

SALISBURY ATTACKED

For His Weakness on the Chinese Question.

French Papers See Anglo-Russian War Imminent—References to China in the Queen's Speech at Prorogation of Parliament.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—All the morning papers, including the supporters of the government, attack Lord Salisbury for weakness in dealing with the Chinese question.

The Daily Chronicle says: "What is to be the result nobody can say. There is room for the gloomiest forebodings. Does the country realize that for want of a little foresight and firmness Great Britain may ere long be plunged into a colossal war? Such, without the least doubt or exaggeration, is the appalling possibility."

The Daily News says: "The door is closed on the proudly boasted British lion does not exist in the Yang Tze valley. It is a mistake. And looking to what Lord Salisbury has done in Egypt, his failure is inexplicable."

SIERANGHAI, Aug. 12.—A despatch received today says an imperial edict was finally issued at Peking sanctioning the Belgian loan for the construction of the railway line from Peking to Han Kau, despite the protest of Sir Claude Macdonald, the British minister.

PARIS, Aug. 12.—The papers are full of significance of the Chinese question. The Matin says: "In China the greatest game in this world is being played, and French intervention should be efficacious and decisive."

Le Soir has a sensational article headed, "War between England and Russia imminent."

The Journal Des Debats says: "England is now seeking an arrangement with Russia. This remains impossible, unless Russia remains mistress of the north, and England is insured her influence on the Yang Tze river. In short, the lines of the storm are beginning to be marked, and the disruption which may occur when the Chinese falls to pieces. Clearly, neither France, Germany or Japan could hold aloof from such an agreement."

The article hints that France would support Russia in the event of war, and says in conclusion: "France would be content with the southern provinces bordering on Tonquin."

LONDON, Aug. 12.—The house of commons met today at 10.30 a. m. A host of questions on the subject of China elicited little information. Mr. Balfour declined to pledge the government to prevent the ratification of the Franco-Belgian Peking-Han Kow concession. But Mr. Balfour promised that in the event of British capitulations purchasing railroad concessions in the Yang Tze Kiang valley, her majesty's government would support and assist them both in London and at Peking in this aim.

The Queen's speech at the prorogation is as follows: "My Lords and Gentlemen: My relations with other nations continue friendly. I have witnessed with the deepest sorrow the hostilities which have taken place between Spain and the United States, two nations to which my empire is bound by many lines of affection and tradition. Negotiations recently opened give ground for hoping that a desirable conclusion will be reached by a termination by conclusion of an honorable and enduring peace."

"The changes which have taken place in the territorial relations of other powers with the Chinese empire induced me to conclude agreements whereby the harbor of Wei Hai Wei and certain portions adjacent to my colony of Hong Kong were leased to me by the emperor of China. I trust these arrangements will conduce to the maintenance of his independence and the security of his empire, and be favorable to the development of the extensive commerce carried on between the people of Great Britain and China."

Paragraph three refers to the guaranteeing, in conjunction with Russia and France, of the loan to enable Greece to pay the Turkish war indemnity.

The fourth paragraph expresses satisfaction at the conclusion of the convention with France, finally settling West African questions.

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THE LATE COL. UPTON.

UPTON—At Florenceville, N. B., July 27th, Lieutenant Col. Charles R. Upton, in the 82d year of his age.

Col. Upton was born in Sheffield, N. B., in the year 1810, to which place his grandfather, emigrated, being one of the first settlers of N. B.

The greater part of his life was spent in Carleton county, where he carried on farming and was one of her majesty's justices of the peace. He was for thirteen years commander of the 57th battalion, and never failed to lead his men in good form at camps or reviews during that period.

His military services are as follows: 1837-38—Ensign and quartermaster, stationed with one company 38th regiment and two of militia, to guard road leading from Port Fairfield to the St. John river.

1848—Capt. 2nd battalion Carleton County militia.

1859—Adjutant captain No. 7 company, 2nd battalion, 26 days camp at Fredericton.

1866—Major in regiment organized from 2nd battalion, C. C. M., to repel Fenian invasion.

1869—Lieut. Col. 3rd battalion, C. C. M.

1869, Oct. 29—Lieut. Col. Carleton Light Infantry.

