

NOTES OF THE WEEK

The suspicious purchase of emergency food for the first contingent has been referred to a committee to investigate, composed of 4 Liberals and 3 Conservatives. This was not done until after a good deal of strife. Mr Monk preferred a personal charge against Dr Borden, the minister of militia, who bought the stuff, to which the premier raised the objection that it assumed he was guilty, a conclusion to which the house could only be warranted in coming to after hearing all the evidence and finding it sustained the charge. On a party vote it was agreed to refer the matter to a committee as stated. That there is material for the committee to work on is apparent. The country paid the Vitaine company of Montreal \$1460 for a quantity of the stuff. It is now admitted there is no such company, that the food was imported from New York, and that its market value is not over \$300. On the face of it the country has been robbed, and we have a right to know who was the thief and who helped him.

Expecting a general election before long, the Conservatives naturally are piling up all the evidence they can scrape up against the government by means of motions for papers and resolutions on going into supply. The other day Mr Foster revived the fact that, when Mr Lemieux was running for Gaspé, his father, who is a customs official, got leave of absence, went to Gaspé, and, under a feigned name, did what he could for his son and even, on polling-day, acted as scrutineer. Instead of being dismissed from the service for "offensive partisanship" he had been retained and lately got promotion. All the ministers could say in defence was, that the episode was the freak of a devoted father to help his son, and as his assistance did him no good it might be passed over.

The premier has placed before the house a bill to raise the tax on Chinamen coming into Canada from \$50 to \$100 a head, and to authorize the appointment of a commission to report as to the best method of dealing with Mongolian immigration. The proposed doubling of the tax does not satisfy the British Columbians, who point out that while it will increase the revenue it will not keep a single Chinaman out. They want a prohibitory duty, one of \$500. Sir Wilfrid said he regretted nothing could be done with regard to the influx of Japanese, as an Imperial treaty forbade discrimination against them, while, in the present aspect of affairs in the East, it would be imprudent to do anything that would irritate the Japanese government.

The passage of the 63 evicted people from Anticosti, on their way to Manitoba, gave an opportunity to see what they are like. The judgment of the Quebec and Montreal reporters was favorable—that they were a decent-looking crowd, with evident marks of thrift and industry, and far from justifying Tarté's characterization of them as wreckers. They had to abandon much property in Anticosti, which falls to Menier, who has won an unenviable notoriety in his treatment of these poor sufferers.

Avila Bourassa, a well-to-do mechanic of Montreal, went on the spree, and, on the 4th April, on returning home found his wife asleep. He seized her by the throat and kept his grip until she died. He said it was 15 minutes before he was satisfied she was dead. He was tried last week and convicted of murder. Chief Justice Lacoste, in passing sentence, began with these words:

Prisoner at the bar, you are a sorrowful, but yet a striking example of the evil of drunkenness. I believe you are an upright and honest man, and animated by Christian sentiments, and have in your disposition the elements of charity and religion, which qualify you to fulfil the duties of a good citizen.

The judge closed by sentencing Bourassa to be hung on the 24th August. That the man would not have murdered his wife had he been sober was established by the evidence, yet while Bourassa goes to the gallows, the "respectable licensed victualler" who sold him the liquor goes unpunished. Is that fair? An effort is going to be made to get the sentence commuted on the plea of insanity. The physicians of Longue Pointe asylum testified he was once in their care, but was admitted as an

alcoholic patient. If men who drink to the point that their friends send them to an asylum to be sobered off are to be classed as insane, there are many lunatics loose in society.

Beginning with July the Jacques Cartier bank will be known as the Provincial bank. The choice of a new name is unfortunate, and we hope the new Provincial bank may fare better than its predecessor of 40 years ago.

The text of the speeches Mr Tarté has been delivering in France has come by mail, and confirm the cable reports. Speaking at a gathering on the exhibition grounds at Paris, he said:

I have frequently heard Canada spoken of as a possession of Great Britain. I object to the term possession. We are not a possession. We possess our own present, and our future even more than the present. I am a Frenchman, and I am a minister in the Dominion cabinet. The premier of Canada is a Frenchman, and two other cabinet ministers are also French-Canadians. Should the time ever come when it should be necessary for me to choose between being a minister and remaining French I should remain French.

In another speech he said: The population of my country is six millions in round numbers; three million English, two million French—as I have just told you—five hundred thousand Irish. There is made up of Belgians, Italians, and other races. We are then nearly a third of the population, and we play a part in the affairs of the country. I may be too enthusiastic; but I foresee the day when the French element will be in the majority in the confederation. Our motto is this, our institutions, our language and our laws. Our institutions have remained French; it is the Code Napoleon which rules us, practically speaking. Our institutions? Will you allow me to say that, if we have remained what we are, it is because we have remained French and Catholic. After having come and visited the Canadian exhibition, which, nevertheless, I regret to say, is not what it should be, and does not give an absolutely exact idea of the resources of my country, you will tell me if France would not do well to cast her eyes more often in our direction. I would that your diplomacy never forgot that across the seas there three colored flag floats above the heads of two millions of Frenchmen.

That Mr Tarté as an individual should hold these sentiments need excite no surprise, but it is quite another thing when he sets them forth in his quality as a minister of the Crown. We do not see how Sir Wilfrid can do otherwise than ask his resignation.

