

### OTTAWA IS CENSURED BY SCIENTISTS

British Service Association Declares That Much More Might Be Done By Government In Forestation.

### POSSIBILITIES OF THE CANADIAN WEST.

Special to The Standard. Winnipeg, Aug. 31.—Western Canada problems continue to occupy the attention of the British scientists. At practically every session today questions of interest to the West were under discussion.

Two important resolutions were passed in the zoological section. One recommended to the governments of the West that immediate steps be taken for the extermination of the rats from the south. The resolution was moved by Prof. Shipley, president of the department, who emphasizes the seriousness of the situation and pointed out the necessity of the most strenuous efforts being taken to stop the invasion. If they were allowed to spread through the West they would, he estimated, damage 35 per cent of the yield annually.

Disappearance of Salmon. The second resolution was one urged upon the federal authorities to appoint a commission to investigate the question of the disappearance of the salmon in British Columbia. It was felt by the members that if immediate steps are not taken, the fish will soon become extinct. It was also suggested that the city of Winnipeg or the Province of Manitoba should appoint an expert to study zoological questions.

Discussions on wheat management to crop up in nearly every session. The engineering department had two papers on the subject this morning and no papers were followed with more interest. Sir William White, president of the section, was particularly interested and continually fired questions at the speakers. One paper was by G. Harcourt, deputy minister of Alberta, and another by W. B. Langgan of the C.P.R. The paper by Harcourt dealt with the development of the grain industry in Western Canada and its future possibilities. It traced in detail the history of grain growing in the West and followed this with some interesting predictions as to the future.

### Capacity of West.

Of the country which is known he placed the area capable of producing grain at 220,000,000 acres, the total area in crop last year was 11,357,870 acres producing a total crop of 240,000,000 bushels. The unoccupied land in future will produce at least 500,000,000 bushels. This was not the only paper of interest. There was a great northern country, the McKenzie basin, which was capable of producing grain. To the total of all this must be added the result of what science and experiment will bring in the way of earlier and more suitable varieties of grain.

At the agricultural section the Dominion Government was censured by R. J. Campbell, head of the Forestry Department for its failure to take more interest in the question of the preservation of the timber resources of the Dominion. The fire patrol should be strengthened and made as effective as possible. An exploration of the public lands should be made in advance of settlement, and land not fitted for agricultural purposes should be segregated and administered for forest purposes. A larger staff was necessary for administrative purposes, while a more vigorous educational propaganda was necessary. Special trains take the scientists to the coast at midnight Thursday.

### HUMPHREYS MILL IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

Moncton Woolen Industry Visited By Disastrous Fire—Started in Picking Room And Spread Rapidly.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., Aug. 31.—A fire which broke in the picking room of a woolen mill at Humphreys this afternoon, damaged the building, equipment and stock to the extent of three or four thousand dollars. Over four thousand pounds of wool was burned and the machinery was badly warped, while the inside picking room was gutted.

Mr. Humphrey, the proprietor, is away from home, but it is understood that the loss is covered by insurance. The city fire apparatus was sent over to assist the mill brigade and fortunately succeeded in preventing the spread of the flames to other parts of the mill.

Accepts Call. Rev. Frederick S. Bamford who recently resigned the pastorate of Lewisville Baptist church has decided to accept the call extended to him by the Summerville church. No successor to Mr. Bamford at Lewisville has yet been chosen.

A number of prominent Irish amateur cricketers, members of the leading Dublin clubs, have sailed for Canada on the S. S. Mesartie.

### QUEBEC MAN ARRESTED FOR PUSHING QUEER

Canadian, One Of Two Alleged Counterfeiters, Taken At Manchester, N. H.—His Partner Was Negro.

### CANADIAN LIKELY USED AS TOOL.

Manchester, N. H., Aug. 31.—Two alleged counterfeiters were arrested by the Manchester police late this afternoon. The first arrest was that of Arthur Tweed, alias Geo. Smith, of North Hadley, Que., in a clothing store where he has sought to exchange four quarter dollars for a bill.

Soon after, a policeman was told by a saloon-keeper that a negro had just left after attempting to pass a counterfeit coin. The negro was soon afterwards arrested on Elm street and gave the name of John Jones. No bad money was found in his pockets, but a dollar was found in his palm and another concealed in his shirt. When these were discovered, Jones broke down and admitted having tried to pass the stuff.

Outfit Found. A search was made of the room the two occupied at the Central House and the outfit with which the men worked was found. This consisted of an alcohol lamp, a bottle of alcohol, a large iron mixing spoon, some lead pipe, zinc and tin, some plaster of Paris moulds and some sand.