On October, 1884, Col. Upton retired from the command of the 67th battalion. At the annual meeting of the officers of the 67th, in 1885, Col. Upton was presented with a complimentary address, accompanied by a handsome ebony, gold headed cane, bearing a suitable inscription, by the officers who had been under his command.

The funeral services were held in the Florenceville Baptist church July 28th, conducted by the pastor, A. H. Hayward. Col. Upton was twice married: first to Miss Jane Burpee of Sheffield, to whom he had four sons and four daughters; second to a daughter of the late Charles Shaw of Wakefield, who is now left an aged and infirm widow.

THE FOUNTNEY (VT.) TRAGEDY.

The Fair Haven (Vermont) Era of July 28th and August 4th, contains full accounts of the death of Mrs. Frances Mendenhall of Lake St. Catharines on the 25th ult., and the suicide of Mrs. Beverley Robinson the next morning at her house at Fair Haven, after shooting her baby.

As Mrs. Robinson's husband is a native of St. John, a son of the late Major William B. Robinson, the affair has attracted a great deal of attention here, and many sensational reports have been circulated for which there was little or no foundation.

Examinations were held before Mr. Justice Costello on the 29th and 30th ult. by the Attorney General, and a great number of witnesses were called and examined, including the medical men who made autopsies on the bodies, the people near the Robinsons, the neighbors of Catherine, the neighbors of Mrs. Robinson, the neighbors of Fair Haven, Mrs. Robinson's servant, Beverley Robinson and others.

The doctors gave evidence that Mrs. Mathewey died from brain trouble. Mrs. Robinson was informed of it by her husband, and appeared to be greatly excited over it, and committed the deed next morning during her husband's absence. A brother of her's committed suicide in the same town a number of years ago.

At the close, Beverley Robinson, who had been held for evidence, was discharged. Justice Costello stating that it gave him great pleasure to say that "no testimony had been given at either hearing to warrant you being held, and our straightforward story shows you have nothing to conceal."

Mrs. Mathewey and Mr. and Mrs. Robinson had been living together for two years or more, and Mrs. Mathewey and Mr. Robinson had gone out to Lake St. Catharines, to be followed later by Mrs. Robinson, when the death of the former occurred.

THE PIERLESS ST. JOHN.

To the Fredericton Gleaner Mayor Cobb of Newton, Mass., expressed himself as delighted beyond measure by his brief visit to that city. He has been coming to New Brunswick for the past eleven years, spending with his family the month of July at his villa on Lake Alva, Charlotte Co. He had never before taken the trip up the St. John river, though frequently in St. John city. He said that he had visited most of the noted rivers of the world and had been delighted with their charms of scenery.

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Children Cry for CASTORIA.

THE ODDFELLOWS.

Fifty-third Annual Session of the Grand Lodge.

Address of Grand Master Bent and Report of Secretary J. C. P. Frazer.

An Enjoyable Sail on the River—Business Transacted at the Session.

The annual meeting of the Grand Encampment of Oddfellows of the maritime provinces opened at ten o'clock on 9th inst. in Oddfellows' hall Union street. The representation was large on all the encampments over the jurisdiction sending their full quota. Grand Patriarch D. A. Grant, in his annual address, said it afforded him much pleasure to welcome the patriarchs to the seventh annual session.

The report presented was a happy one, and the kindly greetings of the brethren whose hospitality we are privileged to enjoy, the many attractions of their thriving city, and the commendable purpose for which we are assembled, will ensure to us a pleasant and profitable day. I am equally confident that the result of our deliberations, and the occasion's incentive to renewed effort will be discernible in a general increase of interest and activity among the subordinate encampments of the jurisdiction. I congratulate this grand encampment upon reaching today another milestone in its career of prosperity. The years along which we have come have all been years of progress, in a more or less marked degree. An increase of membership, however slight, at a time when many of our grand encampments are depopulating a falling away, is just cause for congratulation, and I am sure the grand encampment will learn with pleasure from the report of our efficient grand scribe that there has been a slight gain in membership since our last annual session. Perfect harmony prevails in the subordinate encampments under our jurisdiction. No appeals have been submitted to this office, and all questions of patriarchal law as I have been requested to express an opinion upon were fully disposed of by reference to the constitution of subordinates. The reports of the deputies, the majority of which were of the highest quality, would indicate the order to be in a very satisfactory condition throughout the jurisdiction.

