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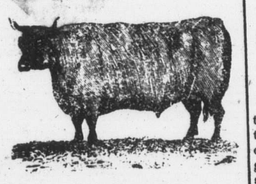

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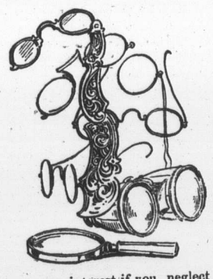

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He Has Made a Good Bargain With the Government.

The Bank of Commerce, of Which the Hon. Gentleman Is President, Has Been Working His Full With the Government, and Has Got Even With Lord Strathcona—Branch to Be Established at Dawson City.

Montreal, Feb. 15.—It was stated here yesterday that Hon. George A. Cox has been able to strike a good bargain with the Canadian Government and one that will bring a good round sum into the coffers of the Bank of Commerce. It will be remembered that the Senator made a big bid for a part of the Government so count, but that Lord Strathcona, who is president of the Bank of Montreal, had too big a pull upon Sir Wilfrid, and the attempt failed. Bankers here now declare, however, that although they are ignorant of the details, they learn that the Government have made a deal with the Bank of Commerce in some way regarding the handling of the gold output of the Yukon. It is generally supposed that the big institution in question has been appointed the Government's financial agents in the Yukon, and that an agency will be established at Dawson City in the near future. It is also stated that the Bank of Montreal, not to be behind in the race, will have a branch in the Northern Eldorado before many moons.

The Money Must Be Raised.

Mr. Harris, the recently appointed autocrat of the Intercolonial, has been making a terrible cut in salaries of officials in the passenger department of that railway. The monthly salary of Mr. Weatherston in Toronto has been reduced from $150 to $75; Mr. Blair, in Montreal, from $125 to $60; Mr. McDonald, at Levis, from $80 to $50; another official, in Quebec, from $90 to $60, and so on throughout the system. Of course these men are highly indignant, yet Mr. Harris replies that the country has to pay a yearly sum of $260,000 for the Drummond County addition, and that this money must be found somewhere. In other words, old and hard-working officials have been made to suffer for the misdeeds of the Ottawa Government.

How Money Makes Money.

It is said that by the rise in the holdings, Lord Strathcona's wealth has increased ten millions during the past six months. The high commissioner is said to be worth to-day $40,000,000.

New Mayor Inaugurated.

The inaugural of Mayor Raymond Prefontaine, M.P., took place yesterday afternoon amid great eclat. His Worship's address pointed to the bringing of all the outlying municipalities into one "greatest Montreal."

DRUMMOND COUNTIES R. R.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell Gives Notice That He Will Move for a Special Committee of Enquiry Therein to.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Sir Mackenzie Bowell in the Senate yesterday gave notice that he will move that a special committee be appointed:

1. To enquire into the amount, source and expenditure of all subsidies granted to the Drummond Counties Railway Company, and of all other money received and expended by the said company, and the times and manner of such expenditure.

2. The capital stock of the company, proceeds of all sales of same by the company, subscriptions of stock, names of subscribers, amount subscribed, call made thereon and amounts paid on same, transfers of stock from time to time, and to whom.

3. The financial position of the company, its liabilities, matured or accruing, inclusive of bonds sold and their proceeds; of loans or advances made to or by the company, and the application of the same, or endorsements given to or by the company in relation thereto.

4. The particulars of all offers or negotiations for the sale, lease or transfer of the company's property.

5. The classification and condition of said railway and equipment at any time or times, together with all matters and things relating to the said Drummond Counties Railway Company, inclusive of all negotiations and dealings with the Government of Canada in reference to said company. Said committee to be as follows: Hon. Messrs. Clemow, Cox, Boucherville, Ferguson, Kirchhoffer, King, Lougheed, Landry, Miller, Mills, Macdonald, B. C.; Power, Prowse, Primrose, Thibadeau (De la Vailliere) and Bowell.

Debate on the Address.

Senator Power of Halifax resumed the debate on the address. He considered the Yukon bargain a good one.

Senator O'Donoghue of Toronto had expected to hear more from Senator Power about the compensation proposed to be given to this company. The public mind was agitated over the proposal of the Government to part with so much of the public domain in return for the construction of 150 miles of a tramway.

Senator Ferguson moved the adjournment of the debate and the Senate adjourned.

Mr. J. W. Beynon, Q.C., for Peel.