Unfavorable reports of the crops in the Canadian Northwest and in the States west of Lake Michigan are sending wheat up with a run. In one day it advanced 5c a bushel in Winnipeg. Whether the reports of the havoc wrought by drouth and heat are exaggerated or not it is impossible to say. This is undeniable, that we have seen before crops rally marvellously when rain came even later in the season than this. Thunder showers have been frequent in Manitoba during the week, but they are partial, and leave great strips of land unmoistened. No grain stands drouth and heat so well as wheat and it is too early to despair. The advance in price has met no response in England, where supplies are ample, with great stocks at all shipping points, including New York. Altho' large sales are daily reported they are chiefly between speculators, the only genuine sales being to millers, who are laying in stocks. On Monday wheat was 78c at Chicago, and Manitoba No 1 hard changed hands in Montreal at 85c. Flour is 20c? 100lb dearer. The advance in wheat has not greatly benefited coarse grains, which continue low. Cheese is still booming, and on Monday for French cheese at the wharf 10 cents was paid, being two cents more than at this time last year. The element of doubt as to whether the present high prices will hold lies in the fact that the Liverpool market lags behind that of Montreal, and if it does not advance soon, there will be a number of lame ducks among Montreal buyers. Meanwhile the farmers are getting an excellent price at a time of the year when there is the largest flow of milk.

The Republican convention opened at Philadelphia on Tuesday, and yesterday unanimously agreed on President McKinley as their candidate for a second term. There is division among the delegates as to a candidate for vice-president. From a statement made in the Imperial house of commons the bubonic plague is gradually leaving India, after having prevailed four years, during which time it carried off nearly 400,000. The minister was unable to report favorably as to the famine, which intensifies daily and must do so until the end of the year, when the crops now being sown will come on market. Cholera had broken up a number of the camps at the relief works started by the government, which adds to the distress. That out

of the greatest evil some small good comes is shown by the reports from every quarter that the famine is having a marked effect in breaking down the caste feeling.

The centre of public interest has changed from South Africa to China, and the daily papers which made the Boer war the prominent feature now place reports of it in obscure pages. The exciting feature in the Chinese situation is this: that about a thousand Europeans and native Christians are cooped up in a corner of the city of Pekin, with no better guard against the millions who surround them than a company or two of marines. From that little colony of Europeans the latest despatch was dated the 14th, and it told of native Christians being hunted out by the Boxers and ruthlessly massacred. The fear is, that the legations have been assailed and a second Cawnpore tragedy enacted. We hope, before going to press, that these fears may be dissipated by the receipt of a despatch that the little company, at the head of which is Sir Claude Macdonald, the British minister, has not been attacked. To relieve them a body of men drawn from the various fleets, numbering 900, under Admiral Seymour, started to reach Pekin overland, but of how it has succeeded there is no word. The Russians are marching an army on Pekin, under a pledge to the Powers that no territorial advantages will be sought, and Japan is now landing a force of 25,000. Britain has ordered a brigade from India and the U.S. several regiments from Manila, so that if the Chinese have dealt foully with the European colony in Pekin, retribution is at hand. The allied fleet, at anchor at the mouth of the Peiho, the river that passes Peking, seeing the Chinese planting torpedoes in the channel, sent word that unless they stopped the forts would be bombarded Monday morning. At 1 o'clock Sunday morning the forts suddenly opened fire on the allied fleet. Altho' taken by surprise the men-of-war quickly cleared for action, and after 7 hours' fighting captured the forts. Several hundred of the enemy were killed or wounded. The loss on the European side was—

Killed—British, 1; German, 3; Russian, 16, and French 1.
Wounded—British, 4; German, 7; Russian, 45, and French 1.
The Russian loss was mainly due to the explosion of a magazine on one of their ships.

Of the war there is little to report. Gen. Buller, though he made his footing good in the Transvaal, was unable to move on account of want of supplies, and was forced to remain near Laing's Nek until the railway was re-opened. On Monday trains for the first time passed through the tunnel. It is expected he will now advance to co-operate with Generals Brabant, Ruddle, and others who are trying to bag the Boer forces who still roam over the north-east corner of the Free State, after which he will unite with Roberts in following Botha. A raid to cut the railway at Zand station, and so sever Roberts' communications, was attempted but defeated, at some loss to the British. At last accounts Roberts was still at Pretoria. If he has done anything since Botha was forced back at Diamond he has not reported it. Baden-Powell has joined him. The fact that Powell, Methuen, and Hunter have crossed the Transvaal without special trouble shows how near the end must be. The Natal volunteers have been relieved from duty and there is a rumor the first Canadian contingent will be relieved. Should war be declared in China, Buller is expected to be sent there with a brigade.

OHMSTOWN
At the cheese board today (June 20th) 625 white cheese, 75 colored cheese, and 51 packages of butter were offered. All the cheese were sold at 10 1/2c. 20 1/2c was offered for butter but was not accepted. E. Marleau of North Georgetown joined the board. 25 factories were represented. Five buyers were present.

There is another case of diphtheria in the village.

HOWICK
Rev W. E. Halpenny, secretary of provincial S. S. union, held two fairly attended meetings here on Tuesday, in the interest of Sabbath-school work. Various methods of conducting schools were discussed by questions and answers in the afternoon, and an address at night on Hindrances in the work and importance of bible study.