The two men were confronted by these facts and admitted to Chief of Police Healy that they had piled their art in various places. They claimed to have known each other some eleven months, but that they started several weeks ago at a small fair near Sherbrooke, Que.

They said their custom was to cast their supply in the morning and afternoon and evenings pass it, principally on fruit dealers and foreigners. The negro is thought to be an old-timer and to have used Tweed as a tool. The work was remarkably well done considering the tools they worked with, but the milling was imperfect.

### SPECIAL RATES FOR THE FREDERICTON EXHIBITION

C. P. R. Announce Schedule Of Special Trains For Big Fair Col. Surgeon Bridges Ordered To Glace Bay.

### YARMOUTH YOUTHS IN HIGHWAY ROBBERY

Three Lads Are In Jail Awaiting Hearing Charged With Hold Up—Their Only Booty Was a Jack Knife.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 31.—W. B. Howard, district passenger agent of the C. P. R. is here tonight meeting representatives of the management of the Fredericton 1909 exhibition and Fredericton Park Association, relative to the special train arrangements and excursion rates in connection with the exhibition and races to be held next month.

The special excursion rate from St. John will be \$1.60 for the return trip and special trains will be run here from St. John, returning the same night on 18th and 21st. Special trains from Houlton, Maine, and Woodstock will be run on the 15th and 18th.

The C. P. R. will give an unusually attractive service and rates for the fair and races, along with that of the L. C. R. will shortly be announced. Lieutenant Dudomaine and twenty-five men of H. Co., R. C. R., have been ordered to leave for Halifax on Saturday, whence they will go to Alderbrook Camp for duty with the Nova Scotia militia regiments. Lieutenant Colonel Surgeon Bridges, P. A. M. C. has been ordered to report at Glace Bay for duty and leaves for the storm centre of the Cape Breton coal mines strike tomorrow morning.

### SEVEN CHILDREN BURN IN ASYLUM BLAZE

Firemen Digging In Ruins Of St. Malachi's Home For Children Make Gruesome Find.

New York, Aug. 31.—That seven little children, inmates of St. Malachi's Homes for Children at Rockaway Park, L. I., were suffocated in a fire which destroyed a portion of the home last night was discovered today by firemen digging in the ruins of the burned building. There were 750 children in the institution, which is conducted by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Brooklyn. Most of them were lodged in the buildings in good order last night when the fire alarm was sounded and it was supposed that all had escaped until the little bodies were found in the smouldering embers today. Nearly all of those burned to death were under five years of age.

PROGRESS OF STRATTON CASE. Toronto, Ont., Aug. 31.—The court today ordered Mr. J. H. Burnham, who is petitioning against the return of

## Constructive Policy Is Needed Broad Basis, Imperial In Aim

Lord Charles Beresford in Ringing Speech at Toronto Declares That the Time for Talking Is Over; That Action Must Henceforth Point the Straw of Imperial Sentiment.

Special to The Standard. Exhibition Grounds, Toronto, Aug. 31.—Lord Charles Beresford opened the Canadian National Exhibition here this afternoon under splendid weather auspices.

Mr. George H. Gooderham, president of the exhibition, welcomed Lord Charles as the representative of the senior partner in the great firm of John Butcher and Sons, and as the leading figure of the British Navy, that has done more for universal freedom than any other human agency.

"Canadians," he added, "are loyal to the Crown and to themselves, and they will not be backward in defending universal freedom. There may be differences of opinion as to the best means of procedure, but with the course once settled, they will go ahead on the lines of their conviction. That is worth the price no matter what the price may be."

Beresford's Reply. Lord Charles Beresford, in reply to the address, said: "There can be no doubt that in the past the British Navy has had a paramount influence in keeping the peace of the world, and if that navy remains efficient and sufficient this peace may be maintained not only to the benefit of the British Empire, but also to the benefit of the whole universe, peace being the greatest insurance any nation can possess."

"There is no insurance for peace equal to a strong navy. The address says it is fitting I should visit Canada when the Mother Country and the four nations are gathered in council to discuss what is best to maintain the freedom which we have all enjoyed for so long, and I will add we intend to maintain in the future. While it will be interesting for me to ascertain as far as I can the sentiments of Canada on this question it is hoped that the result of the conference will be found in deeds, not words."

