

Thursday, March 9, 1899.

LORD HERSHELL DEAD.

As we went to press last week the sorrowful news came that Lord Herschell, the British representative on the Joint High Commission had died suddenly. A few weeks ago a fall on the ice broke his thigh bone, but he was thought to be recovering nicely when he was suddenly stricken with heart failure and died in 30 minutes. His death is the second that has occurred on the Commission, the Americans losing one of their foremost men in Nelson Dingley. The press of Britain, the States and Canada are one in expressing sympathy and regret at the loss to the Commission of so valuable a member, and to his country of a diplomat of the highest order. Although a Liberal and a member of Gladstone's cabinet he was selected for this Commission by Lord Salisbury, certainly a great tribute to his worth.

JAN. 1, 190?

We have received a copy of "The Trade Bulletin," published in Montreal, having a marked article on the question, (which some call "vexed") as to the 1st day of next century. The bulletin, with great and sublime courage, (what some will call crass stupidity) affirms that we are now in the last year of the century, that Jan. 1, 1900 will open the new century that the present era did not begin with the year 1, but with the year 0? that a parallel exists with the zero mark on the thermometers from which degrees are reckoned both way and our years, &c., &c.

The article appears among leading trade articles on the editorial page and appears to be treated in dead earnest, and we cannot but think if the trade articles in the Trade Bulletin are of no more reliability than this, its value to trade must be seriously questioned. He says "the first year of the first century ended its journey on Dec. 31, 0, the zero year, the succeeding 99 making the 100." Why, if it was the "first year" it surely must have been the year 1. The difference between one degree above zero and one degree below is surely only 2 degrees, but according to this the difference between the beginning of the year 1 B. C. and the close of the year 1, A. D. is three years not 2, since this famous "zero year" comes between.

The editor of the Bulletin must have some bet made, and rather than lose has invented this "zero year" to help him out. It is positively grotesque to find this idea presented in all seriousness on the editorial page of the Trade Bulletin. Nineteen centuries of our era will surely be completed on Dec. 31, 1900, the first day of the 20th century being Jan. 1, 1901.

SNATCHES FROM A BLUE BOOK.

The January Report of the Department of Trade and Commerce is before us in its homely blue cover. It is a mass of statistics, and on the whole is very flattering to the progress of the country. Just a few snatches:

The Revenues from Customs, Excise and "miscellaneous" are greater than in January, 1898, while Post Office revenue, as might be expected is \$70,000 less. From Public Works there is over \$100,000 less. Summing all together however the figures show 1898: \$3,512,149.19. 1899: \$3,550,102.68. So there is a net increase.

The revenue for Spirits, Malt, Liquor, Cigars, Inspection of Petroleum, Manufactures in Bond were greater than Jan. '98, while revenue from Malt, Tobacco, Seizure was less. On the whole, however, a gain \$63,000 was made.

The values of the exports showed an increase in produce of the Fisheries, the Forest, Manufactures, and a decrease in produce of the Mine, Animals and their produce, Agricultural products. Values on the whole showing a decrease of \$2,173,000, or nearly 25 per cent.

The exports of the U. States to all countries was over 137 millions of dollars. Britain and her colonies receiving over 74 millions of this, a very practical illustration of the value of the British empire to the U. States. Canada takes over 5 of the 74 millions, while Britain herself takes over 64.

The imports and exports of Britain for a month amount to over 324 millions, of the States to about 192 millions of Russia to 88 millions, France to 120 millions, of Italy to 42 millions, and of Austria Hungary to 66 millions.

—Now Italy has demanded a slice of China, with a sphere of influence, and the Chinese think Britain is deserting her "open door" policy, and backing Italy up. Watch.

—Britain for once in many years has a deficit to face, and a suggestion by the Times looking to the imposition of wheat duties is rousing the old Cobden spirit, whose followers would just like to fight.

—In spite of French warning the Queen is going to France. This matter is being pushed from the British side in a spirit of daring, and any insult offered or injury done the Queen would be almost savagely avenged. 8 Torpedo boat destroyers will convey her across the channel.

—The South Perth election last week was won by the Conservatives. Mr. Monteith winning by only 7 votes according to latest reports. The closeness of the vote may lead to recounts and protests. Mr. Valentine Stock was the Liberal candidate, and it is claimed that poor organization was the cause of his defeat.

