

Editorial Note and Comment.

A great pressure is being placed on the Ontario Government to make regulations that all timber cut under license shall be manufactured in Canada. This is all right, but in view of that \$2.00 a M duty imposed by Americans on our lumber (while admitting our logs free,) it would be a good deal 'righter' if the Dominion Government would put an export duty on logs.

The outbreak on the Indian frontier will not stay settled and is assuming large proportions new relays of British troops being sent out and masses of native troops sent forward. There can only be one ending to the trouble of course, but those behind the scenes think they see the paw of the Russian bear in the strife, and if this is correct, the end of the century may see bloody strife.

The famine in Ireland is so serious according to many of the Irish members, that they are asking for an early session of Parliament to extend relief. The memorial asking for this has an unpleasant menacing tone stating that if full rents are demanded this winter there will follow agitation and disturbance. Language like this from the leaders is simply an incentive to out breaks. Some private reports on the state of affairs are not by any means so gloomy.

Last Sat'day's Globe has two letters written by an English writer to the St. James Gazette dealing pretty fully and fairly with Canada and her institutions. Talking about loyalty to Britain he says: "So late as 1891—though it suits the Liberals to deny it—now—the general election was fought upon that issue" meaning union with the United States. Even a Laurier it seems, has not dispelled entirely, the false Tory charges of that 1891 campaign. How a lie will stick!

Toronto had several bad fires last week, evidently the work of an incendiary. The loss of property is about \$15000, mostly covered by insurance, however. A tragic and fatal incident occurred at one of them. A team of firehorses attached to an engine broke away from their driver and dashed madly into a crowd of excited spectators with the result that a boy was killed and about a score seriously injured. His name is Percy Escott, aged 7 years, the only son of his mother and she a widow.

Cannon for Canada. So they say. Joseph Chamberlain's Birmingham organ says that early in 1898 large purchases of heavy field batteries and defence guns will be made. That most peaceable of men, Sir Wilfrid Laurier gave the order on his return to Canada. Now please Uncle Jonathan don't get excited. This preparation is intended to safe guard the port of Montreal from any stray Russian or belligerent German or Frenchman should war break out, and not at all to menace our most respectable neighbor to the south.

Here is Mr. Gladstone's opinion of the present state of the Eastern question:

"The pain, shame and mischief of the last two years in the eastern policy transcended entirely the powers of any language I could use concerning them. The sum is this: Firstly, a hundred thousand Armenians have been slaughtered, with no security against a repetition, and with great profit to the assassins. Secondly, Turkey is stronger than at any time since the Crimean war. Thirdly, Greece is weaker than at any time since she became a kingdom. Fourthly, all this is due to the European concert, that is, the mutual hatred and distrust of the powers."

THE GREY STATISTICS.

When the untruthfulness of The Mail's figures about the Provincial payments to the receipts from the County of Wellington were exposed it simply said:—"Of course, of course; now let us turn to the County of Simcoe." It is rather weary work for our readers to be following these misstatements from county to county. But let us look at the article, "How it Affects Grey."

In that article it is said "the Province used to give in cash grants to the municipalities of Grey \$2,888 yearly." This is not the fact. The Province never gave to any of the municipalities in Grey or elsewhere any such fixed yearly grant.

In 1872 and subsequent years down to 1886 the moneys received from the sale of clergy reserve lands were distributed amongst the municipalities on the basis of population. These receipts formed what was called the municipalities fund (See 18 Vic., ch. 2.)



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They amounted to \$71,708 in 1872, to \$62,697, in 1877, and to only \$17,137 in 1882. The balance to the credit of this particular fund becoming small, the Legislature authorized it to be added to the amount voted for Public and Separate Schools. This has been done since 1888. (See 50 Vic., ch. 5.) The amount so added in 1896 was \$3,791.

It is plain, therefore, that no fixed yearly grant was ever given to the municipalities. The amount at the credit of a certain fund was distributed year by year, and is now similarly distributed as part of the school grant. The County of Grey receives now twice as much from the Province by way of grants in aid compared with 1872.—GLOBE.

