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## THE MONTH.

Attorney-General Longley and wife are in London.

Rev. W. H. Porter, M. A., and wife, of Brantford, Ont., are on a visit to friends in this Valley.

Experts have declared that there is no hope of recovery of sight to Dr. J. N. Fitch, of Lakeville, N. S.

The First Annual Convention of the Nova Scotia Christian Endeavor Union, will be held in Windsor, on August 17th, 18th and 19th.

New Brunswick Orangemen to the number of nearly 2,000 celebrated the glorious twelfth in Woodstock, commemorating at the same time the fiftieth anniversary of the march of '47.

Sir Wilfred Laurier is still the man of the hour. He has been dined by M. Hanotaux, Minister of Foreign Affairs, in Paris and decorated with the insignia of a grand officer of the Legion of Honor. He is reported to sail for home on the 19th of August.

Djadjakarta-Hanungkol-Buwono-Senopati-Inggalogo ngalalser Rahman Sajidin-Panoto-gomo-Tafakatollat VII., an "independent sovereign" of the island of Java, has been authorized by Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, to accept the insignia of a Grand Officer of the Royal Crown of Siam from King Chulalongkorn.

Japan is conducting a dignified diplomatic correspondence with the United States government protesting with considerable firmness against the annexation of Hawaii to the great Republic. A splendid opportunity is thus offered to the Yankee "jingoists" to exhibit their wares and later on an equally good chance may offer to work off some of their surplus fighting energy.

Six hundred artillerymen from England will soon be added to the Halifax garrison.

N. R. Colter, ex-M. P. for Carleton, N. B., has been appointed Post Office Inspector for New Brunswick, in place of Mr. King, deceased.

The New Brunswick C. E. Convention is to be held in St. John, commencing Wednesday evening, August 11th, and closing Friday evening, August 13th.

The Christian Endeavor Convention held at San Francisco, July 5th to 12th, was pronounced a decided success. Dr. G. O. F. Pentecost preached the convention sermon from the text, "To every man his work." The convention is announced for London in 1900.

Dr. E. B. Andrews has resigned the Presidency of Brown University and his professorship therein as well. President Andrew's resignation, so far as known, is the outcome of strong exception taken by certain members of the Brown corporation to his promulgation of objectionable views on the silver question. In Dr. Andrews Brown loses a strong man, whose place may not be easily filled.

The Pacific coast is in a fever of excitement over the reported discovery of gold in almost unheard of quantities along the Klondike River, in the Yukon district. Thousands are daily flocking northward, regardless of the natural barrenness of the country and a climate in which the thermometer drops to 60° and 70° below zero. Nothing short of famine and the utmost destitution can, it is said, overtake the majority of those who are now rushing into the country.

The prospect of the early repossessing of Palestine by the Jewish people is steadily brightening. A world's congress of Jews will meet in Switzerland in September to take practical steps in this direction. A "Jewish Company" will be formed with large capital and the plan is to secure the surrender of Palestine from the poverty stricken Tur. For a financial consideration, provided the sudden collapse of the latter's empire does not precipitate a better opportunity. Once in possession of the land improvements will be made and immigration of Jews from all quarters industriously sought. The re-building of the Temple and re-establishment of its worship have due place in the general plan. Indeed travellers report having seen large stones already prepared in different parts of Europe by wealthy Jews for this purpose.

Hon. Dr. Borden is once more in charge of his department.

The Dingley tariff bill having finally passed the Senate, was signed by President McKinley on the 25th inst.

Chas. E. Morse, B. A., of Paradise, has been appointed to the Mathematical vacancy on the staff of Horton Academy.

Lieut.-Col. White, Deputy Postmaster-General, has been superannuated after 51 years of service, partly under the Imperial Postmaster-General and partly under the Canadian. Dr. Robert Miller, of Aurora, Ont., has been appointed Deputy Postmaster General.

The will of the late Dr. Gray of Malbone Bay has been proven. It is understood that the doctor left an estate worth \$41,000 and upwards. He leaves his two sons \$63,333 each; and his daughter (Mrs Dr. Polley) \$1,033.33; the balance of his estate to his widow and two youngest daughters.

Four members of a Sikh company of soldiers have been invested with the Order of Merit for their bravery in resisting a sudden attack from hostile tribes at Trochi, India, at which a contemporary remarks as follows:—

"Happy is the monarch who can count on the devotion of such a soldiery, and fortunate the empire whose genius and institutions are such as to make her children true till death in every clime where floats her meteor flag."

The first great drop in prices of bicycles has taken place and with it there has been a corresponding rise in the spirits of many who have long waited for this day. What is back of the recent action of the Lovell Arms Co., and Topo Manufacturing Co., is not just clear but the effect produced is unquestionably a permanent lowering of prices. How rapidly further reductions may follow is not easy to say.

It must be rather humiliating to those of our American neighbors who spend all their spare time in wild cat speculations upon imaginary fights with England, for their government to be compelled to send their great warship, the "Indiana," to Halifax dry dock for repairs, declaring there is no dock in the Union large enough to accommodate her. It would certainly be wisdom to send the rest of their fleet to Halifax for repair before they declare war against the Empire. Access to our docks will not be found such an easy matter after hostilities begin.