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NEWS OF THE CAPITAL

Parliament Formally Prorogued Until April and Expected to Meet on the Sixth.

Queen's Head Defaced on Envelopes to Work Off Mr. Mulock's Three Cent Stock.

Canadian Sales Abroad Falling Off While Imports and Customs Tax Increase.

from Our Own Correspondent.
Ottawa, Feb. 18.—A proposal to hold a military camp in this city next summer, composed of companies from the infantry schools of Toronto, London and St. John's, is under consideration by the department of militia.

Parliament has been prorogued from April 3, and the general impression now is that there will be no meeting until April 6.

This is the period of the year when according to law manufacturers of fertilizers have to send samples of their product to the department of inland revenue for analysis, and a large number of samples have been received by the department.

The postmaster-general has hit upon another device for "raising the wind." Surcharged stamps are regarded as of great value by collectors, especially if the number altered is limited. Mr. Mulock had on hand a number of envelopes with the street-car stamp embossed upon them when the recent reduction in postage was made. He has had them changed into two-cent stamps by placing a big two-cent Queen's head on them. The result is a big rush for this envelope and augmented revenue.

Directors of the Boston & Alaska Transportation Company are here to endeavor to get the balance of the money alleged to be due by the militia department. As the company failed to carry out its contract, delivering a portion of the goods destined for Selkirk at Circle City, payment will not be made until the contract is carried out to the letter.

Owing to a strong protest from Vancouver it is not likely that the interior department will sell Davidson's island to the sawmill man applying for it.

The North American Transportation and Trading Company has opened an office here with Capt. Thos. Howard, formerly of Winnipeg, as resident local agent.

Capt. Bliss left for Yukon last night. Major Bliss goes west next Wednesday.

Trade returns for January are not very encouraging. The exports were valued at \$7,067,000, a decrease of \$2,387,000; and the imports at \$10,485,000, an increase of \$808,000. The exports for the seven months show a falling off of \$4,704,000, while the imports have increased nearly \$1,000,000. The duty has increased \$2,550,000.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—Lieutenant-Governor McInnes stands to receive a waging of the penitential correspondence relating to the anti-Japanese legislation passed in British Columbia. The last letter in the series, being the reply of the provincial government to the representations made from London and Ottawa, was published before it was addressed to the government to which it was addressed.

Sir Charles Tupper left for Toronto again to-night, but before his departure spoke freely on the failure of the Washington negotiations. He said that no surprise need be felt, because everybody was aware that the government exhibited complete incapacity to deal with such questions. Their record is such as to render it vain to hope to get favorable consideration from the United States. They were the men who in 1891 proposed unrestricted reciprocity, thereby adopting the American tariff for Canada.

Since then they had discriminated against the States by giving a preference of 25 per cent. to Great Britain. Before going to Washington they had made a free and reduced the duties on a number of articles without getting anything in return. Practically they went to Washington empty-handed. Was it to be expected under such circumstances that they would get anything there?

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AGED DEAN IN TROUBLE.

Boys Accuse Him of Paying a Large Sum for Hush Money.

Quebec, Feb. 20.—(Special)—Dean Norman of the cathedral here, 70 years old and highly respected, has resigned his office and left the city under a cloud. He is said to have gone to Toronto and denied the money but denied any wrong-doing. The Bishop, however, demanded his resignation immediately and it was forthcoming.

THE HOCKEY TROUBLE.

Winnipeg Claims to Have Support of Public Opinion in Montreal.

Winnipeg, Feb. 20.—(Special)—While the bulk of public opinion in Montreal seems to be on the side of the Winnipeg hockey team, the Montreal newspapers object to be unfair to the visitors. Ferefer Finley has issued a statement to the effect that the cup defending action but admits that he made a mistake in leaving the rink. He says that the Winnipeg boys left Montreal for Toronto tonight.

Macdougall of the Montreal issues a statement to the press modifying his apology. He says that he apologized for the Winnipeg hockey team, but he is not to be taken for a fool. He maintains that his stick did not reach the Winnipeg player. Gings' stick is still very stiff and he is able to play for a week or ten days at the least. The Winnipeg boys left Montreal for Toronto tonight.

LATEST FROM NEW BRUNSWICK.
St. John, Feb. 18.—Returns of the provincial elections up to midnight show that the Conservative government has made an almost clean sweep of the province. The opposition members elected were: Hazen and Glazier in Sunbury and Humphreys and Melanson in Westmoreland.

