

DOMINION HOUSE.

Anniversary of Sir John Macdonald's Death Passed Unnoticed in the House.

Yukon Supplies Again Discussed—First Saturday Sitting of the Present Session.

Ottawa, June 13.—This is the seventh anniversary of the death of Sir John A. Macdonald, but the custom of his followers wearing roses has dropped and is being worn only by the great leader and a single southerner.

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Mr. H. H. Hall joined Turner to keep up Sir Wilfrid Laurier as proposed by the Colonist.

Mr. Gordon Hunter received 100 votes for the government convention. He was off the ticket.

ALASKAN CLEARANCES. Regulations of the San Francisco Customs Authorities.

Following orders have been issued from San Francisco re the clearances for Alaskan ports: River steamers inspect at San Francisco.

Not Looking For Snubs. Move for Intervention Until Spain Understands Prevailing Conditions.

London, June 11.—In regard to the proposed negotiations of Spain, the Mail Gazette says: Mr. Balfour will sum the case.

The Morning Session. In the morning the House assembled for the first Saturday sitting of the session.

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SIR ADOLPHE CHEAPLEAU DEAD.

The Distinguished French-Canadian Political Figure "Ady" at Montreal.

Hon. Sir Joseph Adolphe Chapleau, the leader of the French-Canadian section of the Conservative party, was the son of the late Pierre Chapleau.

British Press Opinions. London, June 13.—The Times says: "The view of Captain Ady's character and work of the Spanish army in the Philippines is not a favourable one."

TROOPS FOR CUBA

U. S. Army of Invasion Departs From Tampa, Florida, 15,000 Strong.

General Shafter's Contingent Anxiously Awaiting the Fleet Off Santiago de Cuba.

Washington, D.C., June 13.—The United States Army for the invasion of Cuba sailed at daylight from Key West, over 15,000 strong.

Mole St. Nicholas, June 12, 6 p.m.—The expedition from Tampa under General Shafter is anxiously awaiting the fleet off Santiago de Cuba.

Spanish Coal Ship Captured. The Herald from Mole St. Nicholas, Hayti, says: "The merchantman captured by the auxiliary cruiser St. Louis, near Mole Point, Jamaica, last Friday night."

London, June 13.—Rear Admiral Sampson's acquisition of a base for coaling and supplies at Guantanamo is universally recognized as practically sealing the fate of Santiago, although it is believed that the Spanish troops will show a good fight before the city is captured.

Provincial Judges. Provisional judges were given to Mr. Finlayson respecting the appointment and salaries of additional judges.

Letter Delivery. In committee of supply the Postmaster-General, in reply to Mr. Clarke, of Toronto, stated that a letter bearing an "annulment" delivery has not been delivered and at once. This will apply to drop letters as well as to letters from one town to another.

Yukon Supplies. On the item of \$32,000 for provisions supplied to the military contingent in the Yukon this spring, Hon. Cameron explained that tenders were called for by circular from certain firms, whose names he gave.

Situation at Madrid. London, June 13.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing by way of Bayona, says: "General Blanes' last dispatch being sanguine, the cabinet council discussed whether it should be published, and decided on some verbal alterations."

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TRIAL POSTPONED

The Hearing of the Nichol Libel Case Adjourned to the Fall Assizes.

The Plea for the Defence—A Commission to Issue.

The criminal libel case against Walter C. Nichol of the Province was called this morning at 11 o'clock before Mr. Justice McColl. Messrs. Turner and Pooley were both present in court.

The 10th day of June, A.D., 1898. And now, before the Queen herself at the Law Courts in Victoria in the City and County of Victoria in the Province of British Columbia, comes the said Walter Cameron Nichol by William H. Langley, his solicitor, and having heard the said indictment read he says that he is not guilty of the same.

FOUND NOTHING. The Expedition on the Mischief Falls to Find Any Bodies of the Jane Gray Victims.

