

\$60,000,000 OF FREE GRANT, \$500,000,000 OF LOAN WILL BE PROVIDED BY GREAT BRITAIN TO SETTLE IRISH LAND PROBLEM

BRITISH HOUSE IS CROWDED TO-DAY

Mr. Wyndham's Bill Seems to Provide a Complete Settlement of the Land Difficulty.

YEARLY COST NOT GREAT

Estimated That Saving in the Cost of Administration Will Almost Equal the Extra Charge Incurred.

London, March 25.—The Irish Secretary, Mr. Wyndham, introduced the Government's long anticipated Irish Land Bill in the House of Commons this afternoon.



HON. ARTHUR J. BALFOUR, Prime Minister of Great Britain.

legislation, which it is hoped, will promote peace and contentment in Ireland, was welcomed by the crowded House.

SIR HECTOR MACDONALD HAS COMMITTED SUICIDE

Commander of the British Forces in Ceylon Feared to Face Courtmartial.

London, March 25.—The Evening News of this city announces that Major-General Sir Hector Macdonald, commanding the British forces in Ceylon, against whom charges based on alleged immoral acts were filed some time ago, committed suicide to-day by shooting in a hotel in Paris.

General Sir Hector Macdonald, who was one of the most distinguished generals in the British army, rose from the ranks, in which he served for ten years before he received a second lieutenant's commission in recognition of his conspicuous bravery at the battle of Candahar.

member, in order to hear the Chief Secretary for Ireland unfold his plans.

Mr. Wyndham Was Cheered. Mr. Wyndham, who was heartily cheered, rose to speak at 2.40 p.m.

At the outset, he announced that the Government thought cash aid was necessary for the fulfillment of the proposed scheme, but it attached greater importance to the credit operation than to the cash operation.

He then unfolded the scheme, which provides for advances of money for the purchase of land by the tenants. The advances will be in the shape of cash, and not of stock, but in order to enable the cash to be raised a new stock is to be floated.

The bill also provides that tenants shall pay 3 1/2 per cent. interest on loans from the Government, that untenanted farms and grazing lands shall be sold to neighboring tenants, and that three commissioners shall supervise the sales.

Name of New Loan Bill.

The new loan will be called "Guaranteed 2 1/2 per cent. stock" and will be unredemable for thirty years.

Mr. Wyndham doubted if \$500,000,000 of the stock will be needed. It will be issued at the rate of \$25,000,000 yearly for the first three years, and afterwards, possibly, in larger sums.

In addition to this the Government proposed a free grant of \$50,000,000 to be raised by additions to the stock, the interest and sinking fund of which will be borne by the treasury, and the maximum annual charge of which will not exceed \$1,950,000.

Advances to Tenants.

The advances to tenants, through the provisions of the bill, are limited to \$2,500 in the congested districts, and \$5,000 elsewhere.

The bill will become effective November 1. Mr. Wyndham said \$750,000,000 could safely be advanced on Irish land, but he thought the scheme would not involve \$500,000,000.

The Irish Secretary said that while the maximum charge of the English treasury would not exceed \$1,975,000 in a single year, the reduction in the cost of the administration of Ireland resulting from the measure would amount to \$1,250,000.

MR. BLAKE CONFERRED WITH MR. REDMOND

Before the Two Went to the House of Commons To-day—Devlin Will Miss the Scene.

London, March 25.—Hon. Edward Blake and Mr. John Redmond left the Westminster Hotel for the House of Commons at half-past two, after an earnest conversation, presumably about the Land Bill, in the central lobby of the House of Commons Mr. Michael Davitt received hearty greetings from many members, including Mr. T. W. Russell. Mr. Devlin is unavoidably detained at Dublin.

THE IRISH "PLANCHETTE."



RIGHT HON. GEORGE WYNDHAM (TO MR. JOHN REDMOND AND COLONEL SANDERSON). "Land Purchase! How singular! Now, what could he have made it write that?" —Punch.

Through The Herald's Sieve.

ANOTHER SNOW FLURRY this a.m. Winter responds to an order which all the ability of an amateur soprano. SEVEN HUNDRED DIFFERENT districts are struck by the waves of Africa. That will be a great place for the district post boys to-day. SHE THIS BOOK says that there are 20,000,000 people in an elephant's trunk. He. Then it must have been packed by a woman. OUR NEIGHBORS will they be hard to beat? I hope to make complaint. I had had the goods in our store. Would aggravate a bit. THE MAPLE SUGAR crop having snowed out, the maple sugar is being sold at a low price. The maple sugar is being sold at a low price. THE RELIANCE. The new American ship-defender is most reliable and will be called Reliance. THE REVOLUTION in Bolivia is spreading. A lame dog joined it yesterday. FATHER O'BRIEN, of St. Louis, says the post cannot be found. Not out there, of course, but come on here and look us over. THE HON. J. P. WHITNEY might manage to make his indignation with a bromo-saltation.

Parliamentary Letter.

MUCH NOISY TALK BUT NO DIVISION

Opposition Orators Were Excited About Cattle Embargo, But Would Not Vote.

INTEREST IN RAILWAY BILLS

Mr. Tarte Moves for Papers and Members Generally Are Discussing Rival Schemes.

Thursday, March 25.—A phrase that finds great favor with the Opposition is "The Government has no declared policy." Some of the members to the left of the Speaker pretend to have decided the matter in their own minds. But to all who participated in any way in the affairs of the great chamber it is daily becoming evident that the Government have a very decided policy as far as this session is concerned. Little talk and lots of business are the guiding principles of the Government. It is now two weeks since Parliament assembled, and the attention of the administration of losing no time has impressed itself on every page. Every one in the chamber is on the jump. A division bill has been introduced, and the present-making machine, and these does not seem to be any likelihood of a change in the method of doing things. In fact, there is no likelihood of a change in the method of doing things. In fact, there is no likelihood of a change in the method of doing things.

MEETS DEATH BY ACCIDENT.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict of accidental death by drowning in the case of Thomas Hutchinson, whose body was found in the Lachine Canal Monday night.

GENERAL LAURIE'S BILL

Aimed to Improve the Housing Conditions of the Poorer Classes.

Special Cable to The Montreal Herald and Toronto News. London, March 25.—General Laurie, a former member of the Canadian House of Commons, has introduced a bill in the British Parliament which embodies the principle that legislation favorable to the acquisition of freeholder interests by leaseholders will conduce to the improvement of the dwellings of the people.

SHOULD BE COMPENSATED

That is Mr. Chamberlain's Position With Regard to Publicans Who Lose Licenses.

Special Cable to The Montreal Herald and Toronto News. London, March 25.—Replying to a deputation from Birmingham, Hon. Mr. Chamberlain expressed the view that when a man had invested his savings in a public house, recognizing the trade as a not unlawful one, if the house were closed for no misconduct on his part, but solely on the ground that the house was no longer required, he was entitled to some compensation. Mr. Chamberlain was not prepared to say where the source of compensation should come from, but he was sure that such was the view of the Government.

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Fish and the Brain.

Professor Parky's remarks upon fish at the Royal Institution last week, have a bearing upon the orthodox opinion which begins to die. He first said that there is no more phosphorus in fish than in any other form of animal food. So it is a brain-forming food is mythical. (London Chronicle.)

Take away the hatched fish. Toss the hatched fish aside. Drop the hatched fish into the water. Fling the hatched fish into the water. Use the hatched fish for packing. Fashion dresses from the fish. No more fishing by the wall-pipe. At the but end of the fish.

Slime we know that fish deliver. No respect on to the mind. Let the slippers of the world.

Oh, the fish has lost its prestige. It may give us hope no more. Fish may have fish for their diet. And be found just as before. But no matter what the fish do. Let us eatly be away. There are cheerful industries. That fish will bite to-day.

No Cause for Alarm. They had occupied separate chairs in the parlor for some thirty seconds without saying a word when the fair one in the case felt called upon to say something. "I have made up my mind to turn you down," she said. But the young man didn't even look a little bit alarmed. He knew she was addressing the gas.

THERE'S ABUNDANT TIME for two or three more original "Uncle Tom's" to die before the close of the theatrical season.

ANYWAY, THE ST. LAWRENCE is trying to rise to the occasion.

I've Got an Ely Typewriter. It's a veritable joy to write on. The thing gets out of it. I'VE STILL GOT INK AND PEN.

AT THAT CON. convention in South Ontario we failed to detect the familiar victory. In-sight predictions from the Hon. Geo. Foster.

Tired Feeling. Now the happy season cometh. When we do not care a pin if the ice is in the ice chest. Or the coal is in the bin. —Sam Hughes.

Special Cable Service.

ANXIOUSLY AWAITING WYNDHAM'S SPEECH

Demand for Places in Parliament Greatest Since Gladstone's Speech of 1886.

A STATESMAN IN EARNEST

Author of the Bill Tells Ulster Unionists Present Offer a Great Opportunity for Regenerating Ireland.

Special Cable to The Montreal Herald and Toronto News.