The passing of a freight train on Tuesday caused Mr J. Houston's team of horses, attached to a heavy double wagon, to run away, smashing the wagon and causing the overturning of 3 vehicles in their wild career, resulting in more or less serious injury to Mr James Cowan of

Allan's Corners, James Stewart of English river, and Madame Perrault of St Pierre de Howick. Mr Stewart's new buggy was badly broken.

Thirty-six horses were shipped from the G. T. depot here last week.

Prices of farm produce are unchanged. Peas bring 72c for 70lb.

SEE MARTINE
We are having splendid weather, and all seeding is done, except buckwheat. Some farmers are ploughing old meadows and sowing buckwheat, for old meadows in this parish are almost nothing, and many new ones partly missed. Peas are turning yellow and everyone says they will amount to nothing.

First-class old hay is selling at \$10.25 a ton; whilst for oats only 32c for 40lb is offered.

CHATEAUGUAY
The 5th annual convention of Chateauguay county W. C. T. U. was held in St Andrew's church, June 12. Delegates came from Ormstown, and Huntingdon county sent one fraternal delegate. The convention was called to order by Mrs (Rev) Morison, county president. Seventeen members were present. After routine business, reports from superintendents of departments were in order, that on sailors' work coming first. During the past 2 years 144 comfort bags for sailors have been sent to the sailors' institute, Montreal. These bags are made and filled by the union with various articles, useful to men who have to do their own mending. Note paper is also put in and a cake of toilet soap. All this is only the thin end of the wedge; the main object being the pledge card and testament, with a friendly letter put into every bag. Mrs Cavers was nominated press reporter for the convention to the Woman's Journal. Then followed the reports of parlour meetings and evangelistic work. Miss Katie Macfarlane gave a verbal report of work regarding Sabbath observance. This department is one of the hardest, for in many places reforms are much needed. During the discussion the Rev J. D. Anderson was introduced, and was asked to address the white ribboners. He said he was much in sympathy with the movement, and thoroughly convinced the W.C.T.U. was a great organization and a power for good. The use of unfermented wine at communion was discussed, after which came the report on fair work. Miss Bazin and Mrs Morison gave interesting accounts of this, their principal means of making money for their union, although that was not the primary object. Their tent was to be seen at all fairs within reach. At recess all went to the home of Miss Macfarlane, where dinner had been prepared. In the afternoon more superintendents were heard from. Mrs Maw's report on narcotics was very interesting. She had, among other work, written to the Hon Sidney Fisher, regarding government encouragement to the cultivation of tobacco. His reply was to the effect, that his duties as minister of agriculture led him to try to improve all the farming products of the country, and as tobacco was one of these it must not be neglected. Personally, he did not use tobacco, but his private opinion must not affect his public services. In the flower mission report we heard with pleasure of the thousands of bouquets of flowers which had been sent to the hospitals and the poor of the city of Montreal, besides jellies and fruit. The work among the lumbermen was talked over. Clothing had been sent and quantities of literature forwarded to the camps, which is so gratefully received by the men, to whom the long evenings bring so little pleasure. In the report on franchise we heard with satisfaction of the great influence of W.C.T.U. in Ormstown had exerted during their campaign for municipal prohibition. Had it not been for their efforts it is not likely the temperance cause would have won. Then followed a solo by Miss Etta Boulter, accompanied on the organ by Miss Jack, after which came reports of world's missionary work, and on health and heredity. A short address of welcome was then given by Miss Georgina Macfarlane, one of the older members of the band of hope, which had just marched in. The children having sang the report on juvenile work was taken up. Band of mercy work had been introduced recently. A motion was carried that the election of officers be postponed till the affiliation of Huntingdon county had taken place. The committee on resolutions reported a motion to adjourn till Mrs Sanderson, our provincial president, shall have returned from Edinburgh. Mrs McNaughton very cordially invited the convention to hold its evening session in Huntingdon, to which we would invite Mrs Sanderson. Mrs Morison thanked Mrs McNaughton, and accepted her kind invitation, when the afternoon session closed. The ladies had accepted an invitation to take tea at Hillside, the home of the president of our Chateauguay union. After wandering through Mrs Jack's beautiful garden, tea was served by the young ladies of the union, and the visiting delegates returned to the station all joining hands in a parting hymn.

BEAUHARNOIS
Mr and Mrs J. W. Kilgour have gone to Lake Placid, in the Adirondack mountains, for a summer holiday.

Weather is hot and mosquitoes are worse than they have been for a number of years.

It is the general feeling that the town authorities are not doing what they should in regard to stopping the disorderly conduct of a certain lot of young men who are in the habit of getting drunk, especially on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday nights. They have not the least shame of what they do, and have done things which are seldom heard of in civilized towns. In the interests of the public it is to be hoped our councillors will take the matter in hand and have these young fellows taught a much needed lesson.

The Canadian Order of Foresters of Montreal are arranging for a large picnic to take place here on July 1st. Over one thousand excursionists are expected.

The Beauharnois baseball club is said to be well organized this year, and several matches are being arranged with surrounding clubs.

Two judgments that may be of some interest to your readers have been rendered by his honor, Judge Belanger. In the case of Paquet vs Ross, judgment for plaintiff with costs. The case of Eusebe Turcot vs Albert Charters turned on the interpretation of a will as to the power of plaintiff to collect a debt. Judgment for plaintiff.

