

Honest John's Joke

Latest Developments in the Ottawa
Scandal Inquiry.

Cost of Alterations in the Esqui-
mault Dock Plans.

Arnold Charged With a Calumnious
Falsehood.

The Senate Committee's Work Drawing to
a Close—The Bate des Chateaux
Business.

OTTAWA, Aug. 10.—The Tarte-McGregory
inquiry is drawing to a close. It is
expected that Sir Hector Langevin will give
his testimony on Tuesday, and the other
witnesses will probably not take more than a
day or two to tell their stories. Then of
course will come the preparation of the evi-
dence and the addresses of counsel.

New light was thrown upon John
Honey's so-called "joke" on W. J.
Haskerville to pay \$10,000 for the privilege
of securing the Esquimaux dock contract.
On Saturday Honey swore that although he
was joking the joke was suggested to him
by a conversation not "jocular" but quite
serious with a contractor, whose name he
could not remember, who told him that
Haskerville could have \$10,000 for giving
the contract. It also appears that Per-
cy actually recommended the acceptance of
a tender of Haskerville & Co., but that
towards new tenders were called for.

Mr. Honey was charged with trying to
be Mr. Cunningham, M.P., during the
sale on the Pacific scandal and was locked
in the tower for a while.
The Tories here profess to have discovered
a "joke" in the testimony given by
contractor, Beauchamp, on Saturday.
By in this year Beauchamp sued Hon.
Thomas McGreevey for \$5,000, alleging that
Beauchamp had by false representations in-
duced him to withdraw his tender for the
dock and lock. Beauchamp now says
the idea that Thomas owed him money
put into his head by Mr. Tarte and Mr.
Chambliss, a Montreal lawyer, and that
later entered the suit without his con-
sent. The matter is interesting chiefly to
two gentlemen named.

COSTLY ALTERATIONS.
One of the features of Sir Hector's sitting
the Privileges and Elections Committee
is the presentation by Messrs. Jennings
Macdougall, the expert engineers, of
their report upon the Esquimaux dock
contract, which is a very important and
important and costly changes.
According to their careful calculation the
variation in the drip of the dock floor cost
\$1,000; the construction of a circular
chamber of stone instead of brick, \$3,392,
\$1,000; and the construction of the caisson
chamber of stone instead of brick, \$3,392,
\$1,000.

ANOTHER STORY WHICH IS GOING THE ROUNDS
Mr. Tarte told a prominent Liberal
that it will not matter which line of
procedure Sir Hector Langevin makes choice
of when he is examined before the commit-
tee, as he is prepared to confront and con-
front Sir Hector by producing irrefragating
evidence to meet him at any point. Sir Hector
may endeavor to make Mr. Tarte
declare that he holds in reserve, to be pro-
duced if necessary, a considerable mass of
such documents, which have not yet seen
the light.

ARNOLD ACCUSED OF FALSEHOOD.
Mr. Wm. Kingford, the historian, who
was the professor of Mr. H. F. Perley as
chief engineer of the Department of Public
Works, has addressed a letter to the Min-
ister of Justice in regard to the statement
made by John R. Arnold in his evidence
before the Public Accounts Committee on
Friday last, that Mr. Kingford, while
chief engineer, received presents in the
same manner as Mr. Arnold admitted
having received presents himself. In his
letter Mr. Kingford states that he never
received anything of the kind, and that
during the time he was in the depart-
ment he never spoke or even looked at
him. The statement attributed to Mr.
Arnold that he received presents from con-
tractors is declared to be a disregard of all
truth, moreover that there is not the
slightest ground for the statement.
"I beg leave to request that this letter be
read to the committee, and my demand be
submitted that I be examined upon oath
regarding this important and calumnious
assertion."

THE BATE DES CHATEAUX BUSINESS.
[Special to the Advertiser.]
At the meeting of the Railway Com-
mittee of the Senate, Saturday, the prom-
iscuous did not materialize. Senator
Laurier stated that the Bate des Chateaux
company desired to withdraw
bill rather than to submit to further
scrutiny of time, and move that the Senate
be asked to consent to such withdrawal, but
Mr. Tarte did not want to have the bill
withdrawn. Mr. Ogilvie said that the al-
l scandal would be investigated by the
senators in the Quebec Legislature.
No other arguments as to some Dominion
money had gone into the road the
company's affairs. Mr. Ogilvie's motion
was lost by 17 to 9. Messrs. Allan, Vidal,
Bohlaite and other Conservatives voting
for it. Mr. Laurier was then called upon
to produce evidence. He made no charge,
but asked that Mr. C. N. Armstrong be
called as a witness. Mr. Armstrong was
Hector Langevin, and a messenger stated
that he had served a subpoena upon Sir
Hector's house. The Senate Committee
is a free and easy body. As Mr. Arm-
strong was not present the messenger
was sent out to have him. Mr. Arm-
strong came along the corridors. This pro-
duced no result, and then the committee
tended to ask for power to compel his at-
tendance. It turned out that the sum-
mons sent to Mr. Armstrong did not
specify the purpose for which he was
wanted.

