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MR. LEWIS CARVELL.

A TELEGRAM from Toronto announces the death of Lewis Carvell, Esq., which occurred this morning at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Adam Weir. Mr. Carvell had been in ill-health for several years, and his release was not unexpected. He was born at St. John on the 16th June 1828, and had well nigh completed his sixty-ninth year. Early in life he became identified with the railways of his native Province. He was first Superintendent of the European and North American Railway, and on the completion of the Intercolonial Railway, he was appointed to the important and responsible position of General Manager of Government Railways. This position he held until shortly after the advent of the McKenzie administration, when his resignation was, for political reasons, demanded. Subsequently, upon the completion of the Canadian Pacific Railway, he was offered a Divisional Superintendency; but this offer he declined. In 1880 he became a member of the firm of Carvell Brothers, in this city, of which the late Honorable J. S. Carvell was the head; and he remained in the firm until 1895, when failing health compelled him to retire. During the years of his activity here, he took a prominent part in movements towards the advancement of the town and Province. He gave to the City Corporation its admirable system of book-keeping, which might well be adopted by the Provincial Government; and he was the leader in the formation of the Charlottetown Board of Trade, of which he was for some time President. He was an able man who did his duty in his day and generation. We never knew a man who had a more sincere attachment for hard work, or a higher regard for that which is honorable and just.

AN EXTRAORDINARY ARRANGEMENT.

It is now announced that the Government have decided (1) that the plebiscite vote shall be taken for the acceptance or rejection of "a complete Prohibition Bill," and (2) that it must be "endorsed at the polls by a majority of the electors in each of the Provinces."

The first of these propositions is not unreasonable. Indeed it is "much more like business" than a bald vote on the principle of prohibition would be. But the second is contrary to practice, contrary to the theory of our Federation, and most unreasonable. The electors of all Canada vote for the election of a Parliament for all Canada. Why should they not also vote for or against a prohibitory bill for all Canada? Admitting that it is desirable to take a plebiscite vote on a prohibition bill,—what good reason is there for a departure from the custom of the country in respect to elections? The Parliament of Canada, selected by the electorate of Canada as a whole, makes laws for all Canada, though the majority in Parliament is made up of a little knot of unscrupulous politicians from the Province of Quebec; and here we have a departure from the practice in elections in order that Quebec or any other single Province shall say whether or not we shall have a prohibitory law! We protest against this plan of campaign. It is not fair to the temperance workers of Canada. If the people of Quebec are, by the luck of an election held in the ordinary way, "Masters of the Administration," they ought not to use their power to compel the Government to hold an election in an extraordinary way in order that they may control all Canada in regard to the prohibition of the liquor traffic. The Government of Canada is not for the Provinces but for the country as a whole; and the Government of Canada, in arranging for a vote on a prohibitory bill, ought to take the vote of the country as a whole and not of the Provinces. The arrangement is unfair and extraordinary. On behalf of the temperance men of this Province we protest against it. It seems to have been specially designed by the liquor interests and intended to burk the success of the prohibition movement.

PORK INDUSTRY IN P. E. ISLAND.

We think the City Council are to be congratulated on their action for encouraging the meat industry of the Island. The applicants being granted exemption from taxation, will proceed at once with the construction of an up-to-date packing plant. The plans have been prepared under the guidance of Mr. George Lees, of Chicago, an expert in building and equipping slaughtering and packing houses. The house will be provided with all modern appliances and will have a capacity of 2,000 hogs per week or 100,000 yearly. It is intended that killings be made daily winter and summer; and for this purpose purchases of live hogs will be made in Ontario until such time as our farmers can grow sufficient number of hogs to keep the plant in constant operation the year round. It will be noted, there will now be open to the farmers a constant and regular market for hogs, summer and winter alike, and they can rest assured the product will be put on the best markets in shape to command the highest prices.

At present, of the 40,000 hogs grown on this island yearly, not 15 per cent are such as to meet the requirements of the best ham and bacon markets at home or abroad. What is wanted is a lean, fleshy, long-bodied animal, deep in the sides, not weighing over 180 lbs. to 200 lbs., live weight. For these hogs, we feel sure that the Messrs. Rattenbury will pay the best prices, consistently with those of the markets abroad.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—The rising hopes of our prohibitionists have been rudely dissipated by the Patriot's Ottawa news.

—It is rumored that Mr. G. A. Sharpe has been appointed Superintendent of the P. E. Island Railway.

—It is a good move to have a sewer on Queen Street. But care should be taken in the construction of sewers that they may in the future form part of a general system.