VALLEYFIELD
A fire, attended with considerable loss to the grocery stock of Antoine Chagny, took place on the morning of 13th, on St Lawrence street. The interior of the store was completely gutted and most of the goods spoiled through smoke and water. The furniture and household effects suffered a good deal of damage. Loss about \$1800; insured for \$1600. The building was the property of E. H. Hebert and is covered by insurance. The want of proper salvage apparatus was much in evidence. It should be secured as early as possible. The putting up of a proper fire alarm system is also needed.

Mr and Mrs James Wattie left Valleyfield Thursday for a trip to British Columbia, to visit their son Kenneth, who has an extensive ranch beyond the Rockies. They also intend visiting Southern California.

Mr A. F. Gault, president, Mr Cha. Garth, vice-president, and Messrs Stevenson, Grenier, and Ewing, directors of the M.C.C., were in Valleyfield Wednesday of last week, on business connected with the mill.

A man named Legros, while driving Wednesday evening at a furious speed, came in collision with a dump cart, at the corner of St Lawrence and Dam streets. He was thrown out violently and sustained severe injuries. When picked up he was insensible and blood was flowing freely from an ugly gash in the head. The police should make some effort to stop this fast driving. The above accident occurred just as the mill help was coming out, and a good many narrow escapes of being run down took place. In this instance the punishment fitted the crime, and the party was the victim of his own foolishness. May the lesson be of profit to others.

The canal superintendent has had the canal bridge re-planked—a much needed improvement. If he could induce the lock staff to use their powers and keep "bums" from sitting on the railings, to the great annoyance of ladies, etc., he would receive the thanks of the whole community.

Mr Willie Percival left Valleyfield for Providence, R.I., on Saturday; he was a favorite member of the Valleyfield orchestra.

Rev J. E. Ducloux, B.A., accompanied by Mrs Ducloux, left Valleyfield Tuesday to attend the general assembly now in session at Halifax, N.S.

Ex-councillor Mr L. Gendron has started to remodel the old "Belmont" restaurant on Nicolson street. The reports of the farmers from the surrounding rural districts are gratifying and the prospects of a good crop are fair. Hay promises to give an abundant yield.

The 64th battalion goes into camp at Laprairie from June 26th to July 7th.

At last meeting of the town council, councillor St Onge gave notice that, at the next meeting, he will propose that a loan be effected for street improvements, the further construction of sewers, the purchase of a new supply pump for the water works, and the application of the \$5000 bonus granted to the Wine Co. (which has not been used) to the same ends and purposes. A claim of \$50 from T. Cousineau and one of \$100 from E. Faubert for damages, caused through defective sewers, were referred to finance committee. The present council was granted the privilege of constructing a sidewalk from Jacques Cartier-st. to St J. Bte. park.

Mr Chamberlain, general manager of the C.A.R., passed through Valleyfield this week on a tour of inspection, also to decide the location for a

new freight shed. He was greatly surprised at the progress made in Valleyfield lately, especially in the surroundings of the station, and expressed himself as highly pleased with the tidy and neat appearance of the company's premises. He complimented Mr J. Swanson and his staff for their efforts in so keeping the same.

Rev Mr Hodgson preached his farewell sermon in the Methodist church on Sunday. He leaves for Hemmingford. We wish him success in his new field of labor. Rev Mr Poyson held a picnic at Boisson point Saturday, and enjoyed the outing very much.

Mr Geo. McCleary, formerly connected with the N. Loom Co., and now of the U.S. navy yard in Bath, Me., paid Valleyfield a visit this week, and was met with pleasure by his numerous friends.

We are pleased to state that the corporation authorities have taken steps to drain off the frog pond on Victoria-st., and the excavation on same street has been properly fenced in. A little prodding after all does no harm. Now for the fence on the dam, gentlemen; as well as a good many footpaths on the sectional streets, which are in need of repairing. By all means stop the carriage-washing on the public thoroughfares. Good administration is part and parcel of your functions; see that your by-laws are judiciously carried out, and you will receive the approval of your fellow-townsmen.

A number of the overseers of the M.C.C. on Saturday took a pleasant trip down the Beauharnois canal and returned by the Soulanges canal. They were favorably impressed with the substantial manner in which the latter canal is built.

What has been apprehended for a long while, has unfortunately happened. A young child, by the name of Couillard, had his leg broken Friday by a bicyclist, who ran over it on the sidewalk on Victoria-st. We have no doubt that if the police force had done its duty long ago, by arresting all bicyclers who use the sidewalks, this accident would not have occurred. We understand an action for damages is to be taken against the corporation, which may make the police force do their duty, but it won't mend the child's limb, which, as a result of the accident, may be crippled for life.

The electric baseball club has been disbanded, a run of bad luck, etc., having caused the management to throw up the sponge. There is some talk of reorganizing another club on more effective and business lines. A good club would certainly receive the same liberal public encouragement as the Electrics received, but it must be composed of players of a high standard, both as regards ability as well as good behaviour.

A foot-ball league match was played Saturday between the V. A. A. club and the Montreal club. Score at finish stood 2 to 0 in favor of Valleyfield. A nice clean game was played, free from rough play and with no accidents to record.