Brampton, Feb. 15.—Three hundred of the Conservative electors of Peel responded yesterday to an emergency call sent out by the officers of the association Saturday last, to assemble in convention to nominate a candidate in the place of K. H. Cameron, who on account of illness was compelled to retire from the contest. Mr. Cameron's resignation was accepted by the meeting. J. W. Beynon, Q.C., was tendered the unanimous nomination of the convention, which he accepted.

He Drowned Himself.

Dublin, Ont., Feb. 15.—An inquest was held here yesterday afternoon before Coroner J. P. Rankin of Stratford to inquire into the cause of the death of the late Duncan Alexander Fraser. The jury, after deliberating for some time, brought in a verdict that deceased came to his death by his own hand by drowning.

Klondike Steamer in Trouble.

Astoria, Oregon, Feb. 15.—The steamship Oregon, which left for Dyea and Skaguay yesterday, was towed back last evening with her coal bunkers on fire. The fire is said to be under control.

THE BRITISH COMMONS.

Currency Question Brought to the Front by Mr. Field of Dublin—The "Chinese" Question Discussed.

London, Feb. 15.—The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. C. T. Ritchie, replying to Mr. William Field, Parnellite member for St. Patrick's Division of Dublin, in the House of Commons, yesterday, said the Canadian law forbidding gambling in grain futures was satisfactory, but added that the Government did not intend to introduce a bill on the subject at present.

Replying to another question as to whether the Government intended to operate in promoting an international conference to consider the currency question, Mr. A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Treasury and Government leader, said he was happy to say the Government would be very glad to see an international agreement regarding currency, but, he continued, he had nothing to add to the information already in the possession of the House.

The Indian Frontier Troubles.

The House later discussed the amendment of John Lawson Walton, Liberal member for South Leeds, to the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne, and raising the question of the Government's Indian frontier policy. Mr. Walton criticized it from a Liberal standpoint, disapproving of the occupation of Chitral as being the source of the present troubles, and urging the Government not to tamper with the independence of the frontier tribes, who, he said, were "the natural bulwark of India."

Lord George Hamilton, Secretary of State for India, replied. He said it was impossible to evacuate Chitral without impairing the prestige of Great Britain and the tranquility of these tribes. The present trouble, he continued, proved that the occupation of Chitral was welcome, and he warmly repoiled the Opposition's charges that the Government had been guilty of breach of faith with the local tribes in continuing the occupation.

The Right Hon. Sir Henry Hartley Fowler, Liberal member for East Wolverhampton, and Secretary of State for India in the last Liberal Cabinet, rebutted the charge that the Liberal Government had agreed to a permanent occupation of the Chitral. The future, however, would be more important, he said, than the past, which had been a costly blunder, and the Liberals would resist the forward tendency of the military party in India. He urged that the Indian Council should have some control of the expenditure, as the greatest danger which threatened the northwest frontier was a "policy of aggressive militarism."

McKENZIE AND MANN,

The Klondike Railway Contractors, Have Borrowed a Million Dollars With Which to Push Its Construction.

Montreal, Feb. 14.—Messrs. McKenzie & Mann have made arrangements with the Sun Life Insurance Company of this city for an advance of $1,000,000 for the construction of the Yukon narrow gauge tramway. As the two contractors are well able to give excellent security, the transaction is said to have been a most profitable one for the Sun Life, and it is another proof that Montreal is fast becoming one of the leading financial centres of the continent.

With reference to the Yukon deal your correspondent learns that all the machinery of the Canadian Pacific will be put in motion to pass the McKenzie-Mann contract through the Senate.

The C. P. R. Dividend.

At a meeting of the directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway to-day, the usual half-yearly dividend of two per cent. on the preference stock was declared, and a dividend of two and a half per cent. was also declared on the ordinary stock, making, with the dividend already paid, four per cent. for the past year. The results for the year were: Gross earnings, $24,049,534; working expenses, $13,745,750; net earnings, $10,303,775; from other sources, $340,706; total net income, $10,644,482; fixed charges, including guarantees and interest on land bonds, $6,783,367; net revenue available for dividends, $3,861,115. Out of which a dividend of two per cent. on the preference and one and a half per cent. on the common stock for the June half year was paid in October last.

328,000,000 FEET OF LUMBER.

The Amount of the Canadian Supply This Year to Michigan Mills.

