

## INQUIRY INTO HULL DISASTER

### COMPANY SHOWED LACK OF CAUTION

#### Coroner's Jury Would Prohibit Powder Factories in Cities, Towns or Villages

Ottawa, May 14.—The inquest on the victims of the explosion at the General Explosive Company's works at Hull, on Sunday, was continued last night. The inquiry was held upon one victim, Antoine Servant, and the verdict was that:

"He came to his death as a result of being struck by a stone hurled by an explosion of nitrate of ammonia of the General Explosive Company, of Montreal, Ltd., at Hull. Without holding the said company criminally responsible, we consider it guilty of certain imprudence in storing a quantity of detonators in close proximity to its magazine, and also in not having a regular watchman on the premises; and we recommend the government of this province to make such amendments to the law as will secure the greatest safety to the public, and that in no case shall factories or stores be allowed within cities, towns or villages."

The manager of the works, A. E. Levesque, stated that all the buildings were sheathed with metallic siding and roofing, with every precaution taken against fire. Five water barrels were also always full of water. The detonators were stored 15 feet from the magazine. There were about 12,000 caps in store, amounting to about 20 pounds of fulminate of mercury. The manager described how he had about twenty minutes before the explosion that the virtue could not possibly be accidentally discharged at the hearing before Judge Rochon, when the city of Hull tried to have the works removed. He stated that the fire might have been first started by some Swedish matches which he had in a drawer in his office. He thought mice might have set these off by nibbling them. He thought the first explosion was caused in the mixing house.

The watchman stated that he was not on the premises when the fire occurred. He had not been smoking in any of the buildings on the fatal Sunday. The foreman said the fire burned twenty-five minutes before the magazine blew up.

### CHARGES TAFT WITH BAD FAITH

#### Democratic Representative Scores President of U. S. and Attorney-General Wickershaw

Washington, D. C., May 14.—Charges of bad faith on the part of President Taft and Attorney-General Wickershaw, in connection with the Ballinger investigation, were made yesterday in the house by Representative Harrison of New York.

The charges were made when Harrison withdrew his resolution calling on the attorney-general for original memoranda and other documents in connection with the preparation of Wickershaw's summary of the Glavis charges.

Harrison, a Democrat, presented the resolution after the Ballinger investigation committee had refused the request of Attorney Brandeis for these papers. The resolution created a sensation in the house and Republican regulars openly criticized the committee for having made it appear as though they were trying to shield some one.

The resolution was expected to come up next Monday. Harrison, however, saved the regulars some embarrassment by withdrawing the resolution. His action was based on the fact that the attorney-general had admitted the fact which the documents called for were expected to prove, mainly that the summary was prepared after the date which it bore. Harrison said that the attorney-general had admitted the fact which the documents called for were expected to prove, mainly that the summary was prepared after the date which it bore.

Wickershaw's admission that the document was not prepared on that date was one of the most serious admissions ever made by a cabinet officer, Harrison said. The confession, Harrison said, amounts to a conclusion that the president and the attorney-general had agreed to furnish misleading information.

"The attorney-general," said Harrison, "offers a startlingly lame excuse, and I doubt whether the country will receive it with even respectful consideration."

#### JEWELRY STOLEN

Toronto, May 14.—Incessant work for three days and two nights on the part of the whole of Toronto's detective force was rewarded yesterday by the capture and arrest of three men in connection with the alleged theft of \$3,000 worth of jewelry, the property of Mrs. S. H. McCoy, of St. Catharines. All the jewels with the exception of a few of the settings have been recovered. The rings, which were in a silver mesh chalice, were lost by Mrs. McCoy on Friday evening, April 29th.

#### SUICIDE OF FORMER JUDGE

Minneapolis, May 14.—Former Judge J. R. Corrigan, aged 50 years, a prominent political leader, committed suicide yesterday in the offices of Dr. G. H. Huntington, in the Donaldson building. Judge Corrigan was a friend of W. J. Bryan, and had been delegate to several of the party's national conventions. He was once probate judge of this county. No motive is known for the act.

