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OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

Reassuring Effect of Mr. Foster's Budget Speech — Doleful Cartwright's Miserable Failure.

Laurier's Attack on Sir Frank Smith—Passes to Members—Mr. Charlton's Chestnut.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, May 4.—With the budget before the country the work of the session may be fairly said to have commenced. Despite the indifferent state of his health, the Finance Minister yesterday delivered what is acknowledged to be the best budget speech which he has ever presented. A considerable portion of it was taken up in explanation of the financial affairs of the country. For the past year the deficit was $1,210,332, and for the present year his estimates [illegible] not propose that there shall be any further deficits during his regime. He is going to make the revenue and the expenditure balance, and may possibly be a little bit to the good when the accounts are made up on June 30, 1896. This result is brought about by some slight tariff changes, of which your readers have already been apprised by wire. The increase in the duties on sugar can well be justified and consumers generally cannot complain much about paying half a cent a pound more for their sweetener. Lovers of whiskey may grumble a little at the increase in the tax on spirits, but it does not amount to a great deal, although in the aggregate it will be beneficial so far as the country's finances are concerned. Mr. Foster delivered

AN ADMIRABLE EXPOSITION

of our financial condition. There was a hopeful ring about the speech which must have a reassuring effect upon trade and commerce generally. On all sides there are indications of revival, and the Finance Minister painted the outlook in the most glowing terms. He defended the deficit this year as the outcome of the tariff reductions of last year. In the opinion of many members parliament went a little too far in its reductions of last year. The falling off in the revenue consequent thereupon must now be compensated for. It is expected that the budget debate will last several days. The Conservatives will enter upon it with the conviction that they have the best of the argument, as it is impossible to contradict the facts and figures which Mr. Foster has used. Sir Richard Cartwright attempted it and made a most ignominious failure. He completely failed to meet Mr. Foster's points, and had to ask two days' grace in which to prepare arguments.

Mr. Laurier does not often transgress the bounds of

PARLIAMENTARY DECORUM

Although the other day he did not subject himself to reprimand from the Speaker, yet at the same time, [illegible] generally admits, he was in his attack upon Sir Frank Smith. Your readers are well aware that at the time of the organization of the Bowell ministry it was stated in the public press quite correctly—and the COLONIST was one of the first newspapers in Canada to make the announcement—that His Excellency had sent for Sir Frank Smith and consulted with him as to the task of the formation of the new Government. There is the authority of Sir Frank Smith himself for this. In the course of a newspaper interview he remarked that the Governor-General had done him the honor of consulting him about forming a new ministry. Sir Frank made this same remark to your correspondent, and to a score of other people in Ottawa. Mr. Laurier in grossly insulting language insinuated that Sir Frank had been guilty of impropriety in allowing his name to be used in connection with the formation of the ministry, as, doubtless, the opposition leader felt and, indeed, admitted, that the fact of the Past Grand Sovereign of the Orange order being recommended by a staunch Irish Catholic like Sir Frank would tend to strengthen Mr. Bowell in the country. Mr. Laurier insinuates that Sir Frank was never sent for by the Governor-General, and that the use of the Governor-General's name was a political dodge. Dispute the fact as Mr. Laurier may, Sir Frank Smith was undoubtedly "sent for" by the Governor-General, and without doubt he recommended His Excellency to call upon Mr. Bowell to form a ministry. Now, the point arises as to whether Sir Frank was called upon by the Governor-General to form a goverment or whether his advice only was sought. It is at this point that a difference of opinion exists. Sir Frank Smith was then convinced, and is convinced to-day, that the Governor-General sought to impose this duty upon him. A friend of the Governor-General has stated that this was not so, that Sir Frank Smith's advice only was sought. Clearly, then, there must have been a misunderstanding between the Queen's representative and Sir Frank Smith. The latter having left His Excellency with the conviction rooted in his mind of the charge that had been entrusted to him, one can well justify the natural pride which led him to tell some of his friends of the honor which had been done him, and the opposition leader was, therefore, not justified in using the strong language which he did.