Saginaw, Mich., Feb. 15.—The Georgian Bay District will furnish Michigan mills with a large quantity of logs the coming season. A gentleman from that region states that loggers are experiencing trouble with deep snow, and slow progress is being made. He furnishes the following approximate estimate of the quantity of logs being put in this winter by the several firms operating in the Georgian Bay District: Alger Smith & Co., 8,000,000; Holland Emery Lumber Co., 20,000,000; Turner & Fisher, 20,000,000; S. C. Fisher, 1,000,000; William Peter, 15,000,000; Saginaw Lumber & Salt Co., and Loveland, Roys & White, 16,000,000; Ontario Lumber Co., 8,000,000; Arthur Hill & Co., 15,000,000; McArthur Bros. & Co, 14,000,000; Spanish River Lumber Co., 15,000,000; Central Lumber Co., 8,000,000; Conger Lumber Co., 20,000,000; Hale & Booth, 30,000,000; Eddy Bros. & Co., 14,000,000; Moore & Glover, 4,000,000; Victoria Lumber Co., 15,000,000; Georgian Bay Lumber Co., 20,000,000; Union Trust Co., "for gates," 14,000,000; Hardy Lumber Co., 10,000,000; Pitts & Co., 20,000,000. Total 328,000,000.

The Deadly Elevator.

New York, Feb. 15.—One laborer, John Degnan, was killed and two others badly injured yesterday by the falling of a freight elevator in the Hotel Waldorf.

A driver for an express company was killed by an elevator on the eighth floor of 588 Broadway. He was looking down the shaft, when the car descended and caught his head between the bottom and the floor.

Oscar Westberg, 24 years old, elevator attendant and assistant janitor of the Walton Building on Fifth avenue, was killed yesterday by having his head crushed between the elevator and the second floor. His death is almost an exact repetition of the circumstance of yesterday at the Holland House, when Mrs. Arthur C. Levy was killed in an elevator.

St. John's Icebound.

Halifax, N.S., Feb. 15.—The steamer Clunda, which arrived here yesterday from Liverpool, reports being unable to get into St. John's, Nfld., on account of ice.

Our Trade With Britain.

London, Feb. 10.—The Canadian tariff is seemingly beginning to affect Anglo-Canadian trade. During January imports from Canada increased £147,589, or 82 per cent., compared with January, 1897. The chief increases were: Animals £7,000, wheat £35,000, wheat flour £4,000, bacon £4,000, butter £3,000, cheese £86,000, eggs £2,000 and fish £73,000. The decreases were: Wood £13,000 and hams £5,000. The exports to Canada increased nearly 7 per cent.

Japan Keeps Wei-Hai-Wei.

Paris, Feb. 11.—Official advices received by the Foreign Office from Pekin say that Japan has notified China that she intends to keep Wei-Hai-Wei permanently. China, in notifying the Chinese Ministers abroad to this effect, directs them to notify the powers also that, in view of this, no foreign loan is required, as the purpose of the loan was solely to pay the Japanese war indemnity.

YUKON MATTERS CHAOTIC.

Government Evidently Trying to Patch Up Things.

Mr. McKenzie Has Come Down With Messrs. Blair and Sifton—A Disposition to Deal More Fairly With the "Great East" as Well as to Pursue a Placating Policy With Other Possible Railroad Companies in the Yukon.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—Yukon matters are in a somewhat chaotic state. Mr. William McKenzie is here and has been in conference with Messrs. Blair and Sifton most of yesterday. The general belief is that the Government is endeavoring to induce the contractors to take less for building the Yukon Railway than was first agreed upon. The Government recognize that only by liberal concessions can the rapidly-swelling feeling in the country against the Yukon job be placated, hence the strenuous efforts which are being made to coax Mr. McKenzie to take less, or rather to give the Government more. The Ministry realizes that it must be prepared for the worst from the United States as regards no transshipment at Wrangel, and accordingly overtures are being made to Mr. McKenzie to build a line of railway from Alice Arm, B.C., which is a few miles north of Portland Canal, to Telegraph Creek, thus rendering Canada entirely independent of the United States. An arrangement of this kind would involve an extension of contract, and possibly of subsidy, thereby aggravating the proposed monopoly. At any rate, it is quite on the cards now for the Government to entirely recast its Yukon Railway policy. Mr. Hamilton Smith, a prominent member of the Rothschilds syndicate, which is anxious to get a charter to build a railway over Chilkoot Pass, and by way of Dalton's Trail, to the Yukon River—the best route to Klondike according to the testimony of William Ogilvie—is here, and it is said the Government, if it can get rid of the monopoly clause in the McKenzie-Mann charter, would like to deal with them.

