

V. S. A. D.—The annual meeting of the Members of the Victoria School of Art and Design will be held in the Mayor's Office, City Hall, on Friday, the 29th Sept., 1893, at 3.30 p. m.

A RUSSIAN SEIZURE IN THE BERING SEA.—News reached Vancouver Wednesday morning that the British ship Maud S. has been seized by Russians for sailing within territorial waters.

DALHOUSIE CONVOCATION.—The Dalhousie opening convocation in the law library of the building on Wednesday last was well attended and addresses were made by Prof. Forrest, the president, and Professor Murray.

FREE BAPTISTS IN SESSION.—The annual conference of the Free Baptist Church of Nova Scotia was held at Clarke's Harbor, Shelburne County, on Sept. 14. There was a good attendance of delegates and visitors from the various churches. New officers were appointed as follows:—Rev. T. H. Siddall, moderator; Rev. Edwin Crowell, secretary; Rev. D. T. Porter, corresponding secretary.

THE BOSTON FLYER SMASHED.—The Boston "flyer" on the Lehigh and Hudson railway ran into a freight train at Lake Grinnell at 4.30 Wednesday morning, near Belvidere, New Jersey, killing freight conductor Herrick. Two cars were burned up, the two engines derailed and thrown down an embankment. The fireman of the "flyer" was injured, but not seriously. None of the passengers were hurt.

FIRE BUG CONSPIRACY.—On Tuesday three arrests were made at Chicago in the cases of wholesale conspiracy to burn houses for the insurance thereon. Inspectors declare the plot extends over half a dozen states and the amount of money fraudulently realized will reach into hundreds of thousands. Plan, it is said, was to stock up stores with cheap goods, insure them for double their value, burn them and collect the insurance. Insurance adjusters, storekeepers, lawyers and real estate dealers are alleged to have been in the conspiracy.

BRITISH MINERS' RIOTS.—On Wednesday Mr. Herbert Asquith, home secretary, took occasion in the house of commons to severely criticize the attitude of Messrs Woods, Picard and Hardie, labor members of the house. Mr. Asquith enforced in strong terms his disapproval of the advice given, by the gentlemen referred to, to the striking coal miners. This advice, he declared, was leading the strikers astray on the functions of the government in suppressing riots. He urged that good sense and moderation should be exercised on both sides to end the strikes. Mr. Asquith announced that a special commission would be appointed to enquire into the deaths of the rioters who had been killed in conflicts with the troops and otherwise.

NEWS FROM THE VATICAN.—The Pope has sent a letter to Mgr. Satolli, the papal legate to United States, in which his Holiness treats of American religious questions. His Holiness gives expression to the satisfaction he feels at the union of the American clergy which has been completed through the efforts of Mgr. Satolli. On September 20th, the twenty-third anniversary of the occupation of Rome by Italian troops, the Pope will order an extraordinary collection throughout Italy for the St. Peter's pence fund. The collection will be ordered as a protest against the anti-church policy of the government. Signor Santa Maria, minister of justice and ecclesiastical affairs, has resigned his office. The reason for his retirement is that he is not in accord with the government's plans for reopening the conflict with the Vatican. In view of the increasing symptoms of hostility displayed by the government which are attributed to the pope's friendship toward France, the Vatican is again considering arrangements in regard to the pope's exile from Rome. It has already applied to Spain on the subject.

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DESTRUCTIVE FLOODS IN JAPAN.—News received at San Francisco from Japan and China gives the following harrowing account of the flood in Fifu-Ken:—"The Nagragawa River began to rise about 5 p.m. on August 22, and at midnight it had risen ten feet. Many persons were drowned, and there is great suffering among the survivors. On the Sakalgawa eighty yards of the bank was destroyed, flooding seven houses, while the bursting of the Funchara bank put the whole of the Matsuye under water. The Gunjo burst its banks and carried away eleven houses, besides flooding two hundred others. The Isuho carried away twenty-five houses. The result of enquiries into the damage done by the floods is as follows: Embankments burst in sixty places, over 200 houses were carried away, and over one thousand persons drowned. At Yawatka, in Gunjo-Gun, a side of a mountain fell away on August 22, crushing over fifty persons to death. At Nara the Totsu-Gara burst its banks and caused the greatest flood since 1889. One hundred and fifty-four persons were drowned in the Gifu-Ken flood, and nearly thirty thousand persons are receiving relief. Advices from Saga state that dysentery is prevailing in that prefecture more fiercely than ever, the total number of cases being 2 358 and the number of deaths 477. At Wakayawa dysentery also prevails, there having been 2,463 cases and 416 deaths.

UNITED COUNTIES EXHIBITION.—The agricultural and industrial exhibition of the United counties of Pictou, Colchester, Cumberland and Antigonish was opened to the public at two o'clock Wednesday. The formal address of opening was delivered by Professor R. W. Shaw, of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph. Professor Shaw's address was able and practical, and well suited to correct some of the errors of maritime provinces' farming. The learned gentleman said Nova Scotia had beautiful and diversified scenery, but better than that it was distinguished for its diversity of resources of the forest, sea, farm and mines. If an undue importance is attached to anyone of these to the neglect of others it tends to weaken rather than strengthen. Perhaps this is one reason why there are so many abandoned farms in this vicinity. Again the march of progress

has gone westward and the east has suffered thereby in its agricultural industry. To be successful the farmer must concentrate all his energies on farming. The farmer cannot afford to spend the summer on the farm and the winter in the lumber camp. He must be on the farm all the year. Impoverished farms are due to defective modes of tillage and improper rotation of crops. Continued cropping does not necessarily imply soil depletion, and instead of depletion there may be enrichment if proper rotation is observed. Clover, peas, vetches and lucerne have the marvellous power of abstracting nitrogen from the air and thereby enriching the plant food. The speaker regarded this discovery of scientists as the most important agricultural discovery of modern times. He urged the farmers of Nova Scotia to give more attention to sheep and cattle raising and to dairying. His interesting address was closed with an appeal for more education of the young men of the farming community. With educated farmers, well sustained agricultural exhibitions, well managed experimental stations and well equipped agricultural colleges, agriculture will surely prosper. Prof. J. H. Reid, of the same college, who is judging the horse exhibition, also delivered a brief address, as did Col. Blair, of the government farm at Nappan. Five hundred people were present to hear the opening addresses.

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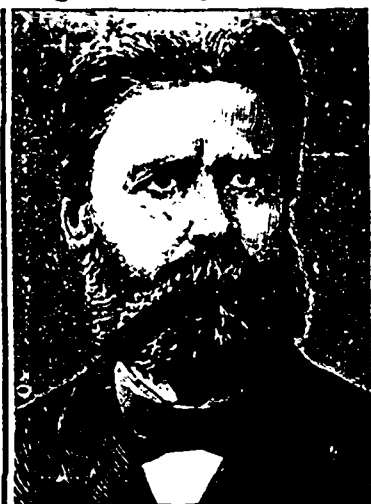
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