



# OTTAWA LETTERS.

## British Empire Leaguers Discuss Weighty Matters.

### Parkin and Kipling Twin Leaders in Popularizing Imperial Consolidation.

#### The Yukon Miners and Investors at the Mercy of Sifton's Black Horse Brigade.

OTTAWA, April 6.—Yesterday was the twelfth day of the session and the debate on the address. It had about run its course on the ordinary topics when Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper brought in the Yukon charges, which gave the discussion new life and vigor. It was a pretty long array of shortcomings, negligence, corruption, black mail, and other faults and crimes which Sir Charles Hibbert charged against the officers of the minister of the interior in the gold fields. Some of these charges were substantiated by very clear statements, some by almost absolute proof. Some were supported only by statements of persons whose names were given, others by rumor and report said to be current in the Yukon and among people who have come out from there. Sir Charles Hibbert was careful to state the source of such authority as he had, giving no charge any greater authority than the evidence seemed to warrant, admitting frequently that the charges were by no means proved, but claiming that a sufficient number of them were established to show the evidence in others was of so strong and grave a character as to call for a complete judicial investigation.

This speech was delivered last week, and Mr. Sifton had until Tuesday of this week to prepare his defence. The substance of his reply has already been printed. It must be admitted that the minister prepared a skillful plea and made the most of his case. Naturally in a series of charges such as those made, involving more than a score, perhaps a score and a half of offenses, some of them only put forward as report, the accused head of the department would be able to show that some allegations were not well founded. Looking over Mr. Sifton's speech, it will be found that he did not deal at all with a very large number of the instances mentioned, and no doubt he did as another minister in his place would have done, in selecting for answer those charges which would be most easily met. In the main he did not deny that there had been bad government and even corrupt government in the Yukon. Everybody knows that to be the case, and the minister who would deny it would not be believed even for a moment. But what Mr. Sifton pleaded was that in making the rules for the Yukon government, the government did the best it could with the knowledge then in its possession. He claimed, also, that in selecting officials to carry them out they had chosen men of previously good repute, though he admitted that they were not the kind of men who would have been chosen if the government had known how little cause there would be for the exercise of force. This staff was an emergency staff, selected because it was thought that there would be a large disorderly element in the place. It would seem that Mr. Sifton thought that the Yukon wanted fighting men, and not administrators. Major Walsh had good reason for his service against Sitting Bull, and it was thought he would do good service against the wild miners who were supposed to have their clothes full of revolvers and their boots stocked with knives. So the less effort was made to get men who would understand administration and would carry on the business on business principles.

Mr. Sifton's other claim in defence was that the Yukon was far away, and that having selected good men it was not possible for the government to keep a perpetual oversight of them. It will be seen that the government, while denying many of the charges, and while pleading for its own officers, is disposed to shift responsibility as far as possible for those which are admitted to be bad. For the rest Mr. Sifton says that he had now sent up good men to take the place of the old ones though he denied that the old ones were dismissed. From his account it would seem that simultaneously with the cry of the distressed and oppressed Yukon miner came the willing resignation of the chief officers in that neighborhood, who were conscious of their own virtue but anxious to get back to that higher civilization where their great qualities would be better recognized. And Mr. Sifton has ordered the new commissioner, Mr. Ogilvie, to enquire into all the wrongs done that happened before last August. As for what happened since August, and by all accounts there is a good deal of it, Mr. Sifton is not doing anything. Meanwhile the late commissioner is in this province writing letters to the papers to say that he did not get drunk and do other immoral things, and Mr. Wade has been negotiating the mining claims that he was able to acquire while he was administering mining laws in the Yukon. It is said that Mr. Wade has become a rich man, but that may not be true. Mr. Sifton says that he told them he saw no reason why he should not get claims, and of course Mr. Wade and his officials didn't see any either. They saw thousands of reasons why they should get claims, and some of these reasons appear to have been impressed upon the miners who had

disputed claims to vindicate or to record. As was said, Mr. Sifton made a skillful defence, and in fairness it should be added that he cleared up a number of points. The number who followed him made a reply which was equally skillful, and I venture to think more convincing. Mr. Borden of Halifax has already made a reputation as a strong debater in the line of serious argument, and his analysis of Mr. Sifton's speech was almost a masterpiece of clear and dignified argument. Mr. Borden does not descend to appeals to the gallery, but preserves the calm and deliberate style of address to which he is accustomed in the courts.

He began by pointing out an evasion or two in Mr. Sifton's speech on the subject of liquor permits. Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper charged that a lawyer in Winnipeg had telegraphed to Mr. Sifton for a liquor permit for a friend, and had received \$500 for this small service. Mr. Sifton denied that any such permit had ever been given in response to a telegram from a Victoria lawyer. This on the face of it seemed conclusive, but when the case was worked down to a final issue it appeared that after the Northwest government had assumed the right of issuing permits in the Yukon, Mr. Sifton still claimed that privilege, and it became necessary for those obtaining permits from Regina, to secure Mr. Sifton's subsequent approval. Now, a Victoria lawyer did telegraph to Mr. Sifton for his approval of such a license, and it is not denied that the \$500 was paid him for that service. Mr. Sifton admits the correspondence, and that he did give his consent. He says he does not know whether the man got \$500 or not. Yet he must have spent nearly half an hour on Tuesday thundering at Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper for making the false charge that he issued a license in response to a telegram.