Corpus Christi procession took place on Sunday. The procession was very large, and the day was an ideal one. All the Catholic institutions and societies were fully represented, while the streets and private dwellings were beautifully decorated with flags, bunting, trees, and nosegays. A temporary altar was put up at Messrs Thibault & Cossette's private residence. The college cadets acted as a guard of honor and were greatly admired by the large number of people lining the route of the procession, for their fine military bearing. The town band headed the procession, wearing new uniforms. The members of the band deserve credit for the personal sacrifices made to keep their band under organization and up to a first-class standard.

Some dissatisfaction has been caused by the announcement of the Presbyterian church Sunday-school holding its picnic at Cornwall on July 2nd. It is considered that there should be sufficient attractions in our own locality to afford a pleasant day's entertainment to one and all. In these remarks we are only voicing the general sentiment expressed to us by a good many. If the intention of the organizers is to afford to the pupils an object lesson they may succeed beyond their expectations.

We have it from good authority that the provincial government is taking active steps to discover and punish the dynamiters who have been killing fish wholesale for years, unmolested, in this locality; in fact, one party has already been served with legal papers and is now under bonds. Justice is sometimes tardy, but it's sure to reach the guilty, sooner or later.

A handsome subscription has been raised amongst the English help of the M.C.C. to afford assistance to the young man named Lancaster, who had his leg broken and of which mention was made last week.

A sure sign of coming elections is found in canvassers for La Patrie and Le Cultivateur having been in the county nearly 2 weeks, drumming up

subscribers and getting the stumps ready. Bishop Emard has located the site of the new church in the north ward. The place chosen is the south-west corner of the old Anderson lacrosse grounds. Arrangements are to be made to start construction immediately. The basement is to serve as a school-house.

Mr F. Potter of New Bedford, Mass., has been appointed superintendent of the M. C. C. Mr Potter entered on his new duties Monday morning.

FRANKLIN CENTRE
On Wednesday forenoon, 13th inst., a large company gathered to witness the laying of the corner-stone of the Episcopal church. The day was fine. Rev Mr Strong presided. After a short service, Ven. Archdeacon Mills of Montreal laid the corner-stone and gave a short address. He was followed by Rev W. Wells, Rev W. P. R. Lewis, and Rev. H. Kitson. A collection having been taken up, the people repaired to the tables, laid out near by, where a bountiful dinner was served. Music was furnished by the Ormstown brass band and the Covey Hill file and drum band. Proceeds of the day amounted to over one hundred dollars.

Rev Mr Woodley, a student, occupies the pulpit of the Congregational church during Rev W. Johnson's vacation in the Northwest.

A Sabbath school convention was held Friday afternoon and evening in the Methodist church, conducted by Mr Halpenny. He threw out some excellent ideas about teaching lessons, hindrances, excuses, &c. He was assisted by Messrs Woodley and A. Lee. The latter, who has returned from the Northwest, has received a call to the Hemmingford Presbyterian church.

ATHELSTAN
At the close of the school, Dr Rowat, in behalf of the pupils, presented the teacher, Miss Hunter, with a handsome clock, as a mark of their esteem. The attendance during the term was as high as 74. This number is more than one teacher can attend to, and a less energetic person than Miss Hunter would have failed altogether. An additional class room is much needed.

Mr Saunders is confined to the house on account of spraining his knee in stepping off the train in the discharge of his duties.

Rev Mr Rowat left on the 12th to attend the general assembly, which is in session at Halifax. The Rev Mr Hutchinson conducted services Sabbath afternoon with much acceptance.

Our worthy citizens, Mr and Mrs W. Wattie, had an experience Sunday morning they will not forget for some time. While on their way to attend a funeral, they were run into by Mr Boyer's team, when one of the horses struck a wheel of their carriage and upset it. Mrs Wattie was thrown in among the horses' feet. The horses got so entangled in the wheels and harness that they lay still, which gave Mr and Mrs Wattie a chance to extricate themselves from the wreck. Both were able to walk home. Mr Boyer, sr., while attempting to stop the horses, got his shoulder out of joint, and was otherwise cut up. The horses were left standing at the door while the Boyers were getting ready for church, and ran off.

NEW ERIN
The school closed on Friday. After a short examination and singing of patriotic songs, the samples of writing, freehand and map drawing, arithmetic, and other specimens of work done by the pupils during the past year, were inspected and admired. Then Miss McNaughton, the teacher, presented each child with a book, or other gift. She was pleasantly surprised by Maggie Douglas and Grace Rankin presenting her with a beautiful writing-case in behalf of their fellow-pupils.

TROUT RIVER
The lawn social, held on Mr Wm. Rutherford's beautiful grounds, under the auspices of the Trout River debating club, on the evening of the 13th inst., was quite a success. A large crowd assembled to enjoy themselves and do justice to the strawberries and other refreshments. The evening was a perfect one for an occasion of this kind. While some were having a "social chat" others were enjoying themselves at out-door games, while music from the organ and violin made some feel like "tripping the light fantastic," but to crown all piper McEwan "screwed up his pipes as gart them skirl" and gave us some of the music that has enthused more than one Highland regiment on the field of battle. He also favored us with the "Highland fling," which he dances very neatly. This closes the third season of the meetings of the debating club, and they have been very helpful to our young people in many ways. The proceeds, \$25, will be devoted to the Indian famine fund.