—French papers are almost threatening outrages against the Queen on her projected annual visit to the South of France. A report that her visit was to be "called off" on account of these threats has been contradicted, and the London Times says gravely that "should outrages occur, England will know where to place the blame." The most rabid of Frenchmen might travel Britain through, unattended, without insult if he behaved himself as the Queen intends doing.

—The United States have done a generous thing in offering a warship to convey the remains of Lord Herschell to England. This will be, if accepted, the first time a distinguished man's remains is returned eastward with national honors. Britain has done it twice, the first in honor of the States with the body of Peabody, a great benefactor of English and American working men, and second in honor of Canada with the remains of Sir John Thompson. It will likely be accepted.

—Spain has imprisoned, pending trial, Admiral Montigo, who surrendered his fleet to Dewey, and Gen. Linares, who commanded the Spanish forces at Santiago. If she follows this with dire punishment she will be following the example of Britain in the reign of Geo. II, who shot Admiral Byng for surrendering, causing a cynic to remark that "England had to shoot a general or two to keep the rest in order." Sagasta, premier of Spain throughout the war, has also been compelled to resign, Senor Sils-la, the Conservative leader, having been called upon to form a Ministry. Spain will still play at Statecraft, but her world's work is done unless by some mighty change in the people of the fertile peninsula.

Murdoch.

Mrs. D. Sharpe, who has been ill for the last few weeks, is still in a very low state of health.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lunny and family who have resided in the neighborhood for the last two years, leaves Tuesday to take up their residence in Bentinck. They leave with the best wishes of their many Murdoch friends.

Mrs. Pollock, Sr., accompanied by her son Thomas and grand-daughter Lizzie, left last Wednesday to take up their residence in Henfryn. Their many friends wish them every happiness in their new home.

Mrs. George Pollock, Jr., was seized with an attack of La grippe, and Dr. Brown of Holstein was called in attendance. She is now able to be around again.

Mr. Will and Miss Selina Coleridge were guests at Mrs. D. Sharpe's one afternoon recently.

Mr. J. Stinson spent a couple of days last week visiting in the neighborhood his different friends.

Miss Mary A. Gordon is tailoring for a couple of weeks in Holstein.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sharpe, of Holstein, were up seeing the former's mother one evening last week.

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The hopes of spring are again blighted and stormy weather again prevails. Miss Jean Renwick, of Toronto, is visiting her parents at present.

Mr. Robert Renwick has an order for two car-loads bicycle rims. He is doing quite a rushing business at present.

The collectors for the Bible society are going their rounds at present. We hope they will meet with success.

Mr. John Wilson has been laid off with La grippe for the last week.

Dr. Sneath is improving and the hope prevails that he will soon be able to resume his duties.

Quite a number of our young men are going out west this spring as prospects are promising this year.

We think it would be a good plan if that young man would join the Proton Orange Lodge as he would have a good excuse for going up there so often then.

We are glad to see that Miss Mary Isaac is again able to walk about without the aid of a crutch.

Mr. William Lester has been laid up with a sore hand. He has not been in the mill for a week or so.

Mr. John Garson, of Osprey, was again in our midst last week. We are glad to learn that Mrs. Garson is improving in health.

We think wedding bells will soon be ringing. It is a good thing boys, so encourage it along. The preacher is near.

Boothville.

Mr. James A. Wilson intends to leave home in two weeks for Regina, Man. He was away visiting last week. James will be missed at and around home.

Mrs. Peter Moody and family have moved into Mrs. Kinsman's house. Mrs. Moody has lived on the farm for 40 years. Mr. and Mrs. Moody were among the first settlers in this part. We welcome our new neighbor, Mr. Peter Dalley, who takes charge of the Moody farm for the next five years.

A week ago Friday our teacher, Mr. Graham, called the school to order and two captives were chosen by the school, Miss Teas Moody and Master John Ferguson, each side to try who could have the largest program. Each side worked hard and it took them four evenings to get through with it, one side had 1,705 and the other side 1,400. Mr. Graham was well pleased with the school.

Brownsville.

Last Sunday's storm filled in the roads. They were hardly passable on Monday.

Mr. John McDougall enjoyed driving his guests around. Last week he drove to Pricerville and took in the sights at night.

We were pleased to see Mr. McQuarrie, of Melancthon, formerly of this place.

Mr. James and Miss Ada Brown, of Durham, are visiting at Mr. Alexander McLean's.

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