

QUEBEC COMMISSION.

Details of Twelve Subjects of International Concern About to Be Submitted.

Principal Industries of This Province Directly Involved in the Proposed Bargaining.

Bering Sea Rights, the Fisheries and Alaskan Boundary Have the Leading Place.

Washington, July 30.—It is announced that the first meeting of the joint high commission appointed by the United States and Great Britain to consider various matters of importance between the United States and Canada will be held on August 23 at Quebec. They are to consider in the main, the following matters:

- 1. The questions in respect to the fur seals in Behring sea and waters of the North Pacific ocean.
2. Provisions in respect to the fisheries of the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, and in the waters of the common frontier.
3. Provisions for the delimitation and establishment of the Alaska-Canadian boundary by legal and scientific experts if the commission shall so desire, or otherwise.
4. Provisions for the transit of merchandise to or from either country across intermediate territory of the other, whether by land or water, including natural and artificial waterways and intermediate transit by sea.
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6. The question of alien labor laws applicable to the subjects or citizens of the United States and Canada.
7. Mining rights of citizens or subjects of each country within the territory of the other.
8. Such readjustment and concession as may be deemed mutually advantageous of customs duties applicable in each country.
9. A revision of the agreement of 1857 respecting naval vessels on the lakes.
10. Arrangements for the more complete and making of any part of the frontier line by land or water where the same is now insufficiently defined or so marked as to be liable to dispute.
11. Provisions for the conveyance for trial or punishment of persons in the lawful custody of either country through the territory of another.
12. Reciprocity in wrecking or salvage rights.

WHY GARCIA SULK.

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THE OVERLAND ROUTE.

Story of Mistortune to Prospectors in the Far Interior.
Seattle, Wash., July 30.—Maurice B. Atkinson, of New York, who started Klondike by way of the Ashcroft trail, has returned here with a story that 500 prospectors are stranded at a point about 700 miles from Ashcroft.

DOMINION NEWS NOTES.

Lintotype Factory Destroyed—Western Crews Invited to Toronto—An Incendiary Chinaman.
Fred Garvin, of River du Loup, David B. O'Neil, of St. John's, and G. O. Binet, of Montreal, attended at Montreal from Klondike with gold said to amount to \$200,000 which they took out of Hunker and El Dorado creeks during the last three years. They came home by way of St. Michael and San Francisco. They expect to return to Yukon.

The governors of McGill University have appointed Ernest Rutherford, M.A., B.Sc., of Trinity College, Cambridge, the W. G. Macdonald chair of physics, and James Wallace Walker, of University College, London, the Macdonald chair of organic chemistry.

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DISMARCK (Continued).

Hopes for Recovery Disappointed and Death Claims Another Maker of History.

Incidents in the Eventful Career of the Builder of the German Empire.

In His Day the Man Most Feared in the Capitals of Continental Europe.

Berlin, July 30.—Prince Bismarck died shortly before 11 o'clock this evening.

Details of the ending moments of the venerable statesman's career are obtained with difficulty, because of the lateness of the hour, and the strenuous endeavors of the attendants and family to prevent publicity. The death of the ex-chancellor came as a surprise to all Europe.

Despite the family's denial there was an undercurrent of opinion when the sinking of the Prince was first announced, inspired more by what the family left unsaid than by any information given, but when the daily bulletins were chronicled by the press, the Prince's condition, detailed his extensive fields of care, and told of his devotion to his people, the public opinion of Mr. Schlieffler's assertion that there was no reason why Bismarck should not reach the age of 90 years.

The reports were deemed to be repetition of the claim that Prince Bismarck was in extremis which had been often repeated in the past.

On the Upper Lena (Between Schigolva and Us-Kut), June 2.—We have started on our long voyage down the Lena, and have good hope of coming to the Polar sea in time to be able to winter here, and to reach the New Siberian Islands while the sea is most likely to be free from ice.

At the town of Zulum, our journey has been a most interesting one. The route, we say, should be established by law and adopted by the governments of various nationalities.

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TO AVOID COLLISIONS.

Canadian and French Authorities Both Stirred by the Burgogue Calamity.

Suggestion That Trans-Atlantic Routes Shall Be Fixed by International Law.

Bodies of Many Passengers Found Afloat and Valuables Recovered From Them.

Halifax, July 28.—(Special.)—Captain W. H. Smith, R.N.R., government wreck commissioner, made public to-day his report on the result of the inquiry into the cause of the collision between La Bourgogne and the Cromartyshire, which resulted in the loss of the former vessel and over 500 persons on board.

Henderson and officers of the Cromartyshire were declared free from responsibility for the disaster and their conduct after the collision is pronounced to have been most praiseworthy.

As for La Bourgogne, the evidence, it is asserted, is clear that instead of endeavoring to avoid the Cromartyshire she apparently made no effort to do so.

