

## OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

Possibility of a School Question Compromised—Mont Trade With Mother Country.

William Head Quarantine Station Suggestions by Dr. Jones—New Volume of Census.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 25.—The political situation is decidedly interesting. Sir Donald Smith's visit to Winnipeg to see Archbishop Langevin and Premier Greenway may have a far-reaching effect on the future of the country. What may be the next few days will probably indicate. Clearly there is something in the wind, and although the second reading of the remedial bill has been fixed for Tuesday, March 3, that has resulted in the remedial bill not being reported or else completely modified from the draft as it now is. The parliament has been adjourned until March 20. The remedial bill may vote against the measure, yet, notwithstanding Grit boasts to the contrary, there has been a change of heart. The large majority of Quebec Rouges must at the critical point desert their leader and record their votes in favor of the government policy. Yesterday the state of repudiation in which these gentlemen find themselves estimated in direct overtures to the government with a view to a compromise or settlement of the school difficulty. M. J. Beauséjour, Choquette and Lavigne are the leaders in this movement which threatens to wreck the Liberal party and shatter them into half-a-dozen sections. It may suit the purposes of these gentlemen to deny that they are hedging, but the evidence against them is plain.

IS INDISPENSABLE. So far as the government is concerned, however, its course is clear. It has nailed its banner to the mast, and will continue to fly it there. If the Roman Catholic, as represented by their leaders in church and state, can agree upon a modified measure which Mr. Greenway would be able to accept, then no Protestant could well object to such a course being adopted. It is said that Premier Greenway himself now realizes the danger of the remedial bill becoming law. The passage of that measure might lead to a long and determined fight between the Dominion and the province as a result of which, with right on its side, the Federal power must eventually emerge triumphant. Mr. Greenway, therefore, I am informed, is disposed to make concessions, and of only the hierarchy will meet him half way, a compromise arrangement may be reached.

THE DOMINION TREASURY. The members of the committee on agriculture were greatly taken with Prof. Robertson's scheme for opening up a trade in dressed meat with the Mother Country. The sum of \$300,000 which parliament will be asked to vote for the purpose of giving the scheme a fair trial, is a very large amount. Prof. Robertson contends that none of this money will really be spent, or, in other words, that it will be returned into the Dominion Treasury.

THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER. An enthusiast in whatever he takes in hand, and if he be given an opportunity will surely make the dressed meat trade a success. His proposal is to select from the live cattle which reach Montreal for shipment to England about 500 head per week, kill them in that city, dress them, put the beef up in attractive wrappers and then send it forward to England in cold storage for sale in retail depots in the leading cities of the mother country. Prof. Robertson thinks that an average of 16 cents per pound will be obtained for first cuts, 10 cents for second cuts, and 6 cents for third cuts, the net result of the sales producing more than is actually obtained on live cattle shipments. After the first year it is anticipated that the business will run itself. From the fact that the Agriculture committee has endorsed the scheme it may be expected that parliament will vote the money.

MR. JONES, medical superintendent of the William Head quarantine station, forwards to the Department of Agriculture an interesting report on the operations of the station under his charge last year. Dr. Jones calls attention to the fact that the declarations of bills of health given by British consuls in China and Japan and by those of the United States. For instance, on August 11 last the steamer "Aurora" arrived from Japan, and two days later the Empress of Japan arrived. Both these vessels presented bills of health.

VALUABLE RESULTS. The fourth volume of the census will shortly be published. It will contain an analysis of the manufacturing and mechanical establishments of the Dominion, which has occupied the staff for two years, and has produced valuable results. The establishments of the several provinces have been examined and separated into groups, according to output, for the census of 1891 and for that of 1881, and in addition the establishments of the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, which provinces formed the Dominion in the census of 1871, have also been grouped. The work involved the compilation of 169,475 separate industries, their division into five groups and the subdivision of the group containing the smaller industries.