Frogs are looking very well. A few spots here and there were hurt by the wet, but nothing to what has been the case in some sections. Hay promises well, and the corn crop is coming on nicely.

THE ST ANICET FARMERS WIN.
On the 22nd Nov., 1898, Etienne L'Euey, acting for the patrons of a St Anicet cheese factory, shipped by the Filgate 56 boxes of cheese, consigned to the Hochelaga bank, Montreal. On the margin of the bill of lading were the following words: "Notifiy Jas. Irvine, Gould Cold Storage, Montreal." The bank asserts the cheese was not delivered to its order, and therefore would not pay its value \$333. The patrons of the factory thereupon sued the owners of the Filgate for the value of the cheese, as they had not delivered it according to the bill of lading.

The evidence showed that the steamboat people delivered the cheese at the warehouse of the Gould Cold Storage company and which was subsequently delivered by the Gould Cold Storage company upon the order of the said James Irvine without the production of the bill of lading. The real question in the cause is this, whether a delivery into the warehouse of the Gould Cold Storage company into which the terms of the bill of lading and by the course of trade, it was intended by L'Euey that the goods should be delivered, but without delivering at the same time a copy of the bill of lading, or, in other words, without delivering them into the said warehouse for the account of the Hochelaga bank, can be considered a delivery under the terms of the bill of lading to the consignee. It is attempted to make evidence that Irvine was, as a matter of fact, agent of the Hochelaga bank for the reception on their behalf of the cheese in question, but of this no proof was made, while the owners of the Filgate denied in their plea that they delivered the goods to Irvine, alleging that they delivered them to the Gould Cold Storage company, which, on its own responsibility, gave the cheese to Irvine. Judge Archibald, in the superior court, Montreal, delivered an elaborate judgment. He held the owners of the Filgate had not fulfilled their contract in so far that they had not notified the bank of the arrival of the cheese. The words on the bill of lading, "Notifiy James Irvine" did not warrant delivery of the cheese to him. On the contrary, the fact that such words were contained on the face of the bill of lading, while the goods were actually consigned to the bank, would indicate that the plaintiff desired to have the security of the bank against misappropriation of the goods.

As to the plea, that the cheese ceased to be the property of the patrons, as represented by L'Euey, the moment they were shipped to the bank, the judge said:

If a vendor sells and ships goods to a purchaser it may very well be that the vendor has, after shipment, no interest in the goods, which interest entirely passes to the purchaser. But that was not true with regard to the circumstances of the present case; the cheese were consigned without sale; they were consigned for the purpose of being sold on account of the plaintiff. The whole interest in the goods remained in the bank, was only for the purpose of facilitating the disposal of the goods, and their sale by Irvine, without the right an Irvine had part to deal absolutely with the goods, so that the plaintiff would retain the security of the bank for the payment of the price of the cheese.

Judgment was given against the owners of the boat for the full amount sued, \$333, with all costs.

In another case of the same plaintiff vs the Montreal & Cornwall Navigation company, the issue was legal, and the same judgment must be given.

The owners of the steamboats have their recourse against the Gould Cold Storage company.

HUNTINGDON COUNTY COUNCIL.
MET on the 13th inst., all present except the mayors of Dundee and St Anicet.

Councillor R. N. Walsh, mayor of the village of Huntingdon, was unanimously elected warden, in place of Coun James Fisher, who had become disqualified.

Coun A. S. Cunningham was appointed delegate in place of Coun Walsh.

The Warden and Coun Cunningham were appointed a committee to have a proper furnace placed in the county building.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid:

Balance of Aubrey creek contracts.....\$ 35.97
J.A. Hunter, placing sanitary improvements and water in county building..... 110.00
R. Ellerton, expenses Hamilton vs. County of Huntingdon 32.50
Repairs on the Red bridge 88.25
The following accounts for snowing the several bridges were ordered to be paid:

Holbrook.....\$ 1.69
Brims, two years..... 1.00
Morrison..... 1.55
Gavin..... 4.00

And the following amounts for painting the several bridges were ordered to be paid:

Brims.....\$ 2.50
Holbrook..... 9.50
Gavin..... 11.50
Robert Ellerton was appointed special superintendent, to report on the petition of Ludger Guimet and

others regarding certain amendments required to a certain process-verbal rendered by Oliver Lyttle, special superintendent.

I. I. Crevier was appointed special superintendent to report within 90 days on the petition of D. J. Fraser and others, praying for the regulating of the Brunson creek and branches.

Simon Dubois was appointed special officer over a watercourse crossing lands in St. Anicet and Ste. Barbe and emptying into lake St. Francis through the Campbell creek.

ST ANICET COUNCIL.
At an adjourned session held on the 9th inst., all the members were present.

On motion of Coun Finn, seconded by Coun LeBlanc, Olivier Dupuis, jr., was appointed general road inspector with full control over all the road districts. He is to act only upon the joint request and instructions of the mayor and secretary. His fees will be 15c per hour while on duty.

On motion of Coun LeBlanc, seconded by Coun Genier, Xavier Robidoux was appointed pond-keeper.

On motion of Coun Genier, seconded by Coun Quesnel, Leon Dagenais was given the timber of the old LaGuerre bridge, on condition that he shall build a safe temporary bridge and keep up the same to the satisfaction of the committee, until the completion of the new bridge. He is to undo the old bridge whenever ordered by the committee, and to keep a light at night, and a fence, on each side of the stream, until the temporary bridge be fit to travel on.

