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THE GLOUCESTER MEN

In the legislature yesterday Mr. Byrne, of Gloucester, raised the question whether the government is pursuing a prudent course in the concessions made to the Drummond Company. The matter is one of sufficient importance to warrant further consideration. Mr. Byrne made a charge against the sheriff of Gloucester, which will doubtless suggest to Premier Hazen the propriety of making enquiry, as was done recently in Albert County. Upon a premier who professes a desire to punish offensive partisanship, Mr. Byrne's remarks should have the effect of a spur. Mr. Byrne also stated that Mr. Fleming in a speech in Gloucester county declared that the public debt amounted to \$10,000,000. Now that Mr. Fleming is in power, the debt is a little over \$3,000,000. The speech of Mr. Byrne was a slashing attack, that indicates fighting ability of the right sort. Dr. Sormany, the other member from Gloucester, was not less effective. His statement that there was one member on the government side who knew that the members for Gloucester could not be bought, raises a question that the government cannot well afford to overlook. Dr. Sormany unmercifully scored the Hazen highway act, and in connection with immigration repeated the enquiry of Mr. LaRochelle and others relative to 200 settlers who are petitioning and seeking a location in this province. His remarks on the subject of tuberculosis showed that he will support a measure for the prevention of this disease.

The two members for Gloucester add materially to the fighting strength of the opposition. The debate on the address has served to expose the insincerity of the government in several important matters, and its inability to deal with important questions in a business-like manner.

THE SOUTH POLE

The visions conjured by the story of Lieut. Shackleton's dash toward the south pole are of a sort to stir the adventurous blood of youth. The story serves also to prove that the old viking spirit has not wholly departed from the sailor sons of Britain. This party covered 1708 miles in 126 days, under such trying conditions that they were much of the time on short rations, and frequently found their food exhausted on the return journey before a depot of stores was reached. They braved the perils of the Antarctic blizzard, the glacier crevices, the treacherous, snow-covered chasms, the intense cold, the ravages of dysentery, the exhaustion of a constant struggle against the forces of nature—and they all came back. It is a remarkable narrative, for one can read between the lines of the brief but eloquent record the story of patient courage and stern devotion to the task assigned. We are told that on one occasion the party spent a whole day ascending 400 yards towards the top of a great glacier. At times members of the party were frost-bitten. Sometimes only their alpine rope gear prevented a man from disappearing in a crevice or falling from a height. Steadily, patiently, sternly they fought their way to a point with in a little more than a hundred miles from the south pole, and saw stretching away to the south a great storm-swept plateau of ice and snow. Had they been supplied with enough of provisions that hundred miles might have also been covered.

The mystery of the south pole is practically solved. There is no area of calm at that point. It is a region of ice and storm. There is nothing, save the love of adventure, to tempt the explorer. These expeditions are of scientific interest, and enlarge our knowledge of the earth. But the colonization of the south pole does not invite colonization.

THE DEADLOCK

Will the anthracite coal miners decide to strike, or not?

This is the uppermost question in the public mind in connection with the convention of mine workers now in session at Scranton.

The present working agreement between operators and men will expire on March 31st. The men want a new agreement, which would among other things recognize the union. The operators object to

any such agreement, and their representatives said so at a recent conference in Philadelphia with representatives of the mine workers. At that conference the miners submitted eight demands, as follows:

First—That an agreement shall be negotiated between the representatives of the miners and the operators of the anthracite region and all disputes arising under the contract shall be adjusted as provided for in the said agreement.

Second—The complete recognition of the United Mine Workers of America shall be recognized in our right to provide any method we may adopt for the collection of revenue for the organization.

Third—An eight-hour day with no reduction in wages.

Fourth—That all coal shall be mined and paid for by the ton of 2,000 pounds.

Fifth—A definite and more uniform scale of wages and prices for all classes of labor at all collieries in the anthracite region, and that all employees paid \$1.50 or less per day shall receive a 10-per cent. advance, and all employees paid more than \$1.50 and less than \$2 per day, shall receive a 5-per cent. advance.

