

OTTAWA LETTER.

Mr. Monk on Proper Way for Canada to Increase Her Foreign Trade.

Agricultural Committee Trying to Get at the Bottom of the Government Immigration Policy—W. R. T. Preston Knows Absolutely Nothing When it Seizes His Purpose.

OTTAWA, May 11.—There is a little exercise in arithmetic which will interest those who have followed Mr. Blair's land exportation movements. Mr. Haggart has been referred to the land at Point Lewis in which Mr. Pugsley is interested, rather undetermined the price asked by the owner for that land. When the question was up for consideration, Mr. Haggart made the following statement referring to the remarks of the minister of railways: "What the gentleman does say is that Mr. Couture is seeking for a lot of property in the same neighborhood \$2.00 per foot, and he thinks the market is going to be referred to the exchequer court."

terior, that party workers make good immigration agents, the facts brought out in the evidence taken in the committee of agriculture and colonization do not support this dream. Under the conservative government the sum of \$120,000 was expended in colonizing Canada. At present \$234,000 is the amount appropriated. We have heard much of the progress made. This progress appears to have been a vast improvement as Mr. Sifton's opinions in regard to his employees. Rigid examination failed to reveal a single change that has been made in the methods practised by the immigration bureau. The reports are exactly the same year after year, and there is nothing to show that the best future will see any material difference.

Last night Mr. Preston's conduct and his connection with the government was pretty thoroughly exposed in Parliament. Mr. Blair got into the morning and an interesting and heated discussion took place, during which immigration affairs were severely criticized. Mr. Wilson, who has been taking a leading part in the enquiry before the committee, seemed to know many things concerning Mr. Preston's business in Canada, and why his stay had been prolonged for so many weeks. Mr. Sifton replied that Mr. Preston had been brought out to go into the question of the railway between Canada and Great Britain. It is claimed that Canada has been discriminated against by vessels sailing out of Liverpool. The Allan line, however, have given a straight denial to this announcement of Mr. Preston's.

It matters little whether Mr. Preston came of his own accord or at the bidding of the department. He is here and has taken a rather uncalculated part in political movements which do not concern him. The Stratford Beacon, a paper and one of the most influential in Canada, has this to say of Mr. Preston: "The public has heard a great deal lately about the doings in Canada of Mr. Preston, Inspector of Immigration. He is naturally anxious to know why he is not being around Ottawa taking politics and instituting legal proceedings."

This is a pretty straight denunciation of a policy which permits a government employee of very doubtful character to mix himself up in matters that are none of his business. Such is the opinion of every self-respecting member of parliament. Those who know George W. Fowler, of Ottawa, who is one of the highest standing, and it is high time that he was given to understand his true position in this country.

In England, Mr. Preston has taken upon himself the power to dictate to Mr. Colmer, the deputy high commissioner. When Lord Strathcona is in London he has control of the machine. When Lord Strathcona is in Canada, he has control of the machine. When Lord Strathcona is in Ottawa, he has control of the machine. When Lord Strathcona is in London, he has control of the machine. When Lord Strathcona is in Canada, he has control of the machine. When Lord Strathcona is in Ottawa, he has control of the machine.

Mr. Sifton was asked if the department was in possession of any information in regard to this quarrel. The minister of the interior distinctly stated that he knew nothing of any difference between the two officials. Mr. Wallace, however, was not prepared to swallow the remarks of the minister, and Mr. Sifton, when closely pressed, admitted that he had while in London discussed this friction with Lord Strathcona and had understood that it was now all right. When asked why he misstated the case, he replied that he had reference to matters of more recent occurrence. As the tale progressed it was shown that Mr. Preston made certain demands in regard to Mr. Colmer's authority, and the deputy high commissioner was quickly bridled.

