

PREMIER LEAVES FOR CONFERENCE

Sir Wilfrid and Ministers Given a Splendid Send-Off.

QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

Building of the New Navy To Be an Important Subject.

Ottawa, May 11.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Frederick Borden and Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Canada's representatives at the Imperial Conference, left Ottawa this afternoon to sail on the Virginian for Liverpool tomorrow. Accompanying the ministerial party were Lady Borden and Miss Borden, Madame Brodeur, Mr. J. G. Desharats, Deputy Minister of Naval Affairs; Sir Wilfrid's nephew, Robert Laurier, and the ministers' secretaries.

Sir Wilfrid goes through by train tonight to Quebec, where he will board the Virginian tomorrow afternoon. The other members of the party take the steamer at Montreal.

A Fine Send-Off.

At the depot Sir Wilfrid was given a royal send-off by his colleagues in the Government, a large number of members of Parliament and many of the Premier's host of personal friends in the capital. He left in splendid health and spirits, despite the constant and heavy strain of a long session of Parliament. Indeed, in point of buoyancy of spirits and physical endurance the Premier is still one of the youngest members of his cabinet, and is apparently good for many years of arduous public service yet. First in rank among the overseas premiers at the conference, his is also first in point of his experience of preceding similar councils of the empire. This is his fourth conference, and he is the only surviving member of the conference of 1897.

While the Canadian ministers will take part in the discussion of all the subjects on the agenda for the conference which opens on the 23rd inst., they will take the initiative in making proposals with regard to only two of three subjects. Canada is anxious to secure the speedy realization of the all-rounder scheme, and, with Premier Ward of New Zealand, Sir Wilfrid will urge upon the Imperial and Australian Governments the desirability of taking another forward step by coming to some definite agreement looking to the inauguration of a fast service subsidized by the British, Great Britain and Canada on the Atlantic, and between Canada and Australia and New Zealand on the Pacific.

Sir Wilfrid will also urge the adoption of a uniform naturalization law, whereby naturalization papers secured in any one part of the empire will be recognized as constituting British citizenship in any other part of the King's dominions.

Imperial Questions.

Another question that will be brought up by the Canadian representatives will be the revision of the status of foreign consuls-general in the overseas capitals. At present no official status can be given any of the representatives of foreign powers at Ottawa, and all diplomatic negotiations must be officially conducted through the medium of the Imperial home and foreign offices. The red tape thus involved sometimes results in vexatious delays, although practically the Canadian interests as a self-governing dominion have never suffered of late years. As a matter of fact, diplomatic negotiations affecting trade matters have of late been carried on directly by the Canadian Government with the various countries through the medium of their consuls-general here. It is now proposed to give them an official status in keeping with the dignity of their representative position, and to officially recognize them as semi-diplomatic agents for direct communication with their respective countries in matters affecting purely Canadian interests. Where Imperial interests are concerned there will, of course, be the usual reference of negotiations to the colonial office.

Sir Frederick Borden and Hon. Mr. Brodeur will take up with the war office and the admiralty questions of detail with regard to the working out of the Imperial defence scheme in military and naval matters. Hon. Mr. Brodeur and Deputy Minister Desharats will consult with the admiralty in reference to the organization of the Canadian navy and the construction of the new vessels. They will also negotiate with the British firms who have tendered on the ten cruisers and destroyers as to plans for establishing plants in Canada for the building of these warships.

During the coronation ceremonies Sir Wilfrid will be the personal guest of His Majesty King George. Sir Wilfrid and his colleagues expect to return to Ottawa the third week in July. Meanwhile Sir Richard Cartwright will be acting premier.

ONE FIRM APPROACHED

Regarding the Rumored Hardware Merger.

The only firm in London which has been approached regarding the hardware merger is the Hobbs Hardware Company. Mr. Whitcomb, manager of the firm, stated to The Advertiser that about a year ago the company was approached, and at that time gave the representative of the merger a price at which they would sell. Nothing whatever has been done since.

There are four wholesale hardware firms in London, the Hobbs Hardware, D. H. Howden & Co., J. Cowan & Co., and the Wright Hardware. Members of the last three have stated that they have not been approached regarding the matter at any time.

A BATTLE IN THE AIR

[Canadian Press.] London, May 12.—There will be a battle in the air at Henton today as a practical demonstration of the value of aeroplanes and airships in war time.

