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THE WATCHMAN

OTTAWA VALLEY ADVOCATE

LACHUTE, FRIDAY, MAY 7, 1886.

Colonial and Indian Exhibition.

Through the kindness of Sir Charles Tupper, we will be enabled to lay before the readers of the WATCHMAN each week during the holding of Colonial and Indian Exhibition, a detailed account of the Exhibition and its doings. We give below an extract from one of the letters, want of space prevents us giving it in extenso. The Exhibition was opened by Her Majesty in person. The weather was beautiful. So great was the rush to witness the Royal progress to the exhibition building that it required, besides a strong force of cavalry, upwards of four thousand policemen to keep a passage way for the Royal carriage through the streets. When the Queen appeared in the hall she was greeted with enthusiastic cheers. The vast interior was packed with an assemblage numbering thousands and composed of the very elite of London. There were scores of foreign princes and diplomatists in court dress, hundreds of British officers in full uniform, respondent with gold lace and bright buttons, Chinese and Japanese officers and numberless men proudly wearing decorations. The display of gold lace, medals and colors on the part of the men were phenomenal while the ladies were gorgeously attired. The Queen attracted much attention by her toilet—she wore a black silk dress trimmed with beads and lace and a black bonnet relieved by a large white ostrich feather. The Princess of Wales was at the head of the procession. Crown Prince Victoria of Germany had on a moonlight satin dress. The Princess Louise, wore a grand *robe de chambre* robe. The royal procession came from Albert Hall, composed, besides Her Majesty, and the Princesses named, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Henry of Battenberg and his wife, the Princess Beatrice; Lord Hartington, Lord Salisbury, the Earl of Derby and scores of their noblemen followed the Royal party as escort throughout the building before and after the opening ceremony. These ceremonies were simple. They consisted of a carefully prepared programme of music, the presentations of addresses to the Queen by the colonies participating in the exhibition, and a formal declaration by Her Majesty that the show was open. The music was grand. Among the numbers was "Home, Sweet Home." This was sung by Mrs. Albani, a French Canadian, and thrilled the vast concourse beyond expression. The immense choir of carefully drilled voices, accompanied by the great organ and orchestra, rendered the "Hallelujah Chorus" with powerful effect. The chief feature of the opening ceremonies, however, was the singing of the new British ode, composed by Baron Tennyson and set to music by Sir Arthur Sullivan for the occasion. The poem was in four parts, one of welcome to the exhibitors; one of prayer for the inheritance by the colonies of England's attributes; the third describing the loss of America and the lesson of it, and the fourth containing an appeal for the unity of the Empire. The ode is considered remarkable in many respects as a national hymn and for the vigor of its lines. The choir accompanied by the organ and orchestra, rendered the ode with perfect expression and the effect was tremendous. The Queen was much affected by the singing of the ode. She smiled and nodded approval over each patriotic sentiment rendered, and was fairly radiant with pleasure when the vast audience caught up the poet's spirit, and vented their joy in deafening thunders of applause.

THE TOLERANT YANKEES.

A Bill to Prevent Canadians From Sailing in American Vessels.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30.—Some months ago Congressman Mayberry, of Detroit, Mich., introduced a bill in the House which provided that hereafter no alien who has not declared his intentions to become a citizen of the United States shall be granted a license as pilot, engineer, mate, captain or other officer on any steam vessel carrying the flag of the United States. The bill was passed by the House by its author, preventing Canadian vessels from entering the service of the United States steamboat owners to the exclusion of Americans. The bill was favorably reported from the Commerce Committee. The bill was passed by the House on Friday afternoon of last week. Mr. Mayberry presented a petition signed by about 100 persons from Montreal, Quebec, and other points in Canada, asking the passage of the bill introduced the other day to incorporate a levee company. The petition runs as follows:—

THE MONTREAL FLOODS.

On Friday afternoon of last week Mr. Mayberry presented a petition signed by about 100 persons from Montreal, Quebec, and other points in Canada, asking the passage of the bill introduced the other day to incorporate a levee company.