Later it came out that the minister of the interior had decided to mislead the house as far as possible. He held up Mr. Preston as a ministering angel—the person without whom the government would surely fall to the ground. The "machine huggers" in the eye of the minister of the interior, is a man whose equal it would be hard to find. Mr. Wallace stated emphatically that Mr. Preston came over to Canada year after year as a matter of course. He doesn't ask Lord Strathcona for permission to leave his post. He comes over because he made a bargain that he was allowed to come when he wanted to. Mr. Sifton characterized this statement as wholly untrue and repeated the denial on three different occasions. Mr. Wallace, after calling quoted a question and answer from the sworn evidence of Mr. Preston, taken before the committee on agriculture and colonization, to show that he (Wallace) was right:

Q.—Do you think any useful changes can be made? A.—Well, I have made the suggestion there, and I think I can make it here without being misunderstood. I think there should be an interchange of officers. I need it one of the conditions when I went over there that I should be allowed to remain there, and I should be allowed to come home once a year. That was a pretty straight drive from the shoulder at the minister of the interior. Mr. Sifton had to admit that Mr. Wallace was justified in the

charge he made and had to apologize for the unwarranted contradiction he had made of the statement of the ex-minister of the interior. Mr. Sifton did not seem to show that he was in ignorance of any such arrangement, and then he gave the straight denial to the assertion of the "machine huggers." But this is only another instance in which Mr. Preston's proclivities have been shown. Mr. Wallace still maintained that the minister of the interior did know of the arrangement, but he admitted that Mr. Sifton's position was well taken, and he placed the minister in a false position. Then he demanded that the minister should call his servant to account. But at the same time, he assured the house that no such action would be taken. The minister of the interior and Mr. Preston will get together in some quiet corner and laugh at the way that they have hoodwinked the agriculture committee, and at the way they tried to hoodwink the house of commons. So much alike are the minister of the interior and Mr. Preston, that Mr. Wallace gets the two confounded. Not only are their names somewhat similar, but their character is also similar. Mr. Sifton had deliberately attempted to deceive the house, and deception is part of the stock in trade of Mr. Preston.

The manner in which Mr. Preston found his way into the committee to give his evidence was also brought out. He also called attention to the fact that Mr. Sifton had to attend and was surprised to find him turning up and demanding to be heard. The facts are that it was the minister of the interior that authorized Mr. Preston to go up and tell as little as he could on the subject of the railway. Mr. Sifton at first denied that he was responsible for the "machine huggers' movements, but as in the two instances referred to above he at last condescended to tell the house the truth.

Two point blank demands were made for the dismissal of Mr. Preston. Mr. Wallace claimed that with the disclosures made in the West Elgin case, any government with proper self-respect would have dismissed him at once. He also called attention to the statements made by Preston's cousin, George Rochester, of Ottawa, and he contended that these allegations should be investigated. If they were substantiated, Preston should go without a day's notice. Mr. Clancy, who turned his first word against Preston, contended that Mr. Preston was deceiving the minister as he was deceiving others. He had sworn before the committee that he had a certain arrangement with the minister of the interior, and the latter had been forced to repudiate it. This being the case, Mr. Sifton was no longer worthy of trust and his usefulness was gone as an officer. It is safe to say that this latest false testimony of Preston's will be treated the same as was his evidence in other cases. It will still continue to be one of the trusted right-hand men of the government who deals in \$10,000 senatorships and other equally disreputable goods.

OTTAWA, May 15.—After the late sitting of the house on the Manitoba railway bills on Monday, Deputy Speaker Macdonald occupied the chair yesterday morning when the house opened. The deputy speaker, who is a speaker of the house to possess a knowledge of the French language. When he took his seat and started to read the prayers, he found that the French version alone was available, and, being unable to read the prayers in his hands, it was some time before he was able to open the proceedings. After considerable time had elapsed, an English copy was discovered, and then the religious service which is usual at the opening of the session was read. The incident caused considerable amusement among those who were present, and the deputy speaker has not heard the end of it.