Of the allegations brought forward by Sir Charles Hibbert referred to the lease of the water front at Dawson. It is charged that the property was leased at \$30,000 a year, and that the tenant is making \$100,000 a year out of it. Mr. Sifton on Tuesday promised Mr. Borden a copy of the lease. But the paper produced turned out to be only the offer and the correspondence. There was no formal lease given, which struck Mr. Borden as a rather remarkable thing in view of the importance of the transaction. It is said that one of Mr. Sifton's officers made much money out of the transaction. Mr. Borden laid strong emphasis on the consent of Mr. Sifton that Mr. Wade and the other officials should take a mine and deal in mining claims. The minister's defence that this was done under the late government, was not supported by the rules. That is not a matter of much importance, since the late government had very little to do with the Yukon as a mining company. Its administration as a mining district began with this government, and, as Mr. Borden says, the laws of all other mining districts forbid officials who have to do with miners' rights from staking claims. It is forbidden in British Columbia, in Ontario, and in Nova Scotia. When Mr. Sifton gave Mr. Wade and the rest of them a chance to earn a salary and escape all risks, and at the same time to enjoy all the privileges of a mining speculator, with the immense additional advantage given them by their official knowledge and their official power, he laid the foundation for the greater part of the trouble which has since occurred. The worst charges are that men in the office were either rewarded in cash or in shares for the use of their influence or their knowledge. It is charged, for instance, that in a disputed claim one of the parties gave to an officer in the Mines Office one-third of the property as a reward for his assistance. In other cases cash bribes are said to have been given for information as to vacant claims. Information that ought to have been available to any prospector, but which could not be obtained without great loss of time and risk of being forestalled unless special inducements were given to the officers.



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These are among the charges made early last summer by a committee of 13 miners selected by a miners' meeting of 10,000 people. They were made by Miss Shaw in the London Times, and, as Mr. Borden says, were sent ringing over two continents. Yet from July of last year to January of this year nothing has been done in the way of investigation. Mr. Dawson was only 29 or 30 days distant from Ottawa, and Mr. Mulock claims that postal communication was never once disturbed. Even yet no judge has been appointed to hold a proper investigation. No detectives have been engaged to unearth the cases of bribery and blackmail, the sale of influence, and the sale of justice. The investigation is placed in charge of Mr. Sifton's relative, who is also Mr. Sifton's subordinate officer, and who was sent to try charges against Mr. Sifton's department, and especially against Mr. Sifton's personal and political friend and favorite, his own special messenger and confidant, Mr. F. C. Wade, late crown officer in the Yukon. "I do not think," said Mr. Borden, "that Mr. Wade is trembling in his shoes." He was a few days ago in Manitoba writing editorials in praise of Sifton, whilst Sifton's relative and servant was investigating Wade's case in the Yukon. Even the Toronto organ of the government says that Ogilvie's conduct, while it may be useful, may not be sufficient, but that another kind of investigation may be necessary.

Mr. Sifton puts in the claim that there never was a Yukon before, and that no such rush into a mining country was ever known, but Mr. Borden is able to show that there was just such a rush into British Columbia a generation ago, when the Cariboo country was more remote from travel than the Yukon is now. But there were no such scandals in British Columbia as have arisen in the Yukon.

Mr. Borden made a very effective contrast between the surprising vigor shown by Mr. Sifton in investigating the Manitoba election charges with his extreme deliberation in proceeding with the Yukon investigation. It will be remembered that the criminal charges made against 80 or 40 conservatives in Manitoba in regard to the election of 1896 cost the federal treasury some \$15,000 or \$20,000, most of which went into the hands of Mr. Sifton's lawyer friends in Winnipeg. Mr. Borden showed that these proceedings, which belong properly to the Manitoba government, were begun within three days after the alleged charges. Denison was not able to show that there was just such a rush into British Columbia a generation ago, when the Cariboo country was more remote from travel than the Yukon is now. But there were no such scandals in British Columbia as have arisen in the Yukon.

Mr. Borden produced yesterday a new set of statements which the man who made them is ready to prove before a court, if called upon to do so. This man says that Mr. Wade was the Yukon for Mr. Sifton, that other officials were in the Yukon for themselves, that the gold commissioner, Mr. Fawcett, was probably honest in making his awards, but that he was a man of too little ability and too weak a will to stand up against these other officers. The man who wanted to put a claim through had only to secure the assistance of the others, and they were able to work Mr. Fawcett. This informant tells the history of the so-called Discovery Claims on Dominion creek, where the titles became so confused that notice was given that no more permits would be given for three weeks till a new survey was made. It turned out afterwards that permits were peddled and sold secretly from the office. During this interim, the officials bagging \$100 for each one. It is stated as another instance that a man who wanted seven abstracts, for which he ought to pay \$17.70, could not afford to wait, and got them out of his turn by paying \$40 to an official, who pocketed the extra \$22.50. It is a common thing, so this man says, for an official to say "give me \$10 or \$20 and I will tell you where you can get a claim." More money is said to be taken at the side

door than at the front door, the side door being the place for bribes and the front door for legitimate fees. Mr. Allan and Mr. Scoble, editors of the Klondike Nugget, are here, and have made a statement to Mr. Borden which he took down as he would a statement for use in court. They tell of two doors beside the front door of the 21d office. One is marked "private" and costs \$10 to \$15, the other is marked "no admittance" and costs \$25 or over. Men who are tired waiting in line can go to the private door and get in by paying the price, but they have still greater priority by going to the "no admittance" door, where they get attended to at once. There are many other stories, and they would fill a large place, but these are fair samples. The men who make the charges are not always willing to have their names used as voluntary statements, but it is said that they would testify if they were summoned. Mr. Sifton is not showing any great anxiety to have them make their statements before a court. S. D. S.

OTTAWA, April 7.—To some members of parliament the British Empire League meeting is of very much more importance than the daily wrangle down stairs. Col. Denison is one of the Canadians who make the consolidation of the empire the most important function of their lives. He appeared at Ottawa two days before the annual meeting, followed there by Dr. Parkin, C. M. P., and they two succeeded in infusing a fair measure of their own enthusiasm into the practical politicians assembled on this hill. So it came about that when Col. Denison began to deliver his annual address he had before him some of the leading members. Sir Charles Tupper was there, as he always is ready to join with his opponents in pushing forward the cause for which he has done so much. Sir Sandford Fleming and other old federalists were present, and three ministers of the crown put in an appearance as soon as they could get there. Gen. Hutton, the commander of the forces, came to receive such instructions as the league had to give him about the military unity of the nation.