—There is a Grit Government at Ottawa, and there is famine and pestilence abroad, and we have had earthquakes. Now there is to be war. Have we fallen upon the evil hours of the last days?

—Some two thousand applications for consular appointments have been filed at Washington since the new regime took office, which causes the N. Y. Mail and Express to remark that it "is amazing that so many able-bodied American patriots should yearn to leave their native land merely to serve their government in foreign parts."

—We hear that the ice which has formed about the Petrel is being blown up with dynamite in the hope that she may be available for goose shooting during the Easter holidays. It has been suggested as possible that the Minister of Marine and our Provincial Premier intend to use her this spring for their mutual sport. But this may not be true.

—The bounties paid on iron and steel manufactured from Canadian ore since February last are as follows, according to a return brought down to the House of Commons: On pig iron, 42,404 tons, \$24,809; iron, puddled bars, 4,353 tons, \$8,707; steel billets, 35,757 tons, \$71,514. The Hamilton Iron and Steel Company produced 3,545 tons of pig and received in bounty \$7,090; Hamilton Blast Furnace Company, 1,497 tons, bounty \$29,935; Hamilton Rolling Mills Company, 91 tons puddled bars, \$183. So it seems that our iron industry is developing under the present policy.

—Prince Henry of Orleans, who has made a savage attack upon British rule in Egypt, receives in the New York Herald the following sharp reply from Prof. Goldwin Smith: "If Prince Henry of Orleans is inclined to be severe on England, he might remember that she has at least been deemed worthy of affording an asylum in misfortune to his family. Perhaps he might remember that twice the house of Bourbon owed its restoration to the throne partly to her arms. The school of British politics in which I was bred was not that of territorial aggrandizement, but I believe it may safely be said that British administration of Egypt will bear the inspection of the civilized world. From

no quarter have more emphatic tributes to its beneficence come than from intelligent and impartial Americans. For thirty centuries the pyramids have looked down on the miserable oppression of labor of which they are themselves prodigious monuments. Now, for the first time, they look down on a reign of law and justice, in which the poor peasant, freed from the lash of the extortioner, may hope to eat the bread he earns. France was pressed by England to take part in the settlement of Egypt and refused."

ESTEEMED EXCHANGES

Montreal Star: British statesmen are looking to Canada for a large portion of their wheat supply in the future. A good way to ensure this is to turn British emigration into our Northwest.

Montreal Gazette: The figures of their estimates make it plain that, whatever the changes in the tariff may be, there will have to be an increase in the total amount of customs taxation paid by the people. The Government cannot go on spending more without raising more.

Montreal Gazette: The Liberals are showing signs of another flop on the Manitoba school question. Their speakers and papers are rising to condemn the late Conservative Cabinet because it did not disallow the Martin-Greenway act of 1890. Up to the date of the late election they were, outside of Quebec, praising this act as good, and the school system it created as the very thing Canada wanted. Mr. Laurier won many votes in the West on account of his reputed sympathy with it.

Montreal Gazette: Mr. Edward Farrer is paying frequent visits to the Ministers at Ottawa. Mr. Farrer is a commercial unionist and an annexationist. He is the man who wrote a pamphlet telling U. S. public men how best to strike at Canada. Canada has since been severely struck at by U. S. public men. Ministers may have legitimate business with him; but the majority of Canadians would be better satisfied if he was making his confidential visits somewhere else. He is not Canada's friend, and Canadians can expect nothing but evil from his influence.

PERSONAL.

Dr. Macneill, of Stanley Bridge, is at the Hotel Davies.

Mr. Neil Mackelvie, of Summerside, is among the guests at the Hotel Davies.

Mr. Colin C. Ferguson arrived from Montreal today. He has recovered his good health.

D. M. Preston and Oliver C. Diaper, of Montreal, and G. T. Kidd, of Toronto, registered at the Hotel Davies this forenoon.

Mr. William Chappell, for some time past clerk in Watson's drugstore, left last evening for Boston where he will reside in future.

Mr. Jas. B. Allan, Charlottetown, Mr. Chas. Farquharson, Lot 48, and Mr. Angus McKenzie, Flat River, leave this evening for Rossland where it is their intention to reside in future.

In connection with the paragraph published a few days ago regarding the twenty-ninth anniversary of the assassination of Thomas D'Arcy McGee it may be pointed out that R. R. Hodgson, Esq., of this city, was one of seven gentlemen who took dinner with the poet-statesman on the day of his death. After dinner, Mr. Hodgson, on the invitation of McGee, went to the House of Commons and heard that gentleman deliver his last speech. "And a good speech it was," remarked Mr. Hodgson when speaking to THE EXAMINER'S reporter yesterday.

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