

LOCAL & OTHER ITEMS

The Winnipeg Legislature was opened on the 4th. The King's Speech made a record for brevity, being under 300 words.

While driving from Oak Bay to Dalhousie, N. B., a woman wrapped a baby so closely to protect it from the cold that the child smothered.

A barber in Toronto, after being ill several days, returning to work and shaved several persons before it was discovered that he was suffering from smallpox.

Advices of the 5th, from Cleveland, Ohio says—Organized labor throughout the United States has begun the movement for a seven hour day in all lines of work.

The first division was taken in the Ottawa House of Commons on the 4th. It gave the Government forty-two by a majority—194 voting in a House of 218. The day was spent in discussing the bill authorizing the lash for sea-beaters, which bill was advanced one stage.

The death probably of twenty persons, the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property and the crippling of many telegraph wires resulted from a series of small tornadoes which swept the Southern States on the 5th. The storms were accompanied by hail, darkness, lightning, and sheets of rain.

Plans are approaching completion in New York for the consolidation of the Waterbury Bank and National Bank of Commerce, with combined capital and surplus of \$100,000,000, and deposits of \$500,000,000, making it by far the biggest bank in the world. The consolidation will be easily carried out.

As a result of investigations by the Ontario Attorney General's Department, warrants have been served against six Ottawa money lenders who will be charged with a breach of the Money Lenders' Act, by loaning money at a higher rate of interest than 12 per cent. The witnesses will include a large number of Civil Servants who have suffered from illegal rates of interest.

Telegraph messages have begun to leave London on the longest distance ever travelled on a continuous wire. By touching a key there a telegraph can now send a Calcutta message which passes without retransmission over 7,000 miles of field, forest, mountain, and desert. Direct working has been possible between Teheran and London for five years, but a land line from Persia to India was only recently completed.

The Montreal Gazette points out that statements made in Parliament during the past few days show the Government to have been borrowing anywhere and everywhere that it could get its hands on money, in Ottawa, in Montreal, in London, in Paris. It owes in this way some \$20,000,000. It has in June next to provide for paying off or renewing a maturing loan of \$5,000,000. Its expenditures are running ahead of its revenues. In fact, at the interest rates it is offering and paying show, it has lowered Canada's credit below that of first class countries.

A delaminate effort will be made to secure a representative body of Halifax fishermen to go to Boston next July and compete in the 4th of July regatta of the New England Amateur Rowing Association. At the Annual meeting of the Association it was announced that the annual regatta would be held on July 4th this year, and the Ways and Means Committee declared it would call upon the Mayor for the purpose of securing it; possible an appropriation by the city to defray the expenses of bringing thither the Nova Scotia oarsmen.

Johnson's Bill, compelling the Japanese to attend separate schools, passed the California Legislature at Sacramento on the 4th. Johnson's other bills prohibiting aliens from being members of the Boards of Directors, and restricting them in the residence districts at the option of a Board of Supervisors, were defeated. Governor Gillet received the following telegram from President Roosevelt: "What is in the rumor that California has passed a bill excluding the Japanese children from the public school. This is the most offensive of all, and is clearly unconstitutional. We should at once test it in the courts. Can it be stopped in the Legislature or by veto?"

Mr. J. Heber Haslam addressed the members of the Canadian Club of this city, on Friday evening last, on the "American Invasion of our Northwest, in its bearing upon our national development." He is of the opinion that much of the progress and prosperity of our Canadian west is due to the influx of Americans. They are a good, moral, progressive class of people, who readily adjust themselves to their surroundings and become Canadian citizens in due time. It is his opinion that we have nothing to fear, but much to gain from this "American Invasion."

Winston Churchill, President of the Imperial Board of Trade, in a speech at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Friday night said that a general election is already on the horizon and will probably not be retarded. Such a statement by a member of the government will cause a flutter in political circles. There has been rumor lately of considerable difference among members of the Cabinet on the Navy Question, an influential section being opposed to any great increase in the building program. It is believed, however, that Churchill was alluding to the probability of a dissolution of Parliament after the next session as an outcome of the difficulties incident to meeting a large deficit in the next budget.

Tom Longboat won the great marathon race between himself and Alfred Shrubbs, in Madison Square Gardens, New York, on Friday evening last. The distance was 26 miles, 385 yards. Shrubbs gave up in the twenty-fifth mile. Shrubbs started at a tremendous pace and gained 8 laps on the Indian at one time, and was leading five laps of the 18th mile, when Longboat, who had been going at a steady pace, let out a lark and from that point kept on going. In the 24th mile he was at Shrubbs' heels. Shrubbs then collapsed, and Longboat eased up, coming home slowly. His time for the race was 2 hours, 53 minutes and 40 seconds, about eight minutes slower than the Durand-Hayes race. The Indian finished in the fiftieth mile, and was in nowise distressed.

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For the past week or so the mails have been crossing at the Capes. The winter steamers, too, had been crossing pretty regularly between Georgetown and Pictou. Yesterday, however, in consequence of the storm, we had no mails. There was no crossing at the Capes, and consequently no foreign mails; neither was there any crossing by the steamers. Both steamers left their respective ports; but became ice-bound somewhere in mid straits, and there remained all day and all last night.

While returning from school, at Port Elgin Out, a horse driven by George Turner took the blind staggers when crossing a bridge. The sleigh, with the occupants was thrown over the bridge, falling fourteen feet to piled-up masses of ice. The two Turner girls and their brother were pinned under the sled, which upset during the fall. All three were badly hurt and it is believed the girls' injuries are very severe. All are children of Wilbur Turner.

