

Canada Increasing Her Purchases and Sales.

Ottawa, July 17.—(Special)—The House devoted all day until 5 p. m. in conference. Sir Adolph Caron, on a vote for telegraphs, complained of the action of the government for constructing a line to the Yukon...

Shot on a South African Battle Field.

Ottawa, July 17.—(Special)—The sad news of the death of Major Borden, son of Hon. Dr. Borden, minister of militia, which was received this afternoon in a cable to Lord Minto from Lord Roberts...

Legations Reported to Be Safe on July 9—Li Hung Chang Expresses His Anxiety For Their Safety—A Long Interview With Him—Allies Win at Tien Tsin.

London, July 18, 4 p. m.—The news of the Manchuria disturbances is not regarded as justifying the serious view attributed by the Daily Mail's advice. Amur, the boundary territory between Eastern Siberia and Manchuria, has been the scene of local disturbances for a long time...

Canadians Participating in an Advance.

Toronto, July 17.—(Special)—The Telegram's special cable from London says: "It has been reported to the war office that No. 2489, Wetmore, and No. 25, Ball, are dangerously ill. Ball belongs to the First Battalion Mounted Rifles, and his home is at Edmonton, N. W. T. at Platkop, on Friday, Pte. G. S. Dodd, of Winnipeg, and Pte. A. Robinson, of Winnipeg, both of Strathcona's Horse, were slightly wounded, while Pte. A. N. Daykin, of Lacombe, N. W. T., and Pte. H. E. Sabine, of Winnipeg, Pte. W. R. McLeod, Prince Albert, N. W. T., and Pte. Edward Webb, a young Englishman, are missing."

The First Stage of the Competition Begun.

Toronto, July 17.—The Telegram's special cable from Cairo Camp, says the great event at the Hibley ranges, the contest for the Queen's prize, began today, and created the usual amount of excitement and curiosity among riflemen and spectators. Today was devoted wholly to the first stage of the competition shooting at 200 yards, which was completed in two hours, seven shots at each range. Tomorrow the first stage will be completed, when the men compete at 300 yards range. Then the lucky first three hundred in this stage will pass on to the second stage, while the rest will pass on to the third stage, which will be completed on Thursday. At 200 yards, the scores of the Canadian team were: Annard, Capt. 2nd Batt., 30; Blair, Lieut., 23rd Batt., 29; Crossy, Bomb., 33; C. A. A., 25; Corrigan, Sgt., 25th Batt., 20; Grooms, Lieut., Q. O. R., 23; Carruthers, Sgt., 4th Hussars, 21; Gunner, Gunner, 5th R. C. A., 21; Graham, Lieut., 7th Batt., 20; Kirkpatrick, Capt., Q. O. R., 17; Langstaff, Pte., 13th Batt., 20; Munroe, Lieut., 4th Batt., 20; Morris, Sgt., 12th Batt., 21; Morse, Sgt., 6th Batt., 20; Sullivan, Lieut., 16th W. O. B., 29; McVittie, Sgt., 5th Batt., 20; McCormack, Lieut., 7th Batt., 20; Ogg, Lieut., 13th P. A., 28; Shand, Sgt., 8th Batt., 20; Smith, Sgt., 4th Batt., 20; Tink, Pte., G. O. P. G., 28.

There were only four votes aggregating \$416,688, challenged by the opposition, and in no case did they demand a vote. "Lost on division" was good enough for them. Dr. Sproule moved that the vote for salaries and expenses of immigration agent in Great Britain and Europe be reduced by \$10,000. Mr. Haggart moved that \$22,388 to pay the Gilbert dredging company's claim be struck out.

Major Borden, who was a lieutenant in the 4th troop of B squadron, First Battalion, second contingent, was 23 years of age. He was six feet, three inches and 188 pounds in weight, a perfect figure, a man of excellent physique. He spent a few days in Ottawa before going to the front. Here he made many friends. He had been soldiering all his life and in his native province, he took a lieutenant's eager to go to South Africa. A graduate of Mount Allison College, New Brunswick, young Borden was in his third year in medicine in McGill, Montreal. Besides being every inch a soldier, splendid horseman and athlete, he was of lovely disposition and was one of Nova Scotia's popular, and best blooded sons.

Li Hung Chang has already left Canton. This case the government's anxiety for the safety of the legations is still in the air. The Chinese minister in St. Petersburg has disavowed the creation in Manchuria on behalf of the government and has promised to make serious representations to Pekin regarding the consequences that will follow if the hostilities there do not cease. There is little further news from China this morning.

Washington, July 17.—The appointment of Li Hung Chang is regarded as particularly significant, as the province of Chi is the seat of practical administration at present. Pao Ting is the capital of the province, but within its borders are located Pekin, the capital of the empire, and Tsin, the seat of government. Li has just secured. Li Hung Chang is known not to desire service so far north as he maintains he has less influence in that section of China than in his present viceregency. The headquarters of which are at Peking. It is deemed probable however, that he has been persuaded to take the appointment in view of the well understood fact that he is the most influential of Chinamen among foreign nations.

