

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., OCTOBER 3, 1903

Mr. S. Schofield in a letter to the Sun, claims that by the amendment to the deklod law passed in 1890 the restriction on vessels with regard to carrying deck loads prior to the 10th March was repealed and that the government is liable to damages for preventing vessels from carrying deck loads between the 1st January and the 10th March of the present year, there being no law to justify such restriction. The Sun, of course, cordially endorses Mr. Schofield's view of the law and abuses the government. It is not necessary to argue out the technical point with Mr. Schofield with regard to his interpretation of the law because there is another act which meets the case, the Imperial Merchant Shipping Act of 1894. Under the provisions of this act no ship, British or foreign, is allowed to enter any port in the United Kingdom between the last day of October and the 10th day of April with a deck load higher than three feet above the deck. The penalty for violating this law is five pounds for every hundred cubic feet of goods carried in contravention of it. It follows as a matter of course that if the steamships named by Mr. Schofield which sailed from this port between the 1st January and the 10th March, 1903, had carried unlimited deck loads they would have had to pay ruinous fines as the penalty for violating the Merchant Shipping Act. Mr. Schofield mentions the Mantinea, which sailed from here on the 16th February, and which he says could have carried 280 additional standard of deck, the freight on which would have been £700 sterling if her deck load had not been limited. We do not think it likely that the owners of the Mantinea will make any claim for this freight, for if they had carried the 280 additional standards they would have had to pay about £1,400 sterling in fines unless the steamship lingered two months on the way.

The Sun pretends to believe that the nomination of Mr. Armstrong by the Liberals of Charlotte is a concession of the election of Mr. Ganong, but it gives no good reason why this should be so. There is no doubt that Mr. Ganong is a highly respectable citizen, but he is politically all wrong, and therefore it is the duty of the electors of Charlotte to reject him. Mr. Ganong has been cultivating the acquaintance of the electors of Charlotte county since he was elected in 1896, but Mr. Armstrong has been cultivating their acquaintance for the last twelve years as a newspaper editor, and probably he knows twice as many individuals in the county of Charlotte as Mr. Ganong. Mr. Armstrong is a better speaker than Mr. Ganong, he is more familiar with public questions, and he is what is still more important, a supporter of the present government and able, therefore, to do something substantial for the people of Charlotte county. It is certainly a matter of importance to the inhabitants of that county, who depend so much upon the fisheries and who require protection and also light-houses, wharves, and other appliances to enable them to carry them on successfully, that they should be in accord with the government. The people of Charlotte have no graces against the present government, nor can any man give a good reason why Charlotte county should send an opposition member to the House of Commons. We have no doubt that Mr. Armstrong will be elected by a handsome majority.

The majority of the Hon. William Pugsley in the county of Kings is 901 and this certainly is a very substantial recognition of the favor with which he is regarded by the electors of that county. We mentioned Saturday the fact that only seven men were found in the whole parish of Rotherham to vote against him, while 188 went forward and recorded their votes in his favor. This is a very high tribute to Mr. Pugsley's standing among his friends and neighbors among whom he has lived for so many years, and shows that those who know him best esteem him most, and that whatever his enemies may say in his disparage, the men who see him among them year after year and who mark his invariable courtesy and recognize his great ability are almost a unit in his support. This majority of 801 was obtained in the county of Kings against the efforts of the whole Conservative organization, and therefore it may serve as a warning to Mr. George W. Fowler, the Tory candidate for the House of Commons, of what is in store for him when he runs against Lieut. Col. Donville.

The British government has warned the government of the Netherlands that while it has no objection to Mr. Kruger being conveyed to Europe in a Dutch warship, it will regard the removal of the archives of the Transvaal and the bullion which he has stolen from its treasury as a breach of neutrality. This warning has been sent to the government of Holland, the result may be serious. There is no doubt that the offer of a Dutch warship to convey the ex-president to Europe is one of the ideas of the very youthful Queen of Holland, who evidently believes that Kruger is a martyr and ought to be encouraged and patted on the back. In this respect she shows herself most unwise, because there has been no better friend to Holland than Great Britain, and this friendship will disappear whenever it becomes apparent that the Dutch are sympathizing with the enemies of the British empire.

It appears probable that the strike which is now going on in the maritime regions of Pennsylvania will be ended before the close of the present week. The mine owners, or some of them, have signified their willingness to grant an ad-

vance of 10 per cent. in the wages of the miners, yet this is coupled with the condition that there must be an advance in the price of coal. This is the usual conclusion of such contests when the capitalists have to yield to their workmen. The workmen receive more pay, but it comes out of the public in the end, who have to pay a higher price for the article produced. It never seems to occur to the mine owners that their profits might be diminished somewhat without any great injury to themselves. They prefer large profits to small ones and are quite willing to be denounced as grasping monopolists so long as they are well paid for it.