A telegram was read from Premier
Maurice, asking Hon. F. Langevin, M.P.,
to represent the Quebec Government be-
fore the committee, and another from Mr.
Ernest Desautels, asking that he be called as
a witness before Tuesday. A summons
was issued for Mr. Desautels and the com-
mittee adjourned.

TORRID AND TEMPESTUOUS.

A Wave of Tropic Heat Sweeps
the Country.

Violent Rain Storms Reported in
Various Sections.

Unconfirmed Report of Serious Loss of
Life at Hamilton.

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—Saturday was the
hottest day of the year at Chicago. The
signal service thermometer registered 93° at
noon. There have been several cases of heat
prostration.

The extreme hot weather is causing great
alarm at Jamestown, N. D., about the
wheat crop, which is not within ten days of
harvest. The hot wave has prevailed over
the entire State, and is also reported as be-
ing felt to equal extent in South Dakota. The
crop is in a critical state, and much
anxiety is manifested as to the outcome.

HAVANA, Aug. 10.—There is great
misery among the Mexican population this
year. The staple crop of the Rio Grande
Valley is corn and the Mexican frijole, but
the drought has been so terrible for the
last eighteen months that scarcely any-
thing has been raised and stock has died
by the thousands. The drought is confined
to a few counties in Texas but extends far
into Mexico.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Yesterday was
the third day of the heated term in this
city, and it was the hottest of the three.
At 3:30 p.m. it was 97° in the shade on
the street level. From noon until 4 p.m.
today the ambulances were heavily en-
gaged in carrying to the hospitals scores
of human beings prostrated by the heat.
Nothing like it has been recorded at this
time of the year for nearly twenty years,
and a continuance of the hot weather during
the week would cause an enormous increase
of mortality, especially in the crowded
tenement districts. Five deaths have oc-
curred and many persons are in a pre-
carious condition. A number of policemen
had to leave their posts. The theaters are
almost deserted. Three persons were ren-
dered insane by the heat. The sewage cast
of Broadway and south of Houston street
were beyond description. The entire popu-
lation deserted their tenements and sought
the houseboats and the streets in the hopes
of getting some relief.

THE STORM.

TORONTO, Aug. 10.—Sultry heat, rain
in torrents, a thunderstorm overhead that
rolled and cracked all day, lightning that
came perilously near house-tops—yesterday
these were the component parts of about
as bad weather as folk have ever had in To-
ronto on a summer day. The rainstorm
was so heavy that many cellars were
flooded, and on many of the streets the
limbs of trees were lying around where
they had been blown. No damage to life
or limb is reported, but in the reports of
the day's weather some damage to crops.

A Niagara Falls dispatch says great
damage was done to standing crops in that
neighborhood, while the telephone and
telegraph service was paralyzed. Several
plate glass windows were blown in.
New York, Aug. 10.—Near Vanita, I.T.,
on 3 Tuesday, lightning struck and de-
molished a barn belonging to Mr. J. J.
Skinner. Six men were in the house.
Fox Barnard was killed and the other five
badly injured.

HAMILTON, Ont., Aug. 10.—A terrible
rain and wind storm, a small tornado
struck the city last night shortly before 6
o'clock. It came from the northwest and
did great damage during its progress
through the city. With a rush and a roar
it burst upon the city, tearing up trees,
throwing down fences, destroying the roofs
of high buildings and generally playing
havoc with the wind and rain beating them
down. Trees on the principal streets were
torn up by the roots and thrown across the
road, and there were few trees in the city
that had not several branches torn off.
The worst tidings came from the city of
Hamilton. Within an hour of the storm it
was rumored that eleven persons had found
water graves. Later the number became
enlarged to 25. Owing to the storm that
kept up late into the night it was impos-
sible to ascertain the truth or falsity of the
rumors. Several boat loads were on the
water at the time the squall struck the
city, and it is known that who were cap-
sized, about eleven persons were rescued.
As the beach a yacht was sunk, but it
is said the crew were saved. All the
boats were blown down to Hamilton
from the city. The boats were blown down
at night, since which time no report has been
received.

