# HON. MR. BRYCE VISITS TORONTO

## AMBASSADOR ENJOYING TRIP TO CANADA

### Earl Grey's Musical and Dramatic Competition Will Be Annual Event--Canadian Notes.

Toronto, April 2.—Rt. Hon. James Bryce and Mrs. Bryce arrived here from Ottawa at 8.45 to-night and had a rather unpleasant experience at the Union station, which is one of the worst planned buildings on any railway on the continent. The British ambassador to Washington lost his way and wandered into the immigration quarters. He was met by reporters and escorted to a waiting room, where Goldwin Smith's representative met him, and from there the party was driven to the Grange. They will be Goldwin Smith's guests during their stay. About the only thing Mr. Bryce would say to the press was that his trip from Ottawa was very pleasant, and he was enjoying his visit to Canada. He will speak at the Canadian club luncheon to-morrow, but beyond that has no programme for his Toronto visit.

Old Timer Dead.

Regina, April 2.—Harry Williams, aged 55, and a well-known old timer, dropper dead this morning on Broad street. A native of Wales, he was one of Regina's pioneers, running a barber shop, and latterly being interested in the real estate and employment agency business.

Going to London.

Toronto, April 2.—Hon. John Dryden one of the imperial commissioners on Irish agricultural affairs, leaves Tuesday for London to attend the final sessions of the commission and draw up a report. He will recommend the extension of the present system of agricultural education in Ireland and the raising of grade cattle rather than pedigreed cattle in Ireland.

Appointed Secretary.

Montreal, April 2.—W. George Slack has been appointed secretary-treasurer of the Bell Telephone Company, an office vacated through the death of C. F. Sclater.

Coal Dividend.

Montreal, April 2.—The Dominion Coal Company pays to-day a quarterly dividend of 4 per cent. on the common stock. Assurances were given that the company had reached such a state of development that there is every reason to believe that the dividend would be permanent.

Case of Smallpox.

Brockville, April 2.—Great anxiety prevails in Brockville asylum owing to the discovery that a patient has developed a case of smallpox. He was placed in the rink attached to the building, and the place was immediately put under quarantine.

In Memory of Rector.

Ottawa, April 1.—The congregation of Trinity church (Anglican), Billings Bridge, as a mark of affection for their late rector, Rev. Canon Lowe, D. D., who died a few months ago, placed in the church a handsome brass lectern and alms basin, which were used for the first time on Sunday.

"Blind Pigs" Raided.

Toronto, April 1.—Owing to the frequency of violations of the Liquor Licence Act in Cobalt and vicinity, additional license officers will be sent there and increased efforts will be made to prevent liquor going into the district. The sum of $1,150 in fines was collected in Cobalt recently within three days, as a result of raids on "blind pigs."

Liberal Resigns.

Regina, April 1.—There is still honor in public life in Canada. This was proven in the legislature to-day, when after a debate on the Prince Albert election scandal, Donaldson (Conservative) who was defeated through the action of a deputy returning officer at the far northern polls, having stuffed ballot boxes, was given the seat by the unanimous consent of the house. Dr. Tyerman (Libral), who was declared elected resigned immediately after he learned what the deputy returning officer had done.

Hanged Himself.

Delhi, Ont., April 1.—To-day the body of H. H. Pettitt was found hanging by a rope in a room above his blacksmith shop. He had been missing since Friday.

Annual Competition.

Ottawa, April 2.—It has been decided to make the competition for Earl Grey's musical and dramatic competition an annual event. It is proposed that provincial competitions be held first and the winners shall be eligible for Ottawa. The next date is February 24th, 1908. Col. Hanbury Williams is chairman, and Mr. F. C. T. O'Hara is secretary.

Steamboat Season.

Toronto, April 1.—The steamboat season opened this morning by the arrival of the steamer Macassa from Hamilton and the Lake Side from Port Dalhousie.

SEARCH FOR FUNDS.

Mayor of Winnipeg Only Able to Borrow Less Than Half the Amount Required.

Friday's Winnipeg Free Press says: Mayor Ashdown met the city council yesterday afternoon; and in the course of a thorough explanation of his negotiations, had to announce that the only money in sight is a loan of from £150,000 to £200,000. The members present were Controllers Baker, Cockbell, Gibson, Manning, Pulford, Wilson, Davidson, Eggertson, Gowler, Cox, McLean and McCaiman.

