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Our Ottawa Letter.

The assertion that was freely made The assertion that was freely made by Oppositionists during the last ses-sion of Parliament that the British preference had practically killed trade with Germany, is not substantiated by the returns published of the last year's business with that country. In spite of the fact that Germany assumbled an unfriendly attitude toward the Dominof the fact that Germany assumbled an unfriendly attitude toward the Dominion, and Imposed the maximum tariff rates upon Canadian goods, thereby moving her out of the "most favored nation class," our exports to the Fatherland have very greatly increased. In 1896-97 the total value of Canadian exports to Germany was \$757,531. The following year it had grown to \$1,045,448, while last year in had grown to \$1,837,448, in other words car trade with Germany has increased just one with Germany has increased just one hundred and fifty per cent in two years. If this is the way the Liberal trade policy is killing the trade of Canada we can stand lots of it.

IT IS WORKING ALL RIGHT.

One of the leading importers of English dry goods in Western Ontario has been expressing his opinions upon the effect of the Government's preferenformed from his personal experience and observation. He declares that the preference has induced the importation of British woollens and dress fabrics to a remarkable extent, giving to a very layer. Yorkshire in particular a great leverage over foreign manufactures, the difference in duty being twenty-five per cent less than the duty paid upon German and French wool fabrics. He observes further:—"In cotton goods this also applies, and it has quite changed the importation of cotton shoe laces from German to English goods, or rather I should say English goods which had almost disappeared from this market can now readily com-pete against German-made goods. In silks it has fostered the importation of English silks to a remarkable extent as I know from my every day experience. French and Swiss sins, as also Japanese, will always be ostil in Canada, but in the surah makes of silks the preference given to British manufacturers has induced a specially large importation of these goods since the new tariff came into force and this can readily be proven to be because of the preference in favor of British manufactures."

OUR POSITION BETTER UNDERSTOOD. Thanks to the persistent and well directed efforts of the Federal Government, and it must in fairness be added to the kindly assistance of our late Governor-General, Lord Aberdeen, the Governor-General, Lord Aberdeen, the Mother country is evidently getting much clearer and more accurate ideas as to the actual position of the Alaskan boundary dispute. The London (Eng.) Globe, for example, commenting the other day upon the subject under the head of "Canadian Rights," states briefly the circumstances under states briefly the circumstances under which a large section of what is now the State of Maine was lost to the Dominion through the supineness of Lord Ashburton, who, more anxious to terminate a troublesome business than to stand up for Canada, is said to have pleasantly observed, "Well, we will not quarrel about two or three lines of latitude, we will put the line there."
"The result was," said the Globe,
"that Canada lost a splendid piece of
territory, which would be of inestimable value to her commercial interests were it now in her possession. It is not at all surprising, therefore, that our fellow-subjects sometimes display in tation in connection with the Alaskan boundary; they conceive that their neighbors are hoping to get the better of British diplomacy in this matter as they did in the case of Maine. Happily British statesmen no longer regard "two or three degrees of latitude" as not worth making a fuss about."

ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT YET.

In some quarters, however, there is still an almost incredible lack of knowledge of Canada and of her affairs, and that too in what should be the best informed circles, as is strikingly shown by a report in the London (Eng.) Standard less than a month ago, in which Lord Aberdeen is made to talk about the imperial importance of the "Central Pacific Railway." The same paper's knowledge of our climate too is apparently none too ac curate, for in another issue about the same date it refers to the boys who have gone to Africa as having been "reared in the snows of Canada." The dear old Standard would have a fit if it heard that the first snow seen this season in the capital of these Arctic regions fell on December 4th, and that within 50 miles of Toronto flowers are still blooming in the open air. When the Government sends its next immigration advertisement to the Standard it might be well to enclose a little educational literature with it. ACCEPTING THE INEVITABLE.

The effect of the statesmanlike action of the Provincial Government in

ent, for the lumbermen of Eastern ent, for the numbermen of Eastern Michigan have started to move their mills into Ontario, appreciating the fact that the judgment rendered by the Ontario Courts is so clear cut and decisively against them that it will be throwing good money after bad to prosecute the appeal, and although the proceedings may be carried the proceedings may be carried through as a matter of form, they have small expectations of its succeeding. Their only remaining hope is that some arrangement may be arrived at through the medium of the Joint High Commission, and it may be safely concluded that the Michiganders will continue to use every effort towards that end. If the present condition of affairs continue, however, the Michigan mills will be practically idle next season, save for what little timber can season, save for what little timber can be taken off the Indian Reserved and the lands that do not belong to the Province. The Georgian Bay mill on the contrary would now run at their full capacity and new ones are building. Already seven Michigan lumber-with the contrary would now run at their full capacity and new ones are building. Already seven Michigan lumber-with the council adjourned.

The council adjourned.

M. Teefy, Clerk. full capacity and new ones are building. Already seven Michigan lumbermen had arranged with Canadian mills for the cutting of their logs.

