

THE OTTAWA TIMES, OCTOBER 25.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Valuable Limits for Sale—Geo. Wencks & Co.
Bracelet Lost—Mr. Graham.
New Books—Jones & Holland.
Refector Store—Esmonde Bros.
Customs Department—R. S. M. Bouchette.
Steve Piping—Esmonde Bros.
New Goods—Cunningham & Lindsay.
Rock Oil—Esmonde Bros.

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The Ottawa Times

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1869.

For interesting Herring Matter see First Page; for Ottawa Markets see Fourth page.

Hon. J. H. CAMERON and Hon. D. L. MACMILLAN arrived in town on Saturday.

Hon. Col. Gray, Hon. Judge Day, and Hon. Mr. McPherson, the Arbitrators for the settlement of accounts between the Dominion and the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, met on Saturday for the transaction of some preliminary business.

Hon. Mr. Treasurer Wood and Hon. John Hillyard Cameron, Q.C., were present on the part of Ontario, and Hon. Treasurer Daquin for the Province of Quebec. The Arbitrators will resume their sittings to-day.

Adjutant General Col. Robertson Ross has reported in very favourable terms of the efficiency of the Volunteer Force under the recent orders for preparation against the contemplated Fenian raid. At Goderich, the guns were on board the steamer under orders for special service, and everything in readiness for any emergency without a moment's delay; and at other points the volunteers were equipped and ready for active service within thirty hours after the orders reached them.

It is reported upon apparently reliable authority that Mr. McKenzie, M.P., for Lambton, is about to resign his seat in the House of Commons on account of ill health, and that Mr. George Brown proposes to offer himself as Mr. McKenzie's successor in the representation of that constituency.

"his fact may partly account for the bitterness of Mr. Brown's opposition to the Hon. Finance Minister, and his desperate efforts to influence the result of the coming Fenian raid. We can all understand his natural unwillingness to meet on the floor of the House the man whom he so foully traduced, and of whose severe tact and wit he has had so many telling proofs to his credit, before to-day. Parliament will be called together, we understand, on the 15th February, and what with the Kinnear's business, the management of the Intercolonial Railroad and the reappearance of Sir Francis Hincks and the Hon. George Brown on the stage, we are promised a very lively bear garden, indeed."

We understand that the contracts for Sec. 11 of the Intercolonial Railroad will probably be awarded to Davis, Grant & Schenck, of Halifax, at \$15,000, being at the rate of \$13,714 per mile. It is said that the tenders for the sections of the road which are just let out, average 10 per cent. higher than the tenders of last spring; but competent judges of the work declare that the prices are even yet not within 25 or 30 per cent. of the actual cost of construction.

From the article copied from the Amherst, N. S. Gazette in another column, it will be seen that the complaints of the slow progress of the work and of the existing difficulties between the contractors and the men are as general as they are well founded; but in the face of this well known fact with regard to the low price of the tenders of last spring, we see much still rushing in to get the contracts at any price. We believe we are correct in stating that the Commissioners have not on this occasion in every instance, accepted the lowest tender, but although the successful bidders are men of good standing in their business and ought to understand what they are about, the general opinion is not altered that the work cannot be done for the money, and that with all the advantages which the Commissioners can allow the contractors, of change of route, extras, etc., the contracts will not pay the men who have undertaken them, while the inevitable delay in the completion of the road is in the last degree injurious to the interests of the country.

A satisfactory result of the late Fenian alarm from Lake Huron has been to demonstrate the high efficiency of our volunteer organization, as well as to offer another example of the cheerful alacrity with which we can rely upon our volunteers responding to the call of duty. Within thirty hours of receipt by the Adjutant-General here of the first intelligence of the contemplated Fenian movement every preparation had been made to meet it, and a point three hundred and fifty miles distant from the Capital placed in a condition of defence such as to create the amplest feeling of security. Whatever grounds may have existed for the apprehensions entertained, and whether the information conveyed to headquarters shall prove to have been accurate or exaggerated, the prompt and decisive action which followed is to be commended as being without precedent in the history of our country.

Mr. Brown is now alternately trying to drag the Orangemen of North Renfrew into a position of hostility towards Sir Francis Hincks, and to influence the Irish Roman Catholics of the Riding to throw their votes against the FINANCE MINISTER, but both of these dodges have been tried, and the smarting recollection which Orangemen and Roman Catholics alike feel at the remembrance of the temporary success which they gained years ago in that direction, is not likely to leave them very susceptible now to any approaches from that quarter. The way in which he deceived and trifled with the Orange body after he had secured their votes in his own favour and against their own Grand Master, JOHN HILLYARD CAMERON, is not likely to be forgotten now, when he seeks to use them for a similar purpose in a message to the Legislature.

Fire and Loss of Life.—ALBANY, October 23.—The crockery warehouse of Wm. Z. Zelen, Charles & Co., was burned last evening in the upper part of the building, most of them escaping while the exit of smoke was cut off. One man named John Praga leaped from a front window and was killed. It is reported that others perished in the flames.

The post alarm, from a comparatively unexpected quarter, took us, as far as is possible, at unawares. Yet, within thirty hours

as we have said, we had a gun-boat manned, armed and equipped, and in every respect ready for sea, and prepared, in co-operation with her supports ashore, to offer warm welcome to any enemy who might appear. To understand properly the promptitude evinced in her equipment it must be remembered that she had been so long laid up as to have become temporarily unfit for service, that her armament had to be brought up from Toronto, her crew selected from the scattered body of naval volunteers and gunners from Toronto, and Goderich, while the soldiers she was to carry were at their respective homes, thinking of anything rather than invasion. Her upper decks had so far opened from long action of the weather that, upon taking in sufficient coals to deepen her she was found to leak so badly as to make it necessary to caulk and caulk her, first on one side and then the other. All this work was performed by the volunteers themselves, who, within the short interval we have indicated, had got their guns and shot on board, made their vessels staunch and seaworthy, and left nothing more to be attended to before getting up steam and beating to quarters.