Bridge Opening at Niagara Falls.

Niagara Falls, Sept. 23.—(Special.)—Ten thousand strangers are to-day and to-night making the formal opening of the new Grand Trunk bridge across Niagara the excuse for one great carnival of fun and frolic, and the people of the towns on both sides of the river are turning out heartily to assist them. Train load upon train load of excursionists came in to-day, nearly every train being so crowded that people had to stand in the aisles, and to-morrow, if reports are true, the crush will be even greater. This is the greatest event, so far as numbers are concerned, that Niagara Falls has had for a long time, although the opening ceremonies at the bridge, if they can be dignified by such a name, were of the most meagre description. Still, fireworks, bands and free shows are satisfying everybody, and the bridge itself, although of considerable importance to the railway system of the Grand Trunk, sinks into comparative insignificance.

The town of Niagara Falls is in holiday attire. Shops and business houses are gaily decorated with flags and bunting, the flags of both the United States and Canada being much in evidence. Rows of flags along the great grey bridge give it a bright appearance, while even the yard engines of the Grand Trunk and the depot itself are covered with bunting. These old relics of the past, the horse cars, of which there is a line running from Drummondville to Landy's Lane, each had Union Jacks at either end. On the American side of the river of course the Stars and Stripes predominate, but the flags of both countries intermingled at both approaches to the bridge.

The fact that the opening ceremonies were to take place at 1 o'clock this afternoon in the centre of the new bridge was not apparently well advertised, for not more than 300 people on the bridge gathered around the bands at that hour. The Mayors of Niagara Falls, Ontario, and Niagara Falls, New York, accompanied by members of the City Councils and the visiting railroad officials, met together in the centre of the bridge. Three bands, the 13th of Hamilton, the Queen's Own, Toronto, and the 74th Regiment Band of Buffalo played "God Save the Queen" and "The Star Spangled Banner," while the crowd cheered enthusiastically. Then the Canadian Mayor, Charles C. Cole, stepped forward and welcomed his American confrere, Mayor A. C. Hastings to Canadian soil. Mayor Hastings accepted the invitation, and

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after an aerial salute of 21 guns had been fired the procession started for the Canadian side. Mayor Cole called for three cheers for the President of the United States, and Mayor Hastings in return called for three cheers for Queen Victoria, and all were given with a will.

HAMPDEN.

Quite a large number from this community attended the township show and those who had anything to exhibit returned with goodly number of Red Tickets.

Mr. J. Gale, of Waterloo spent part of last week with Mr. Jno. Lobsinger. Reeve Koenig was here last week inspecting the bridge on the school side road. He pronounced it unfit for further use.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Moore, of Durham, spent part of last week with friends and relations here. Sunday was Children's Day and a very appropriate service was held in the church here. Rev. J. R. Craigie gave a short address on Sabbath School work and a very interesting account of the first Sabbath School in London, England over a hundred years ago.

DORNOCH.

Harvesting is over and the farmers are busy taking up their potatoes. The potato rot is not nearly as bad as was feared some time ago.

Mr. Wm. Smith Sr., and his daughter Elsie are visiting friends in Port Elgin this week.

Mrs. Smith and her daughter Jessie returned to their home in Arthur, last week. Miss Stewart and Mrs. Sullivan, of Flesherton were the guests of Rev. J. Little over Sunday.

Mr. McKenzie, of Presque Isle, occupied the pulpit here on Sabbath.

Mr. Hunt has secured the services of Miss Carson, of Durham, to assist in his store.

Miss Little, of Conn, and Miss Ingles, of Owen Sound were the guests of their Uncle Rev. J. Little.

Miss E. Oliver, of Owen Sound, is visiting at Mr. G. Ledingham's and other friends.

Miss Minnie Robertson is home from London looking hale and hearty as of yore.

Mr. J. Robertson has been under the weather for some time, late hours and night travelling does not seem to agree with Jim.

What we would like to know, If Archie and Jim got the girl home safe, the other night?
Who got the two roosters?

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