Sixth—That the system whereby a contract miner has more than one job or employs more than two laborers be abolished.

Seventh—That the employers be required to issue uniform pay statements, designating the name of the company, the name of the employee, the colliery where employed, the amount of wages, and the class of work performed.

Eighth—That the contract be made for a period of one year.

The operators replied that they could not afford to increase the wages paid, and declined to consider an eight-hour day, without reduction in wages, or a one year agreement, or to recognize the union. The whole matter is now before the miners' convention at Scranton, and the country waits to learn whether they will decide to continue to work after March 31st without an agreement, or renew the old one, or go out on strike. The present agreement was entered into in the spring of 1906, and was an extension of the award of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission of 1902. The operators are willing to renew this agreement, for another three years, but will not concede the new demands of the men with regard to wages, hours and the complete recognition of the union.

The last great strike was in 1902. It cost the United States \$149,672,000. The conditions at present are not favorable to a successful strike, and many miners are reluctant to take such a step. Whatever today's convention may decide, there will be another conference with the operators before the end of the month. Tomorrow the Miners' National Executive Board will meet in Indianapolis, but President Lewis, of the United Mine Workers, says it has no special reference to the anthracite situation. President Lewis has asserted the union will not modify its demands, and that he will sign no agreement unless his name is affixed as president of the United Mine Workers of America.

Will the convention modify the demands made at the last conference with the operators, or will it issue an ultimatum? That is the question today.

Dr. Sormany told the government yesterday that the liquor license law is open to violation and that unless a complaint is made the inspector takes no action, even if liquor is illegally sold under his very nose. Hon. Mr. Maxwell should consider this matter.

The statement that Canada may take measures for coast defence, as a contribution to imperial as well as national defence, is of special interest to St. John and the maritime provinces generally.

Rev. George Jackson has come off triumphant in the religious quarrel in Toronto. The higher criticism is not to be thrown overboard by Victoria University. The decision is significant.

The question of renewal of timber leases on crown lands is to be fore in British Columbia as well as New Brunswick. The Canada Lumberman argues in favor of the renewal system.

Mr. Geo. M. Byron states that the Hazen government has lost much ground on the islands down the bay. The lake is true in other counties than Charlotte.

It is interesting to note that of the forty-one candidates in the province of Alberta not one was born in the west.

Three Conservatives were elected in Alberta. Also thirty-three Liberals.

SEVERE STORM IN
ROCKY MOUNTAINS

Chicago, March 22—A severe storm has developed in the Rocky Mountain Region and telegraphic communication with Denver has been lost over all routes. The storm would appear to extend eastward, a report as yet unverified, saying that Brewster, Kans., has been struck by a tornado.

The preliminary examination of Roland E. Rich was continued yesterday afternoon before Judge Ritchie. F. S. Ferris, the informant, was recalled, and Archibald Duncan, F. C. Smith, W. G. Scoville, T. B. Blair and W. T. Gard testified.

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He's a good, good fellow still. The world looks on a "good fellow" As easy and weak and slow; Lat, unambitious and mellow, Without any snap or go. Perhaps there are such, I know not. My friends are good fellows all. They're a plenty of grit, and shrewdness, And keep far out from the wall.

Ah! give me a good, good fellow. Whatever the world may say, His heart, not his head is mellow. I know where he stands today. Good-hearted and kind and gentle, A fighter when treated ill: The world may deride, but cannot decide— Give me a good fellow still!

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NATURALLY. "He's familiar with all the best cellars." "A great reader, eh?" "Yes, he reads a meter."

SHOWERY

"As soon as some men give a little saved up for a rainy day," said Uncle Eben, "they can't resist the temptation to knock off an' watch for a shower."—Washington Star.

SAME TASTES

Muggins—"My wife always makes over her old gowns." "And my wife satisfies herself with picking the gowns of the other women to pieces."

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

"Madame, do you believe in woman's rights?" asked the man standing in the car. "I do," she replied shortly. "Excuse me," he went on, "I am but an ignorant male seeking light. May I ask if you construe these rights to include the privilege of spreading your really becoming skirts over the seats?"