Claude Grahame-White, Mons. Bleriot, Mr. Lorraine, Captain Cody and other noted aviators will show by bomb-dropping on battleships chalked on the grass and on sheds representing forts, the deadly work of aerial craft. They will also show how aeroplanes may be carried to besieged places, and tests of speed efficiency.

ORTIE M'NAMIGAL MAY NOT BE USED

New Move By Prosecution in Dynamite Case.

HAVE NEW EVIDENCE

"Confessions" Not Likely To Be Introduced in Charge Against McNamaras.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, May 12.—A Los Angeles dispatch to the Tribune says: Ortie E. McNamigal will not be called as a witness for the prosecution when the two McNamara brothers are brought to trial on the grand jury indictment charging them with murder in the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building. At a conference between District Attorney John F. Fredericks and three of his associates yesterday this procedure was decided upon.

McNamigal may not even be brought into court during the trial, and it is said that the various confessions which he has made will not be used against either of the two McNamaras on the murder charges. The county prosecuting officers believe it will not be necessary to call McNamigal as a witness. It is said that within the last two days Mr. Fredericks has obtained new information which will be used in corroborating the statements made by McNamigal.

It was ascertained by E. B. Mills, manager, and Malcolm McLaren, an operative of the W. J. Burns Detective Agency here, that McNamigal was photographed while here last December, prior to the explosion at the Times. The photograph was taken at the mission in San Gabriel, while McNamigal was on a trip. Thirty men and women appear in the group picture with McNamigal, and it is believed that some of them can remember the trip and McNamigal, and will be used when McNamigal is tried for dynamiting the Lewellyn Iron Works.

LOCAL GREEK FINED \$50 FOR BRINGING IN GREEKS

Peter Mitigis Appeared in the Police Court at Windsor.

Peter Mitigis, a well-known local Greek peanut vendor, was fined \$50 and costs in the police court at Windsor yesterday for breaking the immigration laws by attempting to bring in three other Greeks.

The quartette were captured at the tunnel entrance by Immigration Officer Brian, and were at once taken to the police headquarters and locked up. Inspector Brian learned later that Mitigis had conveyed the gang across the river and had undertaken to deliver them safely in London.

One of the men paid \$25, and the other two were ordered to be deported.

BOYS PUT FIRECRACKER IN TELEPHONE POST

Firemen Given a Run to South London Last Evening.

A blazing telephone post at the corner of Elmwood avenue and Edward street, set on fire by some boys, gave the fire department a run last evening about 8:20 o'clock. The pole was so badly burned that it will have to be replaced.

There was a hole in the post, and in it the boys had placed a string of firecrackers. They shot off so many that the pole caught fire. The boys did not tarry to see the results of their fun, but some boys passing by saw the post on fire and turned in an alarm. There was a fire box on it, so the department soon discovered where the blaze was. When the fire was put out, the post was almost cut in two.

WORKMAN RESPONSIBLE ONLY TO CONFERENCE

Rev. Dr. Sparling Says That His Dismissal From College Was Illegal.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, Que., May 11.—The feature of today's proceedings in the Dr. Sparling case was the evidence of Rev. Dr. Sparling of St. James' Methodist Church, in which the witness stated that in his opinion Dr. Workman had not been legally suspended. He believed that as a clergyman as well as a professor, he was responsible only to the conference for his religious beliefs, and that the board of the college had no right to dismiss him.

Mr. A. R. Oughtred, one of the board, testified that he had seconded the motion for dismissal, because he believed it the best thing for the Methodist Church, but that he had protected against the legality of the move.

Dr. Workman again was questioned on a number of minor points of belief.

CORDOVA BEHAVES

No Demonstration When Second Cargo of Coal Arrives.

[Canadian Press.]

Cordova, Alaska, May 12.—The steamer Edith, loaded with 2,000 tons of Canadian coal, arrived from Nainital, B. C., last night, and was docked without any demonstration being made by the large crowd of citizens who were on the wharf to greet the vessel.

Many threats had been made that a demonstration similar to that of last week would occur when the Edith arrived with the foreign coal. The authorities, however, posted a large number of deputies at the wharf and announced that any riotous conduct would be met with arrests of all disturbers.