Others Acting. "Whilst we have been talking other people have been acting. What is wanted is a bold constructive policy, broad in its basis, imperial in its object. The time for talking is over. The time for action has begun. There must be a carefully compiled, concise and practical plan for defeating the enemy's fleets if war should unfortunately be forced upon us. A complete scheme should prevent war and ensure peace. The question of the safety of the Empire should be put beyond any possible doubt whatever. "Our supremacy at sea has been threatened in language that is un-

mistakable. In the near future that threat may become a reality. It is our business as an Empire to see that our present position is not jeopardized in any way.

"If the result of the London conference produces an imperial organization for war in which the whole Empire takes part, it should preserve our supremacy intact.

Not Called Up Yet. "The latent resources of the Empire have not been called upon as yet to join in an organization which, to be effective, must be based on broad national and imperial lines, totally devoid of personal, party or selfish motives, an imperial defence force produced an imperial organization for war in which the whole Empire takes part, it should preserve our supremacy intact.

"We have arrived at a crisis in our history as an Empire. We aim at no aggressive action or increase of territory, nor do we hold threats to other nations. We wish to keep clear of all international disputes, and to hold our own and let all know that our supremacy at sea is not to be shaken. "Instead of the British Navy solely maintaining that supremacy as in the past, the other four nations have offered to come and share some of the burden, standing shoulder to shoulder as Britons all to hold what we have. Union in strength; closer union means greater strength. If the British Empire is to remain, it must maintain a naval superiority that is undoubted."

The Trade Routes. "The heart of the Empire is absolutely dependent on the punctual and sure delivery of the water-borne food and raw materials supplied by its arteries, the trade routes. A successful attack on the trade routes would paralyze the strength of the Dominions as well as that of Great Britain. It therefore becomes a matter of life or death to the British Empire to remain supreme at sea. Any attempt to wrest that supremacy from us must be met by a steady and complete naval effort on our part. Command of the sea is a necessity for our existence as an Empire. The tendency of late has been to gain complete naval supremacy in the North Sea. That would protect the heart of the Empire, the British Isles, from invasion, but I repeat that

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### EMBARGO ON HOME CATTLE TO CONTINUE

Influential Deputation Meets British Premier In Effort To Have Embargo Raised But To No Avail.

### U. S. BOUNDARY LINE THE BUGBEAR.

London, Aug. 31.—A deputation representing various trading interests met parliament today to ask the government to remove the embargo on the importation of Canadian cattle. Premier Asquith said he regretted that he saw no possibility of acceding to this request, for while it might be true that disease was non-existent among cattle in Canada it was indisputable that disease appeared from time to time in the United States with disastrous results and it was impossible for this purpose to put Canada and the United States into water-tight compartments owing to the long and loosely-guarded boundary line.

### MONTREAL GROCER IN QUEER PARTNERSHIP

Brother Of Ald. Lariviere Former Chairman Of The Civic Roads Committee And Ex-Foreman Get Fat Contracts.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Aug. 31.—A few years ago when Ald. Lariviere was chairman of the civic road committee, a foreman in the employ of the department left and became a contractor. As a partner he had a brother of Ald. Lariviere, a grocer in a small way. On the witness stand today the grocer admitted that about all he knew about the partnerships was that he got a portion of the profits. But both he and Giguere flatly denied that Ald. Lariviere had benefited in any way by the fat contracts which came to the firm, so long as Ald. Lariviere remained the chairman. A number of the aldermen explained to the commission how it was that they came to vote for the Brunet contracts. All were much surprised to learn of the revelations made before the Royal Commission in regard to those. Some of them were not repentant.

### STORAGE DAMS WOULD GREATLY BENEFIT RIVER SETTLEMENT LIKELY IN THE CURRIER CASE

So Declares A. W. Brown Before River Commission At Van Buren Yesterday—Favors Diversion Of River.

Woodstock Parson Who It Has Been Alleged Obtained Money Under False Pretences, May Not Be Prosecuted.

Woodstock, N. B., Aug. 31.—The examination of the Rev. F. A. Currier has been postponed until Tuesday morning. It is said there is a good chance for a settlement being arranged that will be satisfactory to all parties.

The charge against Mr. Currier was obtaining money under false pretences, the allegation being that he sold British Columbia lands by misrepresentation. Wm. Everett, of Upper Woodstock, was the complainant. Evidence to support the charge was given by Judson Surpee and Roy Drew. They testified to the glowing accounts of the land given by Mr. Currier. The defendant claims there was no attempt to defraud.

### DEATH LIST IN FLOOD HAS REACHED 2,000

Further Find Of 300 Bodies Was Made Yesterday Near Old Well—1000 Bodies Recovered To Date.