Maple

A large number of the members of St. Andrew's and St. Paul's Churches, together with a few other friends, assembled at the Manse on Thursday evening and gave a warm welcome to Rev. C. A. Campbell and Mrs. Camp-bell, who had just returned after a bell, who had just returned after a bridal tour of four weeks which they spent at Smith's Falls and other places East. An excellent tea was served about 9 o'clock, and after the tea a number of toasts were proposed and responded to in a felicitous manner. After "The Queen" was duly honored the "Bride and Groom" was proposed, which was responded to in choice and appropriate words by the pastor. Rev. appropriate words by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Campbell. "Neighboring Congregations" brought forth good speeches from Revs. Messrs. J. A. Grant, J. W. Stewart and S. L. W. Harton. Among the pleasant features of the overview of the presentation of of the evening was the presentation of a handsome cutter to Rev. Mr. Campa handsome cutter to Rev. Mr. Campbell, by the young men of the Maple congregation, the presentation was accompanied by an address read by Mr. Charles McNeil, and at another stage Rev. Mr. Harton read an address from the combined congregations. After all had partaken of the good things provided the table was removed, and the company all assembled in the large parlor where a short prothe large parlor where a short programme was given. Several choruses and instrumental selections were rendered, also a solo "My Own Fireside" was sung by Mrs.(Dr.) Sisley. Messrs. J. and C. McNeil gave a couple of duets and Mr. G. Elder a solo. Mr. Jas. McNeil acted as chairman. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and when the party broke up selves, and when the party broke up departed, wishing the bride and groom every happiness for the future.

A literary and debating society has been organized with Rev. S. W. Har-

ton, Pres., Miss Morrison, Vice-Pres.,

and Mrs. Sisley Sec.

A full house greeted the appearance of the Eckardt family last Saturday night. The music of the bells was rery sweet and pleased everybody, and the singing of the two boys Gordan and Bernard was much appreciated and received great applause. They are splendid performers and every part of the programme was well rendered. All who were present were well extisted with the extentionment. well satisfied with the entertainment.

At a regular meeting of Vaughan Lodge, A. F. & A. M., on Tuesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. M., J. A. McDonald; S. W., W. Wier; J. W., R. Rumble; Sec'y, R. Richardson: Trans. J. H. Kirby son; Treas., J. H. Kirby.

Village Council.

The Village council met in the council chamber on Saturday, Dec. 9. Members present, the reeve, councillors Hill, Innes, Palmer and Trench.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. The following accounts were read,

Levi Gaby, account for coal &c.\$33 00 W. R. Proctor, teaming account 41 80

 W. T. Storey, for 1 hand-axe
 80

 John Innes, lumber account
 14
 34

 Joseph Hall, oil account
 9
 27

 Trustees of Presbyterian church,

for grave, plot for Mary
Maxwell ... 4 00
Moved by Mr. Palmer seconded by
Mr. Hill that the treasurer do pay the foregoing accounts.—Carried.

The clerk read a communication from the clerk of the County Council dated 26th Nov., enclosing a "Report of Special Committee" in reference to County Roads.

Moved by Mr. Innes, seconded by Mr. Palmer that the reeve be hereby appointed on behalf of this council to tion of the Provincial Government in attend the meeting to be held in the prohibiting the exportation of Can-County Council Chamber on the 12th adian logs is already becoming appar- and 13th inst. to which reference is Office.

made in the communication just read:

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Hill seconded by Mr. Palmer that the treasurer refund one dollar to Mr. Bert Hopper charged to him for a dog which is now dead.—

Deputations from the Curling and Hockey Clubs were present and ad-dressed the council on behalf of their

respective clubs.

Mr. Palmer moved seconded by Mr. Trench that the Curling club may have the use of the Rink during the ensuing season for the sum of twentyfive dollars on the same conditions as

heretofore.—Carried.
Mr. Palmer moved seconded by Mr. Hill that the Hockey Club be charged twenty-five dollars for the use of the rink during the ensuing season upon

Concord.

The following is the school report of Concord for the month of November: Sr. IV-Ada Miles, Ernest Bowes, Edgar Bowes. Jr. IV-Elmore Reaman, George

Sr. III—Elsie Troyer. Jr. III—Pearl Pearson, Percy Fish-

Sr. 11—Hector Edgar, Margaret Stewart, Fred Miles, Flora Golland. Jr. II—Birdie Riddell, Ethel Whit-more, Estella Reaman, Wilkie Bowes. Part II—Maud Poole.

SI. Pt. 1—Pearl Miles, Mary Golland, Wilfrid Keffer, Chas. Bowes. Jr. Pt. 1—Opal Stewart, Ella Rea-Wilfrid Kent.,
Jr. Pt. I—Opal Stewart, Ena.

man, Ross Fisher.
Present every day—Ernest Bowes,
Edgar Bowes, George Miles, Norma
Fisher, Percy Fisher, Flora Golland
Fred Miles, Margaret Stewart Wilkie
Bowes, Ethel Whitmore, Birdie Riddell, Albert Bowes Jessie Bowes, Pearl
Miles, Pary Golland.
Aggregate attendance, 844.
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Teacher.

Thornhill.

At the last regular meeting of Court Union, A. O. F., Thornhill, the fol-lowing officers were elected for the lowing officers were elected for the ensuing year:—P. C. R., J. Drury; C. R., E. A. James; S. C. R. Geo. Pearson; Treas. J. E. Francis; Sec'y, A. E. H. Pearson; S. W., J. Pearson; J. W., J. Chapman; S. B., J. Moore; J. B., J. Baker. The new officers will be installed by Bro. J. Drury at the first regular meeting in January. Initia-tions will also take place the same

evening. We are pleased to welcome amongst us at Thornhill, Dr. Dame of Toronto, who has recently returned after many months' work in New York and Chicago Hospitals. The Dr. has joined Dr. Rolph Langstaff in private hospital at Richmond Hill.



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