The petition runs as follows:—

That your petitioners have suffered extremely from the great calamity of the recent recurrence of the overflow of the St. Lawrence; that these inundations could, it is believed, be permanently averted by the construction of a levee or dike from the northern extremity of the Victoria bridge, following westwardly on or near the northern bank of the St. Lawrence, until the high ground is reached on the Lower Lachine road, near the rapids; that your petitioners are informed by a bill now before your honorable house providing for the construction of a levee or dike, and also for the construction of a suburban railway, which will be a great convenience to your petitioners and also to the inhabitants of Verdun, Côte St. Paul and St. Henry, and they, therefore, pray that such bill may become law.

Dr. Talmage on the Press.

The Rev. Dr. Talmage after having dismissed nearly every conceivable popular topic has worked around to the press.

The newspaper is the great enemy of the educator of the nineteenth century. There is no force compared with it. It is a book, pulp, platform, forum all in one. And there is no interest—religious, literary, commercial, scientific, agricultural or mechanical—that is not within its grasp. All our churches, schools, academies and asylums, art galleries feel the quaking of the printing press.

Two of the great truths of this newspaper profession is the fact that they are compelled to see more of the sins of the world than any other profession. They are the only newspaper editor, day by day, go to the weakness of the world, the vanities that want to be pulled, the vices that want to be weakened, all the mistakes that want to be corrected, all the dull questions that want to be brought to light, all the meanings that want to be got. It is a very noble and a very difficult task.

In the editorial columns in order to save the tax of the advertising column, all men who want to be set right who never were right, all the crack-brained philosophers, all the silly and all the vain, all the gloomy and their finger nails in mourning because of soap; all the literary bards who come to stay five minutes and stop an hour. From the editorial and editorial rooms all the follies and sins of the world are seen day by day, and it is no wonder that the newspaper editor is a very noble and a very difficult task.

Another great trial of the newspaper profession is the diseased appetite for unhealthy intelligence. You blame the newspaper press for giving such prominence to crime and vice and you say, "Do you suppose that so many papers would give prominence to these things if the people did not demand them?" I go into the meat market of a foreign city, and I find that the butchers hang up, on the most conspicuous place, one that is fattened while the meat is in the market, and you say, "Do you suppose that so many papers would give prominence to these things if the people did not demand them?" I go into the meat market of a foreign city, and I find that the butchers hang up, on the most conspicuous place, one that is fattened while the meat is in the market, and you say, "Do you suppose that so many papers would give prominence to these things if the people did not demand them?"

On Saturday night the Liberal members of the House of Commons entertained the Hon. Edward Blake at a banquet.

In Memory of Our Knife.

The Ottawa Sharpshooters Celebrate the Anniversary of their Engagement—Honoring the Dead.

OTTAWA, May 2.—The Ottawa Sharpshooters held their first annual dinner last evening on the anniversary of Cut Knife. Major Todd presided, and the guests included the mayor and the officers commanding all the volunteer corps in Ottawa. Complimentary messages were read from Lieut.-Col. O'Rourke, Major Todd, and Lieut. Col. O'Rourke. Major Todd presided, and the guests included the mayor and the officers commanding all the volunteer corps in Ottawa. Complimentary messages were read from Lieut.-Col. O'Rourke, Major Todd, and Lieut. Col. O'Rourke. Major Todd presided, and the guests included the mayor and the officers commanding all the volunteer corps in Ottawa. Complimentary messages were read from Lieut.-Col. O'Rourke, Major Todd, and Lieut. Col. O'Rourke.

The Queen's Own Celebration.

TORONTO, May 2.—The Queen's Own celebrated the anniversary of the engagement at Cut Knife by a church parade this afternoon. About 600 turned out accompanied by about fifty members of the newly formed veterans corps. Large crowds lined the streets to watch them march along.

How the Back of Beyond was first settled.

Hardships of the first settlers—They were told the land was good but it was not so.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

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To the Editor of THE WATCHMAN.