Mexico City, Mex., Aug. 31.—A despatch received here from Monterey says that three hundred bodies were found this morning grouped about an old well near the iron foundry, on the outskirts of the city. They were all taken to the Gonzales hospital for identification. Approximately one thousand bodies have been recovered to date and it is believed that the statement that the total death list will amount to two thousand is well within the figures. Scores of bodies are said to have been swallowed in the river and quicksands. As the reports come in, it is seen that the situation at Monterey is more serious than was at first supposed. The city lacks food and water. Railroad officials are unable to give

### TWO STRIKERS WERE KILLED BY DETECTIVE

Strikers And Patrol Men Come To Blows In Western Docks Labor Difficulty With Fatal Results.

### DETECTIVE RESCUED WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY.

Buffalo, Aug. 31.—John C. Nicolai, a private detective employed by the Lake Carriers Association shot and killed two militant strikers on the western shore docks this evening, and he was only saved from lynching by the arrival of policemen. Nicolai was in charge of strike-breakers when George Houghton, a fireman, and Matthew Dwyer, an officer, both strikers, who had been acting as pickets at the docks held him up.

Attacked With Clubs. "We'll get you some time," they said, applying a vile epithet to Nicolai. Then, he says, they attacked him and the two men with him with clubs. One of the strikers struck a strike-breaker over the head and as he did so the detective drew his revolver and fired twice. He dropped a man at each shot; Houghton with a bullet in the eye; Dwyer with a bullet through the heart. Both were instantly killed. A mob gathered with a rush and the officers who were patrolling the waterfront became the target of the mob. Nicolai was full until a riot call brought help. Nicolai is held on an open charge. The strikers along the docks are in an ugly temper.

### AMHERST PAINTER FELL 35 FEET TO HIS DEATH

Isaac Miller Engaged In Painting The Amherst Hotel Fell When Iron Railing Gave Way Sustaining Fatal Injuries.

Special to The Standard. Amherst, N. S., Aug. 31.—A terrible accident occurred about 5 o'clock this evening whereby Isaac Miller, a painter, was almost instantly killed. The deceased had the contract for painting the Amherst Hotel and was at work on the roof, his ladder being attached to the ornamental iron rail along the peak. A portion of the rail gave way and the unfortunate man was dashed to the yard below, a distance of about thirty-five feet, a portion of the iron railing penetrating the back of his head. He was also terribly cut on the side of the face and bruised about the body.

The ambulance and medical aid was summoned and he was removed to his home, Upper Victoria street, but succumbed to his injuries before reaching there. The Amherst Hotel is situated in the center of the main business street and large numbers who were passing at the time witnessed the accident. The deceased was about forty years of age. He is survived by a wife and thirteen young children in very poor circumstances, he being their main support.

### STEEL PLANTS MERGER IS TALKED OF NOW

Report Is Current That The Steel Companies Of The Dominion Contemplate Consolidation.

Special to The Standard. Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 31.—A merger of all the Canadian steel plants is said to be planned by the companies concerned, this step being due to the fact that the Dominion Government bounties cease next year. Officials of the Hamilton Steel and Iron Company refuse to confirm the story, but a prominent financier declares the scheme is almost matured.

### ANOTHER BUSINESS MERGER FOR CANADA

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Aug. 31.—It is announced today that a merger of all the companies in Canada engaged in the manufacture of counter check books has been completed, and will go into effect tomorrow. The Carter-Crumme Company of this city absorbs the other three Canadian companies, which make counter check books.

An estimate of the monetary losses or say how many miles of tracks have been destroyed. Scores of points yet remain to be heard from, although every effort to communicate with them has been made.

### MEN MAKE \$54 WEEKLY AT GLACE BAY

Men Who Have Stuck To Jobs Are Reaping Harvest—Declare That They Would Not Welcome Settlement.

Special to The Standard. Sydney, N. S., Aug. 31.—As an indication of what the men who are now at work in the mines of the Dominion Coal Company think of the strike conditions and their feelings regarding an early settlement of the difficulty the opinion expressed by two miners who were in Sydney today is a practical expression. "Why," they said, "there are our pay cheques for the last fortnight—\$104 each. Two men can now make as much as four men could earn before the strike and the reason is not far to seek, the men working get their coal taken more rapidly. The company can get fully as large an output as was obtained in ante-strike days with but 75 per cent of the men then employed. We who are working do not want to see the strike end, as under present conditions we are making more money than we ever did in our lives before."