SEEKING THE FALLS.

Niagara Falls, Feb. 20.—The Countess of Minto, Major L. C. Drummond and Mrs. Drummond, of Ottawa, arrived in this city yesterday. They will remain long enough to visit every point about the Falls.

VANCOUVER'S BUDGET.

Citizens' Protest Effectual in Staying Deadman's Island Deal—Adjourned Insane.

Asphalt Paving Breaking Up—Bright Future of the Lardau District.

From Our Own Correspondent.
Vancouver, Feb. 18.—"Cap" McCormick, Valdez island, has been adjudged insane, and has been taken to New Westminster.

The Deadman's island transaction is still the one topic of conversation on the streets. Mayor Gordon to-day wired to Ottawa, asking the department to stay proceedings, if possible, until after the city council meets on Monday next. It appears that Mr. Lugard had made no less than three offers for other properties before he received a notice that he could secure Deadman's island. He promptly followed up the idea, taking the first train for Ottawa to press his application there. The action of the government in this giving away the island to a private individual at the very time when the city is speculating in it is so strange that Mr. Lugard was able to exert a reply to the request of Mayor Gordon was received. The action of the government in this giving away the island to a private individual at the very time when the city is speculating in it is so strange that Mr. Lugard was able to exert a reply to the request of Mayor Gordon was received.

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PRESSURE BY LONDON

Having Invited Negotiations Canada Should Make Sacrifices in Interest of Franchise.

Such is Embarrassing Proposition Now Made to the Canadian Commissioners.

Indications That Americans Ask Impossible Admissions as to the Alaskan Boundary.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The Anglo-American commission held several joint sessions today going over a variety of subjects without final action on any of them. The full commission was in joint session during the forenoon and re-assembled later in the day and spent until after 5 o'clock this afternoon arguing over the several points at issue. In the absence of any report of a conclusive nature a definite statement is withheld. Both English and American commissioners during the day held day sessions. There were no indications of a definite break in the negotiations and the reports that they were practically at an end, based on the supposition that there is no agreement in sight, are given positive denial. At the same time it is said such progress has not been made in the adjustment of the important problems before the commission as would warrant a definite statement of the probable outcome, and the termination of the negotiations is not yet in sight.

London, Feb. 18.—Telegrams from Washington reporting that the Anglo-American commission is encountering serious head seas are followed here with much anxiety, as the opinion prevails here that the future of the Anglo-American commission largely depends on the success of the present negotiations. The Speaker voices the general feeling by saying that the news regarding the commission is very disquieting. It is impossible, the Speaker continues, "to say where is the fault, but a failure to arrive at an understanding will be a serious blow to the hopes of both countries in regard to the future relationship."

representative of the Associated Press here made enquiries in the proper quarters and found a much more hopeful feeling. The information is that matters have taken a favorable turn. A high official said that at one time the outlook was rather black and it was feared that a deadlock would ensue, but the negotiations weathered the storms, and have now reached a point where we have hope for a successful issue.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—The visit of Messrs. Sifton and Fielding to Washington indicates that the negotiations have reached a critical stage. Strong pressure has been put on the government by the United States to avert a suspension of government without framing a treaty, not in the interest of Imperial harmony, but in the interest of the United States. Some of the commissioners, however, speak of a suspension of the negotiations as a necessary evil. The danger of promoting international animosity at the expense of the material considerations of the negotiations, is appreciated by the government, and Messrs. Sifton and Fielding will doubtless be anxious that they should not be taken in by the United States. The Canadian and British commissioners are not of the opinion that a suspension of the negotiations is a necessary evil. The danger of promoting international animosity at the expense of the material considerations of the negotiations, is appreciated by the government, and Messrs. Sifton and Fielding will doubtless be anxious that they should not be taken in by the United States.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—The Globe's special correspondent in Washington writes that it is an open secret that the northwestern boundary has been the main subject of discussion. Some of the commissioners, however, speak of a suspension of the negotiations as a necessary evil. The danger of promoting international animosity at the expense of the material considerations of the negotiations, is appreciated by the government, and Messrs. Sifton and Fielding will doubtless be anxious that they should not be taken in by the United States.

