

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

THE NATURALIZATION LAW.

New Regulations Demand Authentic Signatures of Holder.

An alteration has been made in the procedure for naturalization, which entails more rigorous expense on the subject than is apparent from a superficial consideration of its nature.

The Secretary of State for the Colonies has represented to the Canadian government that difficulties have arisen in regard to the identity of a person naturalized in London with the person named in the certificate of naturalization.

Acting on this, the department of the secretary of state of Canada recently issued an instruction to clerks of county courts, that, in future, no certificate delivered to any naturalized alien, without the same being signed by him in the margin in the clerk's presence, and also signed by the clerk as a witness.

The home government's suggestion was made, no doubt, for very good reasons. International obligations demand a certain amount of responsibility, and it is important that a naturalized subject should be in a position ready to prove his identity.

This could, perhaps, be most easily done through his signature. All that would have to be done would be to require the signature, made in the presence of the official, expounded under the previously existing practice did not appear thereon. The applicant for naturalization had simply to take the oath of allegiance before a commissioner, who wrote down the applicant's name, and forwarded the document to the clerk of the county court.

It is in an order, a certificate was issued at the most sitting of the court and sent by mail to the applicant, no matter where he resided. The person asking for naturalization generally acted through a solicitor or other agent or the homestead inspectors.

BANNER YEAR FOR C. P. R. Gross Earnings Last Year Total \$72,000,000.

Montreal, July 30.—Official figures issued yesterday by I. G. Ordén, third vice-president of the C.P.R., show that the company has had another banner year. The gross earnings of the fiscal year just closed were \$72,000,000, which is an increase of \$22,000,000 over the year 1904-5, or about a million a month in the last two years.

Civic Estimates of Winnipeg. Winnipeg, July 30.—Civic estimates for the ensuing year were presented to the council last night. Total estimated expenditure for 1905 is \$1,200,000. Revenue estimated at \$1,061,315. Tax rate for year as placed at sixteen mills.

Attendance Small at Ottawa Old Boys. Ottawa, July 30.—The attendance at Ottawa's summer carnival was not nearly so large as expected. About 1,700 persons registered. The baseball tournament proved to be the most popular attraction, and it looks just now as if the merchants and others who contributed will be out of pocket.

Peace Proposition Has Been Offered. The Hague, July 30.—The conference that after long conferences in which Sir Edward Grey (Great Britain) Baron von Leger (Germany) M. Bourgeois (France) Count Tornier (Italy), and M. Nelidoff (Russia) participated, the British delegation has consented to support a peace proposition for the limitation of armaments—the words "urgent necessity" were objected to by the German. This proposition becomes the subject of attention of that adopted by the peace conference 1899 and in this innocuous title is likely to be unanimously adopted at the present conference.

Important Criminal Legislation. London, July 30.—The House of Commons at 6:30 this morning after an all night sitting, passed the third reading of the bill establishing a court of criminal appeal and providing for the right of appeal against convictions for crime, similar to that now existing in civil cases. Today the House of Lords approved it unanimously, and the House of Commons by a large majority.

HURRYING TO FILL THE COAL BINS. Washington, Aug. 12.—Chairman Knapp, of the interstate commerce commission today made public a letter he had written to Senator Hansbrough with reports from various sources in the northwest relative to the prospective fuel conditions in certain western states. Judge Knapp is concluding his letter, says: "It is earnestly hoped there will be no recurrence of conditions which existed last winter."

10,000 People at Funeral. Toronto, July 30.—Ten thousand people attended the public funeral today at Toronto Junction of six of the victims of Friday's drowning. The service was held in Victoria Park, where a large number of people were crowded to the doors.

GRANT TO LORD CROMER.

Both Houses Approve of \$250,000 Grant to Distinguished Peer.

London, July 30.—Both houses today approved the grant of £250,000 to Lord Cromer, who recently resigned the post of British agent in Egypt. Premier Campbell-Bannerman, on Wednesday last, presented a royal message in the House of Commons proposing that the grant of £250,000 should be made to Lord Cromer, who recently resigned the post of British agent in Egypt.

Freights Collide in Montreal. Montreal, Aug. 12.—Two freight trains colliding at Papineau avenue crossing yesterday resulted in Brakeman Romeo Labache being hurled to the hospital in a serious condition. Two other injured employees are Brakeman Carson, who sustained a gash on the head, and Fireman J. O'Connor, who was badly shaken up in jumping from the engine cab.

Child of H. E. Sibbald Drowned. Gleichen, Aug. 12.—Word has been received that the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sibbald, formerly of Gleichen was accidentally drowned in a tub of water at their home in Eshaw.