His Worship the Mayor reported that he had proceeded to Toronto and Montreal in accordance with the express wishes of the council. When he left for the east his thought was that it would only be a question of rate of interest, but, after meeting with some of the financial institutions, it was made plain that the money market was very close.

One of the banks had refused to loan on Japanese bond securities equalling 7½ per cent., for which provision had been made to provide bonds at due dates in September. This was given as an illustration of the closeness of the money market.

When in Toronto Mr. Aird had a conference with the German-Belgian syndicate, from whom they had hoped to obtain a loan, but he was unable to get an answer, and nothing definite had resulted up to Saturday last.

At Montreal His Worship met the assistant manager of the Bank of Montreal for advice; stated that he would not accept from him as final the bank's refusal to take up a portion of the city's account. But the answer given was the same as in other instances, that is, that the banks had all they could do to provide for their customers.

The Mayor also consulted Hanson Bros. at Montreal, and was given some hope that their principals, Coates & Son, would be able to arrange for the loan and were given authority to arrange for a loan of £300,000 at 5 per cent. On account of attempts by other parties in this direction, the matter is yet in abeyance.

The consensus of opinion was that this is not a good time of the year to sell bonds and the recommendation of all parties was to make the loan for 12 months.

Different parties that were met in Chicago were of the same opinion, but it is possible that a loan may be obtained there. Nothing is yet settled, and the only money is sight is a loan from the Bank of Scotland of from £150,000 to £200,000 at 6 per cent.

The report of the Mayor was adopted, and the council authorized him to conclude negotiations which he deemed best.

The press were not admitted to the meeting, the above statement being issued to the reporters after the members had risen.

# A LETTER FROM EARL OF MEATH

## SUGGESTIONS FOR "VICTORIA DAY"

### Urges That Address on Individuals' Duty to Empire Be Delivered.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The movement to make "Empire Day" a holiday of imperial significance is assuming large proportions. Mayor Morley is in receipt of a letter from the Earl of Meath suggesting the cooperation of this city with that of all others throughout the Empire in fittingly celebrating the day. While calling attention to the necessity of regular school training in order that the children should rise to an adequate appreciation of their duties and responsibilities, he especially emphasizes the value of having some one in authority deliver an address on that day, either on one of the colonies or on the duties and responsibilities of the Empire at large.

In speaking of the objects of the Empire Day Association, the noble lord calls attention to the "spiritual meaning of the day, which may be partially translated as the subordination of selfish or class interests to those of the state and of the community, and the inculcation in the minds of all British subjects of the honorable obligation, which rests upon them of preparing themselves each in his or her own sphere for the due fulfilment of the duties and responsibilities attached to the privilege of being subjects of the mightiest Empire the world has ever known."

He disclaims any endeavor to foster a jingoistic spirit. The object of the movement is in fact to avoid this.

An endeavor is made to bring the people to an appreciation of the patriotism of the Japanese, which was the outcome of years of patient effort on the part of the school masters to inculcate within the breasts of their pupils principles of self-sacrifice, and a worthy reverence for the Japanese Emperor. The fruit of this was seen in the late Russo-Japanese war. Equally great lessons can be learned from the industry and perseverance of the Germans. Other nations have their special lesson to teach. Empire Day seeks to group these all in one and enforcing their high lessons on the youthful mind to avoid that moral atrophy, that selfish and enervating spirit which luxury produces, and above all that want of interest in and adequate knowledge of the affairs of the commonwealth which has hitherto in perilous times placed the fate of the nation in the hands of unscrupulous manipulators, and thus led to its downfall.

A beautiful song by Kipling is enclosed, the refrain of which is particularly suited to the occasion:

"Land of our birth, our faith, our pride,
For whose dear sake our fathers died;
O, Motherland, we pledge to thee,
Head, heart and hand through the years
to be."

His Worship suggests that the city of Victoria could most fittingly conclude the celebration of the day by an address from the steps of the parliament buildings from some public man. The occasion is one of historic importance. An endeavor is being made on that day, throughout the Empire, to stir the minds of the people that they shall be animated by a common sentiment, a common hope and an invincible determination to stand together under the British flag. Victoria should do her share, and this cannot be done except great and small alike take part.