Col. Denison's annual address is more interesting, more impressive, more suggestive, and, on the whole, more important than the speech from the throne. There is something in it. Col. Denison dwelt particularly on the defence of the empire. During the last quarter of a century great changes have taken place in national relations and methods of defence. A nation's moral rights, according to Col. Denison are not much good now, unless backed up by men and guns. The recent history of China shows what may happen a nation however industrious and peaceful if it does not provide means to protect itself. The strong nations of the world are engaged in tearing China into pieces. Canadians are following the example of the Chinese in trusting to the forbearance of their neighbours, instead of relying upon their own strength and in the strength of the empire. Our \$3,000 militia, drilled spasmodically, without the necessary equipment, without reserves, is no adequate contribution to the strength of the empire. So says the president of the league.

Turning to another familiar subject the chairman insisted that the food of the British empire should be grown on British soil, and that the route by which it is conveyed should be protected. He pointed out that at the time of the American civil war an almost absolute embargo was placed on the sale of cotton, and England, though master of the seas, could not obtain one-hundredth part of what she had been accustomed to get. Cotton famine cost England \$75,000,000. Yet it affected only a small section of the people, while an embargo on the food supply would put the whole nation on short allowance. It is bad imperial policy for the country to depend upon the United States and Russia for the main part of its food supply, while a small preferential duty would cause it to be produced wholly from countries under the British flag.

After finishing the formal part of his discourse Col. Denison gave some amusing details of the unfitness of the militia equipment for actual service. He told of his own experience at the time of the Fenian invasion. He had information beforehand of this invasion and told the government about it, asking for a better cavalry equipment. He was informed that the question of Spencer carbines would be considered and that the government hoped they would not be needed. Within a week after that he and his corps were hurrying to the border without proper arms, with no haversacks, no blankets, no camp kettles, no water bottles. In fact they went

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as they sat on their horses, and at the yard they tossed their bacon before the fire and ate it out of their hands. It was almost the same in the Port Garry campaign. They had nothing but condemned blankets, and he asked them that such men might have three, in order that one might cover the hole in the other. Their water bottles would not hold water, and they threw them away at the Lake of the Woods, so that they would never be issued again. Having these lively recollections, Col. Denison strongly endorses Gen. Hutton's recommendations for a more adequate army equipment.

Hon. Mr. Dobell, seconding the adoption of the report, discussed the history of the federation movement, and went on to offer objections in a good natured way to Col. Denison's food supply argument. He was sure that England would rule the seas and be able somehow to capture all the food that the British people wanted, either in peace or war. Mr. Dobell used to be a protectionist, and apparently is yet, for he says that policy has done good work and has built up Canadian industries. But he thinks it must by and by disappear as between different sections of the empire. The forecastle minister expressed his regret that the league's meeting of the Rifle Association could not be carried into the chamber downstairs, where he had been pouring gallons of oil on troubled waters for some years without stilling the waves.

Sir Charles Tupper, in moving a resolution asking for prompt measures for the establishment of a fast line service, laughingly informed Mr. Dobell how peace might be obtained in the commons chamber. If, said he, you will take up these great Imperial questions and other matters necessary to our national progress and prosperity, you will find the house a unit in your support. All that is necessary is to stop your redistribution hills and other measures of that kind and join in these matters of large statesmanship. Then you will not disturb the delightful harmony which you seem to desire. Sir Charles says that he never thought a suitable fast line service could be established for less than a million dollars a year, including the Imperial contribution. He had been willing to assist the present government in their efforts to get it for less, but was never very hopeful that they would succeed. They say now, as he did at first, that their scheme was impossible, but he still believed that the amount provided by the late government would be adequate to establish a thorough service as superior to any now carried on between Liverpool and New York, as the C. P. R.'s Pacific service is superior to any other on the Pacific coast. He could not congratulate Mr. Dobell on his success so far, but he would hope for better things in the future.

Mr. Bertram, of Toronto, a National Policy liberal, himself a ship builder, has ideas on this fast line service. In seconding the motion he insisted that the whole scheme should be reconsidered in the light of recent industrial development. Mr. Bertram says the English cannot compete with this continent in furnishing materials for ships. He had been himself astonished to find how much higher the English prices were than the American prices. He thinks that the fast line ships ought to be built on this continent, and in this dominion. The time has come, in his opinion, when a large shipbuilding industry should be established in eastern Canada, either in Montreal or Quebec, or St. John or Halifax. In a short time the work will be done cheaper here than in England, and his great national service would be an excellent commencement. Mr. Bertram seemed to favour Nova Scotia as the scene of these operations. This ambitious programme was well received by the audience, though it was not discussed further by other speakers.

Dr. Russell, M. P., for Halifax, moved the naval reserve resolution, and in doing so, paid a high tribute to Dr. Parkin, who was to follow him. He declared that outside of the practical statements Dr. Parkin had done more to popularize the Imperial consolidation than any other man in the empire. He could only be compared in this respect with Rudyard Kipling. There was a time when it was thought to be dangerous for a Liberal politician to attend an Imperial Federation meeting. He did not share the fears of his friends, who thought this was a device of Sir Charles Tupper, with some sinister end in view, and that Dr. Parkin was a secret ally working out an occult party purpose. Dr. Russell was never disposed to allow the Tories a monopoly of Imperial sentiment. He shared the views of John Wesley that the devil should not be allowed to have all the best tunes.