BURLINGTON, Ont., Aug. 10.—Yesterday
morning about 11:30 o'clock a violent
Operator Barnes at the G. T. R. crossing
station, had a narrow escape. He was
sitting at the keys, when the lightning
struck the play house around the room, and
one bolt more powerful than the others, sent
a severe shock through his system, knock-
ing him a dozen feet up against the wall.
He was so thoroughly stunned by the
electric shock that he was unable to
discharge his duty, and he still feels the
effect of the shock.

HAMILTON, Ont., Aug. 11.—Many persons were
out on the bay when Sunday's storm com-
menced, and owing to the wires between
the beach and the city being down rumors
of drownings flow thickly about the city.
So far, however, none of the rumors have
been verified. Of about 90 boats between
the canal and Burlington only about 10
escaped being blown down. A large oak
tree fell over a standing tent, but the in-
mates had fortunately vacated it.

WATERLOO, Ont., Aug. 11.—A terrible
rain and wind storm, accompanied by light-
ning and thunder, passed over this section
Sunday afternoon between 5 and 10 o'clock.
Many barns north of this were unroofed,
fences blown down and much damage
done to standing crops. In Waterloo a
dwelling house was struck by lightning,
but the fire was extinguished before much
damage was done. The roof of the estab-
lishment of the Graybill Manufacturing
Company was blown off. The church
and school house in the village of Bloom-
dale were unroofed. A party of small
children were holding a picnic in Koeber's
Grove, near Lexington, in the afternoon.
The storm came on suddenly just as they
were at tea, and down a large
maple, the branches of which, in its fall,
struck a number of children. A little girl,
9 years old, named Siegman, was instantly
killed; and five others were seriously injured.
The storm continued to fall at intervals until 10
o'clock.

PORT HURON, Mich., Aug. 10.—One of
the worst wind storms ever seen in Sanilac
county visited Minden City and vicinity
Sunday night. It continued only about
twenty minutes, but the havoc was great.
It blew down the Huron and Sanilac In-
surance Company's building, and carried
the roof 200 feet. Snyder's barn was com-
pletely wrecked. The plate glass windows
in Springer & Co.'s store were smashed. A
photograph gallery was demolished, a
freight car at the station was blown over
and chimneys and signs without number
blown down. Geo. Soule's house, at Tyre,
was destroyed by lightning. Similar re-
ports come from Gladwin and Climax.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

A Subsidized Railway Closed Up for
Months at a Time.

Serious Charges Against a Minister by
a Conservative M.P.

OTTAWA, Aug. 10.—The principal sub-
ject of debate in the House this afternoon
was the rockslide from the ciadiel of
Quebec, which took place about two years
ago. Mr. Frome brought the matter
up in the form of a motion for papers,
and he made a powerful appeal for the
compensation of the sufferers and urged
the adoption of measures which would
prevent the recurrence of such dis-
asters in future. Sir Adolphe Caron and
Sir John Thompson announced that the
Government were going to take steps to
prevent a repetition of the catastrophe, but
both argued that there was no legal re-
sponsibility resting on the Government so
far as compensation was concerned. Mr.
Laurier, in an eloquent appeal to the
Government on the ground of humanity,
and showed that they could not repudiate
all responsibility.

Mr. Laurier, for Mr. Mulock, asked
what was the amount of receipts and ex-
penditures of the Caraguet Railway for the
fiscal years ending June 30, 1890, and June
30, 1891. Mr. Bowen stated that the re-
ceipts for 1890 were \$20,250 41 and the ex-
penditures \$25,014. The returns for 1891
were not yet completed.

Mr. Monet had a long question divided
into eight sections respecting the Montreal
and Sorel Railway. In reply the acting
Minister of Railways stated that the Gov-
ernment had made arrangements with the
Great Eastern Company for the completion
of the Montreal and Sorel Railway in ac-
cordance with the subsidy granted in 1870.
The Government was not aware that the
road had been closed to traffic since June
1st last. The Government had paid to the
Great Eastern Railway Company out of the
subsidy of \$40,000 the sum of \$23,855.
The Government was aware that the rail-
way was closed to the public during a period
of about two months last winter, the reason
for such closure being that the road was
blocked with snow.

In answer to Dr. Sproule, Mr. Haggart
stated that the Government had under con-
sideration the question of granting permis-
sion to the International Battle Company
to import cattle from the United States to
be slaughtered and the meat exported.