Residents of England have $550,000,000 invested in mortgages in foreign countries.

# IMMIGRATION BILL REVIVED

## IT IS CLOSE COPY OF THE NATAL ACT

### A. E. McPhillips Introduces Measures to Protect Those Employed in Factories in Province.

Tuesday afternoon in the Legislature two bills of more than ordinary importance were introduced and given their first readings.

One is an Immigration Act by W. J. Bowser, which recalls the immigration acts passed year after year in the legislature of the province, and which were vetoed in turn by the Dominion authorities. The present act is a close copy of the Natal Act, which has from time to time been pronounced a model to follow in order to avoid the objection that may come from interference with Imperial relations. The act does not name any race as excluded, but submits an educational test to intending immigrants.

The bill introduced by Mr. Bowser submits the educational test. The section covering it reads as follows:

"The immigration into British Columbia of any person who, when asked to do so by the officer appointed under this act, shall fail himself to write out and sign, in the English language, an application to the provincial secretary of the province of British Columbia, to the effect of the form set out in schedule 'B' to this act annexed, as well as read in English any test submitted to him by the officer appointed under this act, shall be unlawful."

Form B is as follows:

Province of British Columbia.

Sir,—

I claim to be exempt from the operation of the "British Columbia Immigration Act, 1903." My full name is . My place of abode for the past 12 months has been . My business or calling is . I was born at , in the year .

Yours, etc.,

The penalty for violation of the act is a fine of $500.

An immigrant making his way into or being found in British Columbia in contravention of the provisons of this act, shall not be entitled to a license to carry on any trade or calling that is subject to the legislative authority of British Columbia, nor shall he be entitled to acquire and hold land, or to any of the rights or privileges of a free miner, or to a free miner's certificate, or to exercise the franchise, and any license or franchise right which may have been acquired in contravention of this act shall be void.

There are exemptions under the act as follows:

Any person possessed of a certificate in the form set out in schedule "A," to this act annexed, and signed by the provincial secretary or the agent-general of British Columba, or any officer appointed by the British Columbia government for the purposes of this act, whether in or out of British Columbia; any person expressly exempted from the operation of this act by writing under the hand of the provincial secretary; His Majesty's land and sea forces; the officers and crew of any ship-of-war of any government; any representative duly accredited to British Columbia by or under the authority of the Imperial or Dominion or any other government; any person the terms of whose entry into Canada have been fixed, or whose exclusion from Canada has been ordered by any act of the parliament of Canada.

A. E. McPhillips introduced a bill for the protection of persons employed in factories. This measure, which has not yet been printed, is founded on the Manitoba Act, and aims at giving those who may be employed in factories better protection from accidents, and also to provide for the sanitary arrangements being made more perfect. The bill makes provision that machinery shall be protected. The age at which children shall be employed is set forth and the welfare of the employees is generally looked after.

The bill will probably undergo some amendment during its passage through the legislature.

INCREASE IN CHARGES.

Rates For Transportation of Lumber on Great Lakes Have Been Raised.

Detroit, Mich., April 3.—The board of managers of the Lumber Carriers' Association, in session here yesterday, decided upon some increases in the rtes for transportation of lumber on the Great Lakes, although last season's rates of $2.50 per thousand from the head of Lake Superior to lower Lake Erie, and Michigan was left unaltered. The $2 rate from Keewenewaw point and Georgian Bay to upper Lake Michigan and Lake Erie and from upper Lake Michigan to Lake Erie were advanced 12½ cents per thousand, from $2 to $2.12½; from lower Lake Michigan to Lake Erie the rate will be $2.25 instead of $2.12½; from Lake Huron to Lake Erie the rate will be $1.87½ instead of $1.75. The rate on cedar posts is raised one-quarter of a cent per post, and that on cedar ties one-quarter of a cent per tie.

CHICAGO ELECTION.

Republican Defeats Mayor Dunne—Municipal Ownership Scheme Rejected.

Chicago, April 2.—The most intense campaign in municipal politics that Chicago has experienced in many years closed to-night with the election of Frederick A. Busse, the Republican candidate for mayor, over Edward F. Dunne, his Democratic rival and candidate for re-election. Busse's plurality was about 13,000 votes.

