

### SCIENTISTS MEET AT WINNIPEG THIS FALL

#### Over Thousand Expected to Attend Seventy-Ninth Annual Gathering.

The seventy-ninth annual meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science will be held in Winnipeg during the week beginning August 25 next, under the presidency of Sir J. J. Thomson, S.C.D., P.R.S. His honor, the Lieutenant-Governor has received notice to that effect.

One of the principal objects of the organization is deemed as being "to give a stronger impulse and more scientific direction to scientific enquiry." Scientists will be in attendance from all parts of the British Empire.

Mr. E. H. Rieuwerts, who is a temporary resident of Victoria, being here in the employ of the civil service, will be present.

The last meeting of the association in Canada took place at Toronto in 1897. It was most successful.

Generous financial support towards the expenses of the meeting has been promised by the Dominion government, the government of Manitoba and the city of Winnipeg.

Other objects of the organization are to promote the intercourse of scientists in different parts of the British Empire, with one another and with foreign philosophers.

For the sake of convenience the meeting of the association during the week is distributed among the following sections, each of which meets daily:

- (a) Mathematical and physical science, including astronomy, meteorology, heat, light, electricity, etc.
- (b) Chemistry, including its applications to manufactures, agriculture, etc. and mineralogy.
- (c) Zoology, including its applications to medicine, agriculture, etc.
- (d) Zoology, including comparative anatomy.
- (e) Geography, including the results of recent exploring expeditions.
- (f) Economic science and statistics, including the consideration of social problems.
- (g) Engineering, civil, mechanical, and electrical.
- (h) Anthropology, or the study of the characters and distribution of the human race.
- (i) Physiology, including human and animal physiology and experimental medicine.
- (k) Botany, dealing with the structure, functions, classification, diseases and uses of plants.
- (l) Educational science, dealing with the various branches of Primary, Secondary and Higher education and methods of teaching.
- (m) Agriculture—a special section for the study of the progress of the various branches of agriculture.

### INSURANCE BILL

#### Company Representatives Make Suggestions to Committee—Position of Militiamen.

Ottawa, March 24.—Consideration of the insurance bill resumed by the banking and commerce committee this morning. Attention was directed towards the expenses of British and foreign companies doing business in Canada, and it was suggested that these companies should be required to contribute towards the cost of the bill.

The companies asked that industrial insurance companies be exempt from all restrictions for expenses. J. K. Macdonald said the companies hailed with satisfaction the clause making legal the fixing of rebates and discriminations. It was suggested, however, that in certain cases, such as extreme poverty, a special surrender value might be granted.

Mr. Perley, of Argenteuil, objected to the law stipulating that a member of the militia should get the consent of his insurance company before obeying a call from his country. Mr. Macdonald in reply said the committee did not desire to assume that attitude, but they had to protect those of their policyholders who had not seen many young men in the ranks down in Canada, he had never seen a young woman who was not a centre of light and comfort.

#### Suspected of Kidnapping

Cleveland, Ohio, Mar. 23.—Two men and a woman were arrested tonight in connection with the White kidnapping case. The police say they have a sachet filled with currency. When the police searched the sachet they found \$4,840 in currency. Inspector Brown asserts that he has captured the kidnappers. The men and woman in custody are charged with the abduction of time off earned by good conduct while in the penitentiary he had, when released, six months more to serve.

### Fell Down Elevator Shaft

#### Winnipeg, March 22.—Hugh Graham, an employe of the T. Eaton company, was instantly killed at noon today by falling down the elevator shaft.

#### Telegraph Rates

Ottawa, March 22.—The railway commission will shortly start an investigation into the telephone and telegraph rates in force in Canada. The tariffs of all companies are now being examined.

#### Pig Iron by Electricity

Ottawa, Mar. 22.—Dr. Haanel, director of mines, was informed today that the first electric furnace in the world for the production of pig iron on a commercial scale has been installed at Ludvikka, Norway. The installation will include two high pressure furnaces of 2,500 H. P. each, and two steel furnaces of 600 H. P. and will be supplied with two-phase currents. Later on additional furnaces will be installed.

#### P. E. Island Snowbound

Charlottetown, P. E. I., March 23.—Owing to the western train being stopped by the ice on the coast, the island legislature did not resume its session last night, as Speaker Agnew and a number of members were on board and the government was in a minority at the very time when the effort was being made to open a session. Communication with the mainland is cut off today. The steamer "Princess Charlotte" is stranded and the Stanley was forced on account of heavy ice to return to Pictou.

