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Our Ottawa Letter.

Is Sir Charles Tupper thoroughly responsible for what he says? Surely he cannot be entering his dotage. At first sight such a suggestion may appear unwarrantable, but do not recent utterances from the Conservative leader more than justify the suggestion of such a suspicion: Take for example his remarks upon the administration of the Yukon, made in Winnipeg a few days ago, when, replying to Mr. Paterson's assertion that Mr. Sifton was willing to be tried by his peers Sir Charles is reported to have said: "It would be a sorry thing for the House of Commons if Sifton had many peers. Clifford Sifton dared not grant the Commission asked for by Sir Hibbert Tupper. Had he (Sifton) done so he would have been driven a degraded man from the public life of the country. When arraigned at the bar, Sifton, like a coward, shrank from the encounter."

SIMPLY NOT TRUE.

A more complete travesty of the facts it would be impossible to devise. As is thoroughly well known to every elector, who keeps in reasonably close touch with current events, the Minister of the Interior met and replied to every detail of the two famous "indictments" which Sir Hibbert Tupper brought against him, and that too in the absence of his accuser who, on both occasions, singularly enough, found it necessary to take the next train to the Pacific coast immediately after weakening his so called "charges."

There may be an honest difference of opinion as to how completely Mr. Sifton answered the charges, and met the accusations, made, but no man with the slightest knowledge of the facts, can possibly, with any regard for the truth, declare that he acted, "like a coward" or "shrank from the contest." As the Toronto Globe observes: "It is a pity that a man of Sir Charles Tupper's experience in public life should talk such miserable and scandalous rubbish. The truth is too that the Yukon charges are dead, that Mr. Sifton has been splendidly vindicated, and that never before in any land was a new territory better administered or such large revenues from public resources secured for the people."

GOODS FOR SOUTH AFRICA.

Lord Strathcona has written the Minister of Trade and Commerce stating that the War Office has invited tenders for 187,500 pounds of dried and condensed vegetables, packed in five and ten pound tins, for use in South Africa. The total quantity was to have been turned in by Nov. 30th, but the High Commissioner points out that Canadian manufacturers of these goods may still have a chance to tender if further supplies be required.

Another line of export which is likely to be greatly benefitted by the condition of affairs in South Africa is that of hay, several thousand tons of which are likely to be required in the near future.

The monthly report of Mr. J. S. Larke, Trade Commissioner in Australia, just to hand in the Department of Trade and Commerce, states that harvest prospects in New South Wales are good, the area under crop being 1,800,000 acres, as against 1,638,000 last year. The harvest will not likely affect the demand for the limited amount of Manitoba flour which now exists. Mr. Larke pays some attention to the question of colonial agencies in London, and while he does not discourage Canadians from dealing with them, he says he has so far failed to find any market of value secured by them for Canadian trade. Mr. Larke mentions that the exports from Fiji to Canada last year reached a value of \$56,840. He thinks that Canadians should endeavor to cultivate the Fijian market more.

THE CRY IS "STILL THEY COME."

Although the season is far advanced the tide of immigration continues unabating, over 1,000 sturdy settlers arriving in Montreal on Monday and Tuesday of last week. The new arrivals were mostly English, Scotch and Irish, but there were also a number of French, Norwegians, Swiss, Galicians, Finns, Austrians and Russians.

This year has been one of unprecedented activity in this branch of the country's development, and when the season's figures are finally made up, they will be found to be far in excess of anything previously recorded. Lack of population has always been the greatest hindrance to our country's development, but the intelligent, aggressive policy of the present Minister of the Interior is overcoming the obstacle at a rate which, a few years ago, appeared altogether impossible. Nor has the Department arrived at the end of its resources. New plans for yet greater development in the future are being rapidly matured, and it is safe to predict that the immediate future will heavily discount even the splendid work of the past two or three seasons.

York County Council.

The November session of York County Council opened on Monday afternoon, with Warden Woodcock in the chair. The members were all present. The Warden in his address outlined some of the important matters which would come up during the session, such as the county maintenance of leading roads, and the occupation of the new municipal buildings. Also the application of the Metropolitan Railway Company for connection with the C. P. R. at North Toronto.

The first thing considered when the Council opened Tuesday afternoon was the application of the Metropolitan Railway. In committee of the whole, deputations were heard as to the advisability of favoring the connection of the electric railway and the C. P. R., to enable the former to carry all kinds of freight on their line. Ex-Mayors Robertson and Lloyd, of Newmarket, both representing the town council, favored the connection, and gave good reasons for the proposal. They spoke of their excellent market and anticipated better results when the various products could be loaded on a trolley car at Newmarket and run down into the heart of the city and the Union Station. Reeve Savage and Councillor Hill showed how Richmond Hill was hampered in having to haul coal and all kinds of heavy freight on waggons, either from the city, 16 miles or from Richmond Hill station about 4 miles.

Mr. Henry Duncan, reeve of York, did not oppose the running of freight cars, but he thought the right should be surrounded with restrictions, so that Yonge street would in no way suffer by the change.

Most of the objections came from representatives of North Toronto. They argued that the cars would be dangerous to pedestrians, would cause horses to shy, and would injure the town as a residential suburb of Toronto. Many objections were raised to the present management of the Metropolitan Railway.