Fris. Parkin modestly disclaimed his title of pre-eminence. It had been his duty, he said, to reveal as well as he could in plain words to plain people the relations of each part of the empire to the rest. He had been brought into contact with some of the great thinkers, and had communicated to the multitude, as well as he could, such ideas as he had absorbed. Dr. Parkin thinks that these are great days. The United States is changing its relations to the world, and this changes all other relations of other nations. It is now known how near Great Britain and the United States were to a war three years ago. The people of the United States having since discovered how unready they were for action, now admit that they would have got well liked. But Canada would undoubtedly have suffered, and Mr. Parkin thinks that we ought to have a more effective force ready for such emergencies as these. We are no longer as we were a half a century ago, when every farmer had a gun in his house and knew how to use it. The training in shooting that our pioneers had, that the Americans had at the time of the revolution, that



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The only other address which had much significance was that of Sir Louis Davies, the substance of which has already been telegraphed. Sir Louis is grappling with the question of naval defence, and whether he establishes a trading training ship, as he at first intended, or provides training stations on land, or establishes a system by which the coast fishermen may serve two, or three seasons with the flag and afterwards become members of the reserve, it is probable that something will be brought forward during the session. The small vote passed last year was not expended, and it may be taken for granted that the vote of this year will be larger.

As Mr. Dobell anticipated, the harmony established in the forenoon upstairs did not last through the day. The debate on the address was resumed and the same disagreement on political matters was discerned as had been noticed the day before. Col. Prior of Victoria followed Mr. Fraser. Col. Prior is not quite sure whether the exodus has entirely stopped, and is a little afraid that the ministers put incorrect language on this subject in the mouth of the governor general. He observed among the exports recorded were \$50,000 worth of settlers' effects, and the Bangor papers were telling of the arrival of 150 immigrants from across the line in one day.

But Col. Prior devoted his attention mainly to the Yukon scandal, of which he has personal knowledge, since it is a part of his business to deal in miners' supplies and outfits. He has seen and talked with hundreds of miners and others who have been in the Yukon, and they all agree that the government there has been bad. One particular statement he made, which he said would be substantiated on oath if the government required it. A man went into Dawson in August, 1898, and was informed that the best way to secure a claim was to go to the office of Wade, Clarke and Williams. Mr. Wade was the crown officer and legal adviser of the government in the Yukon. He went and had an interview with Mr. Killam, stenographer of the firm. He gave Killam power of attorney, who prepared it after consultation with the firm. Killam instructed him to go to a claim which he designated and which had been located, but would be forfeited. The applicant was told to put up false stakes and false names on this claim, and leave them there till midnight, August 21st, to set his watch by the time in the gold commissioner's office, and to be at the stakes at the winking hour of midnight. At the right moment he was to change the stakes, putting in others with his own name on them, and the claim would be his. That is, the half of it would be his. The other half he assigned to Killam as the price of the assistance of himself and the firm.

Mr. Prior stated also that affidavits could be furnished to show that A. D. Sifton, one of the government officers, who held a claim, was never on the spot on the day in which the law required that he should have personally staked it. In a general way, Col. Prior says that the miners all agree that it has been almost impossible to get anything in the Yukon without a bribe, and Ogilvie himself has said that miners had come to him and offered to accept a government position without a salary, declaring they could make enough money out of the charges it would give them.

As to the postal service, Col. Prior tells that the office at Glenora was two feet deep in letters on March 4th, that when the postal department could not carry the mail in a private person picked it up and carried it forward, gathering as he went one ton of mail which was cached along the road, and carrying it all himself. A friend of his in Dawson expected a number of letters from home. He knew they ought to be there, but could not get them. Someone said "Why don't you pay your dollar and get them?" He paid his dollar, not in the post office, but to someone in a restaurant, and received one letter. He found that by paying another he could get another letter, and finally he got the whole five by paying a dollar apiece, though they had all been there when he first enquired.

Charles Beam of Seattle says that he carried in United States goods on which the duty would be \$30. He gave an officer at the border \$5 and a bottle of whiskey and was let off with \$25 duty. Col. Prior discussed this matter, and closed with a reference to the fact that members of parliament from British Columbia had liquor permits in their possession which were hawked about for sale in the towns on the coast.

Leighton McCarthy, the new member who succeeded his famous uncle, is a young man in more senses than one. He made his maiden speech yesterday, and it was mainly devoted to lecturing the older members on the way they ought to discuss public

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THE YUKON SCANDALS.

The Yukon scandals were in the mouth of everybody before Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper brought them up in parliament. More is heard of these injustices on the Pacific Coast than in Eastern Canada, but each province has many men seeking their fortunes in the Yukon.

SUPPLY HARDWARE.

In former days we sometimes heard a good deal about alleged favored individuals who supplied hardware for the Intercolonial railway. It will be seen by the auditor general's report that the Intercolonial still requires supplies of this kind.

THE FILIPINO LEADER.

We are informed that "some high Americans believe that the government would wisely expend money in buying off Aguinaldo and his clique of influential Filipinos."

THE TRIUMPH OF PROTECTION.

The minister of customs says that the justification of the present tariff is found in the growth of trade and the activity of the industries of the country.

face of the whole world that the aspirations of my whole life and the final object of all my desires and efforts is no other thing than your independence, because I have the innate conviction that that constitutes your comfortable desire, as independence means for us the redemption from slavery and tyranny, the reconquest of our lost liberties and our entry into the concert of the civilized nations."

At that time the Filipino leader was seeking the overthrow of Spanish power and the achievement of national independence. Independence is still his aim, and it is his motive a year ago were pure and honorable, the fact that he is now opposing the United States does not make him less worthy of respect.

CANADIAN FAILURES.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s review reports 283 failures in Canada during the first quarter of the present year, with liabilities \$4,241,411, compared with 423 failures and \$2,941,067 liabilities in the same period last year.

A LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE.

A Christian Civic League has been organized in Maine to carry on a crusade for the better enforcement of the laws of the state. The Rev. W. F. Berry has resigned the position of pastor of the Methodist church in Portland to become general agent for the league.

THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER MAKES HIS ANNUAL STATEMENT.

LONDON, April 12.—The chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks Beach, presented the budget in the house of commons today. The house was crowded when he rose to make his speech. He said the trying periods of last year's Spanish-American war and the differences on the Niger and Nile had no prejudicial effect on the country's revenue.

THE BRITISH BUDGET.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer makes his Annual Statement. LONDON, April 12.—The chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks Beach, presented the budget in the house of commons today.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., April 9.—Maynard Wray, son of James P. Wray, died at his father's home on Porter street, at seven o'clock last evening.

