

OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

Closing Days of the Session—Geological Researches in the Selkirk and Rockies.

Proposed Sale of the Songhish Reserve—Consent of the Indians Must be Obtained.

From Our Own Correspondent
OTTAWA, Sept. 18.—One week more and the first session of the Seventh Parliament of the Dominion will have almost arrived at the end of its tether.

The Cochrane report was adopted by a majority of 24 after a very unpleasant episode. Col. O'Brien, who had sufficient independence of character to express himself against the minority report as going too far, was blazed by some of the men with whom he has been associated on the Conservative benches for years past.

A GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.
Mr. Henry M. Ami, F.G.S., of the Geological Survey of Canada has just returned from a two months' season of exploration and researches in the Selkirk and Rocky Mountain regions.

GOVERNOR ANGERS' LETTER.
For the present, the attention of politicians is distracted from the scandals at Ottawa to what will be the outcome of Governor Angers' letter to Mr. Mercier, but with the exception of a few hard-bitten Brits and rouges, who are anxious to raise the cry of "provincial rights in danger," nine-tenths of those to whom the letter is mentioned as being addressed, believe that Governor Angers' communication by a letter in which he denies the right of the Lieutenant-Governor when he characterizes as an officer of the Federal Government by seeking to control the expenditure of public money. His doubtful, however, whether this plea will be accepted by the people at large.

THE MOST FAVORED NATION CLAUSE.
Few parliamentarians will be found objecting to Mr. Abbott's motion in regard to the denunciation of the treaties with the German Zollverein and Belgium. Those treaties have long been looked upon as most objectionable, in that they limit the right which our own constitution confers upon us, of regulating our own trade and commerce with any foreign country.

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the subject some weeks ago, when his lordship expressed his doubts whether the freedom sought for could be given, as in some respects the existing treaties contained provisions which were exceedingly valuable to the trade of Great Britain, and which if abrogated might leave the British artisan in a worse position than he otherwise would be. 'Canada, however, can protest and doubt less her protests in time will be effectual.

I had a conversation with Mr. Dewdney this afternoon, relative to the proposed sale of the Songhish Reserve near Victoria. He informed me that the consent of the Indians to the surrender must be obtained before anything can be done, and that such consent had not yet been procured. The price at which the Government may dispose of lands is based simply upon the desire to secure funds for the Indians themselves. The money derived from the sale of the lands would not go into the Federal exchequer, but must be applied, according to law, for the benefit of the Indians. The duty of the Government is to look after its wards and see that they are properly treated, and to protect for them the best price which is obtainable in the event of any of their lands being surrendered. It appears, moreover, that in this case the assent of the Provincial Government must be procured before anything of a definite nature can be done.

WHO WILL DONATE?

To THE EDITOR.—Will you be kind enough to allow me to make a suggestion through the columns of your paper? There will be an immense quantity of fruit and vegetables exhibited at our Fair, next week. My suggestion is, that when the show is over that exhibitors who do not want their exhibits returned, or to take the trouble of reclaiming them, will give them over to be taken to the city charitable institutions, to whom they will be of immense service.

I have seen the resident surgeon of the hospital, who seems to approve the project, but suggests that he has no means of carrying out the idea.

There are plenty of young men, and I would also say express wagon owners, who, I have no doubt, would be glad to make themselves useful in this matter.

Allow me to solicit your powerful advocacy of this project, and to thank you in advance for giving this project publicity, if you think it worth notice.

Yours faithfully, J. A. B.

THE PROPOSED LOAN BY-LAW.

To THE EDITOR.—The Corporation has been requested to put before a portion of the citizens of Victoria a by-law for the purpose of borrowing fifty thousand dollars. Do not the mayor and aldermen know that until after the next election the Council does not possess any power to borrow money, or do they ignore the law because the expense of law suits does not fall on themselves personally? Would it not be better to postpone all such subjects until after the election of aldermen for the new wards recently added to the city? X

CANADIAN NEWS.

One of the Famous Six Hundred.
TORONTO, Sept. 24.—Word has been received here that Captain T. A. Bridgewater, one of the famous Six Hundred, died recently at Clairacade, Peterborough county. He died in poor circumstances, and a subscription had to be taken up to defray the expenses of his funeral.

H. E. Co. Stock on the Market.
TORONTO, Sept. 24.—A cablegram received from Edinburgh, yesterday, quoted Hudson Bay stock at £7, £1 higher than last quotations received.