THE government is being strongly urged to establish a bureau of statistics to consolidate the general statistics of the country. At the present time five different departments—Finance, Trade and Commerce, Agriculture, Customs and Inland Revenue—are engaged in this work, the result being a lack of uniformity of compilation, a duplication of work, and a consequent loss of time and money. Mr. George Johnson is a scattered thoughter, and the statistics gathered through the reports of these several departments. Mr. George Johnson is a scattered thoughter, and the statistics gathered through the reports of these several departments. Mr. George Johnson is a scattered thoughter, and the statistics gathered through the reports of these several departments.

## PROVINCIAL LEGISLATURE.

Second Session of the Seventh Parliament.

TWENTY-FIRST DAY.

FRIDAY, FEB. 28, 1896.

The Speaker took the chair at 2 p.m. Prayers by Rev. A. B. Winchester. The House again went into committee on the mischievous animals bill, Mr. Kellie in the chair. Amendments of which the Attorney-General had given notice, providing for the arrest of animals for the relief of the mischief caused by them, were adopted. An amendment by Mr. Helmcken providing that the owner of a dog that has bitten any person may within six months be summoned before a magistrate, was also adopted. The committee rose and reported.

The house went into committee on the fire insurance policy act amendment bill, Mr. Bruden in the chair. Reported complete with amendments.

The house went into committee on the bill to amend the act respecting a return respecting surveyed land in Kootenay; also correspondence respecting the state of the road between Hope and Pocomp. The house went into committee on the bill to amend the act respecting the incorporation of the township of Langley, Mr. Hume in the chair. The committee rose and reported progress.

The house went into committee on the bill to amend the act respecting the Nelson Electric Light Company, Mr. Adams in the chair. Reported complete with amendments.

The house went into committee on the bill to amend the act respecting the Vernon and Nelson Telephone Company, 1891, Mr. Sworn in the chair.

COLUMBIA AND WESTERN RAILWAY. The house went into committee on the bill to incorporate the Columbia and Western Railway Company, Mr. Forster in the chair. The incorporators are E. Aug. Heinze, of Butte, Montana; Arthur P. Heinze, of New York; Frederick Glass, of Spokane. A long discussion took place on the time proposed to be allowed for the construction of the several sections, as follows:

The first, from the mouth of Trail creek, on the Columbia river, to the town of Rossland, within two years.

The second, from the mouth of Trail creek in an easterly or southeasterly direction, not more than twenty miles in a direct line, within two years.

The third, from the town of Rossland to Christina lake, within three years.

The fourth, from Christina lake to the town of Midway, within four years.

The fifth, from the town of Midway to a point half way or more to the town of Penikese, within five years.

The sixth, from such half-way point to the town of Penikese, within six years.

MR. WILLIAMS spoke strongly in favor of compelling the company to construct at Penikese in place of giving them six years as proposed to extend the line to that point, and allowing them to commence at Trail Creek and build only so much as suits their pleasure. The result of the plan he proposed would be to give the trade of the Rossland district to Victoria and Vancouver, in place of Spokane, which has at present. To show that this could be the case he read from the report of the company's chief engineer, as follows:

At present practically everything used in Rossland and the Boundary Creek country comes from the United States via Northport to Rossland and via Marcus to Boundary Creek. Such a road as you propose to build would, while developing the country to an enormous extent, at once make it tributary to Victoria and Vancouver, and I cannot conceive of any public work the completion of which would so much redound to the advantage of those cities.

This road would thus be of advantage to the province in many ways. It would develop the best mining country in the world, and two of the best farming countries in the interior of British Columbia—the Okanagan and Kootenai valleys. It would transfer the great British Columbia trade from Spokane to Victoria and Vancouver, where it is naturally belongs, and would immensely increase the revenue of the government.

therefore he thought that the house should not seek to impose any conditions compelling them to build in a manner that is against their business interests. After further discussion the committee rose and reported progress.