The issues in the campaign have been largely based upon the improvement of the local traction systems. Both parties agreed that present conditions are intolerable, but they differed as to the best methods of revising them. The Democratic party, headed by Mayor Dunne, stood for immediate municipal ownership through condemnation of the street car property, if the result could not be obtained in any other way. The Republican party favored ordinances which were recently passed by a Democratic city council over the veto of Mayor Dunne.

The campaign has been one of the most vicious the city has ever known; charges and counter charges have been hurled, the personal lives of the candidates have been discussed, and speakers on both sides have indulged in tirades filled with invective and abuse.

The disagreeable feature of the campaign, which became so pronounced in its latter part, commenced when Mayor Dunne circulated a petition for a referendum vote on the traction proposition. He and his followers announced that they had secured 151,000 signers to this petition, 80,000 being necessary to place the matter before the voters. Charges were made by the Republican party that thousands of these names had been forged, and that the list had been padded in every conceivable fashion. These assertions were vehemently denied by the Democrats and the followers of Mayor Dunne, who were in favor of immediate municipal ownership. From this time until the end of the campaign the feeling became more bitter. Wm. Randolph Hearst came personally from New York to take part in the campaign, and brought with him cartoonists and editorial writers. His papers were the only publications in the city supporting Mayor Dunne, all the other newspapers being for Busse and the ordinances. The papers favoring Busse made much of the cry that Chicago was able to manage its own interests without receiving instructions from New York. The Hearst papers claimed that Mayor Dunne was acting for the best interests of Chicago, and that it was therefore their duty to support him.

The total vote for mayor follows: Busse, Republican, 164,839; Dunne, Democrat, 151,718; Reubacher, Prohibition, 585; Kep, Socialist, 13,459; Busse's plurality, 13,121.

WILL MAINTAIN OPEN MINE.

Dominion Coal Company Will Not Allow Workmen's Association to Run Works.

Montreal, April 3.—General manager and vice-president Wanklyn, of the Dominion Coal Company, discussing the threatened trouble between the company and the Provincial Workmen's Association at Sydney, states that the company had no intention of allowing the men to run the works. The company, he says, will as before maintain their mines open to both union and non-union men and any attempt upon the part of the union to compel the employment of union men will be at once resisted. Before there is a final adjustment of the situation there will likely be more or less trouble.

# BAY CITY WITHOUT ELECTRIC LIGHT

### Power House Destroyed--The Damage is Estimated at $2,500,000 --Firemen Injured.

San Francisco, April 3.—The destruction of the electric light and power house of the San Francisco Gas & Electric Light Company by fire last night, plunged the entire city into darkness, resulted in the injuring of firemen, one of whom will die, and caused a loss estimated at $2,500,000.

CITY AND C. P. R.

Uncertainty About Arrangement With Regard to Dry Filling For James Bay Flats.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

A certain amount of uncertainty seems to exist as to the arrangement between the C. P. R. and the city of Victoria with regard to the dry filling to be placed in the James Bay flats. The arrangement was made two years ago by which the corporation took the responsibility of filling up the flats to a level with the road.

To complete this arrangement some 30,000 cubic yards of dry filling remains to be placed. The King Edward dredge while here filled in on an average the flats to within four feet of the surface of the road. The remaining four feet must be filled by the city to fulfil the terms of the agreement.

This afternoon J. Wilson, building inspector of the new Empress hotel, is having an interview with Mayor Morley on the subject. As the C. P. R. officials have the agreement in writing, which holds the city liable for the filling up of the flats to a level with the road, there can be only one termination to this interview. As matters stand at present, and according to a statement made by the Mayor, the city does not at present appear to recognize its liability.

It has not yet been determined where this dry filling will be got. In all about 60,000 cubic yards of dry filling will have to be placed in order to bring the flats up to the level required by the C. P. R. Of this amount about half will have to be done by the city.

FOUR MEN DROWNED.

London, April 3.—A thrilling encounter in a storm at sea in which four men lost their lives and the Italian steamship Industria fared badly, is related by two members of the crew who arrived at Plymouth.