The Postmaster-General, in reply to Mr.
Laurier, stated that it was the intention of
the Government to put in operation the act
of 1890 creating a bureau of labor statistics
and to utilize in connection therewith the
work engaged on census returns. As soon
as the work in connection with the census
was completed the bureau would be organ-
ized.

In answer to Mr. McMullen, a list of the
names of civil servants superannuated in
the Montreal custom house since the
1st of January, 1891, was supplied. Al-
together seven officers had been superannu-
ated. Their salaries amounted in the aggre-
gate to \$11,100 and their retiring allowance
to \$5,276.

Sir Adolphe Caron, answering Mr. Ger-
man, stated that a sum had been placed in
the estimates for the erection of a monu-
ment on Drummond Hill, at the village of
Niagara Falls, to commemorate the battle
of Lundy's Lane. Since then the parties
representing the promoters of the movement
had asked that the monument be not
erected, as they intended to obtain subscrip-
tions to add to the sum granted by the
Government so as to make the monument of
a more substantial character.

Mr. Laurier asked: "Is the Government
aware that a reciprocity treaty has been
lately concluded between the United States
and Spain? Is it the intention of the Gov-
ernment to resume negotiations for a re-
ciprocity treaty between Canada and Spain?"

Mr. Foster replied to both divisions of
the question in the affirmative.
Mr. Chapleau in reply to Mr. Trow
stated that the total amount paid to the
Government for the purchase of the Printing
Bureau was \$116,005.

THE J. J. GRANT CASE.

Mr. Davin moved for the papers with re-
gard to the sale by Mr. Dewdney to a
settler, J. J. Grant, of a house which he
had purchased for \$300 from a settler who
had abandoned his homestead. The circum-
stances were as follows: The Lieutenant-Governor
Dewdney bought from a settler who was
abandoning his homestead a house, for which
he paid him \$300. When a new settler, J. J.
Grant with his family, wished to come upon
his homestead he did not, as Mr. Grant
had not been accepted less than \$600 for
the house. A year passed, and in 1888,
when the Lieutenant-Governor was about
to become Minister of the Interior, he
consented to the sale at \$300 and Grant
made his entry. In the meantime Grant
had applied to the land office at Regina for
the \$60 he had paid as fees, and which
entry was not completed. The transaction
was against the law, Mr. Davin said, be-
cause under it all improvements upon
abandoned homesteads escheated to the
Crown and the house should therefore have
gone to the Government. Mr. Davin said he
would not say that as Lieutenant-Governor
Mr. Dewdney ought to have known the law,
but it was certain the case was evidence of
a strange state of management in the De-
partment of the Interior.

Mr. Dewdney said there was nothing ir-
regular or improper in the transaction, and
so far as he was concerned there was noth-
ing in it for him to be ashamed of.
Mr. Davin said he did not suppose that
the Minister would be ashamed of it. It
was an attempt to make \$300 profit on a
\$300 outlay, and of course would reflect
to his conscience, heart and intellect. It
had not been for the accident of his ap-
pointment to the Government (Mr. Davin
said he hoped the Minister would pardon
his reference to it as an account) the trans-
action would have continued until the present
time. Mr. Davin declared his intention of over-
hauling the management of the Department
of the Interior at the next session of Par-
liament.

Mr. Laurier called the notice of the
House to the remarks of the member for
Assiniboia, which charged that the land
office at Regina was made a collection
agency for the collection of debts. Settlers
entering the country should be given every
facility and not be met at the land office by
accounts upon which payment would be de-
manded. He said he also understood from
the remarks of the member for Assiniboia
that when Grant made his entry he had
paid \$60 and when he could not complete it
and had asked the return of his money he
was refused. Such a state of affairs was

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DEATH AT THE ALTAR.

A Bridegroom Makes His Will,
His Coffin and Dies Before the Mar-
riage Ceremony is Completed.

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week Owen Clark, a merchant, 65 years of
age, summoned Attorney W. W. Beeson to
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day he visited Gray Bros., undertakers,
and had prepared a bill of expenses for a
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a carriage with 7 o'clock and drove im-
mediately to St. Clair street, where he was
joined by Mrs. Murphy, a widow lady.
The two then drove to the Church of the
Immaculate Conception, on Lyman street,
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by Rev. Father Sidler. Before the last
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markably superstitious, and that his con-
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Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

Snails are becoming every year more
popular with epicures in the United States.
Mr. Job Seales, of Toronto, writes: "A
short time ago I was suffering from Kidney
trouble and Dyspepsia, sour stomach and
lame back; in fact, I was completely pro-
strated and suffering intense pain. While in
this state a friend recommended me to try
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