Mrs. Mitchell Returns to Canada.
MONTREAL, Sept. 24.—It is stated that Mrs. Birchall passed through here, a few days ago. She travelled from England under an assumed name, to avoid publicity, but notwithstanding her efforts to do so, she was recognized. She stated that she was going to Winnipeg to settle down there, but it is presumed she has gone to Woodstock to try and secure possession of her late husband's body.

British Troops for Canada.
QUEBEC, Sept. 24.—A rumor is current in town that there are several British regiments coming to Canada, to be stationed at Halifax, Quebec and Victoria. This new move is said to be made with the object of establishing transportation depots at different points along the Canadian shore route to India.

Heavy Snow Storm.
MONTREAL, Sept. 23.—The Allan steamship Norwegian, from Glasgow, has arrived here. She had a stormy passage in the Gulf, the steamer came through a heavy snow storm, and at Belle Isle the land was covered with a thick coating of snow.

Fire at Bathurst, N. B.
BATHURST, N.B., Sept. 23.—The loss by the burning of the St. Lawrence Lumber Company's mill is \$75,000; insurance unknown. Two hundred men are thrown out of employment.

Man Over by a Train.
WINDESBOROUGH, Sept. 23.—Charles Grant, a Grand Trunk section man, was run over by a train, to-day, and killed.

C. F. B. Freight Rates.
TORONTO, Sept. 25.—On and after October 20th, the rate on grain and flour in car lots from Fort Williams to Port Arthur, to all points on the main line of the Canadian Pacific to Montreal, and points west, will be fifteen cents per 100 lbs. via Owen Sound and the Lake route.

WATER IS SCARCE.
Oklahoma Boomers are Suffering and Food is Very High.

GOVERNOR O. T., Sept. 24.—A courier just in from Chandler says the situation is a terrible one, and hundreds of people are leaving. Muddy mountain water sells for two cents a glass, and horses are dying by the score for want of it. On the road back no water is to be had for twenty miles, and the side of the road is lined with exhausted teams and people. The crowd is becoming desperate, and unless the provisions in the stores are soon sold, they will follow. Bread is 60 cents a loaf, lemons 30 cents each, ham and bacon \$1 a pound, and other things in proportion.

GOVERNOR O. T., Sept. 25.—Every courier from Chandler brings a thrilling tale of the suffering for water. Fully a hundred people are more or less seriously ill. Seventy horses have died for lack of water, and are still more suffering terribly. L. J. Woo of this city, has been shot dead in the Sac and Fox country. A number of men from Fort Vancouver have founded a town in the Sac and Fox country, calling it Sac and Fox. The law, operating that reservation, specifies that it shall be to homestead entry, and the Sac and Fox men will be compelled to leave, as a town cannot be legally laid out.

Regina Ripples.
"TOOK six bottles of Burdock Blood Purifier for liver complaint, headache and dull stupid feeling, but now I am entirely well and healthy, having also a good appetite which I did not have previously."—Mrs. J. Davis, Regina, N. W. T.

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STORY OF A WRECK.

His Little Dot and Yet Not His Own Child.

"You will be playing Juliet before you are twenty, little one," I said, as Dot came running into the greenroom one evening.

MARINE YAPNS.

Strange Things Seen at Sea as Told by a Sailor.

No matter what queer, strange things a sailor may see during a voyage--what queer experiences may happen to him in distant seas, he will seldom or never talk to you about them if he suspects the particulars are desired for publication.

VICTORIA'S CARNIVAL WEEK

Firemen Arriving for the Great Tournament--To-morrow's Programmes of Events.

As the meeting and tournament of the North-Western Firemen's Association and the great fire draw near, the air of Victoria seems to grow alive with fluttering flags and the streets with bright uniform.

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- NOTICE is hereby given that two months after date I intend to apply to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land in Alberni district: Commencing at a post near a small lake about four miles south-west of the mouth of Kennedy lake...

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The Firemen's Association Meeting of Association Races--Victoria

Ominous clouds gathered at an early hour, yet still for the success of the Northwest Firemen as the day advanced down mercilessly, a resting part of the day laid until to-day.

In the 11th of May Ernest... LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL... In Chambers... Hereafter a judge of the Supreme Court...

Standing Room Retained... So great was the crush at the Dazzler... To be Launched This Week... The new steamer, which Mr. Stevens has...

Cyclists Turn Out... Every member of the Wanderers' Bicycle Club... Baccley at Winalper... "Boss" Baccley, of San Francisco...

Made a Match... A match was made yesterday by W. Deasy of this city, and Angus Bell... Order at Times Reversed... Chinese chicken thieves are no novelty...