WHITES STATION

A car load of nice driving horses was shipped from here on Friday, by J. B. McCaig. Amongst the lot was the fine pair of chestnuts that took first prize at Huntingdon last year, and for which Mr McCaig received within a few dollars of \$500. A considerable quantity of live stock was shipped by Anderson to-day (20th), mostly hogs, which bring 5 1/2c per lb, live weight. Beef is scarce at present.

Grain in this vicinity is mostly looking well; hay promises fairly. Corn and potatoes are rather late, and several had to plant the second time, owing to the heavy rains rotting the seed.

Malone Gazette: Live Chinamen are rather an unusual article to find in a car of potatoes, but we are informed that 15 of the celestials in a good state of preservation were taken from a potato car at a station in Massachusetts last week. The potatoes, it is said, were shipped from Chateaugay station, N.Y. How the Chinamen got into this car is, of course, one of the unsolved mysteries.

New Orleans, June 15.—The British steamer Cervona cleared for Cape Town, South Africa, today, with 875 horses for the British army.

The Rev M. Baldwin, son of the bishop of Huron, has been appointed curate of the church of the Advent, Westmount. He will assist the Rev Mr Kittson and the Rev Mr Doull, and will have oversight of the Beauharnois mission, which has recently been placed under the care of the church of the Advent congregation.

A large fire at St Johnsbury, Vt., spread to the elevators of the McLeod grist mill, and they were consumed along with their contents, among which was 700 barrels of flour, causing a loss of \$3500 above the insurance. Mr A. H. McLeod comes from Huntingdon county and at one time successfully ran the Trout River Lines grist mill.

London, June 17.—The war office has received the following despatch from Gen. Buller: Laing's Nek, June 15.—Now that Natal is clear of the enemy, I wish to call attention to the disgraceful way in which private property was treated in the part of the colony they occupied. Their wilful and needless damage is visible everywhere, and houses, when not completely wrecked, have been desecrated with filthy ingenuity. That this has been done with the consent of the leaders is proved by the fact that while in Charlestown every house was wrecked, in Volksrust, 2 miles off, but in the Transvaal, every house was intact.

LATEST.
London, June 21.—4.20 a.m.—The British have penetrated the Transvaal territory as far as Machadodorp. The French consul from the north-west region of Shan Tung reports that the Hagan British mission at Tsang Chow has been looted. It is not reported that any of the missionaries were killed, but they were carried off by the Chinese general and their whereabouts is not known.

London, June 21.—The reports of Admiral Seymour's arrival at Peking and of the safety of the foreign legations, originating from Chinese sources and cabled to this city from Shanghai, are still unverified.

Washington, June 20.—The appeal which was taken in the case of Fitzharris and Mullet, who are under orders in New York for deportation, has been decided against them and the men will be deported.

THE ST REGIS LAW SUITS.

Ottawa, June 12.—In the house of commons today, while the estimates for Indians were being submitted, Mr J. H. Bergeron (Beauharnois) said: As we are discussing Indian affairs, I would like to call the attention of the acting minister (Mr Sutherland) to some trouble that arose last year at St Regis. Has the hon gentleman heard that there is a state of war at St Regis on account of the election of chiefs?

Mr Sutherland. There has been no report made to the department of a state of war down there.

Mr Bergeron. I am surprised the department has not heard of it. They may hear of it too late when they will have to shoot somebody. There is friction just now at St Regis on account of the new rules and regulations made by the department. There is a good deal of disturbance, according to the reports in the newspapers, which I think are pretty accurate, because there are reporters on the ground. It seems that the American Indians have crossed over to St Regis to stand by the Canadian Indians in trying to raise trouble.

Mr Sutherland. There is no doubt that these matters are very much exaggerated in the newspapers. The Indians object to the lock-up that was ordered to be built, and after consultation with the member for Huntingdon (Mr Seriver), who made representations to me, I gave orders in the meantime that the building should be stopped, and the matter investigated. I am in hope that after the investigation the difficulty will be ended.

Mr Bergeron. It is not altogether in consequence of the lock-up that there is friction at St Regis, but it is also on account of the chiefs. I presume I may take this opportunity, while we are on this item, of calling the attention of the department to another matter. There have been some new regulations put into force by the minister of the interior (Mr Sifton) regarding the election of the chiefs. They are no longer allowed to elect their chiefs, and the government want to establish there some kind of municipal law. The government appointed some councillors and the Indians did not like it. I do not say whether the Indians are right or wrong, but I call attention to the fact that there is dissatisfaction. There was dissatisfaction last year for the same reason, and the department were informed of it, and the difficulty proceeded to a climax, and a man was killed by the chief of the Dogrib last year, although we have a lieve, in the line of his duty. However, the incident has left on the reserve a very bad impression, and trouble has been brewing since that time. Now, we are voting money for the Indian land. When that trouble took place last year, although we have a solicitor general, who is supposed to do the legal work for the government, some lawyers were employed in order to give them patronage. That is the great weakness of this government, they desire to give all the patronage they can to their friends, while they soon to return to opposition and to remain there for a long time. Consequently last year two lawyers were employed when they were not needed, as the solicitor general could have done the work himself. The two lawyers were Mr Mitchell and Mr Brossit, of Beauharnois, and for the edification of the minister of finance, I propose to give him the accounts of these gentlemen, these two country lawyers. They would become very wealthy if all their clients paid them money, and the government, these lawyers, which are recorded in the auditor general's report, are published in the Huntingdon Gleaner, one of the most reliable papers in Quebec. It is criticising this government very much because the proprietor, Mr Sellar, is a very honest man.