Then a hint was let drop by Mr. Blair in the House yesterday, which shows that the Government is prepared to placate the Northwest as well as "the Great East," by doing something in the way of opening up a route from Edmonton. Clearly, matters are in such an indefinite state that changes of an important character in the Government policy may be expected at any moment.

Personal and General News.

The debate on the second reading of the Yukon Railway bill will commence to-day, and will be continued from day to day. It will likely last three weeks.

Rev. Mr. Maxwell will introduce a bill to increase the Chinese immigration tax from $50 to $500 per head.

Mr. McDougall will ask if Mr. Tarte has had any reply to the document addressed to the Pope by 45 Liberal Senators and members last March, and, if so, what is its nature.

As nearly as can be estimated, 3,360 new voters appear on the lists in Ottawa. Of these 1,677 were registered in the City Hall and 1,683 at the Court House.

The Hull Council on Saturday decided to grant $30,000 as a bonus to the Toronto Rubber Company. In return for this grant the company agrees to establish a factory at a cost of at least $30,000, exclusive of machinery and power.

The work on the Hull end of the proposed inter-provincial bridge is going on at a good rate.

Mr. Foster goes to Manitoba on private business next Friday. He will be away a week, but will speak on the Yukon bill before his departure.

ZOLA'S TRIAL.

An Enemy of Dreyfus Testifies—Belief in Esterhazy's Culpability—A Brave Ex-Minister Gives Evidence.

Paris, Feb. 15.—When the trial of M. Zola and Perreux was resumed at the Assize Court of the Seine yesterday, M. Jaures, the Socialist member of the Chamber of Deputies, was recalled. He reiterated his belief in the culpability of Major Esterhazy.

The examination of M. Bertillon, the handwriting expert, was then resumed. Finally M. Bertillon, who persisted in not answering questions, left the witness stand amid considerable uproar. M. Laborie remarking: "And that is the man upon whose evidence Dreyfus was convicted."

A Brave Ex-Minister.

M. Yves Guyot, the former Minister of Public Works, testified that the Esterhazy court-martial was "a parody on justice." (Excitement in court.)

The former Minister said the inner circles of foreign Governments were fully cognizant of all that occurred at the Esterhazy court-martial, a statement which caused renewed excitement.

Later M. Yves Guyor expressed the opinion that the Government commissioner who prosecuted Major Esterhazy was far more like counsel for the defence than the prosecutor, adding: "I am happy in the belief that all the best sentiment in France supports M. Zola."

A Presbyterian Camp Ground.

Kinston, Feb. 15.—Rev. J. Mackie, Kingston, is erecting a summer cottage on the shores of Loughboro Lake, about a mile from Battersea. The place is called the "Ramparts." Prof. Marshall of Queen's has bought Big Island, in Loughboro Lake. This island contains 25 acres, and the intention is to make a Presbyterian camping ground.

Eight-Hour Day at Milwaukee.

Milwaukee, Feb. 15.—At a labor conference held here resolutions were adopted favoring the abolishment of the subcontract system on city contracts, and the inserting of a clause in all such contracts forbidding the contractors to work the men more than eight hours. The meeting endorsed the bill in Congress providing for a national eight-hour law.

A Big Cargo of Opium.

San Francisco, Feb. 15.—The Occidental and Oriental steamer Gaelic arrived yesterday from China and Japan, touching at Honolulu. She had on board 622 cases of opium, valued at $997,260, the largest shipment of the drug ever received here. The duty, at $6 per pound, will amount to $110,880.

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Lome, wh caused a furore both in the United and Spain, and has resulted in the resignation of the Spanish Minister, makes ominous predictions in El Heraldo. The announcement of El Heraldo is nothing less than that a conflict between Spain and the United States is inevitable. Senor Canalejas says that the situation is becoming intolerable, and the Government is gravely preoccupied by prevailing conditions.

As regards the De Lome incident Senor Canalejas dismisses it with a sneer and insult added to those of De Lome. He says that the letter was produced by McKinley's message and that De Lome was very favorable to the American President before then. In predicting a crisis El Heraldo says:

"New and menacing incidents tend to arise between Spain and the United States, resulting from the permanence of American warships at Havana, the display of arms and ammunition by a yacht there and the proceedings of the American Congress. This state of things inspires alarm, and the Government is gravely preoccupied by a situation which is becoming intolerable."

