The circulation of the chartered banks in the Dominion amounted to nearly $41,000,000 in July, which is more than $1,300,000 more than in any July since confederation.

The city of Ottawa has sold the Bank of Ottawa $584,000 of 4½ per cent. bonds at 100¾, the best sale of bonds ever made by the city, showing its credit is good and money plentiful.

Unknown parties last night broke a window in a store on Rideau street, in which a placard calling for soldiers to enlist in the United States army was displayed, and destroyed the placard.

OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 26.—Sir John Thompson returned from Paris to-day, and was met with a very cordial reception from the citizens. Mayor Durocher and the City Council were at the station with a band of music and presented an address in which the Premier's services to Canada and the Empire were highly eulogized. Sir John, in reply, expressed his grateful thanks for the warmth of the reception accorded him, and acknowledged the compliment paid to him by Her Majesty in sending him as one of the representatives of Great Britain on the Arbitration. He pointed out that if it had not been for Canada's connection with the Mother Country, the Dominion would not have had any say whatever in the settlement of the Behring Sea dispute. While the award might not gratify or satisfy people in either country, yet he thought on thd whole it would be regarded as a fair and honorable settlement of the dispute. In closing he spoke of the pleasure which it gave him to reside in Ottawa, and, amid laughter, expressed the hope that he might long continue to be a citizen of the Capital. Sir John was driven up town in a four-in-hand, Mayor Durocher and the City Clerk accompanying him. Passing through Alexandria the train with Sir John on board was greeted with the roar of cannon and the skirl of bagpipes. Several hundred citizens of Glengarry turned out to give the First Minister a welcome home. An address was read by Major McLennan, M.P., to which the Premier made a suitable reply.

James Huddart, of the Canadian-Australian line, arrived to-day. An important meeting of the cabinet will be held on Monday to settle details of the contract. The original agreement was for three years. Mr. Huddart is now willing to make it ten.

The British Columbia team for the rifle matches has arrived.

GAVE HIMSELF UP.

A Smuggler Who Thinks He Is Wanted Out Of the Way By the Victoria Fraternity.

A San Franaisco dispatch of last evening says: "F. Freer gave himself up this morning to United States Marshal Long, after a consultation with United States District Attorney Garter. Freer is the owner of the trunk which was seized on the steamer Walla Walla, which arrived from Victoria on Sunday. In the trunk under a false bottom were found sixty tins of opium. As the trunk was not forthcoming Mrs. Freer went to the customs house yesterday to learn the reason why. She was referred to the United States district attorney's office, where she learned that the trunk was held awaiting the owner of the smuggled opium. Freer made full confession to Attorney Carter this morning, and to a reporter he afterwards told his story.

"The opium is mine, and I bought it from a Chinaman in Victoria. I think I have been done up by the opium smugglers who operate between Victoria and the Sound, and they want me out of the way. I am a ship joiner by trade, and I came around the Horn in the steamer City of Kingston, about three years ago. She was built for the Sound trade, and her owners wanted her in a hurry. I went along to finish work on her, staying in her four months after she began to run."

Freer is well known in Victoria and when the statement was made in the afternoon dispatches that he had declared that all the officers and crew of the City of Kingston were in the smuggling ring, some considerable astonishment was expressed more particularly by those who know that just the opposite is the case and that the officers of the Kingston are always desirous of assisting the customs authorities in every way possible. The latter dispatch, however, completely contradicts the first story, which was propably incorrect.

WHOLESALE ARRESTS.

Colombia's Unfortunate Liberals Getting Imprisoned in Large Numbers.

PANAMA, Colombia, Aug. 24.—Two more persons who are believed to have been connected with the dynamite and revolutionary conspiracy have been arrested. Pedro Roderiguez who was empowered by the Casnas and Rosanas to take charge of the movements of the revolutionists in Achira and Santander, has been captured in Bucama. General Villa, who was arrested and then liberated in Barranquilla, returned to Panama and has again been put under arrest. Santiago Perez and other Liberal chiefs arrived here on Tuesday on the way to exile, and it is feared they will instigate a revolution. The government have rearrested Villa, who was released a week ago. The government is greatly scared and is keeping troops constantly under arms throughout the republic. Liberals are being arrested every day. The tension is great.

Drowned in Trinity Bay.

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., Aug. 24.—David Weber, a member of the Newfoundland Legislature and editor of the Trinity Record, was drowned with another man to-day, their boat capsizing in Trinity Bay.