TELEGRAPHERS' STRIKE EXTENDS.

Chicago, Aug. 12.—The strike of telegraphers which started last Friday at Los Angeles, where it was directed against the Western Union company, spread eastward and today reached New York city, where three spontaneous "walkouts" followed in rapid succession. These were directed against the Western Union, the Postal Telegraph Co., and the Associated Press.

KANSAS WHEAT DROP.

Numbered Among the Best—Yield is 65,000 Bushels. Topeka, Kan., Aug. 12.—After having passed through a greater variety of vicissitudes than ever behest the Kansas wheat crop, it has managed to come out with a yield of approximately 65,000,000 bushels of wheat this year.

Candy Almost Choked Him. Ottawa, Aug. 12.—John Smith, 40, of 208 Main street, almost choked to death by a hard candy. The candy was a large one, and he was eating it in a hurry. He was taken to the hospital, but he recovered.

RAILROAD CHIEF REFUSES TO SIGN PACT. New York, Aug. 12.—United States District Attorney Simpson today filed in the United States circuit court in this city a petition that E. H. Harriman and Otto Kuhn, of the firm of Kuhn, Loeb and company, be summoned into court to show cause why they should not answer certain questions relating to the control of the Chicago and Alton railroad by the Union Pacific.

Strike Against Associated Press. The strike against the Associated Press began at 8:30 o'clock (eastern time) tonight. It was directed against the Associated Press, which is a medium by which news is transmitted to the newspapers. The strike is a result of the refusal of the Associated Press to accept the terms of a proposed settlement.

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THE CHINAMAN HELD A GRUDGE.

Regina, Aug. 12.—When the inquest on the death of John Fortune, the victim of Thursday's poisoning case, opened at the city hall this morning, William Johnston, proprietor of the restaurant at which the affair occurred, spoke of the conversation he had with a Chinese man, who had been held for the murder of the deceased.

Witness said he had it, and the Chinaman remarked: "I have only five had from for dinner, but that business no good. I soon go to Winnipeg." The evidence is of some significance in view of the widespread opinion that in consequence of the loss of boarded-up Chinese Sing had a grudge against Steele. The Chinese restaurant owner, Dr. Golden Smith, on the occasion of his eighty-first birthday. The distinguished astrologer and palmist, who had made Toronto his home for thirty-five years, is still enjoying excellent health for one of his age.

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CREPENTRY DOING BIG BUSINESS.

Montreal, Aug. 12.—The Montreal creamery is doing an increasingly active business, and is shipping butter both to the western and eastern markets. The weekly output is now up to the eight thousand pound mark. It was feared this spring that the output would drop considerably, but since the weighing system has been resorted to, accompanied by the Babcock test, all the old patrons seem to be returning and new ones constantly coming in.

Golden Smith 84 Years Old. Toronto, Aug. 12.—Many letters and messages of congratulation reached "The Grange" today for its distinguished owner, Dr. Golden Smith, on the occasion of his eighty-first birthday. The distinguished astrologer and palmist, who had made Toronto his home for thirty-five years, is still enjoying excellent health for one of his age.

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PARDONED ON UNIQUE CONDITION.

Edmonton, Aug. 12.—Governor Toole has pardoned John L. Simmons of Chester, Choteau county, serving a term for manslaughter, on the express condition that he abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors forever. Simmons was a hotelkeeper at Chester, and during a drunken brawl killed a man named Lanier, whom he had accused of stealing his pocket book.

COBALT STRIKE NOT ENDED. Union Will Fight Injunction Placed on Them. Toronto, Aug. 17.—T. Bentley, Secretary of the Cobalt Miners' Union, declared that the union will, if necessary, carry to the injunction issued by Chief Justice Falconbridge in favor of the Buffalo Mines' Company and against the union and others to the Privy Council. The Cobalt unionists have not been guilty of a single act of violence. The strike at Cobalt is not yet ended by any means.

Rev. Dr. Johnston of Montreal Coming. Winnipeg, Aug. 17.—Rev. Dr. Johnston of Montreal, and Mrs. Johnston are here. Dr. Johnston is on his way to the West to visit the home mission Quile, eighteen in number, in the province of Alberta, which are supported by the congregation of which he is pastor of the Victoria Presbyterian Church of Montreal.