The usefulness of the Halifax Chronicle as a liberal party organ is still further lessened if the stories of the liberal members of the house are to be believed. It was after they had been forced to flee, they fled even from a news standpoint. In the house the Chronicle was denounced by three representatives of the liberal electors, and at a caucus attended by members of the federal and Nova Scotia provincial houses the organ was formally disavowed. Now it seems, the Chronicle is getting back, and those who condemned it in public are being treated in a manner which is calculated to result in little good either to the party or the paper. The gentlemen who were the spokesmen for the Chronicle when the Chronicle was repudiated claim that from that date they have been boycotted in the news reports of the house proceedings. The remarks of other members of the house have been published in the Chronicle, and the names of Kendall and Johnston are set out from the despatches sent from here. The result is that there is a small powder mine being laid for the gentlemen who are responsible for this peculiar method of getting back, and there will be trouble in the grit camp in the near future.

The granting of \$100,000 per annum for the subsidizing of a line of steamers plying between ports of France and Canada, if the hopes of the minister of trade and commerce and the premier are realized, must be a big boom in Canadian trade. France, like most European powers, has a double-barrelled tariff. It provides that preferential rates shall be given to any foreign country complying with certain conditions. The greatest preference is given to those nations who are willing to subsidize lines to France, and it is to take advantage of this reduction in tariff that the Canadian government has decided to bring us into closer touch, commercially, with France. The new line, which will be owned by a Canadian company, at the head of which are some of the best known Canadian shipping men, will have the option of calling at ports best suited to the trade of Canada. The sailings in the summer will be from Quebec and Montreal, and in the winter from St. John and Halifax.

LOYALIST SOCIETY.

Anniversary Services Held in Trinity Church Sunday Evening.

Tablet Erected in Memory of the Late Joseph W. Lawrence Unveiled.

The erection of a tablet in Trinity church to the memory of Joseph W. Lawrence by the Historical Society and the Loyalist Society is an opportunity to recognize the services of a worthy and eminent citizen. No man did more to preserve and place before the public the early records and achievements of the first settlers of our province subsequent to 1783 than did Mr. Lawrence. Many of our older citizens remember him as a man of business in our midst. As is well known, he did a large business in the manufacture of furniture, and the fact that furniture came from his establishment was a sufficient guarantee of its good quality. But few now remain who knew him as a public man. He was twice the elected representative of this city, and he was acknowledged as a ready and strong public speaker. When the Tilley government was defeated in 1855 on the question of confederation Mr. Lawrence became chairman of the railway commission, managing what is now known as the I. C. R. between St. John and Shediac. He was also on the commission respecting the Bale Verte canal during the administration of Alexander Mackenzie, and, as is well known, presented a very full and able minority report on that question. The growing infirmity of Mr. Lawrence during his later years interested the Loyalist Society, and it was their desire to place among our historical workers, and the two societies have done well in erecting a tablet to the memory of one of St. John's foremost citizens in the years gone by.

The ceremony of unveiling the tablet took place Sunday evening, when the Loyalist Society, Historical Society, and the Loyalist Society occupied the pews in the centre of the church, it being the anniversary service of the first named body. Appropriate hymns were sung, the music being exceptionally good. The rector, Rev. J. A. Richardson, and the curate, Rev. W. W. Craig, assisted Rev. W. O. Raymond, the chaplain of the Loyalist Society, in the conduct of the service.

Rev. Mr. Raymond preached a most acceptable sermon from I. Kings vii, 40th verse: "The land that thou gavest our fathers." The preacher said the occasion that we commemorate is one that recalls the old familiar story of the landing of the Loyalists of 1783 upon the rugged shores of the harbor of St. John. In the words that it was a pleasure and a privilege to address to you, my brethren of the Loyalist Society a year ago, within the walls of this historic church where under the providence of God we are tonight once more assembled, I spoke at some length upon the sacrifices our forefathers made and the bitterness of their experience not only during the revolutionary conflict but during the years in which they strove to make for themselves a home in an unknown wilderness. I need not on this occasion repeat that story. We who are familiar with the story in all its phases have no desire to glorify in the sufferings of our forefathers, but the incident of birth should seem to confer any patent of nobility upon their descendants. We do not for a moment assume that all those who fought on the side of the crown in the American revolutionary war were better than the men in the ranks of the Revolution. Hardly have we known seldom have we been reminded, that the side of the Loyalists, as they called themselves, of the Tories, as they were scornfully nicknamed by their opponents, was even in argument not a weak one, and in motive and sentiment not a base one, and in devotion and self-sacrifice not an unheroic one.