London, March 25.—Not since Mr. Gladstone's famous Home Rule Bill came before the House of Commons for its second reading has there been so much interest displayed in any measure before the Commons as in the Government Irish Land Bill, which was introduced to-day by Hon. Mr. Wyndham. The number of applications for tickets of admission was unprecedented, except for that one occasion. The accommodation for visitors in the members' gallery is about 400, and hundreds were refused admission. There were many visitors present from Dublin and other parts of Ireland especially to hear Mr. Wyndham's explanations of the provisions of the bill. The Dublin press have made special arrangements to secure early reports of his speech. In London extra editions will be immediately issued, and the publishers look for a great sale of newspapers on the streets this evening.

The Dublin Freeman's Journal, in the course of a leading article, says that unless the bill is clearly and hopelessly bad, beyond power of amendment, no definite decision will be arrived at by the Irish leaders to-day. The measure will be immediately submitted to the unrestricted consideration and discussion of the Irish people, and its fate, at least provisionally, will be decided by the National Council, which has been summoned for the purpose of discussing the measure.

It is expected that Mr. Redmond, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, and possibly Messrs. T. A. Healy, William O'Brien, T. W. Russell and Colonel Sanderson, representing amongst them all phases of Irish interest, will speak to-day. The attendance of members present is to be unusually large in view of the momentous character of the measure. Tending to a resolution adopted by the Ulster Unionists with reference to the forthcoming Land Bill, Mr. Wyndham expressed his deep personal sense of the importance of the present opportunity of effecting great and lasting improvement in the social and economic condition of Ireland.

The general impression as to the main features of the new Irish Land Bill is that it will be an amplification of last year's measure. It will provide for the purchase of estates from landlords willing to sell by a commissioner, who will re-sell to tenants willing to buy. Unlike last year's bill, it is said the Government are contemplating making a grant from the treasury to carry out the purchase operations. It is said this grant will amount to twelve million pounds sterling. The absorption of estates will extend over a long term of years, consequently the immediate annual call on the taxpayer will not be excessive. So, too, the rent, which will enable the purchasing tenants to ultimately redeem their buildings, will be kept well within their ability to pay.

MR. SMART SAILED TO-DAY

Among Those at the Landing to See Him Off Was Mr. W. T. R. Preston.

Special Cable to The Montreal Herald and Toronto News.

London, March 25.—Mr. J. A. Smart, Deputy Minister of the Interior, sailed this morning from Southampton, en route for Ottawa, via New York. Among those at the landing to see him off was Mr. W. T. R. Preston, Canadian Commissioner of Emigration in London.

TO DINE CANADIAN MEMBERS

Mr. Ian Malcom, M. P., Will Be Host at a Gathering of Canadian-born M. P.'s.

Special Cable to The Montreal Herald and Toronto News.

London, March 25.—Mr. Ian Malcom, M.P., will dine the Canadian-born members of the Imperial Parliament on April 7. Mr. Malcom was born at Quebec. He married the daughter of Mrs. Langtry. He has been connected with the diplomatic service for some years, and is a well-known writer on colonial and Imperial affairs.

PARTLY FAIR; COLDER.

PROBS.—Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence.—Fresh to strong westerly to northwesterly winds; partly fair and colder; light snowfalls and furies; Thursday, generally fair and moderately cold. Minimum and maximum temperatures.—Victoria, 44, 48; Calgary, 10, 14; Qu'Appelle, 10, 20; Winnipeg, 6 below; 28; Port Arthur, 18, 30; Parry Sound, 32, 42; Toronto, 26, 46; Ottawa, 24, 44; Montreal, 34, 44; Quebec, 22, 38; Halifax, 36, 56.

WHAT IS GOING ON.

Proctor's—"Why Women Sin." Francis—"Shore Acres." Royal—"Crackerjacks." Nouveautés—"Le Maître de Foyes." National Français—"Le Pretie."

WATER IN HARBOR FALLS BY DEGREES

Forty-one Feet and Eight Inches is the Depth Registered at One O'Clock To-day.

The water in the harbor had fallen to 41 feet 8 inches at one o'clock this afternoon. This is a drop of eighteen inches from the same hour yesterday.

Officials in the Harbor Engineer's office say that the probability the water will still remain around this level to-day or drop still further.

Should the temperature, however, turn cold enough to-day or to-morrow to give the ice a chance to harden up again another rise in the water's level may be expected.

As the water stands at present it is almost 25 feet above the ordinary level of nineteen feet. Danger of a serious flood is now regarded as over.

In order to wash over the top of the new pavement wall the water would have to rise over four feet more, and this is extremely unlikely.

WHARF WORK IS STOPPED. All work that was begun on the high level wharves Monday has had to be stopped, as the wharves are completely submerged.

Water is washing over the tracks and the pavement wall from the grain elevator to beyond St. Gabriel Street.

The water was to-day almost level from Point St. Charles down as far as the jail, ordinarily, however, is a drop of between six and eight feet.

City Surveyor Barlow, accompanied by a gang of men, was out all last night watching the water level at various points on the Victoria pier up as far as Nun's Island.

The pressure of ice and water was so great that several times the crest of this earthen dyke gave way in spots and immediate repairs were essential in order to prevent a catastrophe.

The water in the river yesterday was the highest it has been during any spring since that of 1877. The height above mean summer level was 24.06 feet.

TROUBLE ON SOUTH SHORE. Residents in many of the low lying shore of the river, opposite Montreal, are having lots of trouble with the rising water.

A shove opposite St. Lambert last night sent the water along the town front up nearly to the roof level.

Residents in many of the low lying houses were forced to vacate the lower floors of their residences.

Furnaces were put out and in some cases the people came downstairs this morning to find their lower rooms turned into miniature lakes in which the light furniture bobbed about.

Residents of St. Lambert, however, are getting used to flood times, as since last Friday the majority of those who come into Montreal every day have had to make their way to the station in boats.

TORONTO OPERA HOUSE BURNED THIS MORNING. Theatrical Company Loses All its Scenery—The Total Loss Will Probably Exceed \$100,000.

(Special to The Montreal Herald.) Toronto, March 25.—The Toronto Opera House, on Adelaide Street, was totally gutted by fire this morning, involving a loss of about \$100,000.

The fire is supposed to have originated from a fire in the box office and to have run up the stairway to the upper gallery.

After the performers in the "King of Hearts" company, which has been the attraction during the week, had left for home, shortly after midnight, Watchman G. Bell detected a smell of smoke and called a policeman and the two made an examination of the building, but could discover no trace of the fire.

At the policeman's suggestion the electric switch was turned off.

About 4 o'clock a passer-by discovered smoke issuing from the top window and the brigade was summoned. When they arrived they found the fire had broken out in a great volume at the rear of the building, near the top of the stage.

Despite the efforts of the brigade, the fire, which had been burning in the seat of the fire, efforts to check the spread of the flames were of little aid, and in half an hour the blaze had spread to the entire building, which was completely gutted by six o'clock.

Cartaker Champion occupied the third storey, with his wife and three children. They were awakened from their sleep by the arrival of the brigade and narrowly escaped suffocation, barely effecting an exit in their night clothes, after a drop of six feet.

The flames spread to the cigar factory of John Trebblock, in the rear, these premises being also badly damaged.

Sullivan, "King Detectives" Company, lost all the scenery and costumes, and claim a loss of \$10,000 or \$12,000.

Treasurer Smith, of the Toronto Opera House, left the building at 11:30, when everything was apparently all right.

FARMERS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO INCREASE IN THE TARIFF

A Delegation From the Country Districts Waited Upon the Government To-day.

(Special to The Montreal Herald.) Ottawa, March 25.—A delegation from the Canadian Farmers' Association waited upon the Government to-day in regard to the tariff and subsidies to railway.

The delegates are opposed to any increase in the tariff because they believe that this cannot be done without adding to the cost of maintaining their families and carrying on the operations connected with their farms.

They also believe that the burdens imposed upon them by the tariff are already heavy enough.

The tariff, in their opinion, could not be increased without adding to the cost of articles which farmers are forced to purchase.

To those who asked for a prohibitive tariff against the United States the delegates say that this is a very unbusinesslike time, when there is a strong movement for reciprocity between this country and the United States.

In opposing any increase in the tariff the delegates believe that they were voicing the opinion of the overwhelming majority of the farmers of Canada.

The delegates believe that while there was some difference of opinion among farmers on the tariff question they were unanimous against the granting of subsidies to railways.

The delegates opposed the granting of subsidies in any form to any private railway or private operation of any kind.

"Not one dollar more of public money for private enterprises," is the practically unanimous feeling of these engaged in producing wealth from the soil.

George D. Grant, newly-elected member for North Ontario, arrived here to-day and attended the first meeting. Mr. Grant was introduced this afternoon by Messrs. Fielding and Holmes.

The speakers of the farmers' delegation were Thomas Brooks, South Brant; J. Wilson, Alexandria; Robt. Morford, St. Catharines; South Brant; and F. W. Webster, Creemore.

The Ministers who received the delegation were Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Messrs. Fielding and Peterson.

Senator Edwards and Messrs. Heyd, Ross (Ontario), Schell and Robinson, M.P.'s, accompanied the delegates.

One of the most important grievances spoken of was that of drainage. They said that Mr. Cowan's bill would meet the difficulty.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier in reply said that he would give the views of the delegation full consideration.

ARE NOT TO BLAME FOR CRAIG ST. ASPHALT

Bellhouse, Dillon & Co. Claim the Street itself is at Fault, if Pavement Repairs were Essential in Order to Prevent a Catastrophe.