On motion of Mr. Davin amendments made applying the act to the northwest were thrown out. Amendments also made respecting Prince Edward Island were knocked out. The bill goes back to the senate but calls in the same way as it left the commons before. On motion to go into committee of ways and means on a resolution to supply to Her Majesty, Hon. Mr. Patterson, minister of customs, said that it was satisfactory to know that they were legislating for a country which was making enormous progress. While the full trade returns were not in yet they were well enough for an approximation, which would be found nearly correct when full figures were available. Last year there had been an increase over the very large year preceding in the total trade of Canada of something like \$70,000,000.

Congregational Union. Kingsport, N. S., July 17.—(Special)—The 33rd annual meeting of the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick has just concluded its sessions in the Congregational church in Kingsport, N. S. The services were opened Wednesday evening, July 12, by the Rev. David Colburn, to which Rev. D. W. Purdon responded on behalf of the delegates. Mr. Seth P. Leet, Q. C., of Montreal, delivered the address of the evening on Our College, urging for this scheme a more hearty interest and cooperation. On Thursday morning the appointment was made of the following officers of the union for the term 1900-01: Chairman—Rev. J. M. Austin. Vice-chairman—Mr. T. H. Hutchinson. Treasurer—Mr. C. E. Macmillan. Secretary—Rev. J. W. Cox. Stat. secretary—Rev. A. B. Boss. Interesting and encouraging reports were received from a large number of the churches.

Washington, July 17.—A decidedly more hopeful feeling with regard to the Chinese situation was apparent at the meeting of the cabinet this evening. The tide of sentiment, which had been markedly pessimistic, turned with the announcement of the victory of the allies at Tien Tsin, and the capture of the forts and native city and gathered further strength from Minister Wu's cablegram to the cabinet regarding the situation at Pekin. It was reported that the cabinet was sitting behind closed doors. The scene resembled the hottest of the fighting. Secretary Hay, Secretary Root, Secretary Long, Secretary Gage and Postmaster General Smith.

Three Railway Accidents. (From Tuesday's Daily Telegraph.) The C. P. R. train due here at 10.15 o'clock last night was a half hour late. A peculiar thing caused the delay. When the train had pulled out of McAdam, a horse got on the track and for nearly the whole distance between McAdam and Magalloway, or some seven or eight miles, it spotted before the engine, both driving Driver Thomas McKenna considerably. Several times the train was stopped and the crew drove the horse away but it would get on the track again and speed would have to be slackened. Finally a culvert blocked the horse. It would not cross and then the men had a good chance to drive the animal from the track. The train then sped for St. John.

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Two Steamers of the Colombian Revolutionists Taken by the Government. Caracas, July 17, (via Havana cable)—Two steamers comprising the so-called Colombian revolutionary fleet, which arrived at La Guayra, were seized by the government authorities and their commander Francisco Ruiz Sandoval, was immediately lodged in jail. General Francisco Ruiz Sandoval was banished from Mexico 22 years ago for his connection with a plot against President Diaz. He has lived in New York during the greater part of his exile. Several years, however, he has passed lightning in South American revolutions. He espoused the cause of General Jose Manuel Herandez, who was defeated at the battle of Mariposa. He was the brother of the revolutionary general President of Venezuela.

Saloon Keepers Sentenced to Jail and Penitentiary. Camden, July 17.—Five well known saloon keepers of this city were sentenced today to one year in the Trenton penitentiary and six others to the county jail for six months with varying fines from \$50 to \$150 each for selling liquor on Sunday. Mrs. Barbara Lacy, of Clarendon Station, has returned home from Boston after 12 months visiting among friends and relatives.

Available Troops. Secretary Root furnished to the cabinet a summary of the troops available in this country, but in Cuba, and gave it as his opinion that between 10,000 and 12,000 troops in all could be spared for service in China. These reinforcements are to be rushed through at the earliest possible moment. Most, if not all of them, it is believed, can be ready by the end of August or early in September. One cabinet officer said that beyond those soldiers already destined for China from the Philippines no further troops from the islands would be withdrawn unless the situation became much more ominous. In figuring upon the number of additional troops available, Secretary Long summoned to the cabinet meeting General Haywood, who commands the marine corps and who is familiar with every detail of that branch of the service. He explained the military law the full strength of the marine corps is 6,000. But the enlisted men at the present time aggregate only about 5,600. (This makes an additional 4,000 marines who can be brought into the service without congressional action. No new order for recruiting these men is needed, as the recruiting stations are now in operation, but in the presence of the cabinet, Secretary Long directed General Haywood to see his utmost endeavors to complete the recruiting of the additional 4,000 marines.)

Saw Mill Burned. Yarmouth, July 17.—The Kempville saw mill owned by Harry C. Prosser, about 30 miles from Yarmouth, was totally destroyed by fire last night. The fire started about ten o'clock and ran beyond all control. Besides the mill 30,000 feet of lumber belonging to DeKie & McGrath was burned. The loss on the mill will be about \$4,000. The lumber stored was valued at \$20,000. There was no insurance. The mill was built in 1889 by the Kempville Lumber Company.

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