The vessel was bound from London to Buenos Ayres when overtaken by a terrific gale. The pumps became choked, the masts loosened and the decks torn and twisted. Boats were launched. One of them was dashed against the steamship's side, rendering four of the boat's occupants unconscious. The men went overboard and were drowned.

# PREMIER WILL GO TO LONDON

## THE LATEST MOVE OF THE GOVERNMENT

### His Mission is Indefinite, But Will Be in Connection With Better Terms.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The present intention of Premier McBride is to proceed to London on the conclusion of the session of the legislature, and there do what he sees fit in connection with the province's contention for better terms. This move on the part of the Premier will come very close to carrying the fight as promised to the "foot of the throne."

The exact programme of the Premier is in a very airy condition, and it is not at all likely that he knows just what he is going to do. He is going; that is all.

It is not improbable that the House will be asked to aid in getting the business of the session through in as short a time as possible so as to allow the Hon. Mr. McBride to proceed to London earlier than might otherwise be the case.

Just in what manner the Premier will approach the Imperial authorities on this subject is very difficult to understand. The proposed amendments to the B. N. A. Act, which Sir Wilfrid will suggest to the Imperial government is in compliance with the recommendations of the premiers of the provinces. Premier McBride may only ask to have the Imperial authorities take steps to give to British Columbia something which the other provinces refused to do at a representative convention of the premiers after the premier of the province of British Columbia had done his best in presenting the case for the best part of a week.

It is not improbable that the local government in deciding that the Premier should go to London had in view the mission of Hon. Mr. Walkem. But the circumstances unfortunately for the province are entirely different. At the time Mr. Walkem went to London the Dominion was not living up to its agreement. In this instance there is no such plea. There is only the suggestion that the other provinces would not agree to give British Columbia what she wanted.

There has been serious objection taken to the fact that the suggested amendment to the British North America Act, which assigns British Columbia a sum of $100,000 annually for ten years as a special grant designates that this shall be "final and unalterable." To this the leader of the opposition objects also, although it is according to the recommendations of the provincial premiers. The leader of the opposition took the steps to protest against this as soon as it was noticed, and before the government had done anything. Mr. Macdonald had telegraphed a protest on behalf of the opposition to Ottawa.

The exact date upon which the Premier will leave has not yet been settled.

MENTAL IRRESPONSIBILITY.

Will Be the Plea of Annie D. Bradley, Who Is Charged With Murder.

Washington, D. C., April 3.—Annie D. Bradley, who shot and killed former United States Senator Arthur Brown, of Utah, on December 8th last, will plead mental irresponsibility as her defence to the indictment of murder.

SHOT BY BROTHER.

Boy Did Not Know the Rifle Was Loaded.

North Yakima, April 2.—With a gun he thought was not loaded, Willie Roberts, 12 years old, killed his brother Walter, aged 6, before a crowd of neighbors at home near Roza Sunday evening. Several men were preparing for a hunting trip, when the boy got hold of a shotgun belonging to one of the hunters, and with the words, "I'll take a shot at you, Walter," pulled the trigger.

The boy's body was badly mangled. The shot entered his side and spread sufficiently to make a horrible wound. Death was instantaneous. The boys were sons of John Roberts, a well-known rancher of this part of the country.

HANGED HIMSELF.

Landscape Gardener Committed Suicide in Volunteer Park, Seattle.

Seattle April 2.—Ole Christ Olson, cement contractor and landscape gardener, who lived at 1,507 Twelfth Avenue North, wrote a note to his wife in a little book which he placed in his pocket and then went to a point in Volunteer Park 200 feet off Federal avenue on Galer street, and hanged himself to a drooping alder tree.

Neighbors who have known Olson for many years say they can assign no cause for the suicide, unless it be religious insanity. He was prosperous and apparently lived happily with his family. Olson was last seen by a neighbor Saturday night. Mrs. Olson had left that day for Everett to visit her son, and Olson intended to follow Sunday. When he did not come, Mrs. Olson returned home to-day shortly after her husband's body was found.

Olson was 54 years old and leaves a widow and six children.

WILL TOUR STATES.

Liang Hing Kwei to Study the Educational Conditions of Chinese Children.

