

DURHAM, March 24th, 1898.

Editorial

The Dominion government has passed a bill to prohibit the importation of plants, trees, bulbs, etc. from the United States, Australia, Japan and Hawaii—the object is to prevent the introduction of the San Jose Scale. The plants excepted from the embargo are (1) Bulbs and tubes, such as lilies, hyacinths, gladioli, etc.; (2) Conifers of all kinds; (3) Greenhouse plants, such as palms, ferns, begonia, araleas and cacti; (4) Herbaceous, bedding plants, such as geraniums, pansies, verbenas, etc.; (5) herbaceous, perennials, the tops of which are winter killed.

The Yukon Railway Bill which received recently, the approval of the Canadians has been handed over to the Dominion Senate for ratification, and is now under consideration. The refusal of the Premier to bring down a telegram which he regards as private, though the reply thereto has been before the House, casts a cloud of suspicion over the dealings of the government in the McKenzie-Mann contract, which may to some extent influence the action of the Senate in voting on the measure. The vote on the second reading will likely take place this week.

At a meeting of the General Ministerial Association in Toronto this week, a paper was read by Rev. Mr. Smith, Minister in Agnes St. Church on "The Teaching of Religion in Public Schools." The essayist, while he recognized the importance of such instruction, recognized also the many difficulties which rendered impracticable the inculcation of religious dogmas. He is reported to have said, that if religious teaching were provided for, there would arise many disagreements among the denominations and many would be applying for private grants to teach the tenets of their own church, to say nothing of the difficulties of instilling the children of one church with the principles of another. He believes in the inculcating of morals and at the base of morals is religion.

That Russell should go Liberal on Friday last was no surprise to the Conservative party yet all the Grit organs are chuckling over a victory which they try to make believe is an evidence of the popularity of the Hardy government. The result is of course a gain to the needy ranks, but a comparison of the vote with that in 1894 will show the fierce determination of the people to oust a supporter of the old administration. In 1894, the Conservative candidate polled only 1187 votes while the number on Friday last runs up to 1823, and then it must be remembered that the Conservative candidate was in the field only one week, and unknown to most of his constituents. Again the strength of two governments was brought to bear on the election, while the Conservatives were wholly unorganized. More than that, at this particular juncture, and under the dire necessity of gaining a man at all hazards, the government side, if they spend money at all, would not fail to do so here. The Grits gained a man but the determination of the people to prevent them shows the unpopularity of the Hardy government, better than any other argument that can be produced.

The temperance people, many of whom cast aside their politics and supported the Liberal candidates, on the pre-election promises of Mr. Laurier, to give a Dominion plebiscite in case of the return of the Liberals to power, will regret to learn that the Bill is not likely to come up the present session, though promises all along have led them to think otherwise. An Ottawa correspondent to the Mail and Empire on Monday says: "It is stated that the government has determined not to push through the Plebiscite and Franchise Bills this session. The fact is that the Liberals cannot agree among themselves upon the details of the Plebiscite measure. A bill may be introduced and allowed to stand over till next session. Mr. McMullen, M. P. for North Wellington, will not credit the idea that the Franchise and Plebiscite Bills are to stand over till next session. When your correspondent suggested the possibility of a postponement of the Franchise Bill to Mr. McMullen he

was highly indignant at the possibility of such a thing." He says: "Certainly there will not be any further delay in dealing with the electoral Franchise, nor with the

Bill for the taking of a Plebiscite," and in order that the measures should be carried through he expressed his willingness to prolong the session to the first of July if necessary.

In Tuesday's Globe Principal Grant of Kingston has a two column article in answer to the criticisms of some of his opponents to the position he takes on the temperance question. He does not seem to make any retraction from the position first assumed. The weight of opposing criticism has not moved him, and the position he took, whether warranted or not, he still adheres to. In answer to the question as to his position in the event of a majority vote being given for a prohibitory measure on the plebiscite, he says "I obey all laws, even bad laws, believing that the best way to enforce their repeal is to insist on their rigid and impartial enforcement."