Mr. R. Lecky Dillon, of Bellhouse, Dillon & Company, was to-day interviewed by The Herald in reference to the tender which the Canada Asphalt Paving Company has submitted for work required by the city, and the connection of his firm with the asphalt paving done some years ago on Craig Street, and which, in common with other paving done on this street, has turned out so unsatisfactorily.

Mr. Dillon, in answer to enquiries, stated that a little explanation would show that the fact that there was no accepted the work would not be performed in a satisfactory manner.

The portion of Craig Street paved by Bellhouse, Dillon & Co. nearly five years ago, was east of the Main Street, and the material used was rock asphalt. That the pavement had not been satisfactory.

As stated, the firm of Bellhouse, Dillon & Co. had been using rock asphalt, but some time ago they entered into an arrangement with Mr. James Pearson, president of the Construction and Paving Contractors' Association, which was done in a satisfactory way both in Toronto and Ottawa, using only Trinidad Pitch Lake Asphalt, whereby Mr. Pearson's company had been using rock asphalt.

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FIGHTING WAS RESUMED NEAR SAN DOMINGO TO-DAY

Warships Have Gone to Two Coast Towns to Compel Them to Surrender.

San Domingo, Republic of Santo Domingo, Tuesday, March 23.—The inhabitants of this city were again thrown into a state of alarm this afternoon by the fact that fighting is taking place at San Carlos.

A commission has left San Domingo for Azua (fifty-seven miles west of San Domingo) and Barahona (on the southwest coast), in order to bring about the surrender of those places.

The warship Colon has left here for San Pedro de Macoris, in order to compel that town to surrender.

COOKE-HUTCHINS ARGUMENT

Crown Prosecutor Gives His Side of the David Komlensky Case.

Editor, Herald: Sir—Mr. Horace H. Hutchins, one of the counsel defending the accused, Komlensky, charging the Court with bias, King's Bench on Thursday last with having written a letter as Crown Prosecutor to Magistrate Lafontaine, for the purpose of inducing him to bid for Komlensky.

Mr. Lafontaine has written a letter denying absolutely any such letter was sent by me to him which letter has been referred to in the Gazette of Monday morning.

In your issue of last evening Mr. Hutchins endeavors to bolster up this charge by stating that I had written no written instructions had been sent to me but I had verbally ordered the High Constable not to take the prisoner to court.

As regards the conversation I had over the telephone with Mr. Hutchins I regret to say that the statements attributed to me by him are as incorrect as those alleged to have been made by me to Mr. Lafontaine and Mr. Bissonnette.

What object the learned counsel can have in misrepresenting the plain facts is a mystery to me. Perhaps some of your readers interested in this case can suggest a motive.

As I acted as counsel for the complainant at the preliminary examination before the magistrate in my capacity as a member of the bar and not as Crown Prosecutor.

J. P. COOKE, High Constable, to Mr. J. P. Cooke, re: David Komlensky.

Sir—On the twenty-seventh day of December last I arrived from St. John with the prisoner Komlensky. At the time of my arrival I was advised by the lawyer for the prisoner, the latter wanted me to take the prisoner to Judge Lewis at the station, which I refused to do unless he produced an order in writing from the judge, and I told Mr. Margolese I would take the prisoner to the station if he would like to be present when he was offered, and I repeated this to the officer on duty at the station, which I never told me not to take the prisoner to Judge Lafontaine's house nor that you would report Judge Lafontaine to the Attorney-General if he were taken.

THE BURNING MINE

(Special to The Montreal Herald.) Sydney, C.B., March 25.—(Great progress has been made against the fire, and there will be no need to flood any portion of the mine.

The announcement made by an official of the company: Firemen from the scene of operations, however, state that progress has been made against the fire, and there will be no need to flood any portion of the mine.

A large amount of water was pumped into the mine, which is generally believed to have extinguished the fire, but it is not yet known whether the fire has been completely extinguished.

This practically means that one of the most important mines in Nova Scotia will be closed for a period of several months.

The company have begun to increase the output from the other pits, the output being about 1,000 tons a day, as against 9,000 tons the day before.

This would seem to lend color to the theory that the raising coal has abandoned all hope of raising coal from No. 1 mine this summer.

THE COURT OF REVIEW.

Judgments in Review will be rendered at 11 o'clock Friday morning in the following cases: Hurdman vs. Hurdman; Bugg vs. Paquette; Fillard vs. the Corporation of Coteau Landing; Armand vs. Archambault; Jones vs. Jones; McDonald vs. McCaskill; Hubert Mills and York and Spler vs. Hubert Mills; and Hyde vs. Hyde.

WANT MEASURE LAID OVER.

Secretary Seath, of the Harbor Board will return from Quebec to-night where he went to represent the Commissioners in an effort to have the bill for the Harbor Board's measure laid over.

WILL DECIDE ON SUBJECTS.

A meeting of the Executive of the Montreal Terminal Association will be held Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock to decide upon subjects of study.

EUGENE GLADU SENTENCED.

Eugene Gladu, arrested by Grand Trunk agents on the charge of stealing lamps and iron from the company's cars and premises, was sent to the reformatory for three years.

ODDFELLOWS' MONUMENT.

Sherbrooke, March 25.—The Oddfellows of Sherbrooke have decided to erect a monument in the lot in the Elmwood cemetery. The cost is \$500, and it is expected to have

FORMER RATES OF INSURANCE MAY BE INSTITUTED HERE

Chief Benoit Says He Has Reason to Believe the Underwriters Will Make Certain Reductions.

Chief Benoit says he has reason to believe that the underwriters will reduce the insurance in the congested district by 25 per cent. early in May.

It will be remembered that the insurance went up 25 per cent. all over the city immediately after the Board of Trade fire in 1921, with an additional 25 per cent. increase in the central portion of the city.

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The Hungarian, from Boston for Glasgow, sailed from Boston at 6 a.m. Monday.

The Sarmatian, from Portland for Glasgow, arrived at Glasgow Sunday afternoon.

CHARGED WITH STEALING RINGS.

(Special to The Montreal Herald.) Kingston, March 25.—Albert Palmer is under arrest charged with stealing valuable rings with diamond and ruby settings from Miss Constance Horn, of King Street. He was a servant in the Horn household, but left for a hotel job. He was watched and found to be friendly with a Montreal Street girl, who later wore the gems.

CARDINAL TO HAVE A BANK.

Brockville, March 25.—(Special.)—Inspector Bird, of the Bank of Toronto, and W. M. Gray, manager of the agency here, visited Cardinal on Saturday and made arrangements to open a branch of the bank there. Mr. Kimball, from the Cinnogue agency, who has been appointed manager of the new agency, is now in Cardinal and will be ready for business in a day or two.

ATROCITIES PREACHED IN THE CONGO STATE

Belgians Seem to Have Ingratuated a Reign of Fiendish Cruelty.

At a recent banquet in London, Captain Barrow, who has recently written a book on the Congo State, said the atrocities made in the book were absolutely true.

Barrow, who is a Belgian, said that the Belgians was an atrocious in the Congo in a more complete sense than the Czech was in his dominions.

When he (Captain Barrow) mentioned to the country a lady said to him: "Will you give me the honor of an English gentleman?"

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MEMBERS OF THE WILLIAMS COLLEGE MUSICAL ASSOCIATION, AT WINDSOR HALL, NEXT SATURDAY EVENING.

The music-loving public of Montreal will be given an opportunity to gratify their tastes by attending the concert to be given by the Williams College Musical Association, of Williamstown, Mass., in the Windsor Hall next Saturday evening.

selections. Among the numbers to be given will be "The Rajah of Bhong" from "The Country Girl" by the Glee Club. The Mandolin Club will render Wever's "Ghost Dance" and "La Pique". The string quartet, which is a new addition to college associations, will be heard to advantage in German's

"Shepherd's Dance" and "Evening Breezes" by Giff. The glee and mandolin clubs together will open the programme with Bartlett's "Royal Purple". Mr. Bartlett is a graduate of the Williams College, class '95. Mr. J. B. Lord, who is said to possess one of the finest tenor voices heard in years, will

sing "Gypsy John," also a solo from "The Country Girl." On account of the many numbers it will be necessary to open the concert at 8.30 o'clock sharp, and with such a programme there is every indication the house will be crowded. Reserved seat tickets may be had at Shaw's music store.

THINKS REID WILL CARRY THE VOTES

Mr. Clarke Declares That the Days of Sir Edmund's Regime Are Numbered.

Mr. W. W. Clarke, of Sydney Australia, ex-Mayor of Merrickville, who is here for the purpose of promoting trade relations between Australia and Canada, and who is in close touch with the public men of the new Commonwealth, expressed in an interview with a Herald representative to-day at the C. P. R. general offices, the conviction that the days of the administration of Sir Edmund Barton were nearly numbered, and that the next general election would carry Rt. Hon. G. H. Reid leader of the Opposition into power.

It was natural, said Mr. Clarke, that a great deal of odium should be thrown on the first Federal Government, because it was responsible for the framing of the tariff and the machinery of the customs.

The Minister of Customs, Mr. Kingsford Smith, had become exceedingly unpopular through the prosecutions which he instituted against firms of high standing for failing to comply with the terms of the Customs Act.