The discussion on Thursday afternoon relative to the use of railway passes by members of parliament

WAS A REVELATION.

It showed that the criticism of the newspaper press has had effect. Not a single member ventured to justify the drawing of mileage—which, as your readers are probably aware, is at the rate of 20 cents per mile from the member's home to Ottawa—and at the same time make use of a railway pass. Some members want to hand over the amount of the mileage annually voted by parliament, amounting to some $33,000, to the railway companies, and that then the companies be compelled to carry all members of parliament free. The suggestion thrown out by Mr. Ouimet that a law should be passed requiring railway companies to carry members of parliament free without any payment therefor met with more acceptance. It was pointed out that this was the law at the present time in France, Italy and other countries. Sir Richard Cartwright aptly remarked that the railway companies of Canada had already received enough from the parliament without bonusing them further. He mentioned that the Grand Trunk was indebted to the country to the extent of $30,000,000, while the Canadian Pacific railway had received something like $100,000,000. With good reason, therefore, might parliament ask these companies to carry members of both houses free of cost. Incidentally, in the course of the discussion, it transpired that an invidious distinction was made by some railway companies, certain members of parliament receiving passes while others do not. It was pointed out that the effect of putting all members of parliament on an equal footing would be most beneficial. If they had the privilege of travelling from one end of the Dominion to the other it would have a tendency to broaden their views of public affairs, to remove provincial prejudices and to enable them to get a better grasp of events as they transpire in different portions of the Dominion. Dr. Weldon stated that the parliament of Italy had passed its law to enable members of parliament to travel free with this very object in view. It is not at all unlikely, in view of the discussion which took place, that Mr. Mulock may recast his bill in conformity with the suggestions thrown out.

The habit of doing nothing for the first two or three weeks of the session has been pursued this year. Although this week there has been

ABUNDANT OPPORTUNITY

for pressing forward public bills which are in charge of private members, yet only two have been touched, even though a dozen were ready. At the time when members are disposed to work the government will be requiring private members' days and then there will be a pretty lively protest. It seems a pity that members cannot get down to work immediately the debate on the address is disposed of.

That chestnut of parliament, Mr. Charlton's bill "for the better observance of the Sabbath" is again to the fore in the commons. Last year it passed the lower house in an emasculated condition, but when it reached the senate it was summarily and incontinently kicked out. As Hon. Mr. Allan, of Toronto, who took charge of the bill there remarked in introducing it, the unpopularity of the progenitor had much to do with the application of the pruning knife in the commons. Mr. Charlton had just been taken to task for his famous visit to Washington, where he had been giving pointers to the Americans as to the manner in which they should squeeze Canada in the lumber schedules of the tariff bill which congress was at that time considering. Mr. Charlton hopes for better success this year. He is again anxious to choke off the Sunday newspaper having in mind, especially, those published in British Columbia. Your readers may, however, depend upon it that the bill will meet with no more favor this year than did its several predecessors.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

Consideration of the Remedial Order to Be Further Adjourned—Greenway's Statement.

Claim of the Opposition Leader That the Matter Be at Once Decided.

WINNIPEG, May 9.—(Special)—The battle now waging over separate schools is to be further continued. Upon there-assembling of the Manitoba legislature to-day, Premier Greenway rose in his place and said: "Before proceeding to the orders of the day I desire to say this: When asking the house to adjourn until the present date, it will be within the recollection of the members that I stated, in view of the gravity of the question involved in the communication from Ottawa, that we would require sufficient time to consider the same. I am now about to ask the house to order a further adjournment till June 13 next, in order that further consideration may be had. I am aware in making the motion that the house do now adjourn, that I am asking the indulgence of the house, because in making the motion it would be required, if my honorable friends opposite insisted, that I should give notice. As it is not the intention to proceed with other business till this matter is disposed of I now desire to move that the house do adjourn to Thursday."