FOR COUNTERVAILING DUTIES.

The appeal of West India planters that the British government adopt countervailing duties to offset the sugar bounties of continental countries, is not without influential support in Great Britain.

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In the death of William Harrison, pastor of the late Thomas Harrison, and brother of Charles W. Harrison, of Fredericton, as noted in yesterday's Daily Sun, it may justly be said: "A great man had fallen in Israel."

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There is great excitement at present at Canaan, Queens Co., and all that district with regard to the arrest of persons for killing moose, etc. out of season. It is known that two or three persons who are innocent of any wrong doing are being put to trouble by the guilty ones so as to save detection. It is asserted that several who were appointed to protect moose and other game during the close season have been the first ones to break the law, and it is only just that the chief game commissioner should see that he has appointed as game wardens men who will do their duty in a proper manner, and not be the first to break the law.

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Large numbers of people pass through here almost nightly for the United States. The records of the passenger department of the C. P. R. show that the number of mariners province people going to the United States this spring is the largest in many years.

Mrs. Timothy Lockhart died here this morning, after an illness of a few days of inflammation of the bowels.

The death is reported of Mrs. Nellie Simpson of Cadman's Corner, parish of Botsford, in the 6th year of her age. She was ill only three days of her illness.

ST. JOHN'S, April 10.—On Saturday the remains of N. L. youngest daughter of John Cartier of Lunenburg, were brought from Fredericton, and interred in the Presbyterian graveyard at Lunenburg.

The trustees of Greenwood church have decided to erect a new building.

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was badly cut and bruised about the head and face. Dr. M. C. McDonald was at once summoned to render medical aid.

George W. Simpson of the city market exchanged a driving mare with Alex. McKinley on Saturday for a draught horse.

Capt. E. M. Young is getting his schooner Sea King in readiness for the opening of the "run."

The snow on the roads has about all disappeared, and wheels have taken the place of runners.

Bruce McLaughlin is prostrated with whooping cough.

JOSEPH W. Northumberland Co. April 10.—A most enjoyable concert, consisting of tableaux, music and readings, was given at the hall on Wednesday evening.

The gold fever has struck the town. A syndicate of prominent men has taken a large number of acres and expect to begin a search for gold very shortly.

MILLVILLE, Kings Co., April 11.—Patrick Mahoney, 73 years of age, died on April 10th, after a long illness.

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Geo. Soper and his crew were returned from St. Martins on Thursday, 6th inst. after three months absence.

S. A. Phillips sold his farm to Tully, Dunce and wife on Saturday afternoon on Wednesday. The purchase price was \$10,000.

Thomas Miller and son have taken the drive in the Miller's mill, and other machinery, to the mill on the water will perform several parties left for their "hook" where operations will soon commence.

The school in Gibbon district is closed in consequence of the illness of Miss Mabel Gibbs and Miss J. H. Gibbs.

James McLaughlin and family intend leaving for the United States this week. Miss Margaret Murphy, who has been very ill, is improving. Robert McLaughlin is still very ill.

R. D. Adams is improving his farm with a new building. Daniel Penton has placed his farm to John McMillan and intends leaving for New Hampshire.

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By May M'Arthur Tuttle.

The church which now stands in place of the old Crusade church of Hillsboro, O., is a large, handsome, expensive, modern structure of gray stone. Its exterior and interior walls are relieved by much stained glass, representing Biblical subjects, which are memorial gifts made by members of various families whose ancestors stood for the best in the church records. A splendid organ (also a memorial gift) fills the space with its mellow tones; while other attractive features add dignity and worth to the new church over which Rev. Wm. J. McSweeney presides, as he did in the Crusade days.

The room in this church, which naturally will interest the W. C. T. U., is called "The Crusade Memorial Room." It is an oblong structure, connected with the main auditorium by three stained glass windows. It has a fire-place, above which is placed a large bas-relief in red terra cotta of the old church. The mantelpiece is very beautiful in design, the material being quartered oak. Near by stands the cabinet of which I send you a description. Ladies of this church hope to have memorial chairs placed in this room bearing the name of the Crusaders, to be given either by children, grandchildren or friends of the original sevens. They are to have silver, silver markings, the names, the first donation received for a chair is from Miss Anna A. Gordon. This will bear the honored name of the greatest of white-ribboners, Francis E. Willard.

The cabinet is made in part from Scotch white cedar taken from the old ancestral home of Mrs. Thompson—trees of many years' growth, which fell in a storm in 1895. The upper portion of this cabinet is made of quartered and plain oak. The carving of the two lines of the Crusade hymn was done by Wm. H. Fry of Cincinnati. The piece of silver on the left on which is engraved, "The Book of the Covenant," is a little plate marking an early gift to Mrs. Thompson from her husband, in 1840, and the cherry case or lining of the cabinet where the Crusade Bible rests, was an heirloom in the old home. The rare panels of wood on either side of the oak drawer are of teak, wood from Africa, sycamore wood from the United States, shagbark wood from Palestine (the same kind of which the ark was made), satin wood from San Domingo, mahogany from Cuba, and rose wood from Brazil. The English brown oak deep with silver mountings, which unites the lower doors of the cabinet where the archives are to be kept was given in honor of Lady Somerset. The profile portrait of Francis E. Willard on quartered oak which surmounts all else was placed there at the especial wish of Mrs. Thompson.

This piece of furniture is a gift in honor of Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. McDowell and all the brave women of Hillsboro who stood so fearlessly for the cause of temperance on the morning of December 28, 1837. The construction of this cabinet has been formally accepted by the board of deacons of the First Presbyterian church of Hillsboro, on behalf of said church with the following agreement: "That if the Memorial Crusade Room of said church ever ceases to be known as such, the cabinet will be sent to the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, to be placed in their headquarters, wherever that may be. Also that no literature or anything whatsoever be placed at any time in this cabinet without the consent of the board of deacons, which office shall be appointed by Mrs. Thompson, and each curator may have the privilege of appointing her successor to office. The Crusade Bible shall always remain the property of the church."