Sir Edmund Barton's pledge to increase the Australian contribution to the Imperial navy to £200,000 sterling had added to the unpopularity of the Government. The Australian ideal is to have a navy of its own, which might co-operate with the Imperial Australian squadron, but should not form part of it.

The two most popular men in the British ministry, said Mr. Clarke, are Sir John Forrest, the Minister of Defence, who accompanied Sir Edmund Barton on his tour through Canada, and Senator R. E. O'Connor, the leader

of the Government in the Upper House. Mr. Clarke said the country is slowly recovering from the effects of the prolonged drought, whose effects, although most disastrous to the graziers and farmers, have thoroughly awakened the government of the different states to the necessity for works of irrigation and water conservation. Hitherto they have only played with the subject, but they are now taking it up in earnest.

SPRING AILMENTS.

The Blood Needs Attention at this Season—Purgatives Should be Avoided.

Spring is the season when your system needs toning up. In the spring you must have new blood, just as the trees must have new sap. With new blood you will feel sprightly, happy and healthy. Many people take purgatives in spring, but this is a serious mistake, as the tendency of all purgatives is to further weaken the system. The one and only sure way to get new blood and new strength is to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They actually make new, rich, red-blood. They are the greatest spring tonic in the world. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills speedily banish all spring ailments. Miss Belle Cohoon, White Rock Mills, N.S., says: "I have been suffering from a splendid spring tonic in the world. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I was very much run down, the least exertion exhausted me, and I had a constant feeling of languor and sluggishness. My appetite failed me and my sleep at night was disturbed and restless. After I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, there was a speedy change for the better, and after taking a few boxes, I felt stronger than I had done for years."

You can get Dr. Williams' Pink Pills from any drug store, or by mail, post paid, at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, by writing direct to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont. Do not let any dealer persuade you to take a substitute. Substitutes never cured anyone; the genuine pills have cured hundreds of thousands in all parts of the world.

Water Filters for Kingston. Kingston, March 23.—Dr. Bryce, Provincial Medical Health Officer, has made a commendation of the Board of Health that to ensure an absolutely pure supply of drinking water to Kingston consumers he recommends that the water filters be installed at Chatham, St. Thomas and elsewhere.

AN EXHIBIT OF PARISIAN FINERY.

24 Costumes and 2 doz. Waists, the latest conceptions of Parisian designers, all new, on display at The S. Casfley Co., Limited. The exhibit will prove particularly interesting to those partial to the exclusive in dress. There is a distinction between each garment, some variation in the style, that is both pleasing and interest-compelling. Better avail yourself of this infrequent opportunity.

British Barque Destroyed.

Greenock, March 23.—The British barque Procyon, Captain James, from San Francisco August 16, for the Clyde, has been completely destroyed by fire. Her cargo of grain was partially destroyed.



Three Stomachs on a Week's Vacation.

Eat, drink and be merry while giving the digestive apparatus a healing, wholesome rest! It can be done by the use of DR. VON STAN'S PINEAPPLE TABLETS.

Pineapple will digest meat in a dish at 100°. The rest cure is the best cure, the only cure for dyspepsia. That's the whole story except that the large tablets digest food, the small ones tone up the digestive apparatus.—Price 35 cents.

Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder opens a new tunnel in a choked up nostril and lines it with a new membrane. In ten minutes will relieve a cold or catarrh or cure the most obstinate headache. A quick cure—a safe cure—no slow remedy. 17.

ADVOCATE CLAIMS OF NEW ONTARIO

Delegation in City From Port Arthur—Will Name Town After Carnegie for \$10,000,000.

New Ontario possesses convincing advocates of a delegation that is in the city for the purpose of enlightening Eastern Canada upon the possibilities of the great country north of Lake Superior. The delegation is in charge of Mr. D. P. Burk, so well known for the last twelve years for his efforts toward colonizing New Ontario, and includes Major George Clavet, of Port Arthur, Messrs. W. F. Fortune, E. J. Rochon, Neil McDougall, Jas. Murphy, Robert Hamer, W. H. Nelson, J. S. Dobie, W. Dobie and Cleeve Peter McKellar, one of the pioneers of Port William.

They left New Ontario about a fortnight ago and have been in Niagara and Toronto, where they waited upon Premier Ross with a view of securing an arrangement for the colonization of the territory they represent. While in Montreal they will wait upon the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk authorities to ask for transportation rates that will help them in their enterprise. They are in conference with Mr. McNicholl, second vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, this afternoon, and will probably meet the council of the Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce before leaving the city on Thursday.

From Montreal they go to Ottawa to ask for aid to the "St. Joe" Railway, running from Port Arthur and Fort William due north, and also for a subsidy for a second transcontinental line," as Mr. Burk put it, in non-commercial terms.

"It is nonsense to talk of cutting off subsidies now," said Eggle, "just because the country is beginning to be settled. It is like keeping milk from the calf just when he begins to fatten up."

The delegates were enthusiastic about the resources and possibilities of their country. The farm lands, minerals, timber and fish were pictured in most alluring terms.

"Both times I brought you home! Let us not be sorrowful to-night." "Sorrowful! I am so happy it seems impossible that I come from Mittau, and this day the Marquis du Plessy died to me! I wish the sun had been tied to the trees, as the goose girl her gander."

"I want all the days that are my due at home."

We ascended the steps of the stone pavilion, and sat down in an arch like balcony over the sunken garden. Pears and apricots, their branches flattened against the wall, showed ruddy garnered sunlight through the dusk. The tangled enclosure sloped down to the stream, from which a fairy wisp of mist waivered over flower bed and tree. Dew and herbs and the fragrance of late roses sent up a divine breath, invisibly smothering us, like a tide rising out of the night.

Madame de Ferrier's individual traits were surprised in this nearness, as they had been when I saw her at a distance in alien surroundings. A swift ripple, involuntary and glad, coursed down her body; she shuddered for joy half a minute or so.

Two feet away, I worshipped her smiling eyes and their curved ivory lids, her rounded head with its abundant cap of hair, her chin, her shoulders, her bust, the hands in her lap, the very sweep of her scant gown about her feet.

The flash of extreme happiness passing, she said gravely: "But that was a strange thing—that you should fall unconscious!" "Not so strange," I said; and told her

region around the Sault. The timber and iron resources of the area are mineral wealth is only waiting to be developed," said Mayor Clavet. "Mark my words, within two years Port Arthur will be the Montreal of the West. With its port and railway facilities, as the terminal of the Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern, that is sure to come. Already boats and vessels have come there, and with a twenty-foot depth to the canal instead of fourteen, there will be a clear waterway from Great Britain to Port Arthur."

Mr. Burk has a scheme that sounds interesting. It is his suggestion, and people of Port Arthur and Fort William to approve, that an offer shall be made to Andrew Carnegie that for a gift of \$10,000,000 for educational purposes, Port Arthur and Fort William will change their name to "Carnegie."

"We want a university there like McGill," said Mr. Burk. "None of the delegates would discuss the Clergy enterprises or Sault Ste. Marie, and would give no opinion of the outlook."

"That country is wholly distinct from us, and our industries have not affected and will not affect us," said Mr. Burk, with emphasis.

SHERBROOKE IS FLOODED

(Special to The Montreal Herald.) Sherbrooke, March 23.—The heavy rain of Monday had the effect of causing the St. Francis River to rise again Tuesday night. The water had fallen about twelve inches during Monday, but yesterday forenoon it had reached a point higher than that of any time this year.

The fence machine works are closed down, the water being about twelve inches over the floor of the works. Lansdowne Street is inundated to the depth of several feet, and the water is within a few yards of King Street. On the east side of the river the people on the flats are suffering a good deal of inconvenience on account of the continued high water, which is now well up on to Windsor Street.

The Brompton road, on the east side of the river, is impassable. So far no damage has been reported. It is thought that high water will continue in the St. Francis for a day or two, owing to the continued mild weather.

The fact that most of the ice had gone out some days ago, will, it is said, avert any serious damage. The situation at Beauce is reported to be serious. Communication between St. Joseph and the surrounding country is suspended both by rail and land. In some of the dwellings at St. Francis the water is eight feet deep. There were seven feet of water at certain places over the railway track, and between St. Francis and St. Joseph all the roads are covered with several feet of water.

BACKACHE.



Backache is a forerunner and one of the most common symptoms of kidney trouble and womb displacement.

READ MISS BOLLMAN'S EXPERIENCE. "Some time ago I was in a very weak condition, my work made me nervous and my backached frightfully all the time, and I had terrible headaches."

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how many times before the eclipse—under the edge of which my boyhood was passed—had completely shadowed me. At the account of Ste. Pelagie she leaned toward me, her hands clenched on her breast. When we came to the Hotel Dieu she leaned back pallid against the stone.

"Dear Marquis du Plessy!" she whispered, as his name entered the story. "When it was ended she drew some deep breaths in the silence. "Sire, you must be very careful. That Belleger is an evil man."

"There may be a strength of court policy behind him."

"The policy of the court at Mittau is evidently a policy completely shadowed by your sister believed in you."

"I don't understand," said Madame de Ferrier, leaning forward on her arms, "why Belleger had you in London, and another boy on the mountain."

"I think we shall never understand it."

"I don't understand why he makes it his business to follow you."