The greatest activity characterizes the naval work now in progress in the Spanish yards. Repairs and construction are being pushed under the greatest pressure, and this display of energy on the part of the naval authorities tends to satisfy the prevailing public excitement. It is confidently believed in many responsible quarters that the die has been cast between Spain and the United States and that an outbreak is sure to occur.

Senor De Lome's successor will be Senor Louis Polo Bernabe, son of Vice-Admiral Polo, who formerly represented Spain in the United States.

Must Disavow Sentiments.

Washington, Feb. 14.—Spain must disavow the sentiments expressed by Minister De Lome in his letter to Canalejas, or diplomatic relations with that country will cease. This is the decision reached on Saturday at the meeting of the Cabinet. Not only must Spain disavow the sentiments, but apologize as well for the insult offered by its representative to the President. In case the Spanish Cabinet declines to do this, Minister Woodford was instructed to withdraw from Madrid, thus severing diplomatic relations with that kingdom.

MAY REMAIN ANOTHER YEAR.

Lord Aberdeen Will Not Be Recalled If He Wishes to Remain in Canada.

Montreal, Feb. 10.—(Special.)—Intimate friends of Lady Aberdeen in Montreal declare that if the Governor-General desires to remain another year in Canada he will not be recalled. It is said that the Countess of Aberdeen has said as much to her acquaintances in their city.

England Negotiating With China.

Pekin, Feb. 14.—England is negotiating with China to open Yuen-Chan-Fu in the Province of Hu-Nan, as a treaty port, and is negotiating also on the subject of the navigation of inland waters. The Chinese Government has paid the agreed indemnity of £4,000 to M. Lyaudet, the Frenchman kidnapped by Tonquin pirates in 1895.

The new year's audience for the foreign Ministers has been fixed for February 15, and the banquet by the Tsung-Li-Yamen will be given the following day. Owing to the long delay the Ministers had declined an audience, but the Tsung-Li-Yamen has now arranged the matter.

Englishmen for the Klondike.

London, Feb. 14.—A stern wheel steamer destined for the Yukon was successfully launched at Queen's Ferry on Thursday, and was named the Research. She embodies the intentions and aspirations of what is probably the most capable and best equipped party that will leave England during the coming season to seek fortunes in the Klondike. She draws two feet six inches of water, has a speed of 10 knots and will carry stores enough for 15 months and most elaborate mining outfits. She has a commodious deckhouse, wherein 22 men expect to pass next winter comfortably. They are confident of success and had a specially designed bullion tank constructed.

The financial statement for the month of January shows the total revenue for the month as $3,512,000, an increase over the same month last year of half a million dollars, while expenditure for the month has decreased by a quarter of a million.

On the recommendation of the Hon. Peter Mitchell, the Minister of Marine has for the present season sanctioned a general extension of the smelt fishery for a period of thirteen days, and fishing operations may, therefore, be carried on until the 28th instant inclusive.

CASUALTIES.

John Carney, a Tyendinaga farmer, was killed by being thrown off a load of wood.

John Warner, a farm laborer, met his death by being bitten by a hog at Uxbridge.

An ice jam at Blair, four miles from Galt, has flooded the Elmira branch of the G.T.R. and stopped traffic.

Alexander Brunt, a clerk in a Montreal house, was killed Sunday by imprudently taking hold of a live electric wire.

Judge Snider fell down the stairs in the Hamilton Provident and Loan building. He was not seriously injured.

Mr. E. Route of Holland Landing was dragged 20 or 30 feet with a horse on top of him. He was badly injured, but may recover.

There is nothing like having a good healthy Manitoba constitution. The other day a Winnipeg youngster swallowed a live mouse, and felt no discomfort. The discomfort was confined to the mouse.

Wm. Evans and John Cunningham of Hazelton, Pa., were walking on the New Jersey Central Railroad, near Walnutport. They stepped out of the way for one train directly in front of another, and were almost instantly killed.

Ensign Joseph C. Breckinridge, executive officer of the U. S. torpedo boat Cushing, was washed overboard and drowned during a stormy passage from Key West to Havana. The body was sent by the Cushing to Key West.

The Holland-America steamer Veendam, Captain Stenger, from Rotterdam for New York, was lost at sea. The American liner St. Louis took off the passengers and crew and set fire to the wreck. The Veendam was formerly the White Star liner Baltic.

While Stewart B. Gourley, an amateur photographer of Brooklyn, was taking a flashlight picture, an explosion occurred, by which he lost four fingers off his left hand. George Johnson, a boy, was badly burned, and Mrs. Mary Rinaland was injured, probably fatally.