Only Two More to Come... The sealing schooner Teresa and Beatrice... Worthy of the Great Order... A committee of members of the local lodges...

An Appealing Spread... The ladies of St. Andrew's R. C. Cathedral... Unpleasantly Close... One of the conductors on the Esquimaux...

Get the Money Back... No trace of the young man Pearce, who... Incomplete Despair... I was in complete despair, and was...

S. W. Thomas Richards; J. W. David... CAPTAIN STEPHENS' DEATH... Are the Circumstances Suspicious?...

Should There be an Inquiry?... Sunday morning the obituary column of the "Colonist" contained a notice of the death of Capt. James Stephens, a native of Glasgow...

Fell From a Loft... A stable loft is not exactly the place that the majority of people would choose for an afternoon steeple, but it suited Wm. Lyttton...

The Secular of the Octo... The seizure of the sealing schooner Octo is likely to cause some trouble. Collector Milne has carried his investigation as far as...

The Line Broken... The cable line between Valdez island and the mainland broke in one of the worst spots about noon yesterday, and the operator on Valdez island was too ill to attempt to make repairs...

Coal Mining in Comox... It is announced that on Saturday a deputation of three representative farmers, of Comox, waited on Mr. S. M. Robbins...

Harvest Home... In Christ Church Cathedral, this evening an annual harvest home service will be held, the body of the sacred edifice, as well as the chancel, having been prettily decorated...

Processional Hymn... Come ye thankful people come... Magnificent and Nino Dimitris Elected in Coda... While the earth remained seed time and harvest...

FIRST OF THE FLEET... The British bark Serica, Capt. Smyth, cleared for London yesterday, with a full salmon cargo...

Generally Discredited... The report that a Nova Scotia syndicate is preparing to send a fleet of 30 sealing schooners to British Columbia is generally discredited...

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL... Placed on the Market... The Water Works debentures of the city of Vancouver have been placed at 97 1/2...

Fallen Through... It is understood that the project to provide Victoria with a first class hotel, which looked so hopeful about two years ago, has practically fallen through...

Looking for Laurels... Two crews of the Puget Sound Regatta Club are taking their night, for Portland, Oregon, taking with them one racing shell...

Rate Needed... Mr. C. A. Semlin, M.P., for Yale, who is in town for the exhibition, said that for two months his district has not been visited by a rain storm that deserves the name...

Machinery for the Paper Mill... As was stated yesterday, Mr. Carmichael, secretary of the B. C. Paper Mills Co., has gone to Albert with a party of men to clear and prepare the site of the proposed machinery...

Might Have Been Worse... The collier, Valley Forge, is the only vessel so far reported in distress, owing to the weather of the night...

In Chambers... Mr. Justice Drake, sitting in Chambers yesterday, disposed of a large number of interesting summonses...

AINSWORTH IS PROSPEROUS... New Finds on Nash Creek—A Lunatic in Luck... An unusually large number of rich finds have been made during the past three months in the rich mining country tributary to Ainsworth, B. C.

Does your wife talk in her sleep?... "No," she frequently does in mine." (Puck)

BOARD OF TRADE BUSINESS... Preparations for the British Columbia Day at Tacoma's Exhibition... Competitive Plans for the New Building Attracting the Attention of Architects...

The sixth meeting of the Council of the Board of Trade for the present quarter—a special one—was held, yesterday morning, with an attendance of seven members...

Mr. George M. Stanton, special agent of the Tacoma exposition, was introduced by letter from the Tacoma Chamber of Commerce and the Commercial Club...

The Immigration, Improvement and Investment Co., recently organized in this city for the purpose of handling excursions to the great fair at Chicago...

Deputy Sheriff Armstrong's Evidence at Preliminary Examination... The Vancouver World of Monday says as early as 9 o'clock this morning a large crowd had gathered at the court house...

City architects are taking considerable interest in the competition for the Board building. Seven have already applied for particulars of the contest...

Many a medical man could tell of alarming conditions resulting from improper attempts at hypnotism. It is a fact that the fair is over and the lot is cut in two, sent through the Welland canal and then brought to New York and put in the trans-Atlantic trade...

Several other witnesses have been examined at length, the court adjourned. After the adjournment, counsel addressed the court, after which the prisoner was committed to jail for trial...

LONDON, Oct. 29.—W. G. Moncrieff, a well-known and respected resident of this city, is dead, aged 78. He was father of the member for East Lambton, in the House of Commons.

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