

for many reasons having become more urgent and apparent. A communication has been received from the Federal Council of the Rifle Association of Australia, inviting the Bisley team of 1895 to travel to England via Australia. This invitation was considered by the Executive committee, and a reply was sent, thanking the Federal Council for the invitation, and at the same time stating that such an undertaking was quite beyond the ability of the association, in consequence of the great expense involved, but if a team is sent to Bisley from Australia it was hoped that they might return via Canada and take part in the matches of the association. The treasurer's statement shows the receipts from all sources for the year to be \$18,701, and the expenditure \$17,322, leaving a balance to the credit of the association of \$1,379. The total number of rifle associations affiliated with the Dominion association is: Pr. Vincent, 7; regimental, county and others, 38. In his report to the association, Major Markham, commander of last year's Bisley team, had several suggestions to make. He thinks that all members of future teams should be instructed to assemble at a hotel in Montreal, to be named in the instructions sent to the members of the team, and thus facilitate the checking and handling of baggage, besides largely reducing the expense. He recommends that in order to avoid any question hereafter that the distribution of allowances to the team for expenses be left to the discretion of the commanding officer. Another suggestion which Major Markham has to make is as to the desirability of limiting the eligibility of the competitors for positions on the team. He is strongly of the opinion that the limit as it existed in 1895 should be re-enacted, thus affording a chance for some of the younger men, who will be more encouraged to practice for positions on the team.

At the opening of the House on Thursday, the 20th, Hon. Mr. Foster introduced the bill relating to cheese manufacture in Canada, the design of which was to provide for the stamping of the date of the month on the cheese and prevent misrepresentation. Second, to regulate the factories and creameries in the matter of their productions for export. No cheese or butter could be sold or held for export except from a registered factory. Major McLennan, who is practically the father of the measure, spoke of the importance of a bill of this kind. It was asked by the factory men, cheese handlers and others, and was essential for the maintenance of the reputation of the excellency of Canadian cheese. Mr. McLean and Mr. Walsh approved of the measure, which was opposed by Mr. McShane. The bill was read a first time. Hon. Mr. Dickey, answering Mr. Edgar, said that the Chignecto Maritime railway had issued first preference

mortgage bonds to the amount of \$300,000 at par. The government had no power to enforce the penalties which had been repealed by the statute of 1891. The debate on the budget was continued by Messrs. Legris, Bennett and Martin. It is not expected now that the discussion will close before Tuesday, hence the second reading of the remedial bill will be postponed. An important decision was reached by the government, which is destined to have a far reaching influence on the port of St. John. The success attendant on the winter service has been followed by the determination to accede to the request of the maritime trade of trade and not to subsidize hereafter any steamship line which makes its terminal point on this side of the Atlantic at a United States port. As soon as Mr. Corwall, secretary-treasurer of the Maritime Board of Trade, communicated with Messrs. Hazen, Chesley and McLeod, they took the matter up with the government through Hon. Mr. Free. The Minister of Trade and Commerce was greatly impressed with their representations, and reported favorably to the Cabinet. To-day the efforts of the St. John members were crowned with success, an order-in-council being passed this afternoon on the lines as stated. The result will be that the present mail contract with the Allan and Dominion lines expires it can only be renewed on condition that the steamship companies make their terminals at a Canadian port, whether in winter or summer. A deputation of railway mail clerks, accompanied by Messrs. Chesley, Stairs, Powell and other members, interviewed Messrs. Caron and Foster and asked for an all-round increase of salary to the men engaged in the postal mail service. The question was thoroughly discussed, but Sir A. F. Caron held out small hopes of the request being granted this year. In the course of the discussion it was pointed out that the government could greatly augment its postal revenue by reimposing postage on newspapers. Mr. Jack of St. John represented the eastern men. Hon. Mr. Foster gave notice to-night of a motion to authorize the government to raise three million dollars for the purpose of the defence of Canada, the interest to be paid not to exceed 4 per cent. Dairy Commissioner Robertson gave an interesting outline before the agricultural committee of the proposed plan for sending dressed and fine meats to England. Farmer members of the committee were greatly taken with Mr. Robertson's proposal.

The drawing in aid of St. Joseph's Church, Kelly's Cross, Lot 29, will take place in the evening of St. Patrick's in connection with the Grand Concert which is being prepared for that date. Persons to whom lottery books have been sent will please try to have the returns in as soon as possible. M. A. Smith, Secy.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

"BILL" N.Y., the American humorist is dead.