San Francisco, April 3.—Proclamations were posted throughout Chinatown yesterday stating that Liang Hing Kwei, a noted educational authority of China, has been commissioned to come to America to study the educational conditions of the Chinese children. The proclamation was signed by the Chinese minister at Washington.

PERISHED IN FIRE.

Oil Wiper Burned to Death and a Companion Seriously Injured.

Vermillion, Alta., April 3.—George Walker, an engine wiper, lost his life and a companion was seriously injured in a fire which destroyed the Canadian Northern oilhouse at this point to-night.

The origin of the fire and the particulars of the fatality cannot be learned at present.

An inquest will probably be held.

ENTERIC AND TYPHOID FEVER.

Many Deaths Reported From Town of Three Rivers, Quebec.

Montreal, April 3.—The town of Three Rivers, located midway between this city and Quebec, is in the midst of an enteric and typhoid fever epidemic. Between the 11th and 17th of March there were 75 deaths from the disease, and there are 700 cases at the present time out of a population of 10,000. It is claimed that the water system is responsible.

TROOPS AT JUNEAU.

Strike Has Not Been Formally Declared But Is Expected.

Juneau, April 1.—Fifty-four men and two officers of Company F, Tenth infantry, arrived this morning from Fort Seward. They came at the request of the Treadwell Company, the United States marshal and Acting Governor W. L. Diston, as disturbances at the Treadwell mine was feared. The troops were brought here on the transport Peterson, and are quartered at the Treadwell Club.

Six hundred members of the union participated in the parade Sunday, and although there were no sensational demonstrations, threats to blow up the Penstock and flood the mines were made. Five soldiers are now on guard, and only a few miners are working the pumps. While a strike has not formally been declared, it is expected in a short time.

# THAW WILL BE EXAMINED AGAIN

## CALLED TO APPEAR BEFORE COMMISSION

### Report on Prisoner's Mental Condition Will Probably Be Presented to Court To-morrow.

New York, April 3.—Harry K. Thaw's sanity and his ability to consult with his counsel at the present time will, it is expected, be finally decided to-day by the lunacy commission. Much will depend upon another private examination, which the committee has decided upon. Apparently the conflicting testimony of the alienists called by both sides has not cleared the question to the satisfaction of the commissioners and its recalling of Thaw is taken to mean that their decision will largely depend upon the showing made by the defendant himself.

Thaw's examination to-day will be the final and crucial test of his mental capacity. It will follow a brief public hearing at which one alienist and possibly two will be examined. Not even Thaw's counsel or the district attorney will be admitted to the private examinations. With their official stenographer, the commissioners will retire to a room in the upper part of the criminal courts building and put the defendant through what tests they please. Dr. Hurel will examine him as he would a private patient and questions may be asked as to the continuance of the delusions from which Thaw is said to have suffered last summer.

It is the plan to continue the hearing with Thaw's examination and unless something unexpected intervenes, the committee will then go into executive session to consider its report to Justice Fitzgerald. This report will probably be made to-morrow before the Thaw trial court is convened, in order that the trial may proceed, should the decision be favorable to the defendant.

MRS. EDDY'S ESTATE.

Transferred Property to Trustees and Cannot Be Forced to Appear in Court.

Concord, N. H., April 2.—A motion for leave to intervene, involving the substitution of duly appointed trustees as plaintiffs, in place of the "next friends," was the answer of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, founder of the Christian Science religion, made through her counsel, in the suit brought to compel an accounting of her property. The motion, which was filed to-day, came as a complete surprise. By a deed of trust Mrs. Eddy has transferred her entire estate, with a few minor reservations, to three trustees—Henry M. Baker, of Boston; Archibald McClellan, of Boston, and John W. Fernald, of Concord. These trustees were bonded to the extent of half a million dollars each that they will preserve and protect her property.

It is now claimed that Mrs. Eddy cannot be forced to appear in court in connection with the pending litigation. The lawyers are empowered to prosecute and defend, for the benefit of the estate of Mrs. Eddy, any suits at law or in equity, whether now pending or that may afterwards be brought with reference to any matter in which she may be personally interested. With the exception of Mr. McClellan, the trustees are not believers in the Christian Science doctrine.

HINDU CREMATED.