THE BANK CLEARINGS. For the Week Ending Thursday Show Large Increase in Canadian Cities. Montreal, Aug. 16.—Bradstreet's bank clearings report for the week ending Aug. 15 shows and aggregate of \$2,792,797,000, as against \$2,658,751,000 last week and \$2,587,038,000 in the corresponding week last year. Canadian clearings for the week total \$81,120,000, against \$80,710,000 last week, and \$71,625,000 in the same week last year. The following is a list of the cities:

Montreal . . . \$88,773,000 7.8
Toronto . . . 23,944,000 10.6
Winnipeg . . . 10,623,000 21.6
Ottawa . . . 2,877,000 2.7
Vancouver . . . 3,984,000
Halifax . . . 1,807,000 8.9
Quebec . . . 2,900,000 38.4
Hamilton . . . 1,607,000 6.5
St. John, N. B. . . 1,189,000 .5
London, Ont. . . 1,482,000 25.0
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CUSHING TALKS ON TELEPHONES.

Victoria, Aug. 17.—Hon. W. H. Cushing, minister of public works for the province of Alberta, who with Mrs. Cushing arrived in the city last Saturday, is spending a few days here the guest of Mr. Denn, Secretary of the Times representative this morning Mr. Cushing said that the problems of government were working out very satisfactorily in the new province. The crops were good, and everything was prospering.

There was one subject on which Mr. Cushing was particularly interested and one that is engaging much public attention, not only in Alberta, but throughout Canada. That is the installation throughout the province of a government owned telephone system. In the larger cities the Bell company already have a system, which pays well. The government think it can give a better service and make the cost to the users much less.

"The present rates of the Bell company," said Mr. Cushing, "in the cities is \$35 a year to business houses and some time ago notice was given to increase this amount. Through the government pushing its property advance in price has not come into effect, and it is not likely to will. We think we can supply business houses in the small cities for two dollars a month, and farmers at about fifteen dollars a year. There will also be a great reduction in the long distance rates. At present the cost for speaking three minutes between Edmonton and Calgary is \$1.20, an outrageous price."

"In Edmonton the city owns its own water, lighting, tramway, and in fact everything that a city would expect to own, and so far it has been a success. I am a firm believer" in municipal ownership of utilities as well as provincial.

"Some of the new legislative buildings are under way, and others will be commenced in very short time. Everything in the province is prospering, but the thing we are most interested in just now is the provincial telephone system.

When Mr. Cushing visited this city last year he was very much interested in the telephone system. He did not yet know whether he will be an investor on this trip. He thinks city property a good investment, and the future of Victoria is assured.

OTTAWA COBALT-MAD. Invested \$11,000,000 in Various Mining Enterprises. Ottawa, Aug. 12.—A local broker estimates that when Ota was a crazy over Cobalt, between \$10,000,000 and \$11,000,000 was invested in these mining enterprises.

FATALITY GORED BY MADDENED BULL. A sad accident of goring by a bull which resulted fatally occurred on Monday evening last at White Whale Lake. The victim was a young man, 25 years of age named Ralph J. Dunn of a home town in the west. He was on the farm of the time with Chas. H. Dunn of that place.

The animal, which was owned by the Indians of the White Whale Lake reserve, had come to Mr. Dunn's stable and the owner with five men was endeavoring to drive him away. Their first efforts were ineffective and so they threw a lass over the animal's neck. While endeavoring to adjust the lass the animal, which was down on the ground at the time managed to regain his feet. Lost in trying to get up, he fell in an instant was gored by the bull who inflicted a cut six inches long on the side of his neck and badly bruised his head and chest.

The accident happened at 8:30 Monday evening and the young man was unconscious till 4:30 next evening. Till the time of his death which occurred on Saturday forenoon Dr. Carthew, who was summoned immediately after the accident, remained at his bedside and did everything possible to save his life.

Word was also sent to his wife, who he repeated his former statement that he could not disclose the name of the correspondent. Mr. Haggart then stated that in his opinion Mr. Moncrieff should be committed for contempt and should be forced to disclose the information that was his possession. He believed the chairman had power to commit him. The chairman stated that the commission did not wish to adopt drastic measures and would allow the matter to stand till Tuesday's session in order that the witness might further consult with his solicitor. It is said that Moncrieff handed to the chairman of the commission a statement which, after reiterating the charges already made in the anonymous letter, preferred other charges concerning the manner in which the commission was being conducted and reflecting to some extent on the members of the commission. The exact nature of the document was, however, not disclosed.

AUSTRALIA WILL MAKE. The Preference Effective, Says Premier Deskin. London, Aug. 17.—A message has been sent through the Times, to British merchants by Premier Deakin of Australia. He says that the Australian tariff, when closely examined, will be found to be much more favorable than appears at first sight. It shows, he argues, that the Australian government is determining to give the preference to Australia, and regards the present arrangement as only the first step towards that end.