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UNITED STATES NAVAL BASE. Secretary Moody Has Selected Guantanamo, Cuba, as Site for Strong Fortifications. Guantanamo, Cuba, March 23.—After a personal inspection of the proposed site, Secretary Moody has selected Guantanamo as the principal United States naval station in the West Indies. Secretary Moody, Senator Proctor and Congressman Foss and Gillett arrived here on board the United States destroyer. They will recommend the purchase of twenty square miles of land on both sides of the lower bay, and several small islands. As soon as the necessary legislation has been secured, they favor the construction of a permanent barracks, a dry dock and strong fortifications, designed against a sea attack only, fortifications on the land side not being considered as necessary. It is thought that both the army and navy will maintain forces at Guantanamo. The Dolphin will proceed to Jamaica to-day. German Count Coming. Berlin, March 23.—It is stated that Field Marshal Count Von Walderssee and his wife will start for America the middle of April to visit relatives.

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"LAZARRE" By MARY H. CATHERWOOD.

BOOK II. CHAPTER IX.—Continued. Hoary stone farmhouses, built four-square like a fortress, each having a stately archway, sauted us as we passed by. The patron and his wife came out, and, pulling their caps, dropped down from high-yoked horses. But when the long single street of stone cottages which formed the village opened its arms, I could see her breast swelling and her grieved eyes sweeping all with comprehensive rush. An elderly man, shaking some said in a wire basket, dropped it at his feet, and bowed and bowed, sweeping his cap to the ground. Some women who were washing around a roped pool left their paddles, and ran, wifing pass from their arms; and houses discharged their inmates, babies in children's arms, wives, old men, the simplicity of their lives and the openness of their labor manifest. They surrounded the carriage. Eggle stood Paul upon his feet that they might worship him, and his mouth corners curled upward, his blue-eyed fearless look travelled from face to face, while her gloved hand was kissed, and God was praised that she had come back. "O Jean," she cried, "is your mother alive?" and Marguerite! have you a son so tall?"

CAUTIOUS MOTHERS Will use "THE PEPTONINE" if they desire to see their children grow strong, healthy and "coruscant." Weak persons of all ages will find it the following analysis certificate: Quebec, September 12th, 1898. "THE PEPTONINE," submitted to my examination, is a most valuable and efficacious substance together with certain salts, in such proportion as to form a complete food, easily assimilable and very digestible. (Signed) Ph. J. FILLION, Priest, Professor of Chemistry, Laval University, Quebec. Sold by all first class pharmacists, or by the manufacturer, F. Courcel, 225 City Hall Avenue, Montreal.

Best of all was coming to the chateau when the sun was about an hour high. The stone pillars of the gateway met us upon a terraced lawn, where a fountain played, keeping best plumes of water in the air. The lofty chateau of white stone had a broad front, with wings. Eggle had me note the two dove-cotes or pigeon towers, distinctly separate structures, one flanking each wing, and demonstrating the antiquity of the house. For only nobles in medieval days were accorded the privilege of keeping doves. Should there be such another evening for me when I come to paradise, if God in His mercy brings me there, I shall be grateful, but hardly with such fresh-headed joy. Night descends with special benediction on remote an-

A little Sunlight Soap will clean cut glass and other articles until they shine and sparkle. Sunlight Soap will wash other things than clothes.

WHAT THE ALDERMEN WANT TO HAVE TAXED

lot Harbor Commissioners' Property, But That of Private Corporations Who Use the Wharves.

The aldermen are seeking to have included in the article in the charter relating to taxation, the amendments to which are now before the Legislature of Quebec, the following clause: "The warehouses, sheds, elevators, offices, public weigh-houses, and railroads located on the property of the Harbor Commissioners shall be subject to taxation."

GOES TO THE ATTORNEYS.

The clause in question has been referred to the City Attorneys to see whether it can legally be included in the charter amendments. When seen this morning Mr. Archambault said that the clause had not yet been submitted to him, and he was not, therefore, in a position to give a decided opinion one way or the other.

A couple of years ago the attorneys had been asked to state whether the property of the Abattoir Company leased from the Government was subject to assessment. The reply on that occasion was that no property belonging to the Crown could be subjected to taxation, under the B.N.A. act it was held.

In this instance, Mr. Archambault held, the conditions were somewhat different. At law with the Harbor Commissioners on a number of subjects the city had always maintained that it was fully for the purposes of regulating the shipping traffic that the Commissioners had control of the harbor, but that in all other respects—for purposes of police governance and fire jurisdiction—the city had absolute powers as far as the centre of the river.

PREFER A REARRANGEMENT.

On the ground that the city annually incurs a large expense in protecting the lives and properties of the citizens in the harbor, while the interests vested there contribute not a cent toward the revenue of the municipality, the aldermen determined that a more equitable condition of affairs should be brought to a termination as speedily as possible. They would prefer to arrange amicably with the Harbor Commissioners for an equitable contribution toward these services, but if this cannot be done they will, as Ald. Laporte indicated in the City Council on Monday, insist, through legal enactment, upon their rights being respected.

In any event nothing can be done in regard to this or any other amendment to the city's bill until next Tuesday. It was to have come up in committee Monday, but was postponed until Friday. The city's representatives—Aldermen Laporte, Lebeuf and Carter—were asked to have it stated over until Tuesday, and they will consequently be back in the city to-morrow morning.

DEATH TERMINATES THE WOMAN'S BRAVE BATTLE

Mrs. Thomas, Colored, Succumbs to the Ravages of Scarlet Fever, and Dies Alone.

One of the saddest cases that has yet come under the notice of the local Charity Organization terminated yesterday morning by the death of Mrs. Thomas, a colored woman, of 101 Versailles Street, after years of a hopeless struggle against scarlet fever contracted off from the friendship of her kind, she succumbed to scarlet fever, shortly after giving birth to a child.

When winter set in Mrs. Thomas found herself destitute, with a boy of two and a half years old to support. Her husband was mentally unsound and seemed unable to make a livelihood. The case was brought to the attention of the Charity Organization Society, who practically cared for the woman all winter.

"She put up one of the bravest fights against poverty that I ever saw," said Mr. Lane this morning.

Two weeks ago, the boy contracted scarlet fever and the mother refused to part with him to send him to the hospital. The house was quarantined, and the husband promptly left them to live with his sister. A week ago Mrs. Thomas gave birth to a child, and never saw it again, a victim to scarlet fever yesterday morning.

The body was hurriedly laid to rest without any of the signs of mourning that are usually paid to the departed. Nobody knew of the death, nor seemed to care that she had gone, and only one of the neighbors among whom he had lived, showed any grief over her death.

The baby died this morning and the infant boy is in the General Hospital. When he was informed of the wife's death he showed no emotion, but when he saw the body, he asserted that he had been unaware that he was ever married.

CHANGES MAY BE MADE IN BILLING

Milk Shippers Here Hold a Conference With Officials of the Big Railroads.

An important conference was held this forenoon between members of the Montreal Milk Shippers' Association and Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railway officials touching a number of questions relating to the transportation of milk and cream from the dairy farms in the country to the dealers in the city, who distribute it among the consumers.

The railway companies were represented by Mr. C. E. Usher, general manager of the Grand Trunk, and Mr. G. T. Bell, general passenger agent of the Grand Trunk, and the milk shippers by President Ness and Messrs. Graham, Smith, Trenholm and Stephen.

The principal object of the association had in view was to bring before the railway companies the complaints that are made about milk sent in from the country getting into the hands of the wrong dealer. At present the milk is carried by virtue of tickets, which are issued at the stations in the same way as passenger tickets. The shippers are anxious that a change should be effected so that the milk could be billed and signed for. If proper accounts were rendered the shippers think there would be little danger of the milk going astray.

THE CARRIAGE OF MILK.

The milk is brought in by baggage cars, the cars attached to the passenger trains, and are carried to the city by the morning and night trains.

The railway representatives pointed out that a change such as that asked for would revolutionize the entire system of handling milk, and they could hardly be expected to give effect to it without a very considerable increase in the price of the milk. The shippers, who naturally handed the milk over to whoever claimed it, were not prepared to do this. There was an indefinite time limit on the railway, which it was difficult to avoid, no doubt, owing to their being all brought forward at once long after occurrences complained of, and this was the possibility of their being rectified now.

It was noted that a milk dealers' organization was in process of formation in the city, and it was suggested that a few days it would be completed.

WOULD STOP THE PRACTICE.

With a milk shippers' association, whose members were looking after their interests in the country, and a dealers' association in the city, it might be possible to stop the practice of the railway to weed out of the trade persons who would be guilty of dishonest practices.

Another matter brought forward by the milk shippers was a rearrangement of the freight rates for milk so that the 2 cent per gallon rate, which is now enforced for all distances within the city, should be extended to a radius of eighty miles. At the present time the charge for distances between forty and eighty miles is 2 1/2 cents. The officials were unable to hold out much hope of this concession being granted, because at the present time the rate for milk is 2 1/2 cents, the character of the service rendered.

Another matter brought up was the rate for the transportation of cream from the country to the city. The rate now is 35 cents per four gallon can. The concession asked for was that it should be treated the same as milk.

TRADERS WILL MOVE SOON.

New Building Will Be in Readiness About Middle of April.

The Board of Trade members expect to move into the new building in the middle of next month. The work on the Exchange Hall is being rushed and is nearly completed.