One great cause of the failure of the Conservative party and the apathy which exists among them is the conviction that is forcing its way into the minds of all sensible and loyal people that Sir Charles Tupper's campaign is one of disloyalty and that if he should be successful, it would go far to sever the ties between Canada and the mother country. It is well known that the people of England are viewing the campaign with much interest, because the leader of the opposition has boldly declared his intention to oppose the preference in favor of British goods, if he should be returned to power, and he has strenuously attacked the proposal to federate the empire which is the only practical way of keeping it together. In the eyes of the English people the success of Sir Charles Tupper would undo all the good work which has been done by the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier towards placing Canada in a favorable position to the mother country.

The vote in Sussex for the Hon. William Pugsley was the greatest surprise of the contest to the Conservative party. They expected to carry Sussex by a large majority, as they did in February, 1899, at the general election, when Major Campbell had a majority of 113 over the Hon. Mr. Pugsley. On Thursday Mr. Pugsley had a majority of 131 over Mr. Sproul, although Mr. Geo. W. Fowler, the Conservative candidate for the House of Commons, worked hard to get votes for Mr. Sproul. Mr. Fowler may see in this result a presage of his own fate when he enters the field against Colonel Donville.

Sir Charles Tupper is now in the Maritime provinces and it is said is about to do some campaign work in Nova Scotia. No doubt he will tell the people of his native province of the wonderful success that he has achieved in his campaign in Quebec and Ontario. This success, however, is mainly of his own imagining, for who has heard him speak in the west is mostly of the opinion that he is a "veteran who laps superficial on the stage," and that it would be much better which he can no longer fill with credit to himself or to the advantage of the Conservative party.

Friday Mr. Robert E. Armstrong, editor of the St. Andrews Beacon, was nominated as the candidate of the Liberal party for the House of Commons. Mr. Armstrong is a native of St. John and has been in journalism since 1877. He has been editor of the Beacon for more than ten years and has identified himself thoroughly with all the important interests of the county of Charlotte. No one has done more than he to make known the attractions of St. Andrews, and it goes without saying that he is extensively popular in that fine summer resort, which is his home. Mr. Armstrong will make an excellent candidate and will command the full support of the Liberal party.

The Sun and its evening satellite, the Star, have been trying to reduce Hon. Wm. Pugsley's majority by 55 votes by omitting the figures of Westfield No. 2 and by falsifying the figures of the Rotherham residents, making Dr. Pugsley's vote only 180 instead of 188, the correct figure. By these alterations the Sun on Saturday was able to figure down the majority to less than 750, the fact being that it was 801.

Sir Charles Tupper did not show himself on the platform in this city, but he remained in his car hidden from sight. He was greatly disturbed at the result of the election in Kings county, for he had been made to believe that Mr. Sproul would be elected. Sir Charles Tupper is too experienced a politician not to know what such a defeat means at the beginning of the election campaign.

At the Kings county election the Conservatives used all the money they could lay their hands on for the purpose of purchasing votes, especially in those parishes which border on the county of Queens. Some of those who contributed to the fund are now wondering why they were so simple minded as to suppose that Mr. Sproul could be successful.

The presence of Lieut. Col. Markham at one of the Rotherham polling places as the representative of Mr. Sproul shows clearly that the whole Tory party organization in Kings county was used in the attempt to elect that person.

It is a high compliment to the Hon. William Pugsley that among the residents of the parish of Rotherham, the place where he has resided every summer for many years, only seven persons could be found to vote against him.

Mr. Duncan Robertson, son of ex-Mayor George Robertson, a member of the Royal Canadian regiment, arrived at Quebec on Sunday and will arrive here by the I. C. R. today at noon. He should have a good reception.

The Sun is still weeping over the result of the Kings county election. The people of Kings county would have had good reason to weep if the attorney-general had been defeated and Mr. Fred Sproul elected.

ALBERT COUNTY TEACHERS.

A Review of the Twenty-third Annual Meeting.

Albert, N. B., Sept. 29.—The 23rd annual meeting of the Albert County Teachers' Institute was held at Albert on the 27th and 28th inst.