She was running at a very high rate of speed, whereas she should have maintained only a moderate speed on account of the thick fog which prevailed.

Besides this she was a long distance out of the course laid down in the Atlantic pilot chart.

The captain expresses the opinion that it is desirable that new routes be selected for passenger steamers to and from American ports.

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VANCOUVER AND VICINITY.

Fugitive From Police Killed Under Train—Society's Becoming More Plentiful.

A free fight occurred among fishermen in South Vancouver. One of them used a knife and as a result a man named Otto was severely stabbed.

Water front thieves are stealing boats belonging to boat houses nightly. The trouble is becoming exasperating. Last night six boats were stolen and they have not yet been recovered.

Florence Stanley, of Dupont street, died suddenly in an epileptic fit last night. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of death from epilepsy superinduced by alcoholism.

The customs receipts for July were \$275,000, being several thousand ahead of the total for the similar month last year. The exports were \$30,000, and imports \$27,000.

During July 147 cases were tried in the police court.

Five men are running in large numbers in the Fraser valley. On the North side the catch last night averaged between 40 and 60, while at Stevenson it reached 100 to the boat.

Hon. Col. Baker arrived this morning by the Quail from the north.

Local underwriters have decided to take no more risks on boats bound for the North.

Chas. Day, a logger, slipped off a boom of logs at Gambier island on Sunday and was drowned. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

Chas. Schmidt, who robbed his roommate, A. Wright, in the Avenue hotel, Vancouver, of \$75 and evaded the police, attempted to steal a ride on the Atlantic express leaving here Monday.

He fell and was mangled under the wheels. The stolen money was found in his dead body. Schmidt is said to have been a citizen of Victoria and leaves a wife and two children.

A British Columbia pioneer died on Saturday in the person of James Reid, ex-pump-keeper of Vancouver.

Seattle, Aug. 1.—A mysterious woman in black, whose suicide in Lake Washington under circumstances suggestive of a romance, became known on Sunday.

She was identified as Mrs. T. L. Peabody, formerly of Victoria and Vancouver, B. C. Her personal history and family connections are in Seattle as much matters of conjecture as before, though sufficient is known to stamp her as a woman of refinement, and at one time she was probably in command of considerable wealth.

A week ago she rented a rowboat at one of the piers and was not heard of afterwards until the decomposed body was found floating in the lake.

She had weighted her clothes down with black lead, and destroyed everything that might lead to her identification.

The body was identified by Mrs. J. C. Smith who had spent some time with her in Victoria.

She came here last April from Vancouver and at first had money. She did not expect an expected remittance and was compelled to take cheap lodgings. Her husband was the head of some Alaskan mining company and is believed to be in the North.

IMPERIAL PENNY POSTAGE. The Scheme Will Go Into Effect on The Prince of Wales' Birthday.

Toronto, Aug. 1.—A cable to the Telegram from London says: "Hon. Wm. Mulock, postmaster general of Canada, has gone to Paris on a visit. The penny postage, in the bringing about of which Mr. Mulock gave such valuable services, will go into force on November 5, the Prince of Wales' Birthday."

"Sir J. W. Winter, Premier of Quebec will leave to-day for Quebec to attend the international conference, which begins on August 23.

The council of the British Empire League has called to Sir Wilfrid Laurier expressing gratitude on the part of the British race at the inauguration of preferential trade."

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL. Baron Henschell Coming to the Coast—The Greater Britain Exhibition.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Ottawa, Aug. 1.—L. K. Jones, secretary of the department of railways and canals, has gone down to Quebec to take Baron Henschell on a trip to the Pacific coast.

Sir J. G. Bourne being unable to go to England the Royal Society of Canada has appointed Gilbert Parker its representative at the opening of the canon tower by Lord Dufferin at Bristol in September.

Messrs. Scott, Patterson, Fielding and Mills are the cabinet ministers now in town. Sir Wilfrid Laurier having left for Athabaska on Saturday evening.

H. R. Crawford, commissioner for the Greater Britain exhibition to be held in London, England, from May to September, 1899, had an interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier on Saturday regarding Canada's participation.

Christie Nilsson invested some of her savings in American real estate, which soon rose in value. The other day she disposed of her best holdings in Boston, consisting of mercantile houses, which brought over \$100,000.

MR. BISHOP'S LAST GASP.

Asking for a Brief Spell to Become Reconciled to the Washington Terms.

Cash Indemnity to Be Computed Besides Cession of Porto Rico and Cuba.

Peace Will Be Made by Special Agreement Pending Completion of the Bargain.

Madrid, Aug. 1, 11 p.m.—The cabinet council sat this afternoon and again for four hours this evening discussing the peace terms. A despatch from the United States to Washington for "further explanation of some difficult points" when the replies are received the cabinet will reassemble. Senor Sagasta confirms the reports that "some modifications of the original terms have been obtained."

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