No sooner had the Premier taken his seat than A. F. Martin, leader of the opposition, was on his feet and for two hours he spoke in opposition to the Premier's motion to adjourn. He claimed it was the duty of the government to at once decide upon the school matter. He was himself a Catholic and represented his co-religionists there. The delay was simply a move to shelve the responsibility upon other shoulders and he strongly protested against such tactics. Mr. Martin continued speaking until 6 p.m. Premier Greenway then asked him to move the adjournment of the debate till the evening, to which Mr. Martin assented, and the house adjourned.

At the evening session Mr. Martin continued his speech, and was followed by Mr. Pendergast who regretted the government had found it necessary to take a further adjournment.

Attorney-General Sifton said the remedial order as submitted by the Dominion government involved a return to the old system, and this they did not propose to do. There were also a great many other phases of the question and further time must be taken for consideration.

The question was then put: "Shall the rules be suspended?" There was no dissenting voice and the Legislature was declared adjourned to June 13.

THE SEALING QUESTION.

LONDON, May 10.—Hon. J. H. Turner, prime minister of British Columbia, to-day lodged with the Colonial office a long formal complaint made by the Canadian sealers against the United States. Sir Charles Tupper, the Canadian high commissioner, is actively supporting the complaint with the Marquis of Ripon, the colonial secretary.

The World's Fair Tests showed no baking powder so pure or so great in leavening power as the Royal.

CAPITAL NOTES.

Dalton McCarthy's Harmless Fireworks—Manitoba School Question.

Col. Prior Re-elected President of the Artillery Association—Mr. Corbould, M.P., Recovering.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, May 9.—The house was engaged all day discussing the conduct of Lt.-Governor Schultz in securing an opinion from Mr. Bourinot on the remedial order. Mr. McCarthy led off, and strongly condemned the Governor for exceeding his constitutional powers. The debate was continued with great animation for several hours, and finally the subject dropped.

Sir Richard Cartwright strongly dissented in the public accounts committee to-day from the views of some Liberal members who thought the ministers should give the details of their travelling expenses. Sir Richard and Mr. Gibson thought some latitude should be given.

Mr. Corbould is just recovering from a severe attack of the measles, which developed the day after he arrived here. He expects to be out in a few days.

Col. Prior was re-elected president of the Artillery Association to-day. Ex-Governor-General Lord Derby having failed to supply the promised cups for the ordnance competitions of 1892, the association decided to purchase them.

Sir C. H. Tupper has left town for a few days' rest.

Mr. Charlton has secured the replacing of his Sabbath observance bill on the order paper.

The Dominion steamship line will put in a tender for the Atlantic service against the Allans.

Hon. Dr. Montague has introduced a bill fixing the date of the Yale and Cariboo elections on the same day as the other ridings.

The further adjournment of the Manitoba legislature is regarded as an indication that the Liberals do not want to outline their policy.

NEWFOUNDLAND AND CANADA.

ST. JOHNS, Nfld, May 9.—(Special)—As anticipated the Legislature adjourned for a week. Prime Minister Whiteway announced that no answer had been received from the Canadian government regarding Confederation, therefore the Newfoundland delegates to Ottawa were not ready to present the final terms. He urged a week's adjournment in order to enable the terms to be received. If nothing definite is received by next Thursday, he would, he said, consider the negotiations off and present an alternative scheme, consisting of a reduction of the public expenditures, the curtailment of some grants and the abolition of others, the dismissal of many officials, an increase of the taxes and a revision of the tariff. Premier Whiteway, Minister Morris and Receiver-General Scott announced themselves as being in favor of Confederation if the terms allowed by Canada were satisfactory. The colony's finances, they said, would have been much better had it not been for the extravagance of their predecessors in office. The opposition speakers criticised the delay in presenting the public accounts and taunted the government with delaying the question of confederation until too late to put it before the people at the general election. The opposition urged the appointment of a royal commission. Confederation, however, is certain if Canada's terms are favorable.

WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

WINNIPEG, May 9. — (Special) — The Brandon Presbyterians have decided unanimously to extend a call to Rev. E. A. Henry of Knox College, Toronto, to accept the pastorate of the church.

Contractor D. Grant, one of the Hudson Bay railway promoters, returned last evening from north of Portage la Prairie. He states that the surveyors are making excellent progress and the route will be mapped out earlier than had been anticipated. Right of way agent Conklin expects to leave for the West at once.

Senator Kirchhoffer, who was in the city en route to Brandon, had an extended interview with President Sutherland. Mr. Kirchhoffer says the Hudson Bay order-in-council will pass both houses despite opposition from both political parties.

Rev. James W. Pedley, of Vancouver, and brother of Rev. H. Pedley, of this city, passed through Winnipeg to-day en route to Montreal, having been invited to preach in Emmanuel church there.

At Portage la Prairie jail yesterday Fred. Lodge, of McGregor, charged with attempted rape on an eight-year old girl and sentenced to twenty-three months at hard labor and twelve lashes, was strapped to a triangle and flogged in the presence of the officials and prisoners. The prisoner broke down and howled with pain, although his back was not cut sufficiently to cause loss of blood.

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S LOAN

LONDON, May 9.—To-morrow has been fixed as the time for placing upon the market the new British Columbia loan of £420,000, in three per cent. inscribed stock, redeemable July 1, 1941. The issue price has been fixed at 95. Premier Turner has been in London for some weeks in connection with this matter.

LONDON, May 9.—There were times in the course of Lord Rosebery's speech at the National Club last night when he faltered and appeared to lose the thread of his argument. Meanwhile he gazed about in a dazed sort of way. When he recovered he was inclined to end his remarks but was persuaded to proceed. The Premier looked pale and worried and far from the robust man he was a few months ago.

QUEBEC, May 10.—A special received from Fraserville says that two young men named Alson and Berube, were drowned yesterday while hunting muskrats at Riviere Vert.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

U.S. Indians Illegally Trapping Beaver—Gold and Platinum Hydraulic Mining.

Escaped Convict Surrenders—Slept on the Railway Track—Burglaries in Westminster.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, May 9.—Six months ago Chilian Consul Morris personally aided three residents of the United States of Colombia. Mr. Morris yesterday received a letter, written in Spanish, from the Colombian authorities, warmly thanking him for his disinterested assistance to their countrymen, and stating that the generous aid tendered by a Chilian representative to native Columbians was a further illustration of the friendship existing between Chili and the United States of Colombia.

Two more horses have been purchased by the fire department at a cost of $300. The department will be improved all around so that the insurance companies may continue to class Vancouver property as an A 1 risk.

Should the superintendent of the educational department consent, the pupils in all the schools will be given a holiday on May 10, to enable them to attend the May Day celebration at Westminster.

The police investigation was continued far into the night yesterday, but no damaging disclosures were made.

The aldermen were paid their first quarters' salary to-day amounting to $625, or including the mayor's portion $1,090.

Tenders will be asked for the completion of the reservoir.

The Comox arrived from the North last night, bringing M. Manson, J.P., who makes the trip for the purpose of giving evidence in the Lobb trial. It will be remembered Lobb held up the crew of Mr. Manson's police boat, and shot and wounded Engineer J. Grant.

Wm. Brownley, who escaped from the Westminster chain gang in 1892, came up for hearing before Capt. Pittendrigh to-day. He pleaded guilty and was sent for trial. He said that for two years he had drifted from one place to another trying to earn an honest living; but every time he got a job and was well to work, some fellow who recognized him would whisper in the boss's ear "escaped convict," and he would be let out quick. He came to Victoria, not caring what became of him, and half anxious to serve his time so that he would be no more a criminal in the eyes of the law.