## CONDEMNED MAN SLOWLY STRANGLED

### Horrible Scene Marks Execution of Prisoner Convicted of Wife Murder

Spokane, Wash., May 14.—A special to the Inland Herald from Walla Walla yesterday says:

"The hanging at Walla Walla penitentiary, which occurred on Friday the thirteenth, was one of the most gruesome executions ever witnessed by prison officials. For twenty minutes after Richard Quinn dropped through the trap with the rope about his neck and the black cap over his face, he hung, trying to break and forth, pleading with his executioners to draw him up and spring the trap again, so that his agony might be ended."

Quinn was a man of abnormal strength, and the muscles of his neck automatically stiffening when the rope drew tighter about him, prevented his upper spine from being broken, and the man slowly struggled to death. The condemned prisoner maintained his "bravado" to the last, and refused any religious attention. Early this morning he ate a hearty breakfast and looked briskly at the wall. As the cap was adjusted to his head he said to his jailers: "Before Almighty God and man I am innocent, save for an accident. Well, good-bye boys, I'm going out."

The trap was sprung at two minutes past five, and the man's body shot to the length of the rope, where it hung writhing in agony. Realizing his predicament, Quinn shouted:

"Oh, my God, this is awful. Haul me up, boys, and drop me again. Hurry, take me back and let me drop again." The man's cries were distinct for several minutes and then became less loud and finally wavered, as unconsciousness came to relieve his sufferings. He was pronounced dead at 5:22. Warden Reed was absent from the city, and Captain Smith officiated at the execution.

Quinn was convicted of having murdered his wife in Everett, Wash. He insisted that her death was accidental.

## NO AGREEMENT IN HYDE MURDER TRIAL

### Jury Reports That There is No Prospect of Early Verdict Being Reached

Kansas City, Mo., May 14.—When the jury, which is hearing the evidence against Dr. B. C. Hyde, charged with the murder of Col. Thoms H. Swope, filed into court to-day it was announced that no verdict had been reached by them.

According to courtroom report, four jurymen were holding out for acquittal of the defendant, two others for murder in the first degree, with life imprisonment as punishment instead of hanging. The remainder were believed to be in favor of murder in the second degree.

The defendant slept soundly during the night and appeared to-day fresh and smiling. Mrs. Hyde visited the jail in the morning to comfort her husband.

At 11:00 o'clock to-day the jury reported that no agreement had been reached and that there was no probability of an early agreement.

Judge Letshaw said he would hold the jury until Tuesday, if necessary, to obtain an agreement, and the twelve men were then again locked up.

#### CONVICTED OF MURDER.

Alexander McLaughlin Sentenced to Be Hanged on June 13th.

Whitby, Ont., May 14.—A verdict of guilty was returned yesterday in the case of Archie McLaughlin, of Uxbridge, charged with murdering his wife and two children on Friday, October 29th, last.

Mr. Justice Teetzel at once sentenced McLaughlin to be hanged in Whitby jail on July 13th next.

Friday would appear to have been a fatal day for him. The tragedy occurred on a Friday. The three days' trial ended on a Friday, with swift justice, and there are but sixty days from this to another thirteenth for the final scene in the awful drama.

The jury were one hour and a half finding him guilty.

#### DUTY ON WOOL

Ottawa, May 14.—Representatives of the Canadian wool-raising industry, headed by Mr. Smith, M. P. for North Middlesex, had an interview here with the minister of customs, in which they pointed out that protection on wool is absolutely necessary to the success of sheep raising in Canada. The subject was discussed at length in the presence of representatives of the woolen manufacturers, among them Mr. Thoburn, M. P. for North Lanark, who intimated that they would have no objection to a protective duty of 5 cents per pound on wool, as suggested, providing a corresponding tariff allowance was made to the manufacturers, who already are hard pressed.

#### POLICE CHIEFS NAME OFFICERS.

Birmingham, Ala., May 14.—The annual convention of the International Association of Chiefs of Police ended yesterday. These officers were chosen: President, Richard Sylvester, Washington (re-elected); secretary, and treasurer, Harvey O. Carr, of Grand Rapids. The next meeting will be held in Rochester, N. Y.

#### GOTCH PAYS.

Chicago, May 14.—Frank Gotch has lost his first purse since he became champion wrestler of the world. The purse was for \$5,000 and it went to Mrs. Sadie Currie, who has just settled her breach of promise suit against the wrestler out of court.