Councillor Gibson opposed the connection. Ordinary railways were compelled by law to fence and guard their lines. Mr. Gibson argued that even if the railway carried freight there would be no guarantee that freight rates would be lowered.

Mr. Warren for the Metropolitan recited the agreement with the county giving them the right to run freight cars, and said that the opposition from North Toronto would be withdrawn if a bonus was accepted and a single fare given.

After a pretty full discussion a resolution was passed favoring the application of the Metropolitan to the Railway Committee of the Privy Council to connect their lines with those of the C. P. R. and instructing Councillor Evans to proceed to Ottawa and present the resolution.

Maple

The home of Mrs. James Dalziel, Edgely, was the scene of an interesting event on Thursday afternoon of last week. The occasion was that of the marriage of her daughter Agnes to Rev. Chas. A. Campbell of Maple. The ceremony was performed at 3 p. m. in the presence of between seventy and eighty guests, by Rev. Dr. Carmichael, of Strangely, assisted by Rev. J. A. Grant of Richmond Hill and Rev. W. Reid of Weston.

The bride was attired in light-figured silk, and carried a bouquet of beautiful bridal roses. She was attended by her sister, Miss Annie Dalziel, while Mr. R. S. Thomson, performed the duties of groomsmen. The presents received were very numerous and were both useful and beautiful. After the wedding breakfast, the newly-married couple left for a trip to Smith's Falls and other places.

Their many friends offer heartiest congratulations and wish Mr. and Mrs. Campbell happiness and prosperity in their future life.

Sheep Case.

A rather complicated case has been in progress for some time. On the night of the 16th of October about 20 sheep belonging to Glass Bros. were killed by dogs, and Mrs. Hulse has been sued for the price of the sheep, about \$80. The case was opened in the Council Chamber on Saturday afternoon, before Magistrate John Ramsden of Toronto. Mr. T. H. Lennox of Aurora appeared for Glass Bros. and Mr. McBrady of Toronto represented Mrs. Hulse.

G. Lynett testified to seeing two large St. Bernard dogs eating a couple of sheep that were dead in Glass' field about 8 o'clock on the morning of the 16th of October. She frightened the dogs away, and identified them as two dogs she had often seen at the Hulse hotel.

Wm. Teel saw early in the same morning in the same field where the sheep had been killed, two dogs. One was a St. Bernard but as the other was

lying down at the time he could not say just what it was like.

Joseph Blanchard who was plowing in Mr. Ludford's field saw two St. Bernard dogs going west toward the village in the forenoon of the same day. These dogs he had frequently seen in and around the Hulse hotel.

For the defence Miss York, Miss Quirk and Mrs. Hulse were called. The first named said that the dog Jumbo, which she supposed belonged to Mrs. Hulse, was in the kitchen when she came down stairs about six o'clock on the morning of the day in question. She had frequently driven the other St. Bernard dog, Monto, away from the back of the house as she understood he did not belong to Mrs. Hulse.

The case was adjourned until Tuesday evening, when it was again called. Nicholas Gorman, bar-tender, at the Hulse house was the first to give evidence. He said that the dog Monto had been shot on the 19th of October by Robert Metcalf at his request, but that as far as he knew Mrs. Hulse knew nothing about the shooting until after the act was done. Robert Metcalf also said that he had received no instruction about the shooting from Mrs. Hulse, but that Gorman had spoken to him about it. He saw Jumbo outside the kitchen door of the hotel at 3 a. m. Monday morning, and again in the hotel when he came down to breakfast a few minutes before 7 o'clock.

After sitting one hour the court again adjourned as there was no car to the city after 8 p. m.

The Council Chamber was packed and much interest is taken in the trial.

High School Notes

The boys played a hard game of football with the Newmarket High School Club last Friday afternoon. These two teams have met twice this season, and neither has been able to score. The High School team is very strong on defence, and with Mr. Johnston in goal they were nearly invincible. The forward line fought well, but they were not allowed by their opponents to make any practical use of their brilliant individual plays. The result was a draw in favor of Richmond Hill.

The High School Literary Society will hold its second meeting on Thursday, the 23rd inst., at twenty minutes to four. You are cordially invited to attend. Mr. John Sanderson has the choruses in charge. The programme appears below: Chorus; by the Glee Club; five minutes' talk on Education; Mouth-Organ Quartette; impromptu one minute speeches by Messrs. Bowes, Kerswell, Storey and Cooper; recitation by Miss N. Campbell; duett by Messrs. Morgan and Newton.

Contributions of books and magazines to the Library and Reading-Room of the school will be thankfully acknowledged. History, poetry, classical fiction and travels are particularly valuable for supplementary reading.

The Literary Society will meet every two weeks during the winter months, and will be glad to welcome all visitors, but they intend also to hold four special meetings or entertainments, at which an admission fee will be charged, and for which more extensive programmes are in course of preparation. These special meetings are to earn funds to provide books and papers for the Library and Reading-Room, and also to purchase gymnastic apparatus for a gymnasium. The dates will be announced later.

There is still room for a few more pupils who hold Public School Leaving Certificates, and who desire to obtain Part I. Junior Leaving, 1900, and at the same time to prepare the languages required for Junior Leaving Part II. There is a splendid opening for a few bright pupils of this class.

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