Ever Left Stellarton. Some thirty odd Belgians and Hollanders have left Stellarton, where they have engaged to work at the Allan shafts. These men have been out on strike at the collieries of the Dominion Coal Company, and have now sought work elsewhere. This is the second lot of thirty to go forward and about sixty others, it is said, will make a similar shift.

Eighty-six eviction cases were set down for trial before His Honor, Judge Finlayson today, and thirty-four additional cases for Friday. These included tenants at Caledonia (No. 4), Bridgeport (No. 8), Reserve (No. 5), Aberdeen (No. 2), No. 3 and No. 12 (Waterford).

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Three Lads Are In Jail Awaiting Hearing Charged With Hold Up—Their Only Booty Was a Jack Knife.

Special to The Standard. Yarmouth, N. S., Aug. 31.—The latest sensation in Yarmouth is a highway robbery on a miniature but well executed scale and three lads named Daniel Connell, better known as "Mont," Joseph Robicheau and William Robicheau are in jail here charged with the offence. The holdup occurred on Wednesday, a short distance this side of Yarmouth, and the victim was a lad named Dennis LeBlanc.

Young LeBlanc, it appears, left his home in the first part of the morning to drive to Yarmouth. His father was to follow in a motor. When the boy had reached a lonely spot in the road between Yarmouth and the colored settlement nearby, according to his story, the three youths and their men came out of the woods and stopping his horse held him up in true western style.

Levelled Revolver. The Robicheau boys, he asserted, levelled loaded revolvers at him while Connell entered the carriage and went through the pockets of the young driver. The latter had no money about him and the only booty secured was a jackknife. Young LeBlanc was then permitted to drive on while the bold highwaymen again entered the woods. A few minutes later he met Rev. Father Deveau and told him the details of the incident.

The boy then proceeded to Yarmouth and when his father arrived told him the story. Captain LeBlanc at once proceeded to interview the stipendiary magistrate and laid an information against the youthful miscreants. Provincial Constable James McMillan was sent out in search of them and found them at a point below Tusket Wedge. He arrested them and brought them to Yarmouth. They threw away their firearms when they saw the officer coming. Where they obtained them is a mystery, but it seems probable that they were stolen. On arrival of the boys at Yarmouth they were lodged in jail where they are now awaiting examination.

### SIX ARE MISSING IN NEVADA CLOUDBURST

Reno, Nev., Aug. 31.—The mining camp of Rawhide, 100 miles from here was swept by cloudburst this evening, a wall of water said to have been 12 feet in height, rushing through the streets. Six women and children are reported missing, five hundred persons are homeless and 165 buildings have been destroyed.

Mr. J. R. Stratton as M. P. for West Peterboro to appear within two days and tell Mr. Stratton's lawyer all he has paid for evidence and everything else he may have done contrary to the law.

### DEATH OF MRS. CHARLES LOGAN AT AMHERST

Former Sackville Lady Dead At Advanced Age Of 75 Years—Survived By Four Children.

Special to The Standard. Amherst, N. S., Aug. 31.—The death occurred at the home of her son Charles T. Logan this afternoon of Margaret, relict of the late Isaac Logan, Amherst Point, aged 75 years. The deceased had been an invalid for some time. She was a Miss Cahill of Sackville, N. B., a sister of the late Walter Cahill. Her husband died in 1902. Four children survive her. Mrs. Clarence Pugsley, Barronsfield, Charles T. at home, W. Bliss of the C. C. R. Stores Department, Moncton, and Fred M., manager of the Hygienic Dairy Company, Vancouver, B. C. She was a member of the First Baptist church and before her illness one of its most active and dearly beloved members.

Inquest Held. An inquest was held today on the remains of Mrs. Edwin Mattinson, the unfortunate victim of the accident at Thompson Station and a verdict of accidental death returned. The jury exonerated the I. C. R. from all blame. The funeral took place this afternoon and was largely attended. Much sympathy is expressed for the aged husband and family.

### MOUNT PLEASANT MAN FOUND HANGING TO TREE

William Brown While Mentally Unbalanced Takes His Life Near Hartland—Recently Released From Hospital.

Hartland, N. B., Aug. 31.—Yesterday morning William Brown, aged about fifty-five, left his home at Mount Pleasant, about nine miles from here, and did not return. Toward night a search party was sent out and this morning his dead body was found hanging by the neck to a rope over a cliff. The other end of the rope was fastened to a tree. The case was undoubtedly one of suicide, as the man had been mentally unbalanced for some time and was only recently released from the Provincial hospital.