

ACROSS THE WATER.

British Cabinet Considering Preferential Tariff Arrangements.

The Board of Trade returns show that emigration to Canada declined from 8,557 in April, 1893, to 3,624 in April, 1894. For the first four months of 1894 emigration to Canada declined to 6,923 from 15,259, the figures of 1893.

The Parliament Will Vote Boldly Against the Budget Bill.

The list which was opened in London some time ago, for a fund being raised for a memorial in McGill University to the late Peter Redpath, has been closed. The amount subscribed is £161.

London, May 9.—The people of Gravesend, on one side of the Thames, and the inhabitants of the Tilbury district, on the other side of the river, are doing their utmost to show their appreciation of the visit of the American cruiser Chicago.

London, May 8.—At a meeting of the shareholders of the Disconto Corporation of Ireland, which suspended on April 24 as a result of the collapse of the Belfast Warehouse company, with liabilities estimated at £500,000, a deficiency of £33,000 was reported, and it was decided to wind up the affairs of the corporation.

London, May 8.—Sydney Barton, parliamentary secretary of the colonial office, in the house of commons today, replying to a question put by Hon. Mr. V. Gordon Walker, admitted that he had received reports from the G. T. R. of using deception reports, but contended that his statements were honestly made, and that he believed them to be true.

The Parliament has decided to vote boldly against the second reading of the Budget bill, three or four liberals intend to abstain from voting and three nationalists are ill.

London, May 8.—The Conservative party is expected to carry the Budget bill through its committee stage, where its fate is believed to rest.

The Chronicle expresses fear that the government is approaching the stage beyond which it will be impossible to go, and advises the immediate calling of a mass meeting of its supporters to decide which of its members shall be thrown overboard in order that the others may be proceeded with.

The other afternoon papers commented on the situation in a similar strain, although in somewhat milder language.

The Official Gazette publishes an order directing that Canadian cattle imported to England for market as the ports of arrival, that they be isolated and killed in special abattoirs.

The order goes into effect on May 15.

London, May 8.—The collapse of the bi-metallic movement in the house of commons on Friday, when Samuel Smith's motion that the government endeavor to secure a stable par of exchange for gold and silver by international agreement was rejected, is without discussion, following so closely upon the bi-metallic conference, has caused much comment.

Three of the bi-metallic league explain the spathy of the house of commons towards the bi-metallic movement by saying that it was due to the fact that Mr. Smith's motion had only the second place at the evening sitting, and the rules of the house prevented its consideration.

It is considered that the attendance was so small as to serve no practical purpose, especially as a full day's discussion would be required when a decision on the matter was to be made.

MONTREAL, May 8.—The Star cable says: London, May 8.—Sir Charles Tupper will make an address at the Colonial Institute tonight on Canada in relation to the empire.

The Marquis of Lorne will preside. Sir Charles will enter a strong protest against the assertion of Sir John Colborne and others to the effect that Canada has not done anything for imperial aid.

He will also restate the case of the colonies in their plea for imperial aid towards the Pacific cable, and the Australian steamer schemes.

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BIG MAINE FIRE.

The Village of Norway, a Suburb of Portland, Has a Serious Conflagration.

Seventy-Two Dwelling Houses in Ashes—Some Lives Supposed to Have Been Lost.

PORTLAND, Me., May 9.—The little village of Norway was visited today by the most disastrous fire the town has seen since 1851. Every store, dwelling house and other building on Main street was crumpled into ashes, and the total loss will amount to \$500,000.

The fire broke out at 2 o'clock this afternoon, in Cummings' furniture factory, across the street from the village, and before it could be handled, had jumped the stream, setting fire to the Opera house and communicating to the neighboring buildings.

Norway's only method of fighting the flames was with a hand engine. It was soon seen that the whole town was threatened and aid was summoned from Lewiston and Portland.

It was not until 10 o'clock that the fire could be held before engines from these cities could reach the scene of the conflagration and by that time all the buildings on Main street had been burned to the ground.

It was just time to get away from the street and in many cases were successful, but the flames spread so rapidly that it was impossible to save much.

The principal places of business were destroyed. The following stores and buildings were burned: The Norway Store, owned by H. B. Hill, jeweler; Thompson's barber shop; A. J. Hanson's store; Norway laundry; Merridge, dry goods; Miss Libble, millinery; C. F. Tucker, harness; Galloway & Co., grocers; Dingley's clothing; Congregational church; Norway sodden; Wallace's tannery; Welch, dry goods; Hamlin & Blockell, clothing; B. B. Farnsworth & Co., boots and shoes; Union Delivery office; telephone exchange; post office; several lawyers, doctors and dentists' offices; many storehouses and other buildings.

