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Miramichi Advance. CHATHAM, N. B., FEBRUARY 8, 1894. Not Yet. A rumor of a general Dominion election, before parliament again meets, is revived, but no credence ought to be given to it for the reason that the electoral lists have not been revised since the year of the last general election, and it would seem suicidal for the government to appeal to the electors without formulating, by legislative declaration, the changes it intends to in the tariff.

Diagnosis in Politics. One of the most dishonorable things that has transpired in Canadian politics for a long time is now being discussed in the legislature of Nova Scotia and the press of the country generally. It is the fact that thirteen of the twenty-one members of the upper house of that legislature were appointed through the giving of written pledges to the premier that they would vote for its abolition, but enough of them have since voted squarely against a government measure for that purpose or for purely vexatious resolutions introduced with the view of burking the question to defeat abolition of the Nova Scotia upper house.

The Tragic Tale. We understand that a movement is afoot in official circles to have the daily mail for Tracadie and intermediate points made up at the Miramichi post office, instead of at Chatham as it has always been. If the change is made it will be a very stupid one and very inconvenient to the public. We have heard no reason whatever assigned for it, and if there is any outside of the capriciousness of the public convenience we should like to hear of it. Chatham, where the mail is now made up and despatched, has more business with Tracadie and other points along the route than any other place. In fact, indeed, the business there is so large that it is not equal that with all other places combined. If Chatham mail matter for the Tracadie route has to be despatched via Newcastle it will take a day longer for it to reach its destination and vice versa, while the contractor will have twenty miles added to his route, going and returning. We are satisfied that if the inconvenience and delay involved in the proposition were properly understood by the department at Ottawa it would never be acted upon, and it will be well if our business people interest themselves in the matter and prevent the blunder from being made.

That N. W. School Trouble. An Ottawa despatch of 5th inst., says: Mr. McGeen, clerk of the privy council, returned from Quebec to-night with the order signed by the governor-general, directing the North-west school ordinance to take its course, but making certain suggestions to the legislature for improvement.

Organized Robbery. Last year \$6,740,958 were paid in premiums to the different fire insurance companies doing business in Canada. The losses amounted to \$4,979,966, or 73.2 per cent of the premiums. In the past seven years the premiums amount to \$40,741,853 and the losses \$29,924,052, or 63.63 per cent of the premiums.

Some of the Prejudices of the Proposed Dominion Involuntary Bill. The Government has not yet decided upon introducing an involuntary bill during the coming session. The draft measure now before the Toronto and Montreal boards of trade for their views is a document of 128 clauses. Power is given to the appointing officer to appoint, however, must hold no political positions in the country, and who must provide bonds for not less than \$2,000 and not more than \$20,000. The court to which the case has been referred, and which will have jurisdiction over such matters, will appoint a liquidator and the receiver shall hand over all the books, accounts, etc., to the former. If the debtor fails to make a clear and specific account of his indebtedness, etc., he may be imprisoned for six months. If it is shown that the debtor is about to abscond he can be arrested. All his letters, etc., can also be stopped at the post office by the liquidators for three months and opened in his presence. If the debtor is found to be guilty of any fraud his discharge is held back for five years. If he is found guilty of presenting a false balance sheet a penalty of two years' imprisonment is provided, and if he fails to give up all his property under his control then he is liable to three years' imprisonment. In quarters there is strong opposition to the government dealing with this question.

How They Met Their Fate. A London despatch of 5th inst. says: F. C. Solonia, the explorer, who has just returned from South Africa, where he has been distinguishing himself in the operations against the Matabels, tells a graphic story of his experiences with the Matabels. Solonia also confirmed the statement made by Corydon, the hunter, of the prominent and brilliant part taken by two Americans, Ingram and Burnham, during Captain Wilson's pursuit of King Lobengula. The natives, says Solonia, were keeping up a hot fire from both sides of the valley, and the whites answered it steadily. Wilson called to Burnham and asked if he thought he could get back to the main column, commanded by Major Forbes, and get help. To this Burnham replied: "I will try, major, but I would like Fred Ingram to accompany me." Solonia agreed to this, and after leaving their comrades the Americans rode out of the valley in order to get clear of the Kafirs in the right hand track, which was the king's wagon track, which they were just approaching when they were met by a large body of Matabels, who opened up a fire on them. But the Americans outflanked them and managed to get clear. No sooner were they clear of this body of the enemy, however, than they came upon a second and much larger force, rapidly advancing through the brush and evidently bent upon joining in

the attack upon the Wilson party. But when they saw the two Americans the natives charged upon them, thinking they were able to surround them, but Burnham and Ingram rode splendidly and fired, with such good effect that they again succeeded, in spite of the fact that their horses were tired, in outflanking the swift-footed savages. When the Americans were finally clear, after their brilliant display of gunship, horsemanship and marksmanship, they and their horses were completely exhausted. When questioned as to the state in which they left the Wilson party, replying to the questions of Commissioner Jones, who asked Ingram if the Wilson party could not possibly have outflanked the Kafirs and retreated down the Shanghai river, the American replied, "I guess not, doctor, four men had been dismounted and the horses of many of the others were completely done for. Some of those with the best horses might certainly have escaped, but they were not the class of men to leave their chums. No, doctor, I guess they fought it right out where they stood."