There is a piece of advice tendered to me by Mille Isle in his letter of week before last about the use of the word "England"—I am aware that there are certain thin-skinned people who imagine their own particular nationality insulted by its use, and there are certain pedants who are never so happy as when they endeavor to catch people up in either style, grammar, or the misplacing of a word. Seeing however that the word is referred to by every daily paper all over the world, and by almost every writer of eminence, I prefer to follow their example.—If Mille Isle sets himself to the work of correcting this kind of thing, he will not need to trouble himself with Dr. Mulhall's amusing work, he will have enough to do with the rest of his days. I suppose to at "Fragrant Nelson" ships were manned by sailors from almost every part of the Empire, and very likely there were a few foreign sailors. Let us see then how the celebrated signal reads by the light of Mille Isle's corrections.

THE WEEK'S NEWS

MEME.

Nearly six hundred dollars has already
been collected in Ottawa towards the relief
of the distress in the west of Ireland.

Five Indians and two half-breeds impris-
oned for complicity in the North-West re-
bellion have been ordered to be released.

The Toronto City Council has decided in
favor of making nine hours a day's work
for all men employed by the corporation.

In Holy Trinity Church, Winnipeg, a
monument has been erected to the memory
of Lieut. Charles Swinford, who was killed at
Ft. O'Reilly.

A quantity of roots of Canadian plants
and wild flowers to be placed in the grounds
of the Colonial Exhibition have been ship-
ped from Ottawa.

Reverence, the young man indicted for
murder in Berlin, is said to be a splendid
classical scholar and fond of study. At the
trial he was acquitted.

The passenger station of the Canadian
Pacific railway at Winnipeg, with its
contents, and the immigration office ad-
joining, were totally destroyed by fire the
other night.

Dr. Bill, of the Geological Survey, deliv-
ered a lecture in the Convocation Hall of
the Kingston University recently to a large
audience on his voyage and travels in and
around Hudson's Bay.

The man killed at London, Ont., while
jumping off a Grand Trunk Railway freight
train, was identified by his clothing and
tattoo marks as an arm as Thomas Lloyd,
aged 21, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Lloyd, of
that city.

The Proprietor, a quarterly edited by some
crack in Bradford, preloved for the coming
summer an epidemic of cholera, smallpox,
bad heads and wooden legs. The Bradford
people ought to make that fellow health
inspector for their city.

Two thousand dollars was appropriated
by the Toronto City Council at its last
meeting to obtain a partial survey to as-
certain the practicability of procuring a
pure water supply for the city from Bond
lake or Lake Simcoe.

One hundred railway navvies, hewers and
choppers have left Toronto for the Rockies
where contractors McDermid & Ross have
undertaken to build 60 miles of new railways
in the western part of the province.

Five hundred more men will be forwarded
shortly.

Seizures have been placed by Montreal
Customs officials upon the stocks in that
city of two firms importing books and re-
ligious ornaments from France, on charges
of smuggling duty-free goods.

The Customs department against the two
firms is said to be nearly twenty thousand
dollars.

Shall another farmer have got into the
bills charged with bigamy. His name is Isiah
Sharp, of North Dorchester. At the pre-
liminary trial before Judge Gauthier, the
magistrate at Ingersoll both wives put in
an appearance with the clergyman who tied
the knots, and altogether things looked
pretty blue for Isiah.

Last week Madame Veron, of Vaud-
reuil, Q., eloped with Baptiste Gauthier,
and fled to Prescott. The injured husband
followed the couple, gave Moss, Gauthier a
night in the cells, and then took his fal-
lows home with him. Gauthier is 38
years of age, and anything but an Adonis,
while Madame Veron is quite young and
very pretty.

The Salvation Army had a grand parade
in Toronto the other day, in connection
with the dedicatory services of the new
Temple. Over 700 were in line, including
soldiers, sailors, and women. The parade
was a grand success, and the new temple
was dedicated with a grand service.

A horrible accident occurred on the Can-
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H. M. Jarrett, a prominent coal oper-
ator of Kansas Valley, says the depression in
the coal trade in that district has never been
paralleled.

A destructive wind storm swept over Fort
Smith, Ark., accompanied by rain. Stores
were unroofed and stables and shops blown
down in various parts of the city. The
Canadian and the Argonaut were the
great sufferers. No lives lost.