Mr Sutherland. In order to make the discussion regular, I will move the adoption of this item:

To provide for the erection of a lock-up at St Regis, \$500

Mr Bergeron. The hon gentleman said that at the suggestion of the hon member for Huntingdon (Mr Seriver), he had given the order to stop the building of that lock-up. Now, I say that the strongest criticism of the government, in this matter, comes from their friends. In this case whether the prosecutor or the defendant wins, the cost comes out of the same pocket. All this difficulty has arisen out of the Indian improvement act, which was passed 2 years ago by the minister of the interior, and which was intended to supplant the old tribal customs of the Indians by new municipal organizations. The Indians were opposed to that, and there was a collision.

Mr Sutherland. What act was passed 2 years ago in connection with this matter?

Mr Bergeron. The Indian Improvement Act. It was passed for Caughnawaga, as well as for St Regis, and if there has been no trouble in Caughnawaga, it is because of good advice has prevailed. I have been consulted by the Caughnawaga Indians, assisted by their lawyer, Mr White, of Montreal, and I have advised them to stand by the law until they can make their case prevail before another man than the present minister of the interior, who has declared that he would not hear them under any circumstances. The Indian improvement act may have been passed with a good object, but it was not acceptable to the Indians, and my impression is that we will have considerable trouble on account of the new rules laid down by the government. There is an account of what took place at St Regis:

(Here Mr Bergeron read the editorial from the Gleaner of May 24.)
Now, the point which I wanted to make is, that not only is that money all taken from the Indian fund, but it seems that the whole thing has been done to enable two lawyers to make money, simply because they are friends of the government. From all parts of the country we hear the same thing. It is a disease. I am going to read the account of what took place at St Regis, and show to what a level we have fallen in this country, when men who are lawyers will come down to any petty way of trying to get money from the gov-

ernment, and when the government is too weak to refuse, and allows itself to be robbed. Here is Mr Mitchell's account:

Huntingdon, May 18, 1899.
Dr., the government of Canada, department of the Interior.
To A. E. Mitchell, Esq., advocate, 58, the Queen's Hotel, Montreal, vs. J. A. Fire et al., riot, No 101; the Queen vs. Louis Thomas, assault upon an officer, and No 102, the Queen vs. Louis Thomas, assault upon an officer, of the records of the magistrate's court, Beauharnois, W. S. Maclaren, J. P. There is a whole page of an account which amounts to \$463.21; and there is this certificate at the bottom:

May 26, 1899—I hereby certify that I have examined this account and taxed the same at \$408.21 (four hundred and eight dollars and twenty-one cents.)

E. NEWCOMBE, Deputy Minister of Justice. I am told that Mr Mitchell was very angry because Mr Newcombe reduced the account. Here is the other account:

Dept. of Justice to Thos. Brossit, Q. C. I do not want to read the items, but it is as follows:

Mr Sproule. Read the items.
Mr Bergeron thereupon read Mr Brossit's account, which appeared in full in Gleaner of May 24, amounting to \$492.67. Mr Bergeron then said: Mr Newcombe struck off \$31, and made the account for \$461.36. Now, the right hon gentleman knows this man, and knows that he does not make \$20 a day. These Indians gave themselves up and did not want to get out on bail; but they were let out on bail by the judge, who said that they were not guilty. They had not killed anybody; but the judge let them out on bail because he said it was better than to set them at liberty, so as to give them the idea that they could be brought back again. This Mr Brossit was the lawyer on both sides. He was the Crown prosecutor at Beauharnois the last term. These men were brought down and defended by some members of the Crown prosecutor's family. There was nothing against them at all, but the judge, a few days later, he was paid \$20 a day. This was a case I wanted to bring to the attention of the hon gentleman who was in charge of the department. If he thinks the St Regis people will stand the squandering of their money in this way, let some people be made more than they are paid by the law. More than that, these Indians are a very intelligent class. They read the papers and know what is going on, and they know that we vote money for them here. Is it any inducement to them to keep the funds when they find out that some people are making money out of their own backs? I believe it is an unjust and unwise action on the part of this government to build a lock-up at that place. The Indians look upon it as an insult. They are very respectable men and care a great deal about maintaining that respectability, and they look upon the building of a jail there as a very serious reflection on them. I may tell my hon friend that there is trouble brewing, and this is the cause. I would advise him not to go on with the building of that jail, and there is not a lot of time to be lost in this matter. Having had personal acquaintance with him, and knowing something of his record, knowing something of the pluck and courage that have always characterized him, I would require very little evidence to assure me that the charges against him are true. I refer to the conduct of Mr Sherwood, my understanding of the facts are not as they are stated in that newspaper. I remember that I gave attention to the facts at the time, and my distinct recollection is that Mr Sherwood used his weapon only in self defence. He was not a murderer. Having had personal acquaintance with him, and knowing something of his record, knowing something of the pluck and courage that have always characterized him, I would require very little evidence to assure me that the charges against him are true. 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