We understand that Col. Robertson Ross has already handed in to the Executive a special report of the operations to which we refer, in which no doubt the prompt and effective service of the volunteers who responded to his call has been honourably recognized as its merits. Of the efficiency of his own administration the best record lies in the facts themselves. Col. Ross' practical experience of military tactics and organization, together with his soldierly quickness of decision and rapidity of execution, combine to illustrate the advantages to be gathered from the presence at head-quarters of a central authority holding in instant command the most distant districts to which telegraphic communication extends, and aware of the implicit reliance to be placed on the ready obedience and cheery versatility of every branch of the service he administers, and for which the approbation of the government has been justly deservedly invited.

The occasion seems opportune for the discussion of the whole system of our frontier defence. In our opinion it must be borne in mind that this is mainly a naval one, and can be most readily and thoroughly secured by the presence upon each lake of a smart, serviceable propeller gunboat, carrying say two guns, and of length and draught suitable to the canals. Vessels of this character, owned by our own Government, always kept in a condition of efficiency, and specially prepared for all emergencies, would replace, to signal advantage, such old imperfect craft as we have had recently ourselves to repair, and afford a system of moveable forts sufficiently formidable for protection against any expedition of filibusters. They would serve the double purpose of either destroying the hostile transports before a landing could be effected, or of cutting off retreat once the enemy had got in, and thus securing a severity of punishment likely to put an end to such descents for ever. A single boat of this description in the Niagara river would have rendered impossible the escape of the 1866 raiders, and given such a blow to Fenianism, through their wholesale capture, as we have had spars as such alarms as we have been since measured with. The protection of our fishermen in the Gulf is a duty impossible to ignore, and any boat upon Lake Ontario, wherever permanently stationed, should be such a character as to be able to go round the coast when required, and of sea-going capabilities to qualify her for the run home across the Atlantic, should occasion demand. We do not think it unlikely that the experience of the Adjutant-General will induce his recommendation of some such system as we have suggested, and that, before long, a call to arms from any point of the frontier will find serviceable vessels at the disposal of our volunteers, in which to employ, to the best advantage, the gallantry and energy which they have readily evinced under less favourable conditions.

The Amherst, N. S. Gazette, reports trouble on Section No. 4 of the Intercolonial Railroad, between St. Andrews and Fredericton, N.B., where the contractor, Mr. Phillips, Our contemporary says that almost from the commencement of the work continual and complaints have been made of want of promptness in making the monthly payments; and several of the sub-contractors have already left the works, being unable to meet the demands of the contractor. There are some 5000 tons of timber which occurred on that section on the 1st instant:

Last Friday, a number of natives, who said that they had two months' wages due, came as exasperated at the delay in paying them, drove all the men on this end of the section from the work, and threatened the removal of the road, and threatened the safety of the contractors with personal violence; if they did not get their pay. They then assumed peaceable residents when passing along the highway. Such proceedings will not be tolerated in a peaceful country, and the contractor for next year's portion must be reported. The railroad must be constructed and paid for; indeed the moneys are already in fund for that purpose, and the men should be promptly paid as agreed.

We do not know whether the blame rests upon the Dominion Government, or, entreated by the contractor, who knew the grievances must be redressed, and the bill conducted more satisfactorily in the future.

[We are authorised, by Mr. Whitbread, to state that the map on section No. 4 have all been paid up.—ED. TIMES.]

Latest by Telegraph.

By People's Line.

Office G. P. Drummmond's Exchange Office, 10 Sparks street.

QUEBEC.

Departure of Four Roman Catholic Bishops.

Special to THE TIMES.

Quebec, October 23.

The departure of four Roman Catholic Bishops for Rome this morning occasioned a large demonstration of leading citizens.

The ship *Mena*, launched this morning from Orléans' ship yard, proceeded to Montreal for a grain cargo.

Fox Sou'r Day—Ship Ottawa, of Glasgow, with coal.

The shipping of the 23rd regiment on the troop ship *Tunis* is delayed, owing to an accident to her machinery.

Wind east. Raining. A number of vessels are still to come up.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Shock of Earthquake at Worcester, Mass.

WORCESTER, Mass., October 23.—At about five o'clock this morning a distinct shock of earthquake was experienced in this city. It lasted about three minutes.

Replies to Resignation of Gen. Butterfield.

New York, October 23.—The Times Washington special says it is probable that Gen. Butterfield's resignation will be received to-morrow. If he does not resign there is the best authority for saying he will be removed. In any event a change will be made in the office of Adjutant-Treasurer in New York within a few days.

Science and Religion.

Mail advises from Washington state that the steamer *Lillian*, which sailed with an expeditionary force has been captured by the British gunboat *Esmeralda* and taken into Nasiria, where she was released by the authorities, by the ruling of the Attorney General, but she did not legally go to her.

Mr. Cooper Elected U.S. Senator for Tennessee.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., October 22.—The election of Senator to-day gives satisfaction to all Johnson's most ardent friends. Mr. Cooper, the Senator elected, is one of the youngest in the Senate, and the youngest of the millionaire class. He is the son of Mr. Johnson, the attorney general, and Mr. Johnson's appointment to the Judiciary, and was recommended for integrity as an officer by Governor Brownlow in a message to the Legislature.

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