At the Fruit Growers' meeting held at Mission a resolution was passed endorsing the proposed action of the Ontario Fruit Growers' association to urge the federal government to appoint a commissioner to England to introduce Canadian fruit into the British market.

The educational department has granted a holiday to the pupils of all the schools in Vancouver and Westminster to enable them to attend the May Day celebration.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, May 9.—The water of the Fraser is rapidly subsiding at Chilliwack and other places where the tide was very high.

A very successful ball was held in St. Leonard's hall, under the auspices of the Canoe club.

The Anglo-American Gold and Platinum Hydraulic Mining company have had their pipes sent to the mines, and to-day a number of men started for the locality to place the pipes in position. The company expect to be able to begin operations by July 15.

A drunken man lay down on the C.P.R. track and went to sleep on Wednesday afternoon. He was there when the incoming passenger train arrived. The engineer stopped the train, with great difficulty, in time to save the man's life.

An extra policeman has been put on night duty since the attempted burglaries. This throws all the day work, clerical and otherwise, upon the chief. Many citizens complain that they have positively no protection during the day under these arrangements, and that roughs are doing as they please on the public streets, as the chief is obliged to attend to his office work and there is no one in authority to keep order.

The Royal Agricultural Society met yesterday. The dates for holding the show will be October 8, 9 and 10. Lord Aberdeen has promised that if he can possibly be present he will open the exhibition. A special children's day will be arranged. Nearly all the judges and special committees have been appointed. The affairs of the society are in a sound condition financially.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, May 9.—Complaints are made that parties are shooting sheep in the neighborhood of Nanaimo River Falls. Several carcasses show that buckshot had been used in their destruction. At present there is no clue to the perpetrators but the opinion prevails that a band of sheep pirates exist who work the sheep islands to the south of Nanaimo, and frequently make raids on the settlers a few miles inland. In nearly every case the carcass is taken away.

In the provincial police court yesterday John James, a Seattle Indian, appeared on a charge of trapping beaver at McKay lake. The game act provides that no one, not domiciled in the province and not holder of a license, shall trap beaver, etc., for the purpose of selling their pelts. Constable McLean arrested the accused with a letter in his possession acknowledging the receipt of one skin, and offering a good price for more. A conviction was secured and the defendant fined $25 with costs.

Coal is being mined at the Alexander and contracts for the driving of several levels have been let.

CHILLIWACK.

CHILLIWACK, May 8.—At an adjourned meeting of the Chilliwack Fruit Growing and Shipping Association Saturday night G. W. Chadsey, A. H. Gillanders, E. A. Wells, G. R. Ashwell and Joseph Peers were appointed members of the managing committee. It was decided that a communication be forwarded to the Minister of Agriculture requesting that the Indians be compelled to clean and spray their trees in conformity with the horticultural board act (clause 5), enforced on white settlers, and also that a copy of the letter be sent to the Indian agent and Dominion M.P.

A meeting of the Fraser River relief committee was held on Wednesday afternoon at the city hall, when the business that has accumulated since the last meeting was disposed of. The relief work is practically finished, though occasionally assistance is being sent out where urgently required. A young lady who suffered by the flood wants the committee to have her piano tuned.

The water in Hope slough is now rising very rapidly and in the place of a still calm water we now have a swift current. Very few plows are in sight, the spring work is almost entirely completed and logging, etc., has again commenced.

"Skowkale Billy" is in Victoria attending the Methodist Conference as a representative of the Indian tribes in this district. This is the first time in the history of the province the Indians have been represented at conference by one of their own creed, and "Billy" feels highly elated over his appointment.

KAMLOOPS.

(From the Inland Sentinel.)

On the Tranquille hydraulic mine piping will soon start, while other claims, showing good prospects in gold, such as would repay hydraulicing handsomely, have lately been recorded and will be prospected this summer. There are in addition the Cinnabar property at Savona, and some valuable copper locations on Copper creek, which, along with the others, may be developed.