Eight persons lost their lives in a house destroyed by fire in Baltimore on Sunday last.

Mr. DAVID MCKEAN, late member for Cape Breton county has been called to the Senate.

The St. John Telegraph says that a violent thunder and lightning storm prevailed at Eastport a few days ago.

The trade returns for January show a gratifying increase. Exports were augmented \$3,000,000, and the duty collected increased \$553,000.

Mrs. ANNE McDONALD, we regret to learn, accidentally slipped on the sidewalk near Stevenson's corner on Sunday afternoon, and had one of her arms broken near the wrist.

The Opera House has been engaged for Easter Monday night for a grand concert in aid of the new cathedral fund. The best of talent will participate and the concert will be first class in every particular.

At a meeting of the parishioners of St. Malachi's, Kinkora, on Sunday last, it was decided to hold a grand social gathering at Kinkora Station on Tuesday the 7th of July next, in aid of the new church building fund.

On Tuesday evening, March 10th, the pupils of the Convent de Notre Dame, will give a musical and dramatic entertainment in the Convent Hall. Proceeds in aid of the building fund of the new Cathedral.

A LECTURE will be delivered in the A. O. H., Hall, by Mr. Percy Pope, on Friday evening, March 6th. The second part of the programme will consist of vocal and instrumental music. A pleasant time is assured. Admission 15 cents.

TORONTO, February 25, 1896. James Taylor, living at Davistown, North Toronto, was found frozen to death in his bed on the morning of the 17th inst. The discovery was made by some of his neighbors who missed the old man from his usual haunts.

The total amount of milk received last week was 21,634 lbs. A quantity of cream was also received. During the week 3,000 lbs of butter were manufactured, and 1,300 lbs of butter (in prints) were shipped to the St. John Market. Good for the creamery.

DAVID STEVENSON, brother of S. C. Stevenson, secretary of the Montreal Exposition Co., is a resident of the Transvaal. He was one of Dr. Jameson's party and took part in the celebrated Jameson raid.

TUESDAY next, March 3rd is set down as the date for the second reading of the remedial bill in the House of Commons. From that date the debate on the bill will be continued from day to day, except Mondays, till it is brought to a vote.

A FATAL accident took place in No. 3 slope at Springhill, N. S., on Monday last. Whilst the men were working on the leading slope one of the ropes broke and ten full boxes of coal crashed to the bottom, killing Laurence Gallant, of Rustico, P. E. I., who has been working at the mines only a short time, and injuring another. Mr. Gallant left his island home about three months ago. He was twenty-two years of age.

The Stanley arrived at Georgetown at 10 o'clock on Sunday morning after being out in the ice since Friday morning. She had on board 38 passengers and a full cargo of freight. Between midnight and eight o'clock Monday morning ten I. C. B. sections of freight were discharged from the Stanley, and thirty-six carloads were put on board. The steamer left on return to Pictou shortly after eight Monday morning and arrived there at two o'clock. She returned to Georgetown yesterday where she will lay up to clean bottom, and will be off the route about eight days.

SIR DONALD SMITH, M. P., has recently returned to Ottawa from a visit to Winnipeg. Rumor has associated his visit to the prairie city with a mission to endeavor to bring about such an amicable adjustment of the Manitoba School difficulty as would preclude the necessity of Federal interference. Telegraphic reports say such a consummation is possible as a result of Sir Donald's mission. Of course, until such time as something definite is known as to whether or not Sir Donald acted in any such capacity, or whether or not the Government have any notion of receding from their position on the school question, all manner of conjectures will prevail.

On Sunday evening last, Rev. Dr. Morrison delivered in St. Dunstan's Cathedral the first of a series of conferences to be delivered during the Sunday evenings of next February. His subject was "Religion." The word "religion" was accepted in its broad significance. It was shown to be a bond between man and a superior power, that the idea of religion is implanted in man's very nature, was shown from the fact that among all peoples, even pagans and savages, this idea of a superior being existed. The necessity of religion was proved by showing that without it no moral obligation could exist. The benefits of religion were proven by numerous arguments. Having shown that religion exists, that it is a necessity for man, and having shown the benefits arising from it, the difference between natural and revealed religion and other distinctions will follow, and will form the subject of future conferences.