## QUARTER MILLION FOR METHODIST CHURCH

### Charles D. Massey's Conditional Gift Secured—Increase in Membership Reported

Nelson, B. C., May 13.—At the educational anniversary of the British Columbia Methodist conference, yesterday, Rev. W. J. Sippell, D. D., principal of Columbian college, announced that \$75,000 had been subscribed in British Columbia to the jubilee endowment fund, thus securing the conditional gift of Chester D. Massey of \$225,000.

The money will be spent for the needs of Columbian college and to establish a theological college in connection with the provisional university. The college report presented showed excellent progress and a large number of students.

Rev. James Aiken, home mission secretary, gave a splendid address, commending the work of the conference on missionary lines, and promising the continued help of the Methodist Missionary Society.

The conference expressed appreciation of the proposal of the general conference of the Methodist church to meet in Victoria.

The statistical report of membership of the Methodist church in British Columbia totals 9,800, an increase of 74. The total amount raised for all purposes was \$49,071, an increase of \$48,344. The missionary fundings were \$27,344, an increase of \$7,411.

#### MAGAZINE EXPLODES.

One Man is Missing and Twenty Persons Sustain Injuries.

Loganport, Ind., May 13.—An investigation is being conducted to-day in an endeavor to ascertain the cause of the explosion of the magazine of the Casparis Stone Company, at Trimburg, which injured 20 people and probably blew to atoms John Elroy, who was in charge and who is missing. Several buildings of the town were damaged.

## JURY ACQUITS F. AUGUSTUS HEINZE

### Prosecutor Says Cases Against the Copper Man Have Not Yet Been Disposed Of

New York, May 13.—Prosecutor Wiss announced to-day that the cases against F. Augustus Heinze, acquitted last night on charges of having violated federal banking laws, have not yet been disposed of.

Wiss declared that he intends to prosecute F. Augustus Heinze and Otto Heinze as well as Sanford Robinson and Carlos Winterfield on charges of having spirited away the assets of the United Copper Company. Heinze said to-day that he is through with Wall street and will go back to Montana to develop his copper properties. He claimed that his legal troubles cost him \$5,000,000 in attorneys fees and in depreciated values.

#### CONTROL OF IRRIGATION.

Kelowna, May 13.—At the last meeting of the council Ald. Jones brought up the question of municipal control of irrigation, stating that people in the original town of the city were paying what steps had been taken by the city in the past in connection with it.

The mayor said he and Ald. Stirling had interviewed the irrigation commission on the subject in 1908, and an act had been passed giving municipalities power to take water over. Under this act Summerland was taking over irrigation systems within the municipality and Penitentiary was contemplating similar action. The difficulty here was to deal with the large number of people possessing a sub-divided interest in the original water right.

The council had power under the present act to submit a by-law to the people to determine if they wish to take over the water system. The mayor thought that extension of the civic water system would result in the need of taking over the irrigation system becoming less.

Ald. Stirling, on the contrary, believed that the question of irrigation would bother for a long time to come. The discussion terminated without any conclusion being arrived at.

#### MAY IMPEACH WITNESS.

Spokane, Wash., May 14.—In the trial of George L. Peppon at Coeur d'Alene, Dr. R. S. Wells, of Northport, testified as having treated Mrs. Edith Peppon for acute delirious mania in 1906, at which time she jumped from a second story window. He said he signed the burial certificate, giving the cause of her death as heart failure, but added that he did not know she had convulsions before she died, says a special from Coeur d'Alene.

J. C. Harrigan took the stand and identified his cross-examination, a witness, which was published in the Inland World on March 18th, and which had been prepared from a statement made under oath by Crossman. The Inland Herald, containing Crossman's statement of the events leading up to the death of Mrs. Peppon, was placed in evidence. This interview differs slightly from Crossman's evidence on the stand. As a result of this, the defense and from a window as he was passing. One bullet entered Laird's left thigh and another his right leg.

Whiteford, who was arrested by Sonora, Cal., May 13.—Thomas Laird, a miner, shot twice by Jack Whiteford, is in a critical condition to-day. Whiteford concealed himself in a room at a hotel at Laird's home, and from a window as he was passing. One bullet entered Laird's left thigh and another his right leg.

#### SEEKS SHELTER FROM STORM.

Paris, May 13.—The cruiser New York, badly buffeted by a storm sweeping the Mediterranean, put into Toulon harbor to-day. It was forced to seek shelter from the storm. It is reported that the cruiser suffered no serious damage.