At the secretary's office to-day it was said that the renting of offices in the new building is going along as satisfactorily as could be wished and that more than half of the offices have now been rented to tenants.

The elevators are now being put in and will be completed shortly.

THOUSANDS ON MOVE TO WESTERN POINTS

Immigration Buildings Are Filled With Incoming Settlers From Europe and the States.

(Special to The Montreal Herald.) Winnipeg, March 25.—Our immigration buildings at Edmonton are completely filled with immigrants who are waiting for the trains to the west.

This is an unusual occurrence so early in the season, but it goes to prove that the advance reports that have been given about the great influx of settlers into the Territories this spring, are being amply substantiated. These people are practically all from the American side, and many of them are homesteaders. A number, though, are being brought here by land companies, but the majority of that class have not yet commenced to come.

The desire to be on the spot even while the snow is on the ground, shows that these people realize that there is to be a large pouring of Americans and others to take up the fertile lands of the west.

PREPARE FOR BARR COLONY.

The same state of affairs as at Edmonton is true of Saskatoon, but these preparations are being made for the Barr colony, an advance party of which is already on the ground. This colony alone consists of over 2,000 people who will arrive here in a pretty well equipped with all the necessaries and some of the luxuries of life.

The American invasion so far, has come yesterday told a reporter that Canada, and especially the West, was a great topic of conversation, especially among the laboring people, over there, and that there appeared to be a general tendency to come out and try their luck in a new country.

He stated further that the formation of the Barr colony had especially drawn attention in this direction, and would result in a much larger emigration this year than ever before. He knew of parties intending to come in the fall, and expressed the opinion that next spring would far outnumber this in people coming from England to Canada.

The men that have arrived are a most desirable looking class of settlers, though many of them have not had any experience in farming.

ACCUSTOMED TO HARD WORK.

Six hundred immigrants from Europe have already arrived this week. They are made up mainly of Germans, Hungarians, and Scandinavians, and there have been a few Galicians. So far the Germans and German Russians have led in numbers this week, with fewer Galicians than any other people.

These have been almost without exception an excellent body of men physically, and are accustomed to hard labor, and they will not be disappointed in the new country.

If this week can be taken as any criterion, within the next two or three months, there will be many thousands of immigrants arriving from the other side to say nothing of the remarkably great rush from the United States. The major part of the latter will pass over immediately into the Territories, and besides the regular daily railroad service, special colonist trains are being sent out each week from St. Paul.

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IRISH LAND BILL

(See also page 1.)

Proceeding, Mr. Wyndham dealt with the points of the bill, which contains a bewildering mass of figures showing the advantages that will be made and the how of repayment, but it seems, in the main, to be on the lines laid down by the land conference report and will be satisfactory to the landlords and tenants.

In the course of his speech, which was punctuated by cheers, Mr. Wyndham said the landlords of Ireland are being ruined financially and that the tenants were being ruined morally and the taxpayers of England were paying \$700,000 per annum to the landowners, and \$2,000,000 to the Irish police, which largely was needed to deal with illegalities arising from the land question.

It is remarkable under these circumstances, that the Irish Secretary, "if the landlords and tenants come together."

Mr. Wyndham did not think that the government's veiled reasons need be looked for. "Past experience showed the state incurred no risk in giving such aid. From the taxpayers view point it was a safe commercial transaction."

In cutting a canal at Bordeaux a buried statue has been discovered of Anne of Austria, Queen of Louis XIII, who died at Paris in 1666.

During a gale at Falmouth the steamship Renwick, of Newcastle, was driven ashore, but the crew were rescued by means of the rocket apparatus.

In appreciation of his public spirit in raising the Scottish Horse for the war, it is proposed to confer the freedom of Perth on the Marquis of Lullibardine.

Dr. Ekenberg, Swedish scientist, has invented a machine for converting alkali into a powder, which when dissolved in water gives the properties of ordinary milk.

In view of the probable electrification of all railways, the chief English companies are from time to time conferring privately in London with the object of securing uniformity of principle and equipment.

The London School Board have decided to seek the sanction of the Board of Education to their assisting the Boys' Empire League in its scheme of putting children in communication by letter with children in other parts of the Empire.

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DANGER AHEAD.

It is currently believed in municipal circles that the talk about applying to the City Council for an extension of the Street Railway Company's franchise is not all in the air, and that a determined effort will be made to get some such project through this year.

History repeats itself at the City Hall with varying regularity. There are vague rumors that something is going to be done that is opposed to the general interest.

It is quite probable that the first point of attack in the present case will be at Quebec, for it is not considered that under existing legislation the Council could extend the contract with the Street Railway Company except on a two-thirds vote.

It is to be hoped there is enough respect for public sentiment to prevent this course being adopted at Quebec, but in view of what has been done before there is no saying for certain that this will not be attempted.

THE SITUATION IN VENEZUELA.

The resignation of President Castro of Venezuela came as a surprise both to his own countrymen and the diplomats of foreign powers.

Venezuela is again in a state of revolution. The present insurrection is of such serious proportions as to threaten the overthrow of the Government.

On his campaign, Matos is a man of standing in the Republic. He was finance minister in three governments and was an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency on one occasion.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The Conservative leader spoke in Toronto last evening. He managed to get away from the city without being offered another Ontario constituency.

An English newspaper expresses the view that Canada should draw its population from the slums of overcrowded cities in Great Britain.

Rev. Dr. Parkhurst declared in the course of a sermon last Sunday that "General Funston captured Aguinaldo by deceit and treachery."

If any misguided man should argue that the fall in price of Dominion Steel Company's stock is evidence in favor of greater protection for the iron industry, it should be gently but firmly pointed out to him that Nova Scotia Steel stock, which has not the reputation of being watered, is not dropping like the mercury in winter.

The pardon of Cole Younger, the famous bandit, by the Minnesota State Board of Pardons, resulted in the collapse of a Chicago syndicate organized to exhibit Younger in a melodrama.

"Onward Canada," even if it has a family likeness to the motto of the fishermen at the Antipodes, is a far better rallying-cry than "Canada for the Canadians."

Ald. Payette takes strong ground when he opposes the proposal to place the Public Library on Viger Square, because by so doing one of the city's parks would be in part destroyed.

The aldermen who are "holding-up" the Road Committee's proposals for street improvements, are assuming a heavy responsibility. The citizens of Montreal have suffered untold discomfort, and the opprobrium of the travelling world, through our filthy, unkept streets.

The attempt on the part of certain of the City Council to secure the power of taxing the harbor works is about on a par in point of foresight, with the course of the Quebec ship in 1898.

The exactions of the electric and gas companies are forcing New York and Toronto to consider the questions of municipalization. Mayor Urquhart, of the Ontario city, has suggested to the Board of Control that the city take the first step towards purchasing the Consumers' Gas Company by offering \$214 a share for the stock—the total to be offered being \$3,755,170.

A City Where All Use the Telephone

Probably the first thing which a visitor to Stockholm remarks after his arrival is the appalling number of telephones scattered about the hotel in the corridors and rooms.

In his bedroom he will perhaps find one, and just outside the door another. He cannot move twenty steps without discovering a new one.

There are arrangements made by which telegrams, instead of being sent to the house, are communicated per telephone to the receiver direct from the post-office.

But the system is not confined to Stockholm. The whole of Sweden is covered with a network of cables and wires.

At the present time larger wires are being laid in the north. When this task is completed and the trunk lines are in full working order again, it will be possible to carry on a conversation with the utmost ease between Victoria, Hafen, on the Arctic Ocean, and Moscow, Berlin or Paris.

In short, the telephonic system of communication has been carried to the highest pitch of perfection in the Scandinavian Peninsula.

But even now it cannot be said that the system has attained its greatest dimensions if one is to judge from last year's figures, from which it appears that no fewer than 12,000 fresh installations were made in Sweden, the majority in and around the capital.

Almost every village is connected by telephone with its nearest neighbors, even in such distant parts as Lapland.

Thanks to the courtesy of the managing director of the General Telephone Company in Stockholm, I was enabled to obtain some interesting particulars of the size and working of this enormous system.

At the present time there are only two really big telephone companies in Sweden, the General Telephone Company, and the National Telephone Company, a Government concern.

The former has about 23,000 subscribers, and its system is confined to a radius of seventy miles from Stockholm. Over the rest of the land the Government has a monopoly of the telephones.

Within the seventy-mile radius of the capital there are only 12,000 subscribers to the Government company, but outside the radius 90,000 more have joined the system.

A certain amount of rivalry naturally exists between the two companies in Stockholm, with the result that the cost of the telephones is cheaper there than in any other city in the world.

The General Telephone Company charges 11s for the installation of the apparatus in a private dwelling, and thereafter an annual charge of £2. In business houses, where more than one instrument is required, the cost varies from £3 3s to £5 10s.

Both companies charge extra for long distance communications, and also for connecting their own subscribers with a subscriber on the other company's list. Therefore many people subscribe to both.

In Stockholm itself the General Telephone Company owns no fewer than 22,000 miles of double wires, and within the seventy-mile radius it possesses 7,500 miles more, most of which are laid underground in cables, each cable containing two hundred and fifty double wires.

It is a fact worthy of remark that nearly all the cables are made in England or Germany, Sweden, in spite of her enormous telephone system, not having a single cable factory. But all the instruments, exchanges, etc., are manufactured by the world famous firm of Ericsson, so well known in connection with some of the largest systems in England.