The institute was opened by President Lawson by the reading of scripture and prayer. The following teachers enrolled: T. E. Colpitts, Alma; W. C. Jones, Hopewell; B. P. Steeves, Elgin; A. C. Lawson, Hopewell; H. J. McLaughlin, Hillsboro; A. A. Allen, Hopewell; A. W. Peck, Harvey; E. S. McQuaid, Elgin; A. D. Jones, Harvey; Miss E. Bennett, Hopewell; Miss T. P. Tingley, Harvey; Miss Ethel Duffy, Harvey; Miss Carrie Anderson, Alma; Miss M. A. Atkinson, Hopewell; Miss Julia F. Brewster, Hopewell; Miss Frances Hoar, Harvey; Miss Orpha A. West, Coverdale; Miss Agnes Lucas, Coverdale; Miss Lena Calhoun, Alma; Miss Mary Allen, Hillsboro; Miss Helena T. Daly, Harvey; Miss Jesse M. Sturtevant, Hillsboro; Miss Mabel Kierstead, Hillsboro; Miss Hattie Jones, Elgin; Miss Ethel M. Steeves, Coverdale; Miss Susie E. Steeves, Hillsboro; Miss Clara A. Colpitts, Hopewell; Miss Addie Swanson, Alma; Miss Deborah E. Bishop, Hillsboro; Miss Esther O. Steeves, Coverdale; Miss Susie M. Copp, Harvey; Miss Bella Dryden, Coverdale; Miss Mamie Stewart, Coverdale; Miss Annie E. Derry, Hopewell; Miss Violet D. Perry, Coverdale; Miss Mary A. Smith, Coverdale; Miss Beatrice Steeves, Hillsboro; Miss May L. Daley, Hopewell; Miss Helen M. Steeves, Elgin; Miss Blanche Alward, Elgin; Miss Amy C. Peck, Hopewell; Miss Martha J. Avar, Hillsboro; Miss Margaret E. Palmer, Hopewell; Miss Margaret M. McGorman, Harvey; Miss Helena B. Atkinson, Hopewell; Miss Agnes E. Reynolds, Alma; Mr. W. H. West, Hillsboro.

A. D. Jones was elected secretary-treasurer in the place of Boyd Anderson, who had left the county.

T. E. Colpitts was elected auditor of the secretary-treasurer's accounts. The fees for males were fixed at 50c. and for females 25c.

The president addressed the institute at some length in re financial matters and the onerous duties of getting out a programme without the help of a secretary. A reading lesson was given to grade I. by Miss Marion Atkinson. The lesson was discussed very favorably by Miss Helena Atkinson, Mrs. Hoar, Miss Bennett and others.

Institute adjourned until 2 p. m. Second session. After roll call and the reading of minutes it was decided to postpone the public meeting until Friday evening, 28th inst., as a political meeting was to be held on Thursday evening. Extracts from Fitch's Lecture on Discipline were read by T. E. Colpitts, A. B. The discussion that followed was a very spirited one. It was moderated by Mr. Steeves and continued by B. P. Steeves, W. C. Jones, H. J. McLaughlin, Miss Bennett, Miss Helen M. Steeves, Mrs. Davidson, King and Fletcher addressing the meeting briefly.

The institute adjourned for a Natural History excursion. With the president as leader most of the teachers ascended the Forest Dale hill. From the summit of it they enjoyed a magnificent view of the surrounding country. Seeing much to fascinate their minds on in a geological sense, they enjoyed the botanical or ornithological.

Third session commenced at 9 a. m. Friday, President Lawson in the chair. Minutes of the last meeting were read. The following were appointed as a nominating committee: H. F. McLaughlin, E. S. McQuaid, Miss Bennett, Miss Swanson, Miss Mary Smith, Miss Margaret McGorman.

B. P. Steeves, of the Elgin superior school, read a carefully prepared paper on School Discipline. This like the subject of discipline, was discussed lively, many of the ladies taking part. Some of those participating in the discussion were: Mrs. Copp, Miss Lucas, Miss Bishop, President Lawson, B. A. Allen, T. E. Colpitts, Inspector Steeves and others. Rev. Hunter Boyd addressed the institute for a short time. A lesson on Grammar to Grade III, was given by A. A. Allen. The teacher's report was read by W. C. Jones as a capsule and as an auxiliary verb.

The criticism on this lesson was opened by H. F. McLaughlin, followed by W. C. Jones, T. E. Colpitts, Inspector Steeves and others. Most of the speakers pointed out what they thought was faulty in the lesson.

The fourth session was opened at 2 p. m. After some routine work a very carefully prepared paper on School Government was read by W. C. Jones. The paper on Discipline and Etiquette at the previous session had so enthused the institute that the merits and demerits of this paper, as seen by the members, were freely pointed out. The president had promised the previous afternoon that he would discuss the subject at this time, and he did so, occupying more than a half hour. The afternoon was so far spent that Inspector Steeves very briefly discussed Nature Study, and tonight, in his 58th year. He had been for some time in delicate health.

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French Report Denied. Berlin, Oct. 1.—The statement published in Paris that France, Russia and Germany have arrived at a complete understanding in regard to the retention of troops at Peking and that Germany abandons her demand for the punishment of the instigators of the outrages before the peace negotiations, is denied here officially.