Hope Now Entirely Abandoned—Fears for Another Schooner Returning from Alaska.

Messrs. C. H. Gibbons and Bert Collyer, proprietors of the Examiner-Journal, say: "The merchantman captured by the auxiliary cruiser St. Louis, near Mole Point, Jamaica, last Friday night."

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HOUSE PROLOGUE

Federal Parliament Winds Up the Business of the Session—Foster's Trickiness.

Tries to Embarrass Finance Minister Fielding by Talking Against Time.

Ottawa, June 13.—Lord Aberdeen proposed parliament at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

In the commons this forenoon Mr. Foster took up nearly all the time talking to the supply bill, trying to show that the government had not carried out their obligations in respect to expenditures, etc.

After prorogation in the Senate to-day Lord Aberdeen was presented with an address from the members of the Commons and members of the Senate.

Mr. Mills stated in the senate that if the Crown had taken any report on the responsibility for the deaths which occurred the department would vigorously prosecute.

Mr. Martin then said that as the proceedings were now closed and this was his last opportunity to move for a commission to take the evidence of certain witnesses in London, England.

His lordship said the evidence required was only to be had in London, and a plea that is seldom put in—and it was not until this morning that the defendant had an opportunity to make his application. In a case of Reg. v. Johnson, in our own courts, a commission was issued, and he asked counsel if they knew of any case of the kind in which an application was made.

Mr. Wilson said he was engaged in the case and it was after the indictment. His lordship said the defendant was entitled to take every moment in a plea of justification, and as the evidence proposed to be taken in London was only as to that plea the application could not have been made before to-day.

Mr. Wilson said the prosecution are anxious to have the matter determined, and that was his only reason for opposing the application. Mr. Cassidy's "gratuitous" application for the dissection of the body of the deceased, on the face of it, the application did not appear to be made bona fide, but it was made for the mere purpose of evading justice. The commission was evidently to prove that young Mr. Turner had been appointed secretary of a company, and if that is all the application is made for the purpose of introducing evidence altogether irrelevant. We have now brought this defendant to the bar of justice, a place to which he has not been able to bring several others, for reason is not part of my business to state to your lordship.

The judges—I hope you will combine yourself to this present case, Mr. Cassidy. Mr. Cassidy promised to do so. For the purpose of showing their anxiety to do down the defendant, and to obviate the necessity of the commission he would admit anything his learned friend might wish to ask.

Mr. Martin rose and promptly accepted the offer, and Mr. Cassidy as promptly withdrew, saying he may have been rash in making the remark. He then went on to say that we all know Mr. Turner and Pooley are coming down to the polls, when he was interrupted sharply by his lordship, and reminded that he must not introduce politics into the argument. It was a dry point of law.

His lordship said he had no hesitation in saying that the application was made at the first moment possible. Mr. Cassidy then offered to Mr. Turner in the box and let Mr. Martin make an offer of that sort, and Mr. Martin is asked to take any notice of it unless he likes.

Mr. Martin—I do not feel called upon to notice the offer. His lordship said that if there was any chance of counsel agreeing on admissions he would adjourn for a time, but as no notice was taken of his remark he said the trial was simply transferred over to next assizes. After some further discussion the trial was formally adjourned to the opening day of the next assize. But will be the same as before.

And this he, said Walter Cameron Nichol, is ready to verify. Therefore he prays judgment and that by the court here he may be dismissed and discharged from the said proceedings in the said indictment above specified.

ARCHER MARTIN. Of Counsel for the Defendant. Mr. Cassidy for the prosecution put in a formal demurrer, and proper that the defendant should be ordered to prosecute for their plea of replication, and as it was not ready an adjournment for an hour and a quarter, and he only showed the responsibility for the deaths which occurred the department would vigorously prosecute.

NIGER BOUNDARY DISPUTE

Britain and France Agree on Terms For a Settlement.

Paris, June 13.—The Niger boundary dispute between France and Great Britain has been settled.

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