Gen. Ricardo Gutierrez, who was a promi-
nent leader in the Panama revolution of 1848-
55, and who was lately sent from Cartha-
gena to Panama as a prisoner, died from a
fever in prison on the night of the 12th
April. It is reported that he was poisoned.

The King of Bavaria is now reported to
be insane.

One hundred and twenty-eight lives were
lost at Stry, Austria.

The Car has determined to encourage
cotton planting in Assate, Russia.

A collision occurred in Glasgow between
Quaker and Catholic after a Royalist
meeting.

The peasants are rising in Galilee, and it
is feared there will be a repetition of the
awful scenes of 1848.

The death in Melbourne, Australia, of
Mr. G. S. Himmuth, youngest son of the
late Bishop Himmuth, is announced.

The chief points in dispute as to the position
of England and China in Burma have
been amicably arranged.

Lord Welbourn, the English Postmaster-
General, has prepared a scheme which will
come into force on the 1st prox., whereby a
letter can be insured for a small fee, which
will entitle the sender to compensation in
the event of the letter being lost.

A report has been received in London that
the British outpost at Sukim was surprised
and fifteen Indian soldiers were captured by
the enemy, but subsequent information
shows that the report refers to the capture
of Indian soldiers by the Sultan of Harar.

The police of Ciudad Real, in Spain, re-
sounded a alarm in which a body of conscrip-
ts were holding a meeting. A sharp re-
sponse was exchanged, in which thirteen of
the conscripts, including their leader, were
killed, and seven wounded. A special
guard of honor was sent to the scene, and
the bodies of the deceased were taken to the
city and buried with military honors.

A young lady wrote some verses for a
country paper about her birthday, and
headed them, "My 30th." It almost
made her faint when it appeared in print,
"My 30th."

HOUSEHOLD.

HOME MIST.

Look out for the children's feet. This is
the time for sore throats, scarlatina, and
diphtheria. A little care in seeing that the
feet are warm and dry at night may save a
great deal of suffering and expense. Dry
stockings in the morning are imperative, and
the little ones are better given a cupful
of ginger or sage tea before going to bed.

Prof. C. E. Monroe of Annapolis states
that the ordinary fruit acids, such as those
contained in apples, tomatoes, rhubarb,
lemons, etc., all act upon tin. Some older
which has been examined, and which had been
stored in a tin fundulus, and contained 117
milligrammes of metallic tin to the litre in
solution. One case was given where per-
sons eating fruit preserved in tin cans were
made violently sick, and tin only was found
in the fruit.

A RICH CHOICE RECIPES.

ABUNDANT pudding will repay the out-
lay. Stir together in a saucepan on the fire
the yolks of seven eggs, five ounces of sugar,
and a large teaspoonful of flour until the
mixture becomes a rather stiff batter. When
it is cooled add one ounce of gelatin, which
has been dissolved in a little water, and a
third of a pint of cream, well whipped,
flavored with vanilla. Mix well and pour
into a mould, and set it on the ice or in a
cool place until needed. It will have the
consistency of jelly.

HAM COOKED IN ORDER.—Put a pint of
clear water and a cup of beer into enough
water to cover the ham, boil three hours,
until the skin will peel off easily. Remove
the skin and cover with a crust of sugar,
and bake in a slow oven three hours. Dis-
cuss a cup of sugar in a pint of oil, and
baste the ham frequently while baking. If
the oil is very sweet use less sugar.

PORK CAKE.—Take one pound of fat salt
pork, chop fine, add one cup of cold water,
one cup of brown sugar, one teaspoonful of
ground cloves, two of cinnamon, half of nut-
meg. When cool add eight teaspoonfuls of
flour, and then have ready one pound of
raisins—take out seeds and chop; stir to-
gether, bake in bars.

CHICKEN APPLE PIE.—Break in pieces one
and a half soda crackers, or one Boston
cracker, and turn on a teaspoonful of cold
water. Let it stand while making the paste.
Put it in a pie plate with a little nutmeg;
and a cup of sugar and the juice of one
lemon; vinegar may do; and bake with a
top crust.