The grand patriarch gave a lengthy account of his stewardship for the year, his stations, etc., and in conclusion said: "Officers and Patriarchs—in returning to you today the high trust committed to my keeping one year ago, I do so with sincere thanks for the honor conferred, and with best wishes for the continued prosperity of this grand encampment. I am confident that this organization will increase in strength and usefulness with the passing years. It is not too much to say that Patriarchal Oddfellowship, by reason of its valuable services to the community and the high principles it inculcates, is fully entitled to the support of the fraternity generally in our maritime jurisdiction. We are sanguine enough to expect that we will continue to receive as first in importance of all Oddfellow organizations, but the encampment has times without number proved itself to be the strong right hand of the subordinate lodge. From the subordinate lodge we derive our vitality as a patriarchal branch, and with the material it continues to provide, we maintain it. We give it in return a more grateful, earnest and devoted service. May it be ever thus!"

Grand Scribe Melville McKean, at his annual report, returned thanks for the honor conferred, and showed him by the members. The statistics showed that there was an increase of membership for the year of 21. The number initiated was 54; admitted, by card, 63; reinstated, 1—making an increase of 63; to the number of 42. The total membership is now 536. The finances showed a balance of \$48.38 over expenditures.

The reports were submitted to the usual committees. The morning's session was taken up by the initiation of candidates, receiving of reports, etc.

On motion, the grand scribe was directed to send fraternal greetings to the grand encampment now in session at Galt, Ontario.

Deputy Grand Scribe Pinkerton of Boston delivered a most stirring address on Oddfellowship. He was loudly applauded. A. H. Blackley, superintendent of agencies of Oddfellows Assurance Association of Canada, Kingston, Ont., also delivered an able address on the order.

It was decided to hold the election of officers after the opening of afternoon session at two o'clock, standard—Adjourned.

The grand encampment were elected as follows: Grand Patriarch—A. F. Meservey, Halifax, N. S.

Grand High Priest—F. W. Harper, Westville, N. S.

Grand Senior Warden—Niel Morrison, Annapolis, N. S.

Grand Scribe—Melville McKean, Pictou, N. S.

Grand Treasurer—I. E. Smith, St. John, N. B.

Grand Junior Warden—T. N. Patton, Hantsport.

Grand Representative—I. E. Smith, St. John.

Grand Marshal—J. H. Brown, Lunenburg.

Grand Sentinel—J. A. Fraser, Moncton.

Grand Outside Sentinel—W. J. Watson, St. John.

During the session friendly greetings were exchanged with the Grand Encampment of Ontario, holding its session today in Galt, Ontario.

Grand Lodge closed to meet next year at the place that may be selected by Grand Lodge today for its next session.

The fifty-third annual session of the America opened Wednesday at ten o'clock in Oddfellows' hall, Carleton. E. A. Bent, of Pugwash, N. S., grand master, presided.

After the opening exercises, Past Grand Master H. W. Rogers, J. H. Sutherland and Grand Representative Craig introduced Deputy Grand Scribe Pinkerton of Worcester, Mass., who was received with grand honors. A. H. Blackley of Galt, Ont., was introduced by Past Grand Masters Grady and Widdows.

The committee on credentials made their report, after which initiation took place.

Grand Master Bent delivered his annual address. He said: "Another year has passed; another year as they are reckoned by the angels of God, counting only the good done on earth, has come, lingered and passed away, and at its close we meet to congratulate each other on our good accomplishments, and the prosperity enjoyed, and to revise the past and legislate for our common good. All nature is lively, from the blue sky above our heads to the rippling streamlet passing gently by our feet. The Creator has provided on a grand scale for our comfort and enjoyment, and man still partakes of it without suffering, and mankind is constantly requiring a helping hand and cheering word. One of the objects of our beloved order is to help our less fortunate brother."

We are pleased to greet our new associates, and to welcome our new brothers who for the first time are privileged to assemble with us. Let us then offer thanks to a gracious Providence that we are permitted to meet again in annual reunion. I cannot say the past year has been as prosperous as we would desire, still we are on the increase. I feel it my duty, as my predecessor has, to call the attention of the grand lodge to the fact that our membership has not increased, and that our total membership has not increased to that extent we would desire, still we are on the increase. I feel it my duty, as my predecessor has, to call the attention of the grand lodge to the fact that our membership has not increased, and that our total membership has not increased to that extent we would desire, still we are on the increase.