## SCORES CONDITIONS AT VANCOUVER JAIL

### Grand Jury Makes Presentment— Suggests Shorter Hours for Nurses in Hospital

Vancouver, May 12.—Arraignment of conditions at the city jail, especially with regard to female prisoners; recommendations that the arrangements for escape in case of fire be improved upon at the provincial industrial school, and that a girl's home be built along the lines of the present boys' home; suggestion that the hours of nurses at the city hospitals be shortened; and the recommendation that the laws in regard to motor cars within the city limits be rigidly enforced, formed the features of the presentment of the grand jury which was read to Mr. Justice Murphy by District Registrar Pottinger in the Assize court. The full text of the presentment was as follows:

"Your grand jury desire to present that they visited the provincial industrial school, the city hospital, city jail, the children's home, the St. Paul's hospital and the Alexandra orphanage."

"We found at the provincial industrial home everything satisfactory except fire escape arrangements. These we consider unsuitable, and suggest that better safeguards be taken. We would especially draw attention to the fact that at night the inmates are locked up and are entirely dependent on one man for their escape."

"There has been some talk of erecting a house of detention for both boys and girls. This in our mind is unnecessary, as room could be made for the juvenile male offenders at the boys' home. We would recommend that the province build a girls' home on the lines of the boys' home and industrial school."

"The system under which the city hospital is run seems to be, generally speaking, a very good one, but we consider the working hours for the nurses are too long. The staff of nurses should be increased, especially for night duty."

"With regard to the city jail, while thoroughly appreciating the efforts of the police and wardens, who we consider are doing all in their power un-

## SERVICE IN MEMORY OF LATE KING EDWARD

### Kamloops Militia Corps, City Churches and Fraternal Soci- eties Will Take Part

Kamloops, May 12.—The committee in charge of the arrangements for the memorial services to be held in Kamloops on Friday, the 20th instant, the day of the funeral of the late King, has completed its preliminary work. It was decided to take the two local militia corps, the churches and the various fraternal societies to take part in the services. Major Hepler of the C. M. R., as senior officer, will act as marshal of the procession, which will be headed by the members of the Masonic order, the Sons of England bringing up the rear. The procession will form at the school and proceed to Riverside park, where the services will be held at 2 o'clock. Rev. A. H. Akehurst will conduct the service, and the ministers of the various denominations will deliver short addresses. The different choirs will be asked to join as a massed choir in rendering the hymns.

At the quarterly meeting of the Royal Inland Board of Trade, after the minutes were read, Mayor Robinson moved the suspension of business, and that only two matters be dealt with before adjournment. These matters he outlined before the question was put, and immediately after it was carried, he moved that as C. W. Hallam was leaving town to take charge of the Bank of Commerce in St. John, N. B., he thought it fitting that the board in some way express its appreciation of Mr. Hallam's faithful work on its behalf, and that the chairman appoint a committee of three to consider what form this expression should take. As the motion carried unanimously, the chairman named Messrs. Nash, Burton and the mayor, with power to add to their number.

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## RECORD TIMBER CUT IN RAILWAY BELT

### Over 116,000,000 Feet, Board Measure, Cut During the Past Fiscal Year

New Westminster, May 12.—For the fiscal year ending March 31st, according to the report of Crown Timber Agent Leamy, 116,035,422 feet board measure of standing timber was cut under license in the Dominion railway belt in this province. The total revenue of the office for the year amounted to \$123,783.99. Both the amount of timber cut and the revenue obtained through licenses for this period is fully twice as large as that of last year, when it totaled \$63,231.57 feet. All records in this line have been broken.

#### TWO MEN INJURED.

Vancouver, May 12.—While returning to the car sheds at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning, a street car No. 500 met with an accident at the corner of Westminster avenue and Harris street, with the result that Conductor Sanbrook and Henry Walsh, a fireman, received injuries that necessitated their removal to the hospital, where they are now lying with broken limbs. The former's right leg was broken, and the latter sustained a broken left wrist, besides some bruises.

When the accident happened the car which was in charge of Motorman Macdonald and Conductor Sanbrook, was running very slowly, and the front trucks passed over the switch at Harris street without mishap. The rear trucks, however, took the switch which threw the car off the rails and across the avenue. The injured men were thrown a considerable distance. Everything that was moveable was scattered around the pavement, and it took some time to get the car back on the rails. The police wagon took the men to the hospital.