For some time past we have heard and read a great deal about the "forward movement," which is being so enthusiastically pushed by a host of Christian Endeavorers. This forward movement includes "The Quiet Hour," "The Tenth Legion," and "The Bible Readers' Band." I wish to speak of the second, "The Tenth Legion," in connection with Sunday school work.

What is the Tenth Legion? It is an enrollment of all Christians who make it a practice, in return for God's goodness to them, to give His work one-tenth of their income.

How many of our Sunday school scholars are being taught, in their youth, the lesson of systematic giving? If the girls and boys are taught now the blessedness of giving, if they are now trained to give, and to earn what they give, they will soon learn to regard it, not merely as a duty, but as a privilege; they will enter into the blessedness of being co-workers. If our Sunday school teachers and superintendents will so bring this matter before their scholars as to impress each young heart, the coming generation will not find a deficit in church funds, Sunday school association finances, and missionary offerings.

A few questions and answers in regard to proportionate and systematic giving: Why should I give a definite proportion of my income to Christian work? Because you owe it. You owe God one-tenth of your income as much as you owe Him one-seventh of your time. But some one says: "We are not un-

der the law." No, not under the law, but under grace. Our obligations are really increased thereby. If God considered the tenth a proper proportion to ask of His children under the old dispensation, surely His redeemed children, saved by grace, should consider it a joyful privilege to put aside at least one-tenth of their income. The tenth is a good basis upon which to start; afterward you can increase as the old Law prospers you.

Can I afford it? This is the chief obstacle with nearly all Christians. Yes, you can afford it. Try it, and you will keep it up, because you will find that you cannot afford not to do it.

Is it not wrong to appeal to my love of gain in this matter? Do you not pray for God's blessing on your temporal affairs? Do you keep your business, or daily labor, or your profession, separate from your religion? Don't you work for gain? Gain, that you may care for those you love, and those who are dependent upon you? Gain, that you may have to give and do for others; that you may be more liberally aided and supported those who give themselves to benevolent and Christian work; that you may give more for the spread of Christ's kingdom in the world? Is it wrong to pray for temporal prosperity with these objects in view?

But are there not higher motives? Certainly plenty of them. Your minister, doubtless, preaches to them at almost every service. How much to I owe? God says one-tenth. Surely He should know.

Is that all I owe? Do I not owe everything to Him. Certainly; inasmuch as everything really belongs to Him. What you now call yours will belong to another when you leave it, but while in your possession you are accountable for its use. God does not ask you to give or pay it all back at once, but He does ask for some constant recognition of His ownership. Whether you accept the fact or not, you are His steward for the entire amount, and you, and not another, must render an account for all He lends you.

Whatever a man saveth that shall he also reap. Tithing the income is a system, and the reward of system in business or professional life is prosperity.

Tithing our income is a tangible recognition of God's real ownership of our substance, and His blessing naturally follows such recognition.

What was the result under the Jewish law? We find that there was an abundance that it was at one time necessary to issue a proclamation throughout the camp, saying: "Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary." If the boys and girls of this generation are taught right the lesson of systematic giving it may be that the future secretaries of mission boards, Sunday school associations, and all departments of church work, will have the pleasure of saying: "The people bring too much for the service of the work."

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ROMANTIC HONEYMOON.

The great-granddaughter of Lord Byron was married not long ago, and forthwith entered upon a honeymoon quite romantic enough to have suited even her famous ancestor himself. Miss Blunt—that was her name—married Neville Lytton, at Cairo, and the couple then drove ten miles across the desert to her father's place near Heliopolis. They were met by a picturesque train of Arab horsemen and Bedouin camel riders, under the leadership of the oldest sheik of the tribes. The villages were decorated, a whole flock of sheep roasted, and there was an oriental cast to the occasion, which is not customary in English weddings.

A traveller from Mexico declares that the people of that country are anxious to be annexed to the United States. As three-fourths of them are Indians, who hardly know that there is a United States, the news is decidedly curious and interesting.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

THE INTERNATIONAL LESSON.

LESSON IV—April 23.

GOLDEN TEXT. Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life—John 14: 6.

THE SECTION. Includes the lesson, with the circumstances in which it was spoken.

PLACE IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST. Passion Week—Christ's farewell words at the Lord's Supper, the evening before the crucifixion.

HISTORICAL SETTING. Time—Thursday evening, April 6, A. D. 30, the evening before the crucifixion, the same evening as our last lesson. Place—At the supper table in the upper room at Jerusalem, in connection with the Lord's Supper.

JESUS THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.—John 14: 1-14. Study also Acts 4: 8-12. Commit verses 2-6.

1. Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in Me. 2. My Father's house is many mansions; if I were not so, I would have told you. (a) I go to prepare a place for you. 3. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I (b) will come again and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. 4. And whither I go (c) ye know, and the way ye know. 5. Thomas saith unto Him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; (d) and how can we know the way? 6. Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by Me. 7. If ye had known Me, (f) ye should have known My Father also; (g) and from henceforth ye know Him, and have seen Him. 8. Philip saith unto Him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 9. Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet (h) hast thou not known Me, Philip? He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father; (i) and how canst thou say, Shew us the Father? 10. Believest thou that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me; or else believeth Me for the very sake. 12. Verily, verily I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto (p) My Father. 13. And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14. If ye shall ask (q) any thing in My name, (r) I will do it.

REVISION CHANGES. Ver. 2. (a) For I go. Ver. 3. (b) Omit will. Ver. 4. (c) Ye know the way. Ver. 5. (d) How know we the way? Ver. 6. (e) One. Ver. 7. (f) Would. (g) Omit and. Ver. 8. (h) Dost thou not know. (i) Omit and. (j) Omit then. Ver. 9. (k) Say. (l) From. (m) Abiding. (n) Omit he. (o) His. Ver. 10. (p) Me anything. (q) That will I do.

