

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—Remarking upon the wreck of the steamship Castilian, the Monetary Times, of Toronto, says:

"When this country was under French dominion, and the best charts were traps for the unwary, the official chart of the Marine Department of that Government misplacing the longitude of the scene of this wreck by something like 150 miles, disaster might be reckoned on with some assurance of certainty. But with the results of the wonderful work of Admiral Bayfield before us, there is no need to fear disaster to navigation, if only due care be observed. When that care is absent we see in the fate of the "Castilian" what is liable to happen.

—One scarcely realizes that Canada buys a hundred thousand tons a year of foreign salt. But this is the case. Last year we imported 202,634,000 pounds free, from British possessions, or for the use of our sea fisheries. Seventy per cent. of this came from Great Britain, the remainder mostly from Spain, Portugal, Italy, the West Indies and the United States. Quebec took 40,000 tons, but the Maritime Provinces a still larger proportion. The importations of dutiable salt were 11,830,634 pounds, mainly by Ontario, British Columbia and Manitoba, from the United States. Of course we know that Ontario itself produces salt, but she has purchased 7,500,000 pounds or thereabout, both fine and coarse.

ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

Toronto Star: We may be the case regarding the rank and file of prohibitionists, it is evident that party has first claim on several of the prohibitionist members of Parliament.

The Guardian: And then there is the other fact of the sudden and surprising activity of the steamer in making the round trip from Georgetown to Pictou and back again on Sunday last. These circumstances taken together have created the disagreeable impression in many minds that the public interest has not been so powerful as individual and party interests in directing the Stanley's movements.

Montreal Gazette: Liberals say that their threatened ultra-constitutional redistribution bill will not be unjust to the Conservatives. The promise is fair; but so are all Liberal promises. If the Laurier Government had lived up to its promise there would have been no opposition to it left. It is too much to expect, however, that a Government which gerrymandered its principles will be particular about what it does about constituents.

Montreal Star: "Most of the Conservative papers pronounced the plebiscite dodge a piece of transparent humbug and predicted the Government's course with considerable accuracy. At present they regard the plebiscite dodge as only one of the many false pretences by which the Laurier Administration obtained office. Neither political party is likely to adopt prohibition so long as the representative prohibitionists themselves accept without protest the doctrine that prohibition is impracticable and not consonant with good government."

—The Montreal Gazette aptly remarks that "the action of the Government in refusing to take a direct vote on the resolution demanding an independent investigation into the administration of the Yukon, is a sign of weakness. There could be no fairer challenge than that of Mr. Clarke's amendment to the address, which set forth that in view of the widespread charges of incompetency, misconduct and corruption in the administration of public affairs connected with the Yukon, it is the duty of the Government to appoint, without delay, an independent judicial commission to make a thorough investigation into that subject and report the result."

Operations at Manila.

MANILA, April 17, 1 50 a. m.—Major Lawton's expedition to the Laguna De Bay district re-embarked last evening, anchored for the night at the head of the river Pasig and reached Manila this morning, bringing all the men and the captured insurgent boats. Its objects namely, the capture of the insurgent boats and distribution of the proclamation, emphasized by a lesson of American power throughout the lake region, have been attained. Gen. Lawton immediately began preparations for an important expedition on land.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The desire of the volunteers to return to this country is evidenced in a report which shows, that of those who have been offered opportunity to re-enlist, with the offer of a bonus in travel pay of over \$500, only about 7 per cent. will accept. The volunteers desire to come home by organizations instead of individuals. Some discharges of individual soldiers have been brought about by congressional pressure, but as a rule Gen. Otis has been disapproving all applications for discharges except in the cases of sick or wounded and disabled soldiers.

Hampton Notes.

The farmers are mostly all done their hauling and are ready to commence working the land at the first favourable opportunity.

A friendly call was made on Mr. J. Beer of this place on the 13th inst., by the youth and beauty of Hampton and D. Sable, and he was presented with a valuable overcoat and address, showing the esteem in which he is held in the community and the sorrow felt for his recent heavy loss.

The last \$12 prop in Victoria bridge is washed away and the bridge is almost a thing of the past and no one has yet been made by the Government to rebuild the same. This makes it very inconvenient for the farmers to haul their produce to market. But the electors are waiting anxiously for another election to rid themselves of a Grit Government and an indolent supervisor.

Our village blacksmith is doing a rushing business in the horse-hoeing line, and E. McKinnon, Esq., is still supplying the public with all kinds of dry goods and groceries.

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NOTICE! The report that Dr. Matheson is about to quit his practice at Montague is not true. That he is about taking a post graduate course at McGill University, is true, and that he will resume his practice at Montague about June 25th, next is also true. 92—dy 3aw 2wks, wk31