The remains of a Hindu were cremated on Sunday at Millside, where the man died on Friday. More than a cord of wood was used up in the operation of burning the body.

# RESIGNATION OF MR. EMMERSON

## HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE PREMIER

### Ex-Minister of Railways Will Appeal to Courts to Vindicate His Character.

Ottawa, April 3.—In the House yesterday Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced that on account of certain insinuations having taken definite shape by newspaper publications, Hon. H. R. Emmerson had placed his resignation in his hands, after giving a flat and emphatic denial to the Fredericton Gleaner story.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier read Hon. Emmerson's letter to him, sending in his resignation and his reply recommending His Excellency to accept the same.

The following is the correspondence:

Office Minister of Railways and Canals.

Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir Wilfrid:—You and I, indeed the whole country, have been aware that the attention of parliament has been interrupted by certain inuendoes against members of your cabinet.

Mere gossip is difficult to meet, but when the medium of the press has been sought to name one of your colleagues in a slander, false on its face, I have decided that proceedings be taken against certain newspapers for the purpose of vindicating myself, not only against the direct charge, but also against the insinuation involved therein. I am conscious that I am in a position to be exonrated in the eyes of the country and yourself.

My object in taking this proceeding is to vindicate my character.

It is expected that you will leave here on Thursday for England in the interests, not only of Canada but of the whole Empire, and I would be very sorry to prove to be in any way an obstacle to that departure.

Of necessity the decision of the courts will not be in time to make you feel free.

Feeling as I do that it would be unfair to you, to my colleagues and to the party generally that I should be under such an imputation while occupying a place in your cabinet, I have therefore to ask you to accept my resignation as minister of railways and canals.

Assuring you of my personal esteem and of my gratitude for the many kindnesses shown by you and of my belief in and adherence to the policy of your government and of the hope that my sure vindication will in the end be a matter of satisfaction to you,

I have the honor to be, dear sir,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) H. R. EMMERSON.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied as follows:

Ottawa, Ont., April 1st.

My Dear Emmerson:—I have come to the conclusion that the step which you take is, under existing circumstances, in the public interest. You owe it to yourself, to your colleagues and friends, to clear your character of the charges laid against it. You could well ignore mere insinuations, but direct and specific charges you do well to face as soon as uttered.

I will place your resignation in the hands of His Excellency.

Let me assure you that I, as well as your colleagues, appreciate the efforts, labor and zeal with which you struggled to advance the public welfare in a most arduous department.

Believe me, my dear Emmerson,

Yours very sincerely,

WILFRID LAURIER.

The Hon. H. R. Emmerson, Ottawa.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson then made the following statement: "It will not be necessary on my part to add more than a word at the present time to repeat my denial, explicitly and unqualifiedly, of the charges which have been made against me by the Fredericton Gleaner, and to say that I have taken steps to secure vindication before the only tribunal having jurisdiction in the premises—the established courts of the land. To this end I have given instructions for the issue of writs for libel against the Fredericton Gleaner, the Halifax Herald and the Toronto World, and I have been advised of service in at least one of these cases. It is but a question of hours in the other two cases, if indeed at this moment service has not taken place."

Hon. W. S. Fielding in Charge.

Ottawa, April 3.—Hon. W. S. Fielding will have charge of the department of railways and canals for the present.

PHYSICIAN'S SUICIDE.

Head of Children's Hospital at Munich Shot Himself With a Revolver.

Berlin, April 3.—Made melancholy and morbid because of differences with his fellow physicians, Dr. Heutzler, head of the Gizla children's hospital at Munich, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself with a revolver.

News of his death was a shock to the other heads of the institution and as a result of the tragedy, the Princess Gizla has resigned as protectress.

Dr. Heutzler was a native of New York, his mother, who died some years ago, was well-known in Germany as an author. She was twice married, her second husband being Josef Kainz, the actor.

EARTHQUAKES.

Ponta Delgada, Island of St. Michaels, Azore Islands, April 3.—Violent earth shocks prevailed throughout this island during the night. The worst disturbance occurred at Viella Franca, where the panic-stricken people fled to the outskirts of the town. The wealthier inhabitants are leaving the ancient capital of St. Michaels, which was twice previously destroyed by volcano eruptions, being practically swallowed up by an eruption of mud in 1522.