

CAPITAL NOTES

Report on the Baie des Chaleurs Scandal Adopted—Customs Employees to Give Sentence.

Senator Lacoste Made Chief Justice of Quebec—Great Strike Among the Ottawa Lumbermen.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Sept. 12.—The supplementary estimates passed the Council, to-day, and will be presented to the House on Monday.

The assistant light-keeper at Heath Port had his hand blown off by the explosion of a fog gun. Gangrene set in, and the man died this morning.

Wm. Harvey has been appointed collector of customs at the port of Comox.

The Government steamer Quadra sails from Glasgow for British Columbia about October 1st.

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The report was adopted by 43 to 10.

Governor Schultz went home to-night. Beyond a waste of three weeks' time he does not regret his visit to Ottawa. His character was completely vindicated.

Premier Abbott did not promise, this afternoon, to produce Lt.-Governor Anger's letter to the Government re the Quebec crisis, as it was thought it might complicate matters at present.

Every officer of Customs entrusted with the collection of public money will be required to furnish good and sufficient bonds with sureties.

Senator Rescor called attention to the discrepancy between the price of cattle shipped to Great Britain from States ports as compared with Canadian. From the States it was 20 shillings per head, and Canada 70 shillings per head.

Hon. A. Lacoste, speaker of the Senate, was, to-day, appointed Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench of Quebec. Hon. C. B. DeLouchesville is likely to be speaker. He was at one time premier of Quebec.

By an official return showing the position of the Governor-General's household, issued to-day, Gunter F. R. Sargison stands 81st, with a total of 441 points.

Three thousand men and boys employed in the Ottawa lumber mills went on strike, this morning, for increased wages of 50c. a week and one hour a day less work.

The lumber business is paralyzed. A small contingent of the Knights of Labor leads the strike. It appears as if the strikers are acting hastily, as they quit work before any overtures were made to the employers.

As the mills have only six or seven weeks more to run this season they will not likely start again.

In the House of Commons, Sir John Thompson gave an effective reply to the charge said to have been preferred by Hon. William McDougall, against J. A. Chaplain, relative to an old litigation.

Hon. Mr. Chaplain read a letter from Mr. McDougall, completely exonerating him.

In conference Hon. Mr. Laurier called attention to the Chinese arrived at the port of California that Chinese illegally entering the State he returned whence they came.

He thought this would mean the return of a large number of Chinese to British Columbia. The main reason for this was that he had received no notification of any such decision.

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tin with a pile of silver and bills on the table. A big fight started. One Chinaman plunged through the window, receiving several ghastly wounds. Others jumped out of the two-story windows to the street. Others got under the tables. Clubs, sticks, chairs and fists were freely used. Eighteen Chinese were captured, handcuffed and with assistance driven to the lockup. The police took \$180 cash and all the gambling implements. This is the biggest gambling haul ever made in the Province.

Fifteen carloads of salmon left here this morning for London, England.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

Beat Their Father to Death.

BERLIN, Sept. 11.—Two young men named Hoefler, aged respectively 18 and 24 years, broke into the house of their parents in the Leder Strasse, in this city, Wednesday evening, believing it to be empty at the time, and proceeded to the bedroom of their father, intending to steal some money which was usually kept there. The elder Hoefler was in the room, however, and grappled with the burglars, whose identity was not suspected by him. A fierce struggle followed, which ended in the old gentleman being beaten to death by his sons. The criminals then went on with the work of robbery, and had broken open the money chest, when they were surprised by the return of the mother, who had been spending the evening with neighbors, and who was accompanied by a number of friends. The two paricides fled and escaped before their mother had discovered the dead body of her husband. The fugitives have not been traced.

Nihilists in Vienna.

VIENNA, Sept. 11.—News has arrived here from Kiev that the police have made a series of visits and arrested 15 persons charged with conspiring against the government. The district was recently flooded by nihilist circulars, and the police have been closely watching to discover its origin, but without success. Within a few days an intimation came from headquarters that it was necessary that the police of Kiev should act without delay. Since then the arrests just announced were made, possibly of innocent persons.

Schifferstadt in Ashes.

BERLIN, Sept. 11.—Schifferstadt, in Rhenish Bavaria, has been nearly destroyed by fire. The disaster originated in the saw-mills, and notwithstanding all efforts, the flames spread rapidly, converting a flourishing town into ashes.

Italy Complains to Germany.

ROME, Sept. 11.—Italy has made a complaint to Germany of the fact that the Catholic Congress, which is being held at Dantzig, is discussing the question of calling an international congress of Catholics to the restoration of the Papal States to the Church.

Italy regards this as an act of hostility on the part of the subjects of a neighboring power, and it is probable that Germany will cause the congress to be dissolved on that ground.