Messrs. Cyrus H. Woodruff and Harry L. Walker, of Buffalo, N.Y., who are visiting the province looking up mining properties, have located a valuable coal find in the vicinity of this city and have made arrangements to incorporate a company to operate the same. The coal is bituminous, and they propose to manufacture coke at the mine, and will make Kamloops a distributing point and headquarters for the district. They represent considerable capital. If the company carries through what it has in view it will do much toward hastening the development of other properties in the vicinity of Kamloops.

Work will likely be done this summer on the Mosquito flat claims, which show rich galena, Crown grants being applied for for two of them. Work continues without intercession on the Homestead, and by the time Mr. J. Genelle's steamer is ready for commission several hundred tons of ore will be awaiting shipment, and then only development work is yet doing.

NEW DENVER.

(From the Ledge.)

Bob Kirkwood and Jack McKinnon have made two promising locations on Ten Mile. One is two miles from the lake and the other about seven, the latter being opposite the Enterprise group. Both are dry ore propositions, with a surface showing of three feet of ledge matter.

It is current report in Spokane that the War Eagle, Trail, has been sold to the Kansas City Smelting Co., for $1,000,000.

Several Vancouver men of means will pay long visits to this district in a month or two. They will be prepared to invest heavily in mining properties.

Mitchell Bros., of Hillyard, have contracted with the War Eagle people, Trail, to handle 25 tons of ore a day, for six months. Northport is the objective point.

McLeod and McClements, who have been developing a claim, staked by them close to Rossberry a short time ago, have refused the offer of $1,000 cash for their property.

VERNON.

VERNON, May 8.—The following are the new members of the town council: Albert G. Fuller and Thomas H. Milne vice G. G. Henderson and S. C. Smith resigned; Fred. H. Barnes to replace W. R. Megaw, resigned; and W. C. Pound to replace W. T. Shotford, resigned.

(From the News.)

Mr. A. Postill has been actively engaged in the Okanagan district the past week in furthering the telephone scheme and has succeeded in securing the support of nearly every rancher in the valley. He has subscriptions amounting to about fifteen hundred dollars, some of it in work, but the greater part in cash.

On Monday morning J. B. Graves, of Nicola, started off with a large band of cattle which he had for several days been gathering from the Mission, White Valley and the neighborhood of this city, and on Monday there were close to 1,300 head bunched up on O'Keefe's ranch. This is the largest drive made from this part of the country for several years. Mr. Price Ellison left on Tuesday with four carloads of beef steers for the B.C. Cattle Co., while Cargill & Co. shipped two carloads of beef cattle to the coast by Saturday's train.

The hop yard on the Coldstream ranch is looking very well this spring, the plants being much further advanced than at the same time last year.

The flour mills at Enderby and this city are both shut down on account of having no more wheat on hand.

W. F. Cameron (contractor) and J. A. Mohr left on Monday for Similkameen, where they expect to work on the extensive flumes to be put up this spring by hydraulic companies on that river.

W. Hang has been for some time experimenting with limestone from different parts of the Mission valley with a view of setting up a kiln. Recently he has discovered rock of first-rate quality on the ranges of Messrs. M. Hagan and John Bessette, and a test has given the most satisfactory results.

The usually quiet little burg at Okanagan Landing was startled on Thursday by the news that an attempt at housebreaking had been made on the previous night. Mrs. Cutler, wife of the purser on the steamer Aberdeen, about midnight was startled by the loud barking of a dog. She next heard stealthy footsteps near the front door, which was tried by someone on the outside. Another unsuccessful attempt was made to gain entrance by the back door, and the windows were also tried. Mrs. Cutler fortunately had in the house a loaded revolver, and procuring the weapon went to the window and again demanded who was there. A voice replied that someone was looking for lodgings. She warned him to go away or she would shoot, at the same time holding the weapon so that its shadow fell plainly on the blind. This had the desired effect and the intruder speedily decamped.