COLD CAISOU.—Half-pound ripe tomatoes,
two red peppers, six small onions, chopped
fine. Let it stand overnight, then drain of
all the water possible. Two teaspoonfuls of
cinnamon, two of cloves, one of nutmeg,
one of white mustard seed, one small cup of
oil, one of sugar, two thirds of a cup of oil-
seed, two roots of grated horseradish, one
quart of good vinegar. Do not cook or
boil.

STRAWBERRY AND BUTTER PUDDING.—
This pudding is easily made, can be eaten
either cold or warm, and is delicious. Spread
slices of stale bread with butter and put in
your pudding-dish in layers with fruit
between. Then make a custard as follows:
1 quart of milk, 1 cup of sugar, 3
egg-beaten eggs, and 2 teaspoonfuls of corn-
starch. Pour the custard over the pudding
and then steam it.

Canadian National Homogeneity.

BY J. GEORGE HODGINS, LL.D.

A writer in the March number of *Education*,
published in Boston, in a suggestive
article on "The School House in American
Development," says a few words which
might fittingly be addressed to us in Canada.
It touches on two subjects of practical val-
ue to educators: first, that in our systems
of education it is a serious error to neglect
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My Troubles In Russia.

By the Author of "The Russian Frontier."

I have been travelling without interruption all night and the greater part of a day between Berlin and the Russian frontier. Verbalin, and I hope to proceed "without let or hindrance" to my destination, the neutrality zone of the Baltic, the mouth of August, and blustering hot. I am in a third-class carriage, full of trading literature, and the air is heavy with garlic. Moreover, I have been forming part of an interesting table for the last six hours with one of the chosen race, who has been sitting at intervals and letting his city slip on to my shoulder; while you may be sure I do not bear patiently. The combined result of all is that I am hot, dusty, weary, headachy, thirsty, and cross.

I am only eighteen, and trying my wings for the first time, and need scarcely add that I am a governor for what English mother's child would be journeying alone towards the land of barbarians but one of my profession! No that I would draw upon the residents' pity; for I have been very joyful and hopeful, and much amused all the way; but really things have been a good deal against me. The train was late, the engine belched forth great volumes of stifling smoke, and makes more noise than a score of English engines. But we stop at last, and this is Verbalin! I am out of the train in a trice, and surge upon the platform amidst a sea of hearing, struggling, excited people, and letting his city slip on to my shoulder; while you may be sure I do not bear patiently. The combined result of all is that I am hot, dusty, weary, headachy, thirsty, and cross.

I fight my boxes with my brand-new covers, and rush upon them breathless and relieved. Piles of luggage stand about, waiting to be examined by the custom-house officers, amongst which a number of wild, dithering females run riot. The men are quieter, they hold out their hands to the officers, and get served first. It is amazing the number of officials that are required for so simple a matter. There are numbers examining the boxes, numbers looking at, and numbers at a table in the centre of the hall, indeed by counters, where passports are examined. I sit down on the top of the biggest of my boxes, and my turn may come some time. Not that I feel anxious. I am almost blinded with excitement, feeling sure the train will move on and leave me in the end; but as I cannot speak Russian, I resign myself to wait until such time as I shall fall under some official's foot.

I watch my Jewish friends, who have slept so peacefully on my shoulders—engaged in a haggling contest with officials. They splutter and hiss and stream sweat over their foreheads; but the Jew, of course, is worried, and pays out some dirty paper, and one at a time, while his voice declines from a shrill to a hoarse whine. I sit and watch my people with money interest, taking in other scenes of like description with eyes which smart with being opened too wide, until the hubbub has almost subsided, and people are cooing their mouths with quietude and tea. Then, before me, I am at length taken into consideration.

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I take up my spoon and turn it over, as I say finally: "I cannot take tea with lemon rind in it."

"Ah, it is difficult! Try it, you will see how it is according to the tea."

I dip a little with my spoon; and really it is not bad. The tea is excellent, and the flavoured, though strange to my palate, is by no means unpleasant.

He observes that at once, and smiles, and I find, "Did not tell you?" he exclaims.