The Signalling System. The multiple lamp is the signalling system most favored in Stockholm, although experiments have been made and are still being made with the common battery system, which it is proposed to use in the new system to be installed in Moscow and Warsaw by the Stockholm General Telephone Company.

The central exchange room of this company is the largest and most complicated in the world, since it contains no fewer than twenty thousand exchanges.

By an ingenious arrangement, however, long-distance connections are made in a separate room, so that the conversations shall not be disturbed by passing through the main exchange room.

This room, I may mention, is insured against fire for over £50,000, and has only been in use for the past three months. The original exchange room was destroyed by fire five years ago.

Not a few precautions have been taken to render everything in the room fireproof, and prevent a recurrence of the disaster. The loss to the company by the fire was hundreds of thousands of pounds, as, owing to the destruction of business, many subscribers were obliged to subscribe to the rival company.

In the exchange room a hundred girls are always at work. They are relieved four times a day. Everything is done by the company to make the life comfortable. Two large sitting rooms, furnished with lounge, easy chairs, piano, etc., are provided for them when off duty, and a large comfortable dining room for their meals.

EMBARGO AGAINST OUR CATTLE DISCUSSED IN THE COMMONS

Opposition Ask for the Government's Transportation Policy, and Sir Wilfrid Replies That it Will be Forthcoming.

(Special Staff Correspondence). Ottawa, March 25.—Canadian cattle and the cola of the realm kept the House of Commons at work all afternoon and evening yesterday.

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Both companies charge extra for long distance communications, and also for connecting their own subscribers with a subscriber on the other company's list. Therefore many people subscribe to both.

In Stockholm itself the General Telephone Company owns no fewer than 22,000 miles of double wires, and within the seventy-mile radius it possesses 7,500 miles more, most of which are laid underground in cables, each cable containing two hundred and fifty double wires.

It is a fact worthy of remark that nearly all the cables are made in England or Germany, Sweden, in spite of her enormous telephone system, not having a single cable factory. But all the instruments, exchanges, etc., are manufactured by the world famous firm of Ericsson, so well known in connection with some of the largest systems in England.

The Signalling System. The multiple lamp is the signalling system most favored in Stockholm, although experiments have been made and are still being made with the common battery system, which it is proposed to use in the new system to be installed in Moscow and Warsaw by the Stockholm General Telephone Company.

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By an ingenious arrangement, however, long-distance connections are made in a separate room, so that the conversations shall not be disturbed by passing through the main exchange room.

This room, I may mention, is insured against fire for over £50,000, and has only been in use for the past three months. The original exchange room was destroyed by fire five years ago.

Not a few precautions have been taken to render everything in the room fireproof, and prevent a recurrence of the disaster. The loss to the company by the fire was hundreds of thousands of pounds, as, owing to the destruction of business, many subscribers were obliged to subscribe to the rival company.

In the exchange room a hundred girls are always at work. They are relieved four times a day. Everything is done by the company to make the life comfortable. Two large sitting rooms, furnished with lounge, easy chairs, piano, etc., are provided for them when off duty, and a large comfortable dining room for their meals.

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west Territories. The influx of people was so great that when he left Winnipeg it was hardly possible to obtain hotel accommodations. The farmers who were coming over the border from the northern states of the American Union were people of substance, who were spending their money to surround themselves with the comforts of life in their new homes. They were of the class, who, a quarter of a century ago, went westward from the middle states and took up lands in the American prairies, but who, unable to find sufficient land for their families had come to Canada, Grand sold their old holdings to new men who still continued to force their way up from the East.

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FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE

TIGHT MONIES KEEPING STOCKS DULL

Prices Went Off This Morning and Market Became Excitingly Low.

POWER AND "STREET" DOWN

Said that Dominion Coal Can Maintain Its Output in Spite of Fire.

The local stock market has flattened out pretty well yesterday something turns up there is a dull market in sight for some little time to come.

Speculations like Power and Steel, however, are being held in check by a somewhat more interest right along, but so far the insiders in Power have shown no disposition to move it, and the stock has been left to the public.

A good movement in Power is a possibility of the near future, although it may not come until Mr. Rodolphe Forget returns home. The stock to-day was off over point from yesterday and sold pretty freely under the basis of 97, and then 96 3/4.

Tight money undoubtedly exerting its influence in the market at the moment, and according to the views expressed by some of the bankers there is no immediate prospect of an appreciable change.

The Steel and Coal issues failed to develop any new feature. The public has fixed up the details with the assistance of the newspapers, causing Senator Forget to make the casual observation this morning that the papers were being to know a good deal more about these things than the directors themselves.

News from the Glace Bay mine continued to be good, and it was getting the fire well in hand. The output of the colliery on fire has been 2,500 tons per day, and the total output of all the mines has been 12,000 tons. An dit is said that the shortage from No. 1 can be made up on the other mines. In fact, it is said that the output was 11,000 tons, or only 1,000 below the normal. During the winter season the company has been shipping nine thousand tons per day, but only eight thousand. They are still continuing to ship 9,000 tons daily, but are doing no banking. They already have a bank of \$500,000 and should be able to meet any delay and no shortage in their shipments.

Steel preferred to gain on the weak side and sold as low as 68 3/4. Dominion Coal was 115, and Montreal Street Railway sold at 275. There were no other changes of importance.

The Wall Street market was exceedingly quiet to-day and devoid of interest. Canadian Pacific opened at 122 3/8, and 122 1/2. Southern Railway Pacific opened at 63 3/4, went to 61 1/2, and afterwards went to 63 1/4. At 12:30 it was 63 3/4.

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British consols to-day were 95 5/16.

L. J. Forget & Co.'s London cable quoted Grand Trunk first at 114 1/2, second at 100 1/2, third at 49 1/2, Canadian Pacific at 122 1/2, Hudson Bay at 49 1/2, and Anacosta at 6.

Mr. C. D. Monk's messages said. London prices show general declines of 1/2 to 1 1/2. The market for Consols very weak at 90. Rock Island people said to be preparing a holding company to take over the Frisco, and may be selling the Pennsylvania Railroad meeting yesterday approved by a record vote. Directors meet to-day to decide upon amount of stock to be issued at present.

Completion of new plant will enable B.R.T. to put all elevated roads under electricity. Fifty-one roads, second week March. Electric gross increase 14.76 per cent. Electric roads for February show average net increase 3.59 per cent.

Foot-showing reported likely in Union Pacific. February statement. Waldorf crowd bearish and active in afternoon drive at market. Rumored Jones & McLaughlin acquired by United States Steel.

Missouri Pacific, third week March, increase 132,000. From January 1, increase \$1,493,638. Central Branch, third week March, increase \$1,000,000; from January 1, increase \$10,000,000.

Short interest fairly large. Bearish feeling prevalent. Markets may have small rally, but are held in check by uncertainty on account of the poor showing made by London and the uneasiness caused by yesterday's daring raids. Every important security market is reacting enough to those who have the hardihood to take on commitments under such discouraging events of past market, but the bears show their audacious manipulation, which caused the whole market to waver. Market now looks likely to recover.

Sub-treasury gained \$14,000 yesterday from banks, and since Friday gained \$33,000.

Weakness of St. Paul incomprehensible. This gutted security has been in the hands of bears for some time, and will not do to become bearish on it at this low price.

London markets at the opening showed general depression on further liquidation. Foreign exchange, Consols sold 98 1/2, later rallied to 90 3/16. Americans nervous and irregular.

Robert Meredith & Co. received the following over their private wire from Zimmerman & Forsyth, New York: The New York State Senate has passed the Canada Bill. It is expected that the Lower House will confirm the action. While it will take some years to complete the project, it has nevertheless been the object of the railway roads traversing that section of the country. The London market this morning, after opening weak, rallied, and at 11:45 was 100 1/2. The market below party, with Canadian Pacific the feature, being very strong on good showing of the company's earnings.

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One scheme is to issue \$30,000,000 of 5 per cent. bonds in exchange for Coal common at 150. Coal preferred at 120 and the bonds at 110.

The speculation, however, was dominated by a generally pessimistic tone and absence of inside support encouraged the bear party. Sales to noon in New York were 224,000 shares. Canadian Pacific closed in London at 135 1/2.

Holders of Toronto Railway stock will be interested in the proposal of Ald. Spence, of Toronto, that the city establish a Street Railway Purchase Fund. The Toronto Railway Company will expire in eighteen years, and the alderman figures that in that period the city's share of the revenue will average \$200,000 per year. In addition to the interest which would accumulate in that time. He believes that the street railway system eighteen years hence will not cost \$2,000,000 as the city has been told. The company seven years ago paid \$1,250,000 for it. With the city being in a position to pay spot cash for the property, it should be able to buy it for \$1,000,000. The very start, as revenue would be required only for maintenance. The present fare yield the shareholders \$400,000 annually, in addition to \$150,000 profit to the city, the cost of operating and maintenance. The plan has met with strong opposition.

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Present indications do not point to a flood as the result of the rise of the waters of the St. Lawrence River. The pumping stations last night reported a depth of 42 feet. The ice was reported on the move this morning at Port Neuf and Batican, and this, river men say, is a sign that the channel will soon be open.