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Canada has a right to be prouder of the successes of a hundred years of honorable history. She has not been without her disasters, which, however, have only shown to better advantage the courage and enterprise of her citizens.

The speaker referred to the fire of 1877, and said magnificent warehouses, more spacious stores, splendid churches and commodious and improved hotels arose with great rapidity to testify to the dauntless spirit and sagacious enterprise that have always characterized the people of St. John, and are making the city more and more a home to be proud of, and a credit to the descendants of those who, for the love of the old flag, bought and conquered nature in some of her most forbidding aspects a hundred years ago.

We miss the faces and greetings of some who welcomed us here eight years ago—Cushing Barnes, Murdock, the fathers of the order here; men who loved and honored our brothers, and were loved and cherished in return. It is impossible for some of us to take up our work in this city without thinking of them. But the memory of them, though sad because we see them no more, yet is pleasant when we recall our fraternal and social reunions and the service they rendered to the brotherhood.

The report showed that the membership last year was 5,052, and the membership this year is 5,085—a net increase of 33. The number who joined during the year by initiation, card, etc., was 519, and the number who were dropped by card, etc., was 487. The total amount paid out for relief during the year was \$4,871.38. The amount paid for relief of brothers was \$4,871.38, and to widowed families \$32.48. The total receipts for the year were \$27,513.78, and the expenses \$15,957.04. The widows and orphans fund now amounts to \$28,974.55, and the amount of invested funds and cash, \$87,565.76.

Grand Treasurer J. H. Balcom's report showed the funds of grand lodge were in a flourishing condition.

The increase in the Rebekah membership during the year was most marked.

The reports were referred to the usual committees.

There was no session of grand lodge in the afternoon, an invitation having been accepted from the St. John lodges for a sail on the river. The steamer Star left Indiantown shortly after half past two with a large party on board and proceeded up river about twenty miles. The afternoon was an ideal one for a sail on the river and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. One fact was fully demonstrated, the Oddfellows know how to entertain. In the time the steamer left Indiantown, and she returned about six o'clock, a large and energetic committee kept passing to and fro serving refreshments, consisting of sandwiches, fruits and temperance drinks. It is needless to say the visitors thoroughly enjoyed the outing and all were loud in their praise of the St. John Oddfellows. The Carleton Cornet band was in attendance, and, as usual, furnished an enjoyable programme of music. Mellicie Encampment, headed by the Carleton Cornet band, and accompanied by a brass band, made a fine appearance, the beautiful uniforms calling forth much praise.

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Good Claims are Scarce in the Klondyke—Money for the Plebiscite Campaign—Charlottetown's New Sewerage System.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Aug. 8.—The prisoners concerned in the murder of William Proud of Loyalist Road, North Westshore, during a street fight in this city on the evening of August 1st, have been sent up for trial in the supreme court on the charge of murder. The evidence given in the preliminary examination pointed towards the guilt of George Thomas Edward Hughes, John Hughes and John Trainor, who have accordingly to stand their trial in January next. The attack upon the young man was brutal and unprovoked. It is a matter of doubt who struck the fatal blow.

For several weeks past an extensive survey of the city has been made with a view to the introduction of a sewerage system. The report was recently laid before the city council. The council has ordered the issue of debentures for \$50,000 to permit of part of the construction of the works this autumn. The plan will be laid down in the principal streets this season. Two pumping stations, east and west of the high central area, will carry the sewerage away from the lowest levels of the city. A reservoir on Fownall wharf will receive all sewerage from which it will flow to the channel in Hillsborough river.

The third quarterly session of the Grand Division, Sons of Temperance, was held at Tyne Valley on Monday, 8th. J. E. Clark, G. W. P., who presided, spoke of his visit to the National Division meeting at Burlington, Vermont. He thought that if the proper effort were made Charlottetown would soon have the honor of entertaining the members of the National Division. Some money was voted to carry on the provincial campaign in the coming plebiscite. A public meeting was held in the evening in the Presbyterian church.

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