### INTERCOLONIAL CLERKS

#### Board of Conciliation Severely Condemns Appointments Through Political Favor

Ottawa, March 23.—The board of conciliation which investigated the complaints of the intercolonial clerks at Halifax and St. John's, has issued a report today which speaks out straight against political influences as they found them on that railway. The report was read by the speaker of the House today by Mr. Lemieux.

One paragraph of the report states: "The system of appointments which obtains from time to time new men at higher pay over the heads of men long in the service and probably a better able to do the work, is injurious to the service and unjust to the men." The board also expressed its disapproval of the existing system of appointments influenced by political patronage.

### DOMINION COPPER

#### Properties of Company to Be Placed on Market by Trustee For Bondholders

Vancouver, March 22.—A large part of the Dominion Copper Company's famous boundary properties are to be placed upon the market and sold at an early date under a mortgage held by the National Trust Company of Toronto, trustee for the bondholders. It is practically certain that the bondholders will buy the properties on a plan for a reorganization of the company.

The sale will be under authority of a judgment given by Justice Clement for foreclosure of the mortgage held by the National Trust Company. But while they won out on one branch of the case it was held that the mortgage did not include the after-acquired property of the company other than was acquired from the bond issue.

### COPPER TOO LOW

#### British Columbia Copper Company Closes Down Its Mines and Smelter

Phoenix, March 23.—The British Columbia Copper Company will close its Mother Lode and Ore Denominis and the smelter at Greenwood on or before April 1. The following notice, signed by General Manager E. M. Allister has been posted: "Notice is hereby given that owing to the unfavorable condition of the copper market the mines and smelter of the British Columbia Copper Company, Ltd., will close on or before April 1, 1909, for an indefinite period."

When interviewed today, Mr. McCallister stated that the close down was the result of the price of copper, which as the production of the metal was apparently exceeding the consumption and the prospect for early recovery was not bright. All orders have been cancelled, and during the next ten days the company will be busy operating to the extent of cleaning up the smelter of supplies on hand.

The closing of the British Columbia Copper company will throw some four hundred men out of work. The Greenwood Miners' union made a voluntary offer to the company to accept a ten per cent. reduction in wages, but the company has taken no action in the matter.

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### VIGOROUS CRITICISM OF PRESENT SYSTEM

#### Dr. Ernest Hall Speaks of Treatment of Juvenile Delinquents.

An emphatic denunciation of the general methods of dealing with juvenile delinquents was made by Dr. Ernest Hall in a vigorous address before the Young Men's Brotherhood of the Metropolitan Methodist church last evening.

The speaker's address was a scathing attack upon the present system of dealing with juvenile delinquents. He pointed out that the present system was based upon the theory that the child is born a criminal and that the law must be applied to him from the very beginning.

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### Murdered His Brother

#### North Bay, Ont., March 23.—Maurice Ryan was today found guilty of the murder of his brother, Francis Joseph Ryan, in the woods on or about November 18, 1907. The object of the murder was several hundred dollars which the victim had in his possession. The death sentence will be pronounced tomorrow by Judge Latchford.

#### Nova Scotia Finances

Halifax, March 23.—Premier Murray brought down the financial returns for the past year at the afternoon session. The treasurer's report shows a surplus of \$168,707, but the premier says that the deficit from this amount the appropriation for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, but executed within the fiscal year is the actual surplus over expenditure is \$58,529.

#### Mr. Roosevelt Leaves

New York, March 23.—As a parting flourish waving his black stock hat, his smiling face beaming in the morning sun as he stood on the captain's deck of the steamship Hamburg, President Roosevelt said farewell today for his long-planned African "saftari" to the whistles of countless crafts thundering away today toward the president's salute of 13 guns from Fort Hamilton and Wadsworth.

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### EXPLORERS SUFFER GREAT HARDSHIPS

#### Lieutenant Shackleton's Narrative of His Dash Towards South Pole.

London, March 24.—Briefly summarized the rest of the hardships of the expedition are that a point was reached within 111 miles of the South pole; that the march was also made; that eight mountain chains were discovered and 100 mountains. Mount Erebus, 13,120 feet high was ascended by the party; new coast and high mountain were located, running west from Victoria Land, and cold fields were discovered in the Antarctic continent. The theory of the existence of an area of atmospheric calm around the South pole was also proved.