In this connection we might add that a violation of any law, and especially of the license law, will be invariably followed by an effort to introduce greater stringency. Is it not possible that a strict adherence to the license laws as they now exist, would prevent the temperance people from further interference with the rights of the liquor men. The license law as it now stands is, we think, generally conceded to be fairly good if strictly enforced, or would it not be better to say if strictly adhered to by those presumably under its influence. And an effort on the part of the hotel and liquor men themselves, to carry out the existing law, would give dignity to the business and increase the morality of the people. Let every one adopt as his motto the principle of keeping strictly, every law and a better state of things will soon arrive. The passing of a law against crime will not prevent crime occurring. The fear of punishment has a deterrent influence against a person disposed to do wrong, yet wrong will be done and laws are necessary to meet an emergency. To sum up the whole in a few words—if liquor men stick straight to the law they should have little trouble from the temperance people.

BUNESSAN.

It is a long time since items from Bunessan have appeared in THE CHRONICLE. This is not as it should be; so we will pen a few lines this week, trusting that the work may be undertaken by a worthier pen than ours in the future. The query around here often is: Where has the CHRONICLE correspondent gone? Should this meet his eye, we hope he may now and again send in a few items of the happenings around our burg.

Wood bees have been the order of the day for a while back, but this fine weather has brought them to a sudden stop.

The Saugeen, (Nils like), has overflowed its banks this spring again. The piece of road at Mr. Peter Noll's stood the flood very well. At Mr. James McGillivray's it carried away many rods of fence. It is quite possible that some of Jim's rails are being used for kindling in Southampton by this time. The overflow here spoils the road every spring. It costs more to keep this piece of road in repair than it would to build one of Mr. Jansen's dykes, to keep the river from overflowing at this particular place.

Mr. Wm. Ritchie, the assessor, has been through this part of the country on his official round. The majority are well satisfied with the assessment and it is quite possible there may be some who are not so well pleased. They are to be found in every community no matter who the assessor may be. Mr. Ritchie has an idea of going into the Real Estate business, and buying land at what the owners of good farms say their land is worth. It would be a good test.

Assessing land in winter with two or three feet of snow on the ground, seems to us to be a huge farce. Why not assess in summer or fall and let one such assessment do for three years or more with Court of Revision to make such few changes as really occur in the ownership of land in that period of time?

Mr. and Mrs. John McRae, of Priceville, were the guests of Mr. J. G. Beaton a few days ago. They were once neighbors at Rob-Roy and their old neighbors are glad to see them every now and then.

Dan McKenzie, of Southampton, is remaining for some time with his uncle, Mr. Donald Graham, of the North Line.

The McArthur boys did not get their

contract of brick hauling finished a day too soon. They had help the last day or two, and a miss is as good as a mile, Mr. Angus Beaton, of Berkley, is

pleasantly winning away a few dollars, around these corners, before leaving for Mona Road, where he has been engaged with a farmer for the summer at very good wages, although wages rule lower this year than last, down there.

Miss Annie McCormack, of Walkerton, spent a couple of days at home last week. It is commonly rumored that there will soon be a marriage notice in the Walkerton papers and she will know all about it. These Walkertonians have a very taking way with them.

Mr. Duncan McArthur is making active preparation for the building of a fine brick house early next summer. Most of the material is on the ground, the contract has been let and early summer will see the work in full swing. The surprises are many as to the bird Duncan intends bringing to such an elegant cage as this will be. We hope the chores will not be allowed to interfere with an object so worthy. The boys, one and all wish him well, and may be depended on to give any assistance needed when the momentous occasion arrives close at hand.

Mr. John Grasby of Egremont has moved on to Mr. John A. Graham's farm. The community welcomes him and his little family, and hopes their sojourn here may be pleasant as well as profitable. Mr. Grasby comes well recommended as an honest and industrious man who attends to his own business without interfering with that of anybody else. That's the kind of man that will succeed in any kind of business.