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THE JUNTA ABOUSED.

Arresting All Who Refuse to Obey Its Edicts—Insurgent Soldiers Loyal.

Property of Balmaceda's to be Confiscated—No News of the Ex-President.

New York, Sept. 13.—The Herald's cable from Valparaiso says: Minister of Justice Errazuriz has ordered the arrest of all persons suspected of seeking or robbing or engaged in flogging or torturing parties favoring the junta. Everyone suspected of being concerned in the shooting of Cumplings and his two companions for an alleged attempt to destroy two of Balmaceda's war vessels with dynamite, will also be arrested. Every person implicated in killing or torturing any congressional victim is to be arrested.

VALPARAISO, Sept. 13.—The German minister to Chili has made a public denial here of a cable to the Herald, in which it was told how he had ordered the arrest of the German warship Leipzig to surrender political refugees, but the admiral had declined to do so, calling the German Emperor for approval of his action, and how the Emperor had called back sustaining the admiral's conduct in permitting the removal of Balmaceda's minister of war, Valquez, from the German legation to prison is generally condemned, and has provoked much adverse criticism from even the warmest partisans of the junta's cause.

President Montt himself, upon learning the particulars of this strange case, ordered Senor Valquez returned to the legation, and declared his removal and imprisonment were violations of the sanctity of the legation, and a violation of the laws of the country.

Montt's magnanimous conduct is in marked contrast with the conduct of the German minister.

The British warship Melpomene has been ordered to Chili and the Champion to Equador on Vancouver Island.

The Champion, on her way north, will call at Comodoro, to take on board Colonel Varvallo and Intendente Sa-ches, two of Balmaceda's officials, and will land them at Callao.

Railroad connection between Valparaiso and Santiago has been temporarily suspended. While a freight train, last night, was crossing one of the bridges, the structure collapsed, and locomotive and cars, most of the freight cars were thrown into the ravine. The accident happened so suddenly that the engineer and fireman were unable to make any attempt to escape, and they went down with the wreck. A relief party was organized in the hope of saving their lives. When it reached the wreck, the engineer and fireman were found pinned down under a mass of debris. After considerable trouble they were rescued, and it was found they were alive, but seriously injured.

Two severe earthquake shocks occurred here, this morning. The first at 10 minutes past 11, and the second at 11:30, and lasted a few seconds' duration. Before people recovered from the first a second shock took place. It was feared they were only the forerunners of more serious shocks, but happily no more occurred.

It is stated on reliable authority that all men known to have been active supporters of Balmaceda, as well as those guilty of some crime, are being arrested and deported. The supreme court has already organized and all these cases will be submitted to it.

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houses the unfortunate dwellers issued on all four, amid clouds of dust, while showers of tiles and plaster kept falling all about them. The scene was filled with a sound of shrieks. Merchants lost heavily through the destruction of fragile goods.

Details of the ruin of the towns in the axis of the earthquake are very meagre. Of 350 houses at Comaguana, only eight remain standing. The loss of life there was great.

News came by telegram, yesterday, that the waters of the lake were growing warmer, and had fallen three feet, up to 9 a.m., when they rose again, reaching by 6 p.m. seven feet above the normal level. Nobody slept last night, as all were expecting another shock. Fortunately nothing unusual happened.

The people have now pretty nearly subsided, although families are sleeping in tents by their houses or in the public parks or streets. Earthquakes, by turn feeble and violent, continue at irregular times. Everybody expects the climax to come on September 21st, on account of the equinox, as experience shows that it exerts a great influence on local earthquakes. It is not unlikely that this city may be made a total wreck.

The government has sent 300 men to deepen the outlet to Lake Hopogono in order to diminish the amount of water in it. When I rose the violent current of water was engaged in digging an outlet were carried away by a wild torrent of warm, ill-smelling water and were drowned.

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"When Curtis was taken to jail, last night, he appeared to be under the influence of liquor, and incoherently told of his doings during the night, protesting he had no weapons, and that he was innocent of murder. The place where the officer arrested Curtis is some blocks from the station house, but the shooting occurred within half-a-block of the station and within hearing of a number of policemen.

"The bullet which killed the officer entered the middle of the forehead, near the hair, penetrating the brain. He was 38 years of age, and had been on the police force about five years. He was much liked by his brother officers, many of whom were unable to control their grief when he was brought to the station dead.

Curtis was visited by a large number of friends at the city prison this morning. He declared that he was innocent, and that he had been shot by some outsider, and that he himself was innocent. His attorney, George A. Knight and H. J. Kowalski, claim that the evidence against him is wholly circumstantial, and that the officer was drunk when he was shot.

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Dominion Rifle Association Matches a Complete Success—Government's Immigration Policy.

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