Here's a Fine Grist of Smallman & Ingram News for Mid-May, Saturday. This Store in Summer Array



Last year as early as March we were sizzling with an early attack of summer. It took people unawares, hurried them into their straw hats and summer clothes; made them buy refrigerators and slip covers and fly screens and all other hot weather things they have been meaning to get later on. How much better it is this year. People are having plenty of time this season to make their preparations in advance for the hot days, instead of rushing in search of immediate relief.

The Smallman & Ingram store is the same good summer store; just a little better, we think, in service, in space and comfort, in diversity and desirability of stocks; for one cannot live a busy year without learning. This page today is filled with some of the Smallman & Ingram news that is needed now; will be appreciated later. The best time to get ready for hot weather is when it's cool.

SPLENDID DISPLAY OF SUMMER MILLINERY SATURDAY AT MODERATE PRICES. Second Floor.

Two Big Towelling Values Sat., 7c and 9c Yard

Over 1,000 yards in the two lots, but the value is such that will make even that quantity look small. Both lines are pure linen. The 7c a Roller and the 9c a plain Tea Towelling, and a dollar's worth of each would be a wise investment even in a small household. Hotels, restaurant and boarding-house keepers will do well to investigate these, as the prices are lower than jobbers' price quotations.

508 Yards Roller Towelling 7c Yard
14 1/2 YARDS FOR \$1.00.

Red or blue borders, warranted all pure linen, and at least regular 10c value. A job lot cleared from an Irish manufacturer, 17 inches wide, and will be cleared Saturday, at 7c a yard, or 14 1/2 yards for \$1.00.

541 Yards Tea Towelling 9c Yard

Plain White, 23 inches wide, pure Linen Tea Towelling, which would be considered good value at 12c a yard. This also will go Saturday at yard.....9c Early for these tomorrow.

Linens—Main Floor.

Choice Assortment Ladies' Neckwear

For Saturday Display

STOCK COLLARS, DUTCH COLLARS AND FANCY EMBROIDERED COLLARS, WITH LACE AND EMBROIDERY—LACE TRIMMED, EMBROIDERED AND ALL-LACE JABOTS. Special Dutch Collar and Cuff Sets, in handsome Bebe Irish Lace, at only a set.....\$1.00 Special Guipure Lace Shawl, coat collars in ecru and white, at each.....50c

Special Assortment of Jabots, 15c

Dainty Embroidered Swiss Mull Jabots, with pretty guipure edge, another specially priced lot for Saturday sale.

See These at Neckwear Counter, Main Floor.

Muslin Sale, 9c Yard, Odds and Ends. 800 Yards Saturday, Worth up to 25c Yard

A general clean-up of all broken lines, odd ends and soiled and mused pieces in white and colored. While all short lengths are included in this sale, it is not a sale of remnants only, as most of the pieces are dress lengths and some longer. All to go at one price, while they last. Come early for your choice. Saturday morning, at yard.....9c

Railway Fares Refunded (for 65 Miles) on \$20.00 Purchases on Saturday

Cortese Orchestra Saturday.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM LIMITED

See Men's and Boys' Clothing Announcement, Page 7.

GIGANTIC HARDWARE MERGER UNDER WAY AT MONTREAL

A Union of Firms Involving Sum of Five Millions of Dollars Is About To Be Consummated.

Montreal, Que., May 11.—Another manager involving in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000 is on the verge of consummation. Representatives of seven wholesale hardware houses engaged in the hardware trade met here today to discuss the closing details of one of the most important amalgamations for some time.

Messrs. Jenkins and Hardy, accountants and financial agents of Montreal, associated with Mr. E. W. McCarthy, of New York, are the principal movers in the project to merge all the wholesale hardware establishments of this city and have the deal all but completed. The amount of capital involved in the merger is close to \$5,000,000, and it is likely that Mr. George Caverhill, head of the old established firm of Caverhill, Leitch and Company, will be the chief executive of the new organization.

The firm to which the prospective purchaser companies will be concerned in the amalgamation, but in all likelihood two or three western companies will follow into the fold as soon as the Montreal organization is an accomplished fact. Western capital, to a large extent, is behind the merger, although some of the wealthy men connected with the trade in this city will retain a considerable interest in the new organization in order to insure its future and in compliance with the wishes of the underwriters of the stock. The new arrangement will have little or no effect upon the present administration of the several companies doing business in the city and provinces, with the exception that there will be a definite understanding regarding the points of conflict between the companies forming the merger so far as the marketing of their wares is concerned.