THE SPEAKER reported the annual report of the Librarian, and incidentally spoke of the great improvement noticeable in the library, "which has now become a department of great usefulness."

The house adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

## ON A BICYCLE TOUR.

A CLERGYMAN'S EXPERIENCE WITH LONG, HARD RIDING.

Has Travelled Fully 3,000 Miles On His Wheel—He Makes Some Reflections On The Benefits Of The Sport, And Tells Of The Dangers.

(From The "Tide," N.Y., Press.)

The Rev. Wm. P. F. Ferguson, Presbyterian Minister at Whitesboro, whose picture we give below, will not be unfamiliar by sight to many readers. A young man, he has still had an extended experience as foreign missionary, teacher, editor, lecturer and pastor that has given him a wide acquaintance in many parts of the country.

In an interview a few days ago, he said: "In the early summer of '94 I went upon a tour through a part of Ontario on my wheel. My route was from Utica to Cape Vincent, thence by steamer to Kingston, and from there along the north shore of the lake to Toronto and back to Utica."



"After a delightful sail through the Thousand Islands, I stepped on shore in that quaint old city of Kingston. A shower had fallen and the streets were damp, so that wisdom would have dictated that I, leg-weary as I was, should have kept indoors, but so anxious was I to see the old city that I spent the whole evening in the streets. The next morning I started on my tour, but a very unwelcome discovery, I was lame in both ankles and knees. The head wind and the damp streets had proved an unfortunate combination. I gave, however, little thought to it, supposing it would wear off in a few hours, and the first flush of sunlight saw me speeding out the splendid road that leads toward Napanee."

"Night overtook me at a little village near Port Hope, but found me still lame. I rested the next day, and the next, but it was too late; the mischief was done. I rode a good many miles during the rest of the season, but never a day and seldom a mile without pain."

"The winter came and I put away my wheel, saying now I shall get well, but to my disappointment I grew worse. Some days my knees almost forbade walking and my ankles would not permit me to wear shoes. At times I suffered severe pain, so severe as to make study a practical impossibility, yet it must be understood that I concealed the condition of affairs as far as possible."

"From being local the trouble began to spread slightly and my anxiety increased. I consulted two physicians and followed their excellent advice, but without result. So the winter passed. One day in March I happened to find in my hand a newspaper in which a good deal of space was taken by an article in relation to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I did not at that time know what they were supposed to be, but I should have paid more attention to the article had I not caught the name of a 'lady whom I knew.' Reading I found that they had been greatly benefited by the use of Pink Pills, and knowing how I had been suffering from the truth of the statement that she had authorized."

"The first box was not gone before I saw a change, and the third had not been finished before I was free of my rheumatic troubles were gone to stay."

"I say 'gone to stay,' for though there has been every opportunity for a return of the trouble, I have not felt the first twinge of it. I have wheeled thousands of miles and never since have I felt the least discomfort. I have had some of the most severe tests of strength and endurance, and have come through them without an ache. For example, one afternoon I rode seventy miles, preached that night and made fifty miles of the next day. Another instance was a 'Century run,' the last forty miles of which were made in a downpour of rain through mud and slush."

"You should think I would recommend them to others? Well, I have, and have had the pleasure of seeing very good results in a number of instances. Yes, I should feel that I was neglecting a duty if I failed to suggest Pink Pills to any friend whom I knew to be suffering from rheumatism."

"No, that is not the only disease they cure. I personally know of a number of cures from other troubles, but I have needed them only for that, though it would be but fair to add that my general health has been better this summer than ever before in my life."

## PREPARING FOR THE FALL SHOW.

President Milne Offers a Number of Suggestions—Dates Not Yet Finally Determined.