#### RICH STRIKES IN MINES.

Kaslo, May 12.—J. P. Miller came to town with some rich specimens of ore from the Panama. The property is under lease and will be worked by Giegerich, and work was commenced last summer. The Panama, when first taken by them, was merely a prospect, but it contained some rich surface showings. Last year a shaft was sunk twenty feet deep, and rich ore was struck. Since then a crosscut has been driven 180 feet to get under the ore in the shaft, which has been completed, besides a 45-foot upraise. The latter was driven in one all the way, the vein varying from one to two feet in width, from which the rich samples were taken. While the crosscut was being driven two other ore bodies were cut into, one when in a distance of about 30 feet and the other at about 100 feet. These were not exploited, the object being to complete the crosscut and upraise to the ore in the shaft. From the first of these ore bodies 85 sacks were taken out and laid aside, while in the second thirty more were piled up in tunneling through. The ore is all of the same rich grade, being permeated with gray copper and the vein in places intermingled with black sulphurites.

Another big strike of ore has been encountered in the Rambler. This time it is from No. 9, and is a continuation of the vein recently cut into in No. 8, connection having been made through.

The Parliament of Women will be held on the evening of Wednesday, June 1st, in the A. O. U. W. hall. This is the postponed meeting from the 11th inst.

## MAN CRUSHED TO DEATH IN RAILWAY

### Immigrant Falls Under Wheels of Train While Attempting to Board Coach

New Westminster, May 12.—A fatal accident happened on Tuesday morning's westbound C. P. R. train at North Bend, Herman Foregren of Grishbach, Umeao, Westerbotten, Sweden, being the victim.

Foregren, in company with many of the passengers, had left the train to obtain some refreshment at the lunch counter, some little distance from the depot. When the train started Foregren was still eating. He made a rush for his coach, but failed to grasp the stop rail and fell against the body of the coach, being drawn under the wheels and horribly mutilated. The train was immediately stopped and everything possible done for the victim, but in spite of all attention he died in a few minutes.

Foregren was bound for Tacoma, where he had friends. He was traveling in company with some of his countrymen, immigrants like himself. The body will be shipped to Tacoma for interment.

#### FIGHTING FOR HUSBAND'S LIFE.

Aberdeen, Wash., May 14.—That Mrs. William Gohl is attempting to raise a fund in this city to assist her husband, convicted of the murder of Charles Habburg, to defray the expenses of an appeal to the supreme court, is reported to-day. Assistance is also looked for from the Sailors' union.

Mrs. Gohl, like her husband, is determined to fight to the last ditch.

#### SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

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## BURNING OF SCOW CAUSES EXCITEMENT

### First Message Reported Steamer on Fire and Vessels Hurried to Scene

Seattle, Wash., May 13.—"Unknown steamer burning off Point-Not-Point," came a wireless message floating through the ether this morning. Instantly "S. O. S." and "C. Q. D."s were cracking back and forth on the Sound, newspapers were piling up long distance tolls in reckless fashion, the government was ordering out its life-savers and the Merchants' Exchange was equipping a motor boat for a hurried trip to the scene.

"Steamer State of Washington," came a second wireless message, and the excitement grew, for still no one could furnish a clue as to the identity of the burning steamer.

Then a newspaperman caught a rancher near Point-Not-Point by long distance telephone and found that the "burning steamer" was a shingle scow. The lighthouse tender Manilla arrived on the scene in time to rescue a few shingles. In a few minutes the Princess Victoria steamed up with offers for help, and the shingle scow was bearing down from every direction.

The ownership of the shingle barge is unknown.

#### WILL CONTEST ENDS.

Oakland, Cal., May 14.—Mrs. Joseph Boardman and her young daughter are in possession of the million-dollar estate left by her husband who died seven years ago. Since then the question of division has been in the courts. The will contest was settled by Judge Wells' decision in favor of the widow and her child, dividing the estate evenly between them.

Boardman left four wills giving his fortune to Oakland charities. He had been declared mentally incompetent before his death and the wills were deemed probate. The estate was appraised at \$250,000, but the advance in real estate has so increased this to more than a million. The will contest has been before the courts several years.