PROFESSOR ROBERTSON, daily commissioner, continued his interesting account of the proposed dressed meat experiments before the agricultural committee, Ottawa, on Friday last. He said it was proposed to ask parliament for an appropriation of \$300,000 to permit the scheme being carried out. The intention was to purchase weekly an average of 500 head of cattle at Montreal, where they would be killed, dressed, chilled, put up in attractive wrappers and shipped to depots in Great Britain. In about ten weeks time the returns from the first shipments would come in. The proposed vote of \$300,000 would also be returned to the government as the business progressed. He hoped in winter time that the trade would be contained from St. John or some other port. Members of the committee were greatly taken with Prof. Robertson's proposals and unanimously endorsed them on motion of Mr. R. A., seconded by Mr. McDonald. On motion of Mr. Wilson, it was decided to print 100,000 copies of Prof. Robertson's evidence to circulate among the farmers.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Railway Meeting.

To the Editor of the Herald:

Sir—I wish again to call your attention to the bitter and unswerving opposition of the Grit press in this Province to the proposal to extend railway communication to Belfast and Murray Harbor, and other sections of the Province. Last winter the agitation was characterized in the very worst language, and every attempt was made to dissuade and discourage the people. Unusually large issues of the "Patriot" containing the most perverse and untrue statements were in hundreds sent into the country, in order to poison as far as possible outside of its general reading class, against the enterprise. Some of these false statements the Patriot had to contradict and correct. But the correction was not made in unusually large editions sent into the country to do away with the false statements which had been, and the Patriot's object was attained, namely, to discredit the railway agitation.

It appears the Patriot is to renew its tactics of last winter to railroads, and in this case, when a false impression is to be created, extra copies of the Patriot are sent out broadcast to carry out its purposes.

It is, however, the policy of this Dominion not to be far from an election, and the tactics of the Patriot and Grit press should be closely watched. It has been proved that in order to gain a party advantage, those who are not scrupulous to betray and sacrifice the best interest of Belfast and Murray Harbor; and it behooves the electors to beware of them.

Yours,  
RAILWAY.  
Lot 57, Feb. 13, 1896.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Sir G. S. Baden-Powell, conservative member of parliament from Liverpool, who acted as Canadian commissioner on the joint commission on the condition of sea life in the Atlantic, writes to the Times on the 21st, that before England agrees to a joint commission she should ascertain how Venezuela would be bound by its decision, and what degree of responsibility the United States assumes in the control of Venezuela.

The editor of the Saturday Review, who is now in Cape Town, telegraphs to that paper: "I have drawn the attention of J. Hofmeyer (leader of the Afrikaner party) to Mr. Chamberlain's proposal that he believe Cecil Rhodes to be ignorant of Dr. Jameson's intention to invade the Transvaal. Hofmeyer said: 'Then Mr. Rhodes must have been less frank in his interview with Mr. Chamberlain than he was in those with me after his resignation.'"

The Montreal Star cable of Friday last says: "The bill to finally exclude imported live cattle, which was read for a first time in the house of commons last night, was practically unopposed. Even General Lurie, ex-member of parliament in Canada, while arguing that Canada was free from disease, approved of the bill as ending an uncertainty and likely to induce Canadians to export dressed meat instead of stockers. W. H. Long, president of the board of agriculture said he believed the restrictions would never be removed."

A San Francisco despatch of the 19th, says that news received that day from Australia was to the effect that during the first two weeks of January the heat in New South Wales surpassed any on record. The temperature in Sydney reached 100 degrees in the shade, while in several parts of the colony the thermometer reached 122 degrees in the shade. In other colonies the heat was quite so severe, but throughout Victoria the Mercury reached 100 degrees, and in South Australia in some places it marked 117 degrees in the shade. In western New South Wales great mortality has recently been caused by bush fires, which always occur when the grass is dried up. In other districts the water has given out and the stock is dying. In a large vineyard district the grapes were cooked on the vines. In Sydney it was found necessary to suspend carriage and omnibus traffic and to omit drill in the barracks. In the gold fields in the western part of the colony, horses dropped dead while ploughing, and birds fell dead out of the trees overcome by the fierce heat. To add to this suffering, the high temperature was accompanied by hot winds.

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During the present year the HERALD will contain religious selections from the highest authorities and the most approved sources; brilliant and interesting stories from the best living authors; accounts of the proceedings in the Dominion Parliament and the Provincial Legislatures; the news of the world, condensed for busy people; accounts of all local happenings of importance. It will also discuss in clear and terse language, the different living issues as they present themselves.

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