94 Hours and 54 Years. LONDON, Feb. 3.—A man of 64 years and a boy of 54 years have been the most conspicuous figures in Europe to-day. One must probably soon close one of the most remarkable public careers of this or any other age; the other, born in a palace may some day sit upon a rather shaky throne.

All Europe has smiled indulgently over the extravagant welcome with which Prince Ferdinand and subjects observed the visit of humanity which arrived at Sofia last Tuesday. The royal younger son of this world has had a long and happy life. Before he had a chance to enjoy his first meal he was frightened to death by the firing of 101 cannon under his window, and he had hardly donned his wedding clothes before he was compelled to be "cheerful" in the collar of the order of St. Alexander.

The poor child would have howled in protest, but the royal decree informed him that as chief of three regiments of infantry cavalry and artillery, no such weakness would be tolerated.

Some ordinary infant indulgences might be permitted him as prince and duke, but as a full fledged "knight of first and fourth class military order of valor," he must preserve the stern dignity of his rank.

It has been a hard week for him from the first. The palace yard has been thronged night and day by his singing dancing, affectionate subjects. His royal daddy in spite of the nurse's protests has persisted in dashing him at the window three times a day to the frantic delight of the cheering crowd.

The whole principality has taken a week's holiday, and the rejoicing has been so spontaneous and unrestrained that the nation has found the spectacle a welcome relief from the solemn croakings about war.

Contrasting with this picture, there has been a much more serious interest reported in the decision of Gladstone to resign his high office. It has disturbed the whole political world, and every hour increases the belief in the truth of the report.

London Truth says that the Princess of Wales is to visit the Prince of Wales in declining for the Princess an invitation to visit Belvoir Castle, the residence of the Duke of Rutland, at Grantham, Lincolnshire, said that the Princess would hereafter take no part in social events. The Princess is reported to be suffering from his old complaint, and is unable to take much exercise. He will abandon riding.

In the Nova Scotia House of Assembly last week Provincial Secretary Filding brought down the estimates for 1894. The probable revenue is \$811,064, and the expenditure is the same. The chief sources of revenue are: The mine royalty, \$200,000, and the Dominion subsidy, \$200,000. The principal items of expenditure are: for education, \$222,000; public charities, \$113,500; roads and bridges, \$117,642; and debenture interest, \$124,944.

The Lunatic Asylum, which is printed by the inmates of the Lunatic Asylum, Fairville, has a theologian on its staff. He has issued a challenge to any one of the members of the church to dispute certain scripture questions. The challenge is not without an eye to the main chance, as is apparent from his proposition, "All of which I am prepared to prove to the satisfaction of any audience and public hall managers in St. John that I will give me half the proceeds."—[Sun.]

TOPEKA, Feb. 5.—State Insurance Commissioner, today revoked the license of the Home Life Insurance Company, of New York, to do business in this state. The company's known business last year was \$16,000,000. It is understood that like action was taken in 30 other New York companies in Kansas. It is understood that the action because the company's failure to pay taxes to the state.

Messrs. Redmond, Harrington and Messrs. leaders of the Parliament section of the Irish parliament party, have issued a manifesto declaring that liberal government rule in Ireland is a confessed failure. It does not, the manifesto adds, differ from the Tory government. It has been marked by secret inquiries, evasions and jury packing. Home rule, it says, has been a failure, and it is therefore necessary to restore Ireland to her old position of "blackening the way."

A grand jury in the state of New York has indicted the leaders of the several Christian Science societies, and the case is likely to be one of considerable interest and importance. The occasion of the indictment was the death of a woman while under the care of Christian scientists. She had been without the services of a regular physician. The coroner's jury denounced the individuals whom she had engaged to treat her, and later the grand jury made out several indictments.

A correspondent of the Scientific American says: Before being allowed to get dirty or greasy, when a dish is "washed" by the dishwasher, the pieces in their place with any kind of stinging suit, then put in an iron or tin dish that can be put on the fire, pour in as much milk as will cover the fractures well, put on the fire and boil for say ten minutes. If the suit is not a good one, it is complete. Don't wash the wringing until the dish is completely cold, and if you fold back as you do, you will cut it a success.

Great excitement prevailed at the annual meeting of the New York Yacht Club last Thursday night over the application of Mrs. Lucy C. Carnegie for membership. After a long discussion her application was laid on the table, as it was decided that under the constitution a woman could not become a regular member. Only five members voted in her favor. As Mrs. Carnegie desired only to be able to fly the colors of the club, a committee was appointed to consider the propriety of allowing women to become associate members. Lord Dunraven was made an honorary member.

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