Secretary to the Chinese Commission. Ottawa, Oct. 1.—(Special)—F. J. Deane, ex-M. P. P., of Kamloops, B. C., has been appointed secretary to China commission. Mr. Deane is editor and proprietor of the Kamloops Sentinel. He is favorable to the labor party and will in every way make a competent secretary.

A new style of chain that is being looked upon with favor by the trade is made up without rivets, the links being S shape and hooking into each other. A deck rapid fire gun. The boats will be used in patrolling the inlets and coast of Cuba in search of smugglers and revenue cutters. They have been taken the inside route to Cuba. Each boat carried a crew of eight men.

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Verdict of a Coroner's Jury Upon a Case in Which There Was a Woman. New York Paper Thinks Its Day Nearly Over. Why There Has Been a Mix-Up in Some Despatch Dates.

New York, Oct. 1.—The coroner's inquest in the death of Henry Governor Barbour, who was found dead with a bullet wound in his mouth at the hotel St. Charles, Brooklyn, on Sept. 14th last was held today.

A verdict to the effect that "Deceased died from a pistol shot wound self-inflicted and with suicidal intent," was returned by the jury. Miss Helen Soudgate, the young woman who accompanied Barbour to the hotel on the night of the suicide, and who was discovered the next day in the Seney hospital, with a bullet wound in her breast, was present at the inquest and testified. Her statement to the effect that she had never planned suicide with Barbour; that she had accompanied Barbour to the hotel "because he had scared me with threats," she reaffirmed. She clung to the statement that she partook of but a single drink at the hotel, which was a milk punch and flatly contradicted the testimony of David Coleman, waiter, that he had served the couple no other drinks than the rye whiskey "high balls." Miss Soudgate's testimony was accepted by the coroner and she was allowed to go, although the detective who found her in the hospital, swore that she asserted to him there that she had planned with Barbour to leave the city.

The suicide was the son of Rev. Henry N. Barbour, rector of the church of the Beloved Descent, New York city.

TO CHASE SMUGGLERS. Five Revenue Boats Start for Cuba.

New York, Oct. 1.—The flotilla of five United States revenue boats built at the Nixon shipyard in one hundred and thirty days, according to contract, sailed today on the inside route to Cuba, Havana being the objective point.

The flagship No. 7 is seventy feet long while the other four are sixty feet in length. Each boat carries on her forward deck a rapid fire gun. The boats will be used in patrolling the inlets and coast of Cuba in search of smugglers and revenue cutters. They have been taken the inside route to Cuba. Each boat carried a crew of eight men.

HAYTI MUST PAY For Seizing Goods of an American Firm and Interfering With Their Business.

Washington, Oct. 1.—Judge Day, the arbitrator in the Metzger case, has just returned his decision for the claimant and has decreed that Hayti pay an indemnity of \$25,000.

This case was submitted to arbitration in accordance with a treaty drawn a year ago between Secretary Hay and Minister Leger. The claim for indemnity was made by John D. Metzger & Company, an American firm, on account of the seizure and sale of their goods at Port au Prince for the non-payment of certain licenses and on account of an alleged failure to furnish them with an adequate supply of water for the operation of their mill at Port au Prince and on account of a quantity of lumber alleged to have been sold by them for the relief committee on the occasion of the devastation by fire of Jacmel. The treaty requires the Haytian legislature to provide for the payment of the judgment within six months.

Mr. Edward Burke writes to the Baltimore News, defending Pierce's generalship in running McEachern up the bank when the latter attempted to pass him. He says when McEachern pursued the same policy in his 20-mile race with Pierce at the Colosseum some time ago it called forth nothing but praise, and Pierce should be accorded the same treatment.

Johnny Nelson will ride no more races for at least two weeks. He has been examined by a physician, who gave it as his unqualified opinion that Nelson had ridden his last two races, at least, upon nerve, and said that his training spins had been as hard upon him as the races.

It is feared that typhoid fever will even be more prevalent than last year when the disease was epidemic. At present there are 25 cases in the General Hospital.

St. John's Church. The corporation of St. John's church, have secured the help of Rev. R. H. A. Haslam to assist the rector during the coming winter season.

Mr. Haslam was born in Prince Edward Island, was educated at the Prince of Wales' College in Charlottetown, where he received the honor diploma in 1883. He acted as assistant-master for a year under Mr. Lloyd at Rotherham, and then entered the University of Toronto, studying theology at the same time at Wycliffe, taking his arts and theological courses concurrently. Mr. Haslam graduated as B. A. in the year 1890, and in theology during the present year at Wycliffe College, taking a first-class in every subject. He was ordained by the Bishop of Huron, and undertook temporary charge of the parish of Owen Sound last summer. Mr. Haslam's intention is to enter the foreign mission field after he has acquired some experience of home work.