Thereupon she condensed herself, he took a seat and conversation flagged.—Philadelphia Ledger.

PROOF POSITIVE

"Brown—"I noticed your wife sitting by the window sewing that morning when you told me yesterday she was ill." "Wednesday so she was, but today she's on the mend."

SEEKING INFORMATION

"These boozing jokes aren't always on the men," said Fred Wade at the Piquette Club. "New Year's day a fine looking woman rushed into Shanley's."

"And was I with him?" she demanded to know if there were tremulous still—Philadelphia Record.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

New Brunswick

Chas. A. Milton, manager, and Warren Mahoney, foreman, of the Sackville Works, Ltd., returned last week from a business trip to Boston. The factory will probably be opened the first of the month.

Walter and Harry Beckwith, of Salisbury, recently purchased from St. John parties the young standard bred stallion, Duke of York.

A warrant for the arrest of William Green, the man who is alleged to have fired at Sheriff McQueen and Constables McArthur and Stevenson on Monday last at Meadow Brook, has been issued, and placed in the hands of an officer for execution. When arrested, Green will be taken before a magistrate on a charge of attempted murder.

Rev. Clarence R. Quinn, of Mount Whistler, Westmorland County, has been elected rector of Waddington Parish in the Diocese of Antigonish and will leave his present parish in April.

The Moncton city engineer is calling for tenders for converting the open house into city offices, according to plans and specifications to be seen at the engineer's office. Tenders will be received up to April 3rd.

Nova Scotia

J. R. Cowans, owner of the Springfield speed stables, has lately added two new trotters to his stable, which he purchased from J. A. Ramsey, P. E. I.

A meeting of the shareholders of the Colchester Railway & Coal Company was held in Amherst, Friday afternoon. The property of this company is located at Debert. It is said that the finances of the company are in a satisfactory condition, and the outlook for the shareholders is rather dismal.

The Amherst harbor will now practically clear of ice, and it is expected that the first vessel will arrive early in April. The change of their unloading this season.

Young McLeod, who has been the cause of some trouble between the company and the management over the killing of a horse, has quit the mines, and that if the company uses for the mine, the boys intend contesting it in the courts.

Rhodes Curry & Co. have lately secured a contract for the construction of the Halifax and South Western Railway. This will be the first experience in the manufacture of parlor cars for the company.

P. E. Island

Vincent Connolly, the boy kicked in the head by a horse at Central Bedouin, on March 20, was living at latest reports, although he did not regain consciousness. He was operated on and the bone pressing on his brain was removed.

The automobile still claims considerable attention, and from discussions that have recently taken place in many parts of P. E. Island, it appears to be regarded with about as little favor as when it was legislated out. It is evident that any effort to generally prohibit the machine will be heretofore and generally opposed.

A rural mail delivery has been established recently on the Summerside Wilnot Valley route.

Dealers in Summerside on Monday paid from sixteen to eighteen cents per lb. for butter, seventeen cents per dozen for eggs, eight dollars per ton for loose hay, four dollars and fifty cents for straw, forty-five cents for white oats and fifty cents for black, seven and three quarters to eight and a half cents per pound for pork, ten cents per lb. for chickens and ducks, 15 cents per lb. for turkey and eight cents per lb. for fowl.

Complaints are being made in many sections of P. E. Island regarding a canvasser who took orders for a certain foreign journal last fall, and up to date has not paid the subscription.

It is understood that an amendment to be proposed to the Noxious Weed Act by the P. E. I. legislature, requiring the farmers to cut weeds on the roads in front of their own farms.

RECORD YIELD BY COW.

A world's record yield of milk by a cow for seven consecutive days has been made at the Amherst, N.S., experimental station by Pontiac Gladi, a Holstein, belonging to the herd owned by Fred F. Field, of this city. During the seven days of the test the cow yielded 551.2 pounds of milk from which 31.94 pounds of butter were obtained. The average per cent. of fat was 4.66. To insure correctness of figures, the cow was under watch continuously, night and day.

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