Prices of hardware, it is held by the promoters, will not be boosted to any appreciable extent, and the cost of selling out to a minimum. The purchasing of products of the factories marketed by the wholesale houses will also be revolutionized, since one buyer will practically conduct the entire arrangements with the manufacturers.

Outside of this there will be no radical changes in the staffs of the different companies.

Dumped Constables Into the Lake

Cobalt, Ont., May 12.—Provincial Constable Mackay and a Lake yesterday afternoon, when a Pole who had been arrested on a charge of "high grading" Mine, had a narrow escape from

taking him across the lake. Mackay and Gordon both were sitting with legs stretched under thwart when the prisoner stepped on the side of the canoe, overturning it, and started to swim.

Mackay was weighted down with his gun and cartridges taken from the boat, and together with 25 pounds of silver, and had great difficulty in keeping up.

The escaping prisoner was caught by Constable Gunston, who had two other prisoners in another boat.

PUT OFF OPERATION UNTIL PRESENTED

Lady Decies Wouldn't Let Appendicitis Interfere With Court Ball.

[Canadian Press.]

London, May 12.—Lady Decies, who before her marriage to Lord Decies, was Miss Helen Vivian Gould, underwent an operation for appendicitis this morning. The operation was done at the residence of her mother-in-law, Lady Decies, and according to announcement the result was most satisfactory.

It was rumored last week that she had experienced an attack of appendicitis that would necessitate an operation. At the same time it was said that the operation would be delayed in order not to interfere with the presentation of Lady Decies at the second court of King George on Wednesday night last. Lady Decies was presented as planned and the medical treatment required, has followed after an interval of one day.

JEWISH PERSECUTION.

Yekaterinburg, Russia, May 12.—The provincial governor of Yekaterinburg has given orders for the expulsion from the villages of the province, all Jews who are not possessed of permits of residence. He has also ordered severe punishment for those who disobey.



SPECIAL DISPLAY OF SUMMER PARASOLS

Pretty, fancy designs and colorings at Popular Prices. \$2.00 to \$5.00.

Tomorrow Paillette Summer Silks 50c Yard

Another big shipment of these excellent wearing Silks just opened up, and include the newest colors, such as tuscany, mauve, electric, champagne, wistaria, olive, old rose, alicia and copenhagen blue; also cream and black. If you haven't selected your summer dress don't pay more before you have seen these. Come Saturday while the range of colors is complete. Positively the greatest value we have offered at this price; soft, rich finish, and drapes beautifully, and highly recommended for wear. Your choice, black or colors, yard.....50c Silks—Main Floor.

Ladies' Hose Special, 29c



A special purchase of fine Black Gauze Lisle Thread Stockings. These are exceptionally good, and will stand comparison with anything in the trade. Sold regularly at 45c a pair. Beautiful, silky finish, fine as silk in appearance. This is our big leader for the season, but the quantity, though we made a very large purchase to obtain this very low price, will not last long, as it is a good investment to buy now what you will need in a few weeks when by so doing you save a third. They are high-spliced heels, double soles, with deep garter, spliced tops (Hermesdorf dye).

45c Values Saturday, 29c Pair

Also Black Lisle Thread Hose, plain or embroidered in fancy colors; plain black with white feet; also lace ankles in white, tan, black, sky, pink, copenhagen, mauve, champagne, gray, green and old rose, spliced soles and stainless; beautiful quality, at pair.....50c

Hosiery Main Floor.

Skirts Made and Trimmed, \$1.49

TO MEASURE.

Any material, in black or colored Dress Goods, three styles. Order Saturday and have your Skirt finished next week.

800 Yards Saturday, Worth up to 25c Yard



THIS WEEK?

Start that savings account this week. Start where you know your savings will be safe—with a company that has a reserve fund equal to its paid-up capital. Start with a company incorporated in 1864 that has already paid over five million dollars of interest to depositors and debenture-holders.

Call or write us to-day. Incorporated 1864

Huron & Erie Loan & Savings Co., London and St. Thomas.

OVER 13 MILLIONS OF ASSETS

Condensed Advertisements

No Advertisement Accepted Less Than Fifteen Words.

Amusement—Ten cents per line, insertion, or two cents per word.

Deaths—Where no admission of one cent per word each insertion. Wanted, Board and Lodging, Rooms to Let, Help, Situations, Condensed Advertisements, one cent a word; each insertion, one-half cent; no advertisement less than fifteen words.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

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