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PAVONA'S AWFUL TRIP LOUBET IS PRESIDENT.

Hurricane Set Her Boilers Rolling and She Drifted in Terrible Seas

Twice Lost in Gales by Rescuing Steamers but Finally in Safe Shelter.

By Associated Press.

London, Feb. 18.—The Cunard steamship Pavonia, which sailed from Queenstown for Boston January 16, and which was sighted on February 5 in latitude 41° north, longitude 44° west, in a disabled condition, arrived in tow at the Azores to-day.

A telegram from Capt. Atkins from the sea, which reached here yesterday, reported all well and that the ship is not making water. Her boilers, he said, had been broken, and the ship was in the roadstead, and will probably enter the harbor of St. Michael's on Sunday. On Thursday she sighted the tug which have been sent to bring her home.

The evening news from Ponta Delgada received that on January 30 she was struck by a hurricane and lay in the trough of the sea, which broke over her. On Wednesday, February 1, she was slowly, but on Thursday she was struck by a second hurricane and lay to all day. On Friday, February 3, at 3:30 p. m. her engines stopped, with the boilers adrift, causing the ship to labor heavily on the sea, which broke over her. On Saturday, February 4, she fired distress signals to the steamer Colarado, which began to tow her. On Sunday morning, but her hits and some were carried away immediately by the parting of the cable. The Colarado signalled that she could not tow the Pavonia, but stood by until the morning of the 6th, when she left the Pavonia in a safe harbor.

On Monday and Tuesday the Pavonia was in a desperate condition. All her boilers were cracked, and she was in a very little hope of saving the ship. The crew worked three days without leaving the hold, to secure the boilers which had broken of the sea-cocks, letting in the water. On Wednesday, the 8th, the steamer drifted before the wind, and was towed by the steamer Horatio, which refused to render her assistance, and on Friday she was taken to a safe harbor, where she was put in tow, but on Saturday she took her, but lost the Pavonia on Sunday in a terrible wreck. The Colarado signalled that she could not tow the Pavonia, but stood by until the morning of the 6th, when she left the Pavonia in a safe harbor.

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SPLIT UPON ALASKA.

United States Commissioners Would Not Consent to an Independent Empire.

And in Any Event Asked to Retain Possession of All Present Settlements.

Commission Therefore Adjourned in Hope That the Canadians Will Back Down.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The American high joint commission, after a session to-day, adjourned to meet at Quebec on August 2, unless the chairman of the respective commissions agree upon another date.

The commission first began its labors nearly six months ago in Canada and has, with the exception of probably a month, been constantly at work endeavoring to accomplish the object for which it was appointed—an agreement with the United States in this connection. Then the timing of a treaty was a matter of the most serious importance. There are several reasons which prompted the action taken to-day. From the time the commission was organized, the two commissions have been in a state of antagonism. There were serious differences of opinion between them regarding the importance of the delimitation of the boundary. The Canadians in this connection were being anxious to obtain a seaport on the coast of Alaska. The Americans would not be subject to the same anxiety. The Canadians felt that Canadian shipping would be a great advantage to the United States. The Americans felt that Canadian shipping would be a great advantage to the United States.

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ALONG THE R.

Provincial Librarian Submits His Annual Report to Mr. Spence

Rapid Growth of the Library in the Past Years.

An interesting record of the department at least of the library work is the annual report of the provincial librarian, Mr. Spence, presented to the House of Commons on Friday evening, and which is as follows:

The undersigned has the honor to submit the report of the library for the year 1899. It is pleasing to note that the growth of the library has been rapid during the past year. The number of volumes has increased from 10,000 to 15,000. The number of pamphlets has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of books has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of maps has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of documents has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of photographs has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of prints has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of drawings has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of engravings has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of illustrations has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of maps has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of documents has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of photographs has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of prints has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of drawings has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of engravings has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of illustrations has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of maps has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of documents has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of photographs has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of prints has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of drawings has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of engravings has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of illustrations has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of maps has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of documents has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of photographs has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of prints has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of drawings has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of engravings has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of illustrations has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of maps has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of documents has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of photographs has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of prints has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of drawings has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of engravings has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of illustrations has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of maps has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of documents has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of photographs has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of prints has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of drawings has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of engravings has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of illustrations has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of maps has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of documents has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of photographs has increased from 5,000 to 10,000. The number of prints