I smiled, when I began to eat, that I am indeed faint with hunger, for I have fasted many hours. True, I had sandwiches in my bag; but how was one to think of eating whilst breathing an atmosphere rank with garlic, and with a Jew asleep on one's shoulder? So I ate slowly and mournfully, at first with great gusto, and then with a wailing voice, and even at last, whilst my friend chats away with his melodious voice. And after the tea and cakes, I find my tongue, and tell him, in reply to his polite, delicately worded questions, much about myself.

For some time past, my guard has stood waiting at the door leading to the platform; and towards it we move.

"My boxes!" I suddenly recollect.

"They will be taken every care of until to-morrow."

And we proceed; and I am handed with my "escort" into an empty train—a whole lot of empty train—to my carriage.

"At Verbalin," says my Russian friend, "I will take a graceful leave of the hand."

I nod, and even smile a wan smile—yes, I have arrived at that—and we creak and labour out of the station.

I record it here with pleasure—the gentleman, a tall, courteous and kind as an English girl in distress, was a Russian. A man of cultivation and refinement, he used his power well. Also that in a country swarming with officials, I should have to add that he was the only civil one I ever came in contact with.

TRAVELING THE RAIL.

I make myself as small as I can in the corner of the carriage, and my escort is in the other. The situation is awkward, and I feel embarrassed. Here I am in charge of a sort of policeman, and yet a person to whom I am indebted, who has kindly undertaken to do all he can for my comfort, and to save me all possible trouble. I should like to speak a few words to him, but he is so busy, and I am so shy, that I cannot speak his language. He is looking straight before him, and seems, like myself, to be aware of the awkwardness of the moment. Suddenly, he turns his gray eyes on me—eyes, sleepy and languid, with an undercurrent of cunning—and addresses me in German. Russian officials are "I think, and I know a good deal; I will conduct Franklin there; she has nothing to do but wait, and all will be well."

I thank my companion cordially. It is a relief to be able to speak to him; for what is more embarrassing than to find one's self face-to-face with a stranger whose language one does not speak? How kind and helpful, and how different from the Jew, and how ready again to regard this one in the light of a friend. But we are at Ekman, which is only a few minutes' journey; and we alight upon the deserted platform, and proceed to the hotel. It is close to the station, and is a small, but very comfortable, and I find it has quantities of smuggled goods concealed. Half-a-dozen officials have seized upon my boxes, and are rummaging them with their covers. One, whose business it is to look over, asked me something in Russian, as the look is raised. I look at him enquiringly, feeling that I am looking more like a culprit than ever, and, more importantly, shake my head. The men are beginning to search; but on a sign from their superior, the lids are closed, and the boxes are returned to the possession of my keys.

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"It is a note of twenty-five rubles," I say, looking my throat, and trying to make my face as calm as possible.

He looks at me again, and smiles—a smile such as I could find in a murderer to have won from him a murder—and then he takes the note. "That is not twenty-five rubles!" (he says); "it is ten!"

The morality of it is not to be thought of. I have been told that he has taken me through to Dargatz. What if I should run short? The idea is too appalling to be dwelt on, and my voice is a feeble quivering tremor as I inquire: "What is it worth?"

There is a lurid shade comes over his face and a light into his eyes, as he deliberates a moment. It cannot be knowledge of the world, born of observation, for I am just a fledgling, so it must be instinct which whispers, "This man is going to rob you!"

"I will give you eighteen rubles for it—more than it is worth," he adds, with assumed carelessness. He takes it up again to speak, but his eyes avoid my anxious ones. "What is it worth?"

It would be too little to take me to my journey's end, I fearfully think. Despair gives me courage; and before the man is aware, I have matched the note from his greedy grips, and turn breathlessly away, dashed across the hall to the lady who is standing at the counter. "Do you speak German?" I ask.

"Yes; I am a German. Why?"

"Will you tell me the value of this note?" I held it out to her as I speak.

"Twenty-five rubles," she at once replies.

"But it is ten!" she says it is ten, and only worth eighteen!" I exclaim, bewildered and dazed.

"What man! Where is he?" she asks indignantly.

"There!"—I point across the hall to the culprit, who is slyly eyeing me from his bag—the man who has just taken my note.

"He is telling you a lie; the number of the note is intact, and it is worth its full value."

At this moment an official calls my attention to the man's passport, and she is at once absorbed in her own affairs.

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