LIGHT ON THE SUBJECT. Introduction.—Just after the close of our last lesson Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, and then held a long confidential talk with His disciples at the table. Ely's lesson is a portion of this discourse.

1. Troubled—By His death soon to follow, and by the power of their enemies, and by their own weakness. 2. In My Father's house, i. e., heaven, God's home. Perhaps it includes the universe. Many mansions—Dwelling places, enough for all; a variety of them. I go to prepare a place for you—He will be still working for them, though they do not see Him. 3. I will come again—(1) His return to the earthly living by His resurrection; (2) the beginning of His kingdom on the day of Pentecost, when He came through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit; the words refer to His constant spiritual presence in their midst; (4) He will come at death and take us home; (5) He will come again in clouds of glory at the consummation of all things. 4. Ye know—By remembering what He had taught them. 5. I am the way—To the Father, and to His heavenly home. He is the way: (1) His life and character revealed to them the Father's life and character; (2) His words taught them about the Father; (3) His atonement prepared the way, so that all can go; (4) His character drew men to Himself, to love and obey Him, and thus drew them to the Father; (5) by giving spiritual life. 6. He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father—Because He was the express image of the Father. Whatever He was, or did, or said, was that of the Father. 7. Greater works than these shall he do—More healing of sickness, more to the blind, more help to men have come through Christianity than Christ gave on earth; more disciples are made than He made; His gospel has made greater triumphs—wonderful conversions, nations brought to Christ. Because I go unto My Father—For (1) thus He became a great spiritual king; (2) He sent the Holy Spirit; (3) by His death He made the atonement by which men are brought into His kingdom. GUIDING QUESTIONS. (For home study and for oral and written answers. Do some work daily.) Subject: Jesus in the Way. Introductory.—On what occasion was this lesson spoken? Why was it especially solemn and impressive? 1. Jesus is the Way to Comfort (v.

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FOUR BOOKS

Were Factors in Bringing John Bull and Uncle Sam Together,

While "Mr. Booley in Peace and War" is Found in All Aristocratic Houses in England.

LONDON, April 11.—Joseph H. Choate, the U. S. ambassador, was the principal guest at a banquet given this evening at the Reform Club by Poultney Bigelow. The company included Rear Admiral Lord Charles Bessborough, Baron Chesham, Baron Acton, Baron Monkswell, Baron Hobart, Lord Ronald Sutherland-Gower, Sir Colin Moncrieff, Gen. John Maurice, commander in the Woolwich district, Gilbert Parker, Anthony Hope and Geo. Alfred Henry.

Among the table decorations were four books, which Mr. Bigelow, in a felicitous speech, said had "done as much as anything to bring together our two nations." They were Captain Alfred T. Mahan's Influence of Sea Power in History, Sir Geo. Otto Trevelyan's History of the American Revolution, Mr. Heuderson's Life of Stonewall Jackson, and Prof. Bryce's The American Commonwealth.

In responding to the toast to the Queen, Lord Chas. Bessborough spoke of his cordial reception by the American people and President McKinley, which he believed was accorded him "solely on account of the good feeling now existing between our two countries, a feeling which will make for the peace of the world."

At the conclusion of his response he proposed the health of President McKinley. Mr. Choate, responding, alluded to his more than friendly reception here, and said that, while he did not believe the two countries would march Bessborough had suggested, he was convinced there would be a better understanding between the two, which would be a benefit to both and to the world in general.

WHAT ZIONISM MEANS. Zionism is a new name for a very old idea. By poetic license the rabbis declare that the Messiah was born on the very day that Jerusalem was destroyed. To turn the metaphor into sober fact, at the moment the Jewish nation was crushed seemingly beyond resurrection, the people of Israel were buoyed up by a hope of restoration and that hope has been a perennial fountain of pure waters, drinking at which the Jews have been able to survive each of the almost crushing blows by which they have been assailed during the passage of the nineteenth centuries that have dashed the temple and by symbols, ritual, and prayer, the Jew has year by year uttered these momentous words: "A year to come in Jerusalem." The more sanguine read it "Next year," and when next year brought them no nearer the realization of the end, they may have put it off till tomorrow, but the promise was the same idea remained, and not always as a mere vitalizing dream. The Cabalists, Jewish mystics, whose life and works have been strangely misunderstood, fixed some hundreds of years ago, on which the Messiah would appear, and there are still Jews who endeavor to decipher Dan's mystic numerals, and put the beginning of the New Reign at a date not more than twenty years ahead.—Windsor.

MONSTER CALF. (Woodstock, Ont., Times.) Yesterday afternoon Dr. Reid was called out to the farm of Thomas Waugh, second section, to assist at the birth of what proved to be a monstrously large calf. It measured just 6 feet 3 inches from the nose to the tip of its tail, and weighed 150 lbs. but it had a full mouth of well-developed teeth.

MAY THRASH YOUR WIFE. St. Louis Judge Says Circumstances Excuse Use of Fists. ST. LOUIS, April 11.—A decision was rendered by Judge Peabody in the city police court today that under certain conditions a husband has the right to beat his wife. The case was of one Bernard Kretzer, charged with beating his wife because she would not agree with him in the management of their children.

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A GREAT DISCOVERY.

Ruins in Arkansas of a City of 11,000,000.

JACKSON, Mich., March 23.—Major L. J. Lyons, a prominent civil engineer of Lyons, Mich., tells a remarkable story of discovery in Arkansas of what he declares was "once the metropolis of the prehistoric world." He found these ruins, some thirty-five miles, while making a recent survey. "In a direct line and west for three miles," says Major Lyons, "and on my way could reach the ruins contained in the survey for a distance of twenty-five miles, the ruins did not end. Comparing the area surveyed by me, estimating that each dwelling contained five inhabitants, I found that 11,000,000 people had their homes in this great city.