A regatta is announced for Tuesday next by the Burrard Inlet rowing club.

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder
World's Fair Highest Medal and Diploma.

PEACE AT LAST.

The Treaty as Originally Concluded Agreed to by China and Japan.

Russia Disclaims any Aggressive Designs on Manchuria—Her Attitude Purely Defensive.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—An official dispatch from Tokio, received at the Japanese legation this afternoon, states that the ratifications of the treaty of peace between Japan and China were exchanged at Chefoo on Wednesday. No change was made in the text of the treaty as originally concluded. The Japanese government will renounce the permanent possession of the Liao Tung peninsula on condition that the arrangements providing the terms and form of renunciation shall be reserved for adjustment between itself and the government of China. This latter stipulation is construed to mean that Japan will not surrender the peninsula until a suitable indemnity shall have been paid, and that it may be even agreed between Japan and China that the possession of Port Arthur itself will be retained by the Japanese for a terms of years extending beyond the date when the indemnity has been paid in full, thus assuring to Japan not alone the payment of the indemnity itself, but sufficient time to safeguard herself against anything like a war of reprisal.

LONDON, May 9.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Berlin says that the Tageblat prints a dispatch from St. Petersburg stating that up to Sunday it was believed Japan would refuse to give up Port Arthur. Orders were given to mobilize troops 110,000 in the Irkutsk and Tomsk districts and a credit of 30,000,000 roubles was opened.

A dispatch to the Times from Chefoo says the ratifications of the treaty of peace between China and Japan were exchanged at midnight. The dispatch adds that Russia disclaims any aggressive designs against Manchuria and asserts she is acting on a purely defensive footing against Japan.

DELEGATES DELAYED.

Considerable uneasiness was felt yesterday by the members of the Methodist conference at the non-arrival of the mission steamer Glad Tidings with the Fort Simpson contingent aboard. The little steamer was seen at Bella Bella by those aboard the Boscowitz, downward bound, Thursday, and the day after the Glad Tidings made Nanu, fifty miles this side of Bella Bella. Since then nothing has been heard of her, though she should have been here by Tuesday at latest. During the session of the conference yesterday attention was directed to the fate of her non-arrival, and Rev. Messrs. Raley, Green and Colwert, with Messrs. Odlum, Haggart and Vasson, were appointed a committee to secure all possible information concerning the steamer's whereabouts. Aboard the Glad Tidings were ten people. They were, besides Capt. Oliver, commanding, Rev. T. Crosby, Rev. Mr. Jennings, Rev. Mr. Pearce, and Messrs. Robinson and Nicholas, lay delegates to the conference. Mrs. Nicholas accompanied her husband, and there were also on board a Salvation Army officer and two Indians. Rev. Mr. Raley, after interviewing Collector Milne and Superintendent Hussey, has formed the opinion that the machinery of the Glad Tidings was not in proper condition to make the trip from Simpson, and he thinks it has broken down and the steamer has put in somewhere above Queen Charlotte Sound for repairs.

TOTTENHAM, May 10.—Joseph Williams' stables and barns with their contents were burned this morning. Loss $2,000, partially insured.

Charles H. Hutchings.

Sick Headache CURED PERMANENTLY BY TAKING Ayer's Pills

'I was troubled a long time with sick headache. It was usually accompanied with severe pains in the temples, a sense of fullness and tenderness in one eye, a bad taste in my mouth, tongue coated, hands and feet cold, and sickness at the stomach. I tried a good many remedies recommended for this complaint; but it was not until I

Began Taking Ayer's Pills

that I received anything like permanent benefit. A single box of these pills did the work for me, and I am now free from headaches, and a well man."—C. H. HUTCHINGS, East Auburn, Me

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Awarded Medal at World's Fair
Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the Best.