Unless there is another big rush of lake ice past the city front, it is altogether unlikely that the water will again touch the level of 43 feet 4 inches which it reached at one o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Experienced river men attribute this remarkable rise, when the water went from a few inches over 37 feet to four inches over 42 feet inside of an hour, to a large quantity of ice that came pounding down the river.

This set the ice opposite the harbor in motion. So long as the ice continued moving the water did not rise more than a few inches. It jumped up, however, when the ice jammed opposite Maisonneuve, and its down stream career was checked.

The rain yesterday had the effect of softening the ice in the river, and it is now expected that the next shove will break up the field and carry it down the river.

The ice is almost entirely out of the Richelieu, and is piled up at its mouth opposite Sorel. As soon as this move opens it is expected to move at any minute now—it will clear the way for the ice up stream.

While the water was at its highest yesterday it came rushing in along the lower portions of Mill Street and the streets in that vicinity, turning them into shallow canals.

SISTER GIVES AN ALARM. Further up the river there was more excitement. The earthen dyke near the mill race of the city was more than two feet above the water. It seemed to be a weak spot. One of the sisters in the convent opposite Nun's Island, looking out of a window in the building, when she noticed that the water was coming through the dyke at the bottom, called out to the workmen.

They dug a trench for a distance of thirty feet and built a new outer wall of heavy planks, filling in the space with earth and stones. Had this leak not been noticed in time, a large portion of the dyke would have been carried away by the resultant damage would have been great.

FRONT OF THREE RIVERS BLOCKED BY ICE SHOVE. Lower Part of the Town is Inundated, and Tracks on the Wharves are Covered.

Reports from various points along the river are as follows: Three Rivers, March 25.—The ice started to move last night at 5.50. Crowds of people gathered on Boulevard Turpin to see the movements of ice in the river and see it piled on wharves. The new elevator of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company was damaged. If the heavy rainfall continues the lower section of the city will be submerged by flood waters.

At 7.30 the ice blocked in front of the city and water began to rise, the tracks on the wharves being flooded. The lower part of the town is inundated.

St. Anne de la Perade.—Ice is moving now; water rose fifteen inches since last night. Maskinonge, Que.—Ice has not moved yet; the water is very high. Hudson, Que.—No movement of ice yet; the water rose two inches last night.

Pont Rouge.—No change in ice since yesterday; the water is higher. Beauharnois, Que.—Ice still holds; water rising slowly; no danger of flood.

DRY GOODS. Wholesale houses in Toronto were informed to-day that the old price on wraps had been restored. A sharp rise in the price of wool has been noted a month ago, and it caused a good deal of uneasiness in the trade. The lower price was named for full delivery, and heavy orders were made by the leading houses.

Wholesale houses are to be permitted to sell on the reduced basis until April 18th, before repeat orders will be accepted by the mill. The new figure for the reduced price was withdrawn some days ago, and owing to the state of the market for the raw material, it was expected by some that the season would be a record one on several lines of flannellets are still in force, and no word has been received of a restoration of the old figure in this material.

High prices for raw wool have led to an advance of 10 to 15 per cent. in all lines of silk ribbons.

A FREE CANAL SYSTEM. Ottawa, March 25.—(Special.)—A deputa-tion from the Canadian Merchant Marine, will wait on the Government to-day and ask that the canal system of the country be free.

MR. BORDEN SPOKE. On the Transportation Problem at Toronto Last Night. Toronto, March 25.—Mr. R. L. Borden was the principal speaker at the banquet of Ward Conservatives last night. With reference to transportation, he said that for six years he had urged the Government to adopt some definite scheme for solving the problem, and while in the West he suggested that the Government should seek the advice of some expert on the subject.

He was glad to see now that the Gov-

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Present indications do not point to a flood as the result of the rise of the waters of the St. Lawrence River. The pumping stations last night reported a depth of 42 feet. The ice was reported on the move this morning at Port Neuf and Batican, and this, river men say, is a sign that the channel will soon be open.

Unless there is another big rush of lake ice past the city front, it is altogether unlikely that the water will again touch the level of 43 feet 4 inches which it reached at one o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Experienced river men attribute this remarkable rise, when the water went from a few inches over 37 feet to four inches over 42 feet inside of an hour, to a large quantity of ice that came pounding down the river.

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Ladies' Skirts, made of cambric, with lawn flounce and six hem-stitched tucks, trimmed with hem-stitched frill, also dust frill. Worth \$1.50. For..... 1.15

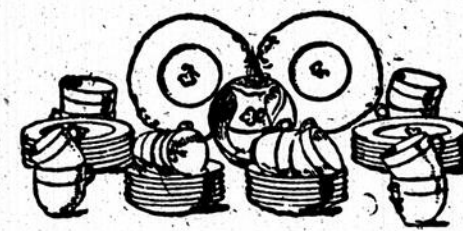
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SIR HECTOR TO BE COURT-MARTIALED

Serious Charges Brought Against Commander of British Forces in Ceylon.

Colombo, Ceylon, March 25.—Charges of a most serious nature have been brought against Major-General Sir Hector Macdonald, commanding the British forces in Ceylon.

In consequence the governor of the Island, Sir Joseph West Ridgway, has been authorized to convene a court-martial to try General Macdonald. The latter, when the charges were filed some time ago, went to England to confer with his friends and superior officers, and now, it is understood, he will return and face the charges, which, it is alleged, are based on immoral acts.

NEWS IN LONDON.

London, March 25.—The announcement from Colombo that Major-General Macdonald is to be tried by court-martial on the most serious charges of immoral conduct, undoubtedly will prove to be the greatest sensation in British military circles since the case of Col. Valentine Baker, who was sentenced August 2, 1875, to pay a fine of £2,500 and to undergo twelve months imprisonment for assaulting a lady in a railroad carriage.

General Macdonald was regarded as one of Britain's greatest soldiers. He rose from the ranks in the Gordon Highlanders to his present position, and the service list shows no more honorable war record than that of Macdonald, while few officers possess more hard-won decorations. He was extremely popular in the army and in civil life.

PROVED A SENSATION.

While the army officials and many of his brother officers were aware that charges were pending against General Macdonald, no intimation of their nature leaked out until the dinner of the officers of a Highland regiment, March 21, at which Macdonald was not present. Lord Roberts, the commander-in-chief, paid tribute in a speech on that occasion to the Highland officers who had served with distinction, but he did not mention Macdonald.

This attracted considerable notice and the sensation was increased when another speaker, who was not aware of the facts in the case, lauded Macdonald as a typical Highland soldier and found that his remarks were received in cold silence by the majority of the officers present.

General Macdonald, it is announced, left England for the Continent some days ago, and it is understood he is returning to Ceylon, under the advice of Lord Roberts, after hearing Macdonald's version of the charges.

Major-General Macdonald, who is an aide-de-camp to King Edward, was born in 1833, enlisted in the Gordon Highlanders, and served nine years in the ranks.

He was appointed to command the British troops in Ceylon in 1902.

The General has been repeatedly mentioned in official despatches for gallant conduct in the field, and has about half a dozen orders and medals and nearly a dozen clasps.

RADIUM EMITS HEAT

A Remarkable Discovery is Made by a French Physician.

London, March 25.—Radium, the mysterious substance which has lately occupied the investigations of Becquerel, Crookes and other prominent scientists, is the subject of a most important and interesting communication just made to the French Academy of Sciences by M. Curie, a French physicist of the highest reputation and attainments.

His statement would have been received with absolute incredulity if it had been offered by a less competent authority. Assisted by his clever wife in isolating radium, M. Curie discovered that it possesses the extraordinary property of continuously emitting heat without combustion, without chemical change of any kind, and without any change in its molecular structure, which remains spectroscopically identical after many months of continuous emission of heat.

He found further that radium maintains its own temperature at a point 1.5 in equivalent to saying that the actual quantity of heat evolved is such that the pure radium salt would melt more than its own weight of ice every hour, or that half a pound of radium salt would evolve in an hour heat equal to that produced by burning one-third of a cubic foot of hydrogen gas, this evolution of heat going on constantly for indefinite periods, leaving the salt at the end of months of activity just as potent as it was at the beginning.

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CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD HEARS VARIOUS QUESTIONS.

Cure of St. Bridget's Parish Asks for Assistance for Establishment of Girls' School.

The regular meeting of the Catholic School Board was held last night and a number of questions came up.

A letter was received from the Protestant Board in regard to the joint petition to be presented to the City Council for an increase in the tax rate, proposing that each board make a separate demand for the amount needed. As it is too late for the required amendment to the charter to be brought before the Legislature at their session, the letter was laid on the table.

At the suggestion of Aid. Galery, the secretary was instructed to prepare a report on the expenses connected with the maintenance of the buildings owned by the committee, which are occupied by the lay and clerical professors.

Aid. Martineau asked for a report on the names and prices of all books used in the schools under the board's supervision, with a view to obtaining greater uniformity in the text.

Rev. J. M. Demers, cure of St. Bridget's parish, wrote to say that the parish had purchased 40,000 feet of ground at a cost of \$25,000, for the establishment of a girl's school, and asked the assistance of the

HON. MR. SIFTON SAILS.

New York, March 25.—Hon. Clifford Sifton, Canadian Minister of the Interior, who has been charged with the preparation of the British case for presentation to the Alaska Boundary Commission, and party, sailed yesterday for Europe.

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