"This city is greater over three counties, DeWitt, Drew and Ashley, in Arkansas, and was the grand metropolis of the prehistoric world called the mound builders. These people numbered millions. They were the Yazo Valley of the Mississippi was their land. Their soil of the Yazo was in a high state of cultivation. Every acre was utilized for agricultural purposes. Thousands of acres were dug and used by them for irrigation and navigation, and countless pottery factories show that their manufacturing products of earthen ware for agricultural purposes.

"Many acres are covered six feet deep with the bricks of these unknown people. Their roofs, of stone and brick, are everywhere to be seen. They were a great people, and their ruins are a great discovery. They were a great people, and their ruins are a great discovery. They were a great people, and their ruins are a great discovery.

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BATTLE IN SAMOA.

British and American Combined Force Caught in Ambush.

Several Officers and Men Killed—German Treachery is Hinted at. TUCKLAND, N. Z., April 12.—On April first 800 of Mataafa's men ambushed 100 bluejackets near Apia. The fighting was terrific, the American and British troops repeatedly being driven back by the force of their assailants, who sought to overwhelm them by force of numbers. Lieut. Lonsdale and Ensign Monaghan of the United States cruiser Philadelphia, and Lieut. Freeman of the British gunboat Tauranga were killed. After the rebels had been driven off the bodies of the three officers were recovered. They had been decapitated by the savage Samoan warriors. Four marines were killed. Mataafa's loss was twenty-seven killed and a number wounded, these being carried off the field by the rebels when they retired. The bodies of Lonsdale, Monaghan and Freeman, as well as those of the unfortunate marines, were buried with military honors at Moulton. There is constant fighting with the natives around Apia, and the life of no European in the islands is safe.

ANNIDALE. Fortieth Anniversary of Marriage of Mr. and Mrs. John Leonard, Duly Celebrated by a Large Gathering of Their Friends—Addresses and Presentations. ANNIDALE, Queens Co., April 8.—The 7th inst. was quite a fine day at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Leonard of Annidale, Queens Co. When their numerous friends assembled to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of their marriage, the weather was very fine, and fortunately the house was large, as its capacity to accommodate was taxed to the utmost, people assembling from all the surrounding country, from Chipman, Notton and Springfield. Rev. C. S. Ward, pastor, and Dr. Armstrong, and his lady were among the guests. All the sons and daughters, of the family, eight in number, were present. The tokens of esteem took the shape of numerous presents to the worthy couple, such as might well be treasured as keepsakes.

The first part of the entertainment consisted of singing, accompanied by Miss Leonard, Miss Brand and Miss Minnie on the organ. The supper was first class in every respect, as every one acquainted with the family knew it would be. About ninety people took tea, besides quite a number who came afterwards.

After these necessary preliminaries were disposed of, the following address of congratulation was read to the host and hostess: ANNIDALE, Queens Co., April 7, 1899. Mr. and Mrs. John Leonard. Dear Friends—As we have learned that today is the fortieth anniversary of your marriage, a number of your friends, old and new acquaintances have taken advantage of this happy occasion to be with you, and to wish you every blessing of heaven. You have raised a large family of sons and daughters, who have conducted themselves under your parental discipline with credit to you, their parents, and to the credit of the community. You have been a social welfare of the community, contributing to the good of all, and every movement for the relief of the poor, and the betterment of the world, you have been a leader, without a word of complaint. You have conducted a large household, and have done so with a wisdom and a grace that has been a blessing to all who have been brought into contact with you. You have been a source of joy and comfort to all who have known you, and you have been a blessing to the world. Your friends ask you to accept the affectionate regards of all who love you, and to wish you every blessing of heaven. The above will be made under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage dated the Sixteenth day of March, A. D. 1896, made between the said John R. Grear and Catherine J. Grear, his wife, of the first part, and the undersigned—George A. Freeze, of the second part, for securing the payment of certain monies therein mentioned, and registered in the Registry Office for the City and County of Saint John, in Libro 57, folio 448 to 446, default having been made in payment of a portion of the monies secured by said Mortgage. Dated this Eleventh day of April, A. D. 1899. GEORGE A. FREEZE, Mortgagee. J. R. ARMSTRONG, Solicitor to Mortgagee.

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actor with: "Ah, I see you admire our diamonds. This one"—pointing to the fruit dish—"cost me \$3,000,000. These"—indicating the prizes—"cost \$200,000 each, and we have three car loads like these at the depot waiting to be sidetracked." Davis' not only charged his table, but went to another hotel.

PURCHASED THE FLUSHING. D. D. Glasier & Son have purchased from the Grand Manan Steamboat Company the steamer Flushing, which has for some years run between Grand Manan and St. John, St. Stephen and St. Andrews. The Flushing, which was built in the United States in 1862, was rebuilt here in 1891, and is a powerful and good sea-going boat. Her boiler is almost new and her machinery is first class in every respect. Her new owners will take delivery of the Flushing the latter part of June. She will be used in towing the summer months, and in the winter season will work in the harbor. Some changes will have to be made in the vessel in order to permit of tow bits being put in.

The Grand Manan Steamboat Company will, it is understood, give up the services which they have kept up for so many years.

ANNIDALE. Fortieth Anniversary of Marriage of Mr. and Mrs. John Leonard, Duly Celebrated by a Large Gathering of Their Friends—Addresses and Presentations. ANNIDALE, Queens Co., April 8.—The 7th inst. was quite a fine day at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Leonard of Annidale, Queens Co. When their numerous friends assembled to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of their marriage, the weather was very fine, and fortunately the house was large, as its capacity to accommodate was taxed to the utmost, people assembling from all the surrounding country, from Chipman, Notton and Springfield. Rev. C. S. Ward, pastor, and Dr. Armstrong, and his lady were among the guests. All the sons and daughters, of the family, eight in number, were present. The tokens of esteem took the shape of numerous presents to the worthy couple, such as might well be treasured as keepsakes.

The first part of the entertainment consisted of singing, accompanied by Miss Leonard, Miss Brand and Miss Minnie on the organ. The supper was first class in every respect, as every one acquainted with the family knew it would be. About ninety people took tea, besides quite a number who came afterwards.

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