The Beal hotel was not destroyed, but the rest of the street is entirely swept away.

As soon as the engines from Portland and Lewiston arrived they were put to work to save what remained of the village, and at 6 o'clock the fire was under control.

Physicians report many cases of serious injury, but no dead bodies have been found as yet, although many persons are missing.

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After the big fire was practically extinguished, the remains of goods were taken to the western part of the village and destroyed the house occupied by Jesse Sylvester.

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COXEY FOUND GUILTY.

The Three Leaders of the Commonwealth Army Adjudged Guilty by a Jury.

The Three Prisoners Admitted to Bail in Five Hundred Dollars Each.

WASHINGTON, May 8.—The three leaders of the Commonwealth Army, Coxe, Brown, and Christopher Columbus Jones, have been found guilty of violating the laws by a jury of their peers, and will have to submit to a sentence hereafter to be imposed by the court for their recent demonstration on the Capitol grounds.

All of the accused were convicted on the first count of the indictment, which charged them with displaying a banner to bring into association, Jones was acquitted on the second count, which accused him of treating on the grass, but Coxe and Brown were convicted.

The Congressional Life Fence of Colorado, who has a slender figure, the face of a boy and a shrill but pleasant voice, faced the jury today to make the closing argument on behalf of the communitarian leaders.

The popular leader began by telling the jury that no one who had heard the evidence expected a conviction, and that no one wanted a conviction except the police officers, who had interested themselves remarkably in the case.

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LITTLE CHILDS.

A cabbage-head man is soonest in the soup.—[Piscopus.

It is an absolute impossibility that a man can be either wholly right or wholly wrong.

Why is a cobbler's shop like the world? Because it contains both good and holy souls.

A headlight is a good thing for an engine, but a light heart is not good for a man.—[Rochester Democrat.

This world may not be a friend to grace, but it gives one of the way when it sees grit coming.—[Atlanta Constitution.

This is the season of the year when the sewing maker begins to put the remainder of each high in the shade.

Old lady: "My friend, are you a Christian?" Beggar: "Well, mum, no one has ever accused me of workin' on Sunday."—[New York Weekly.

Man: "I would be much happier were less time given to the borrowing of trouble and the searching for things that one does not want to find."—[Boston Transcript.

"Ah," said the professor, feeling the boy's head, "nevermore, my son, there's a boy's head on the top." Then he wondered what the parents were mad about.

Magistrate: "If you were there for no dishonest purpose, why were you in your stocking feet?" Burglar: "I heard there was sickness in the family, your worship."

"Excuse me, but were you at Mr. High-blower's reception just now?" "Yes." "Well, may I walk with you as far as the corner under my umbrella?" "Lift."

Never give advice or recommend anything. We hate lots of people who have recommended things to us that didn't turn out well.

Mother: "Don't you think that a boy of your size could take the neck out of this corker if he wanted it?" Small Boy: "I guess so. Shall I go out and see if I can find one who wants it?"

Little Miss Ethel: "What is you so proud about?" "Little Miss Ethel, I has had the measles." "I don't see anything in that to put on air over." "Yes, but I caught it from a girl whose aunt married a cousin."—[Good News.

"You may have some wish," cried the good fairy, and singly appearing, "and it shall be granted." "Well," returned the man, "I wish that I may have everything I want."

"No," said the young woman, haughtily, in response to his request as they sat on the porch in the twilight, "I will not let you hold my hand. I don't believe in such conduct for a young lady. And besides," she added after a pause, "it isn't dark enough yet."

Tramp (reprovingly): "Ah, lady! In the part of the country I just came from the women didn't ask us to saw a cord of wood for our dinner." Lady of the House: "Didn't, eh? Where did you come from?" Tramp: "The natural gas region."

"I've won't print any such stuff as that," said the editor loftily, as he handed back the manuscript. "Well, you needn't be so haughty about it," retorted the irregular contributor; "you're not the only one who won't print it."

"Children," asked the teacher, "does it not seem very wonderful to you that Samson was made weak just by losing his hair?" And Willie spoke, saying: "They might have made him for half-back, but he'd be N. G. in the rush line."—[Detroit Tribune.

"Is Ethel going on the stage?" "Yes, she is determined." "Has she talked with the manager?" "No, but she has engaged a lawyer."—[Washington Star.

"What has become of that son of yours who was going to back the world on five cents of these days?" "He's gone into the iron business."—[N. Y. Press