Lieut. Shackleton thus describes the dash to the pole: "The southern party, composed of Adams, Marshall, Wild and myself, with four ponies and a supporting party consisting of Brocklehurst, Enderby, and myself, left Cape Boyd on October 29, 1908. On November 3, we left Hut Point with 91 days' provisions, but were held up on White Island, which we reached on November 5th. The supporting party returned to the permanent quarters on the 12th. On the 13th, the bad light among the ice crevasses Adams and his pony were nearly lost. A few days later we reached the depot at latitude 79.26, longitude 183 east. We commenced to reduce our daily rations and travelled south along meridian 183 over varying surface of ridges and mountain s of snow.

In taking 81.64 we shot a pony and made a depot of oil, blastic and pony meat, taking the rest of the pony meat to eke out our dried rations. We reached the 'Discovery' most southerly latitude on November 17th, and the ponies were attacked by snow blindness and the second of them was shot. On November 18th we reached latitude 82.45, longitude 170. On November 30th we killed our third pony.

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The gratifying report was made by the secretary, A. J. Brace, yesterday afternoon. He stated that the next meeting of the local branch would take place on the 2nd of April. Then would be considered plans for instituting and organizing a similar campaign in Ladysmith, Chemahua, Nanaimo, and all the other smaller island towns.

#### Doherty Wins

Mr. H. L. Doherty, the famous lawn tennis player, accomplished a fine performance at Cannes in the competition for Mr. and Mrs. Barlow Webb's prize. He proved successful in the ladies' competition. Mrs. Corry, Miss Halford, each 80 net, tied for first place.

#### University Lacrosse

Contrary to general expectations, the seventh annual inter-university lacrosse match at Oxford, resulted in favor of Cambridge by 8 goals to 6. Fine weather prevailed, but the turf was sticky, and militated against the pace of the game. Cambridge were the first to attack, but the Dark Blues soon broke away and some fine exchanges were witnessed. Edwards, the Cambridge goalkeeper, saved from Dart, and twice from Robinson. Cambridge then became the aggressors, and some clever combined play ended in a goal by Batty. Less than two minutes afterwards Adamson equalized.

#### Frochmen Plucky

Every one admires the courage of France in sending a hockey team to play England on the Brondebrugg ground at Acton on March 20. Twice have the Frenchmen been beaten by double figures, and as they stand yet considerable trouble to come over for the Olympic games, it is very sporting of them to pay a second visit in one season. There is plenty of enthusiasm in French hockey, and as

### found an abundance of microscopic life, rotifers, a division of animalculae, etc. in the fresh water lakes near Cape Boyd. Ringed penguins also were found. The chief vegetation consisted of large sheets of fungus-like plants, many lichens and a few mosses. There was an abundance of seaweed. The aurora displays throughout the winter period of the Antarctic continent.

#### C. M. B. Association

Kingston, Ont., March 23.—The books of the Catholic Mutual Benefit association for 1908 have been closed and passed upon by the grand council. The membership is over 22,000 and the surplus on hand is over \$400,000. During 1908 benefits totalling \$273,000 were paid.

### DEATHS IN FIRE

#### Two Men Burned to Death and Several Injured in Windsor Hotel at Cornwall, Ont.

Cornwall, Ont., March 23.—The Windsor Hotel here was destroyed by fire this morning. Raymond Duquette, of Winchester, Ont., and George Hagley, of Philadelphia, were burned to death. John Gallon, Cornwall, was seriously injured. Mr. St. Clair had his back injured, and received cuts on his head and feet. Mr. Bessee has broken legs and internal injuries.

#### GARRISON WINS

#### Empress Hotel Employees Beaten by One Goal in Football Match

In a recent association football match in which the Garrison and Empress hotel employees were the principals the former were victorious by one goal to 2 to 1. The match was exceedingly close the result being uncertain until the expiration of time. The soldiers had on their strongest team and were much the heavier of the two teams, but they had to put their best foot foremost to outstep the hotel lads.

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### LIQUOR LICENSE ACT, 1909

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#### GUY FREDERICK FOX

#### Date, 7 January 16th, 1909.

### PUBLIC BIRD LIVESTOCK