The Arrow River near Los Angeles Calif., swollen by floods, carried away several piers of the railway bridge just before the passenger express approached. Crowds along the river bank vainly attempted to warn the engineer who when the signals were noticed was unable to stop the train. Other members of the crew jumped for safety but Engineer Baldwin quickly opened the throttle and safely hauled the heavy train over the rapidly settling bridge. This was an anxious moment for the hundred passengers aboard.

A rather bad fire, followed by fatal results, occurred in this city on Sunday forenoon last. The fire was in the two story double tenement house on Queen Street, nearly opposite the City Hall. The house is owned by Mr. J. D. McLeod, who formerly carried on an extensive grocery business on the corner of Queen and Great Street. Mrs. J. D. McLeod and her sister, Miss McEwen, occupied one tenement and Marshal Cameron the other. Mrs. McLeod was an invalid, and her sister is a woman of over 80 years of age. An adopted daughter of Mrs. McLeod lived with them. The fire was discovered in the hall on the second floor. Mrs. McLeod was in bed in the front bedroom off this hall, and Miss McEwen, who occupied the same room, was down stairs at the time. The fire had made considerable progress and the bed and bed clothes had caught by the time it was noticed. The alarm was at once sounded. Miss McEwen attempted to go back into the room, and was with difficulty prevented. Entrance to the room by way of the stair was shut off by fire and smoke; so a ladder was placed up to the window from the sidewalk. Firemen quickly scaled this ladder and broke the front window. Mrs. McLeod was by this time burned about the head, hands and face. She frantically clung to the bed and was with difficulty rescued and carried to the hospital. The firemen engaged in the heroic deed being considerably sootied. Both women were taken to the P. E. Island Hospital shortly afterwards, and that same evening Mrs. McLeod died from her injuries. Miss McEwen was not burned, but suffered from shock. The fire was subdued after about \$200 worth of damage.

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The great ice bridge at Niagara Falls was carried away Thursday morning and with it half a dozen refreshment and souvenir shacks. The occupants of the shacks barely escaped from being carried down. Ice from Lake Erie had for some days been flowing over the Horseshoe Falls in millions of tons filling the river from the ice bridge almost to the base of the Horseshoe Falls, the falling water pounding it down under the ice bridge with such irresistible force that finally, the great mass, from twenty to 400 feet in depth, was rent like ribbon with the force of the tumbling waters. Great fissures first appeared, accompanied by reports like explosions of cannon reverberating down through the gorge, piling the ice in gigantic heaps fifty feet high, slowly moving down river. As it passed under the upper steel arch of the bridge the ice grounded against the girders of the American side of the bridge, making it tremble from end to end.

DIED

At Bayfield, Lot 46, on the 4th, inst. Charles McEachen, Esq. aged 94 years. Deceased was one of the old land mark, one of the links between the present and past generations in this Province. He indeed, was an "old oak covered with snowflakes." He was born and reared in the vicinity in which he lived all his long life. From his early manhood he was a Justice of the Peace, and was always foremost in what ever was for the general good of the people. He was a sturdy upholder of whatever he believed to be right, and most uncompromising in his condemnation of what, in his estimation, was wrong. Unswerving devotion to principle was with him a dominant characteristic. He was, all his life, an ardent, consistent and faithful Conservative, and in his younger days was always found in the thick of the fight. He stood beside his friend and cousin, the late Hon. Emanuel McEachen in all his political battles. He, himself was a member of the Legislative Council for a brief term. He was generous and warm-hearted and in his hospitable home the visitor and stranger always found a hearty welcome and kindly entertainments. "Take him, for all in all" he was a man whose like we shall not see again." Although, for the last year or two, burdened with the infirmities of age, he was not to any extent a sufferer, and only for two or three days previous to his demise did he fall anyway rapidly. He was conscious up to the last, and devoutly received the Sacraments for the dying. His funeral to the parish church of St. Columba, on Saturday the 6th was very largely attended. High Mass of Requiem was sung and the funeral service was performed by Rev. Jas. A. McDonald, P. P. His wife predeceased him by about fifteen years. He leaves to mourn three sons and four daughters. May his soul rest in peace.

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WHEREAS upon reading the petition (on file) of Margaret McAnlay, of St. Peter's Bay, aforesaid, Administratrix of the estate of the said George McAnlay, deceased, praying that a license be granted to sell the real estate of the said deceased, to pay the debts due by him in his lifetime or to sell such part thereof as may be sufficient for that purpose, the personal estate of the deceased being insufficient to pay the said debts. You are therefore hereby required to cite all persons interested in the said estate to be and appear before me at a Surrogate Court to be held at the Court House in Charlottetown, in the said Province, on Saturday, the twentieth day of February next coming, at twelve o'clock noon of the same day, to show cause if any they can why a license to sell the real estate of the said deceased to pay the debts due by him in his lifetime, or to sell part thereof as may be necessary for that purpose, the personal estate of the deceased being insufficient to pay the said debts should not be granted to her the said petitioner as prayed for in the said petition, and on motion of James A. McDonald, Esquire, Proctor for the said petitioner a certified copy of the inventory of real and personal estate of the said deceased as filed in the said Court pursuant to the statute being annexed to the said petition. And I do hereby order that a true copy of this order be forthwith published in some newspaper published in Charlottetown, in Queen's County, in the said Province, once a week for four consecutive weeks from the date hereof, and that a true copy hereof be forthwith posted in each of the following public places, namely: In front of the school houses situate at St. Peter's Bay and at Mount Mary (Morrell), both in King's County, aforesaid, and in the Hall of the Court House in Charlottetown, in the said County of King's County, so that all persons so interested as aforesaid may have due notice thereof.

Given under my hand and the seal of the said Court this Fourteenth day of January, A. D. 1909, in the eighth year of His Majesty's reign. (Sgd.) RICHARD REDDIN, [L.S.] Surrogate Judge of Probate. Jan. 20, 1909-41

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