Mr. Thomas Whitmore has left Saugeen Valley and moved to the farm in the rear of Mr. H. Farr's. The farm left by Mr. Whitmore has been sold by Mr. Wm. Davis to a Mr. Reilly from Boothville in Egremont. Mr. Reilly and family have in the meantime taken possession of their new home.

Mr. Malcolm McInnes has taken up farming again on the old homestead on the Durham Road. Malcolm has for some years been in British Columbia where he has done very well financially, and with his pile he has now come to settle in Glenelg. The new Presbyterian minister in Priceville will perhaps soon be needed at a pleasant occasion at which Malcolm will be the leading character.

Mr. Robert Shortreed, who for some years has had the McInnes farm rented has now moved to the farm of Mr. Thomas Lawrence. Bob will now have to walk a little farther when he takes his winter evening stroll. The boys around are in doubt as to whether "Bob" or "Mac" will be in double harness first. The betting is even on both at present.

The dog-poisoning case in which Mr. John Fallaise was concerned was settled at last Division Court in Durham. The case will have the effect of making people more conversant with the law in regard to the setting out of poison and also as to what constitutes trespass. It is a matter of regret that the affair was not settled out of court. Hunters and their dogs will not have as much free ranging as usual as whole concessions are filing notices against trespassers of this kind. Fishing and hunting will not be as general a pastime around here as they used to be.

Every spring this Bunessan of ours sends out its quota of young men who go out into the world at large to make or mar their fortune. Nor has this spring been an exception as—

"One by one they all move out, Hoping to better themselves no doubt Caring but little how far they go From the poor lone girl in Ontario."

So sang Tom Lawrence a few evenings before he left here for Donald, B. C., where he has a job waiting his arrival there.

Donald McCoskery intended going to the same place when he left here for Toronto. If he doesn't go ask the Corners' Correspondent the reason.

James Beaton left for Kamloops, B. C. He will likely get there, barring accidents on the road, or a powerful impulse to take a tangent off the C. P. R. by way of Lake Temiscamin, to which a well-known and respected family moved last spring.

Last though not least Donald Graham Jr. left for Kamloops, B. C. where he intends to exchange muscle for money. If grit and honest determination to succeed are of account in that country he will not have gone in vain. Being yet but a lad in his teens, his case is harder to diagnose, but his favorite song being: "My love is but a lassie yet," it may be supposed that for more reasons than one he will not forget Glenelg.

All the boys who are left, and there are now but few, hope to hear of all these fellows doing well in that far-off province of British Columbia, and also that each one of them may return to Glenelg and make in it the place they'll call their home.

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CORNER CONCERNS.

Mrs. Thos. Bridges, of Belgrave, is visiting her daughters, Mesdames Tucker and Grasby. Quite a number of our citizens are engaged in the sweet performance of making maple syrup, having got an unusual early start. The season will likely be a lengthy one. Ploughing is the order of the day. Old timers tell us that it is just twenty years since so early a start was made before.

Miss Merk, of your town, was out for a temporary stay at the home of Mr. J. McEeken last week. A more permanent one is likely soon to follow.

Mr. F. Shields is moving to Priceville this week. He has placed himself in the estimation of the boys as a jolly good fellow and they gave him a merry "At Home" one night last week. Mr. Jas Baird will succeed him in the house.

Mr. Jas. Swanston, the assessor, is making his tour of the township estimating its wealth. It is his first experience in that capacity and he has a splendid chance as the land is all bare.

County Councillor Jas. Allan's spacious house was large enough to admit of all sorts of amusement last Monday night. Music, dancing, games and taffy pulling. The affair was arranged to give a mighty send off to Miss Mary Baird, who was up from Toronto spending a few happy days with her old friends and was leaving the next morning. She was accompanied by Mrs. Catherine Baird who was on her way to her son, John, of New York, where she will remain for some time.

Mr. Thos. Sirrs left last Tuesday for his home in Grafton. A few evenings before his departure there was a gathering of his friends, which are many in this part, as he was born and raised here. He has also got admirers in Durham, some whom were present at the gathering and like the rest of us spent a pleasant night. It is eight years since his last visit. Between ourselves, Mr. Editor we believe he may make a call soon again.

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