This sentiment, so generously expressed found delivered a year ago at the University of New Brunswick centenary. And in this connection the preacher quoted very effectively an eloquent passage from the published report of Dr. Tyler's address. The latter portion of the sermon was devoted to a strong appeal for fidelity to duty to a stern government, so dearly purchased, may be lost unless a righteous sentiment on the part of the people shall strike at the deadly opportunity of our country, irrespective of party. The ideal of the Christian life is founded on self-sacrifice. The great sacrifice of His life as a ransom for many. Shall we not honor on this day those noble pioneers of civilization who founded this province of New Brunswick and this city of the Loyalists, and sacrificed all that men hold dear at the call of duty, as they deemed it?

Another important matter brought up in the house yesterday was the question of establishing remount stations in the Northwest. During the campaign in South Africa, British officers bought thousands of horses in the United States and elsewhere, but none of the equines were superior to those sent from Canada. The mounts used by the Canadian troops proved to be capable of wonderful endurance, and they outlasted almost every other type of horse with which they were brought into competition. With such excellent recommendations there is no reason why the horse trade of Canada should not find a large outlet for itself in the British army. Not only would the Northwest and Manitoba be benefited, but the other provinces of the Dominion would also derive considerable advantage from a general distribution of remount stations in Canada.

It is claimed in behalf of those who are interested in the horse trade of the Northwest that the government can be encouraged that branch of business largely add to the commerce of the country. If it is right to encourage the dairy trade, to subsidize steamers to forward the business of manufacturers, western men submit that the development of stock raising in Canada is of equal importance. The government were asked for the establishment of remount stations as soon as possible, and to call the attention of the house to the possibility of the Canadian raised animals. Hon. Mr. Fisher, minister of agriculture, leaves for England in the near future, and while in the old country, according to a promise given to the house last night, will endeavor to make some suitable arrangements for the furtherance of Canadian interest in this direction. Should British remounts be purchased in Canada, the effect upon the Northwest will be most beneficial.

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Songs of Praise. Ottawa, Jan. 20, 1890. Having used SURPRISE SOAP for the past ten years, I find it the best soap that I have ever had in my house and would not use any other when I can get SURPRISE. Mrs. T. Henry Trapp. St. Thomas, Ont. I have to wash three brooms that work on the railroad, and SURPRISE SOAP is the only soap to use. We tried every other kind of soap, and I tell you why our overalls have such a good color. Maudie Logan. Can't get wife to use any other soap, says SURPRISE is the best. Chas. C. Hughes. SURPRISE is a pure hard SOAP.

In conclusion, Rev. Mr. Raymond explained by whom the tablet was provided, and referred to the great work Mr. Lawrence had done as a pioneer of the history of St. John and the province. The tablet, which occupies a position on the north side of the church, was unveiled by Dr. Wm. Bayard, the president of the Loyalist Society. It is of brass, 15 1/2 inches, and is inscribed with the following inscription: In memory of Joseph W. Lawrence. Born 23rd February, 1812. Died 6th November, 1883. An Honorary Member of the New Brunswick Loyalist Society, and First President of the New Brunswick Historical Society. This tablet erected jointly by these societies. The inscription is enclosed in a handsome scroll, supported by pillars with ornamental surmountings. The tablet is the work of R. H. Green & Co., and reflects great credit on them. His honor Lieut. Governor McClellan was one of the prominent gentlemen in attendance at the service.

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