There was a largely attended meeting of the directors of the British Columbia Agricultural and Industrial Association yesterday evening at the city hall, the president, Dr. G. L. Milne, being in his place, and almost the full number of ladies and gentlemen forming the board being present. The business of the meeting was two-fold, being first of all to consider the financial statements of last year—presented at the close of the fair in November last—and afterwards to determine the date of this year's show. The latter point was not definitely disposed of at the time the board adjourned, after adopting the reports and discussing at some length the exhibition prospects of the present year. In opening the meeting the President announced that suggestions of improvements for the year of this year would be welcomed, and he himself would offer a few pointers that had occurred to him in this connection.

At the outset, he said, "I must welcome some new directors to our board, and I am sure those who have been recently appointed will find, as I have found, the directors of the British Columbia Agricultural Society a happy family. Last year the show was selected for our exhibition was, everything considered, a very good one, and this evening the first matter to consider will be the time to hold our 1896 show. It has been found convenient to hold our exhibition at the same date as possible to that of New Westminster from the fact that preparing the live stock for exhibition is a matter of considerable importance to the farmers, and if we can arrange the time say for the week before New Westminster, it would be of great advantage to the stock-raisers. Last fall while visiting the New Westminster show those who had been able to be with us pointed out this fact, and stated that they this year would make an exhibit if such time arrangements could be made."

By way of suggestion I would say the date beginning on Tuesday, 29th September, to the Friday, 2nd October. This will give us a four days' exhibition and leave plenty of time for exhibitors to get their exhibits to the Royal exhibition at New Westminster."

"Four days I consider quite long enough, and if it is thought wise three days for live stock would suit the farmers better."

"There are many improved ideas as to the conduct of the show, and as to the arrangement of the different departments, which have come to us by experience and the superintendent of the exhibition last year will give his views on this subject. We had no exhibit, in fact we made no provision for a poultry exhibition last year, but I think this time provision should be made for it. There are several reasons for this. First, we have no poultry show in Victoria now, so that fanciers have no means of competition, and it seems to me that an agricultural show without a poultry exhibit is like a jug without a handle, incomplete. The results of not having such an exhibit last year was to discourage breeders of thoroughbred poultry—at least two or three of our most prominent men in this line have gone to the mainland or elsewhere."

"One feature of our show last year excelled any former exhibit, and that was the fancy work department. This was due in great measure to the interest taken by the Women's Council. I am glad to say that we shall have this year not only the assistance of the active workers of the Women's Council but of two ladies on the board of directors. This I am sure will ensure to the advantage of the association."

## DR. JAMESON'S RECEPTION.

LONDON, Feb. 29.—The popular demonstration which attended the landing in England of Dr. Jameson is being construed in some quarters as being in measure due to the deliberate plans of the government to give a view to arouse the country against Boer rule in the Transvaal. The air of secrecy which was made to attend the whole proceedings in connection with the landing and arrangement of the court of the ex-administrator is said to give coloring to this belief. At any rate the demonstration will strengthen the hands of the government in any measure which they may take in the nature of an attack on the Transvaal. The Speaker says it is impossible to acquit the authorities of responsibility. The government, it adds, has done its best to give prominence to jingoism, and to convert the incidents of the raid to party purposes to the detriment of justice and the national reputation.

## FIRST SEALS OF THE SEASON.

Stormy weather such as Victoria has experienced during the past week was encountered by the steamer Maude, Captain Roberts, which returned yesterday from a short trip down the coast. The met near the entire coast sealing fleet and reports all quiet among them. Three, the Dora Siewerd, Minnie and Carrie C. W., had been to sea, and of these the Maude spoke to the last mentioned, which was seen on the trip home, having as the result of her cruise three sealskins. The Minnie was heard from at Village Island, where she had landed some five days ago, bringing at that time eight seals. The Dora Siewerd had not been spoken since she went to sea, and consequently the luck she has met with is not known. The Maude's passengers were Dr. Ferguson, D. Macleod, G. C. Matheson, J. Stockton, D. Murray, J. Young, A. Young, and H. "Alker."

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