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## IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE BY RAILWAY

### H. E. Beasley, of E. & N., Meets the Members of Nanaimo City Council

Nanaimo, May 12.—Two weeks ago the city council requested H. E. Beasley, of the E. & N. Railway Co., to meet them for the purpose of discussing plans regarding crossings, improvements, etc. Yesterday Mr. Beasley wired that he would be in the city last evening, and accordingly members of the council met him at the city hall, and discussed matters with him.

Mr. Beasley agreed with most of the proposals of the city, and it is arranged that the railway engineer will visit the city and consult with the city engineer regarding the same. The same will doubtless arrangements satisfactory to all will be arrived at. Mr. Beasley was very favorably impressed with the signs of progress and prosperity met with in Nanaimo, and stated that his company would certainly do their share in the local improvements. At the local station a ladies' waiting room will soon be added, and several important changes made in the yard.

Mr. Beasley leaves this morning for French creek, where he will inspect the work being carried on in preparation for the arrival of several families of settlers being brought into the country by the Salvation Army. Six farms are already ready for occupancy, men having been engaged for some time in clearing and by next month it is expected that the houses will have been erected and the new homes ready for their owners. "This," said Mr. Beasley, "will be only a start. We expect to do more later on."

Needles, Cal., May 13.—Needles, was shaken by an earthquake at 10:30 o'clock last night. No damage was reported, but scores of frightened people rushed into the streets.

## EARTHQUAKE IN COSTA RICA

### PEOPLE ARE IN STATE OF PANIC

#### Serious Damage Reported—Relief Will Be Rushed to Town in the Interior

(Times Leased Wire.)

Port Limon, Costa Rica, May 13.—A great earthquake, rocking the interior of Costa Rica, has leveled some of the buildings in San Jose. Details are not obtainable owing to prostration of telegraph wires. Serious loss of life has undoubtedly been inflicted by the tremor. A low tidal wave here followed the shock.

All reports indicate that another earthquake has shaken Cartago, San Jose and vicinity.

First reports of the disaster reached here by courier. These reports, while undoubtedly exaggerated, indicate that great damage has been done.

The people of the interior are reported to be terror stricken, and many are said to have been driven insane by fright.

Preparations are being made here to rush relief to the towns of the interior and to re-establish telegraphic communication.

New Orleans, May 13.—Cable dispatches received from Colon late this afternoon deny the report that the Panama canal was injured by the earthquake which visited Central America early to-day.

Other dispatches from Port Limon say that no news of any injury to the canal in Panama has been received, and the report is not credited here.

## PORT BARROS, GUATEMALA, MAY 13—A heavy earthquake shock rocked the city of Guatemala and the interior late last night, according to reports received here to-day.

### Cleveland, O., May 13.—The seismograph here registered a heavy earth- quake shock to-day. The vibration be- gan shortly after 2 o'clock in the morning and continued for many minutes. The indications are that the quake oc- curred in Costa Rica. The shock was greater than that which recently wrecked Cartago.

St. Louis, Mo., May 13.—An earthquake shock lasting 53 minutes was recorded by the seismograph at the St. Louis University this morning. The shock, the record shows, was heavy, but was probably some thousands of miles away. It is believed by professors at the university that the shock affected the western coast of South America.

San Bernardino, Cal., May 13.—This city was shaken by an earthquake at 10:20 o'clock last night. No damage was reported.

Redlands, Cal., May 13.—Redlands was shaken by a slight earthquake shock at 10:22 o'clock last evening. No damage was done.

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#### AVIATION MEET.

International Contests Will Be Held on Long Island—Nearly \$200,000 in Prizes.

New York, May 13.—The international aviation meet of 1910 will be held on Long Island, according to an announcement by the board of directors of the Aero Club of America. The site has not been determined but in all probability it will be either Hempstead Plains or Belmont Park.

It also was announced that satisfactory arrangements with the Wright brothers have been made for the use of their patents during the exhibitions. The Dayton aviators demanded \$5,000 for the privilege and four per cent. of the gate receipts. It is understood these terms have been accepted.

An effort will be made to raise between \$100,000 and \$200,000 for prizes. Nearly \$100,000 is said to have been guaranteed.

#### GOES TO BERLIN.

Ottawa, May 13.—G. Fisher, Canadian trade commissioner at Glasgow, Scotland, has been appointed to a similar post at Berlin. Mr. Fisher, though Canadian born, is of Prussian extraction, and speaks German fluently. His appointment creates a vacancy in Glasgow.