

TELEGRAPHIC

Winnipeg, Feb. 10—Nellie Padden, arrested for drunkenness, died in the police cells tonight. At one time she was a famous light opera singer.

London, Feb. 10—Sir Edward Wm. Russell, editor of the Army and Navy, died here today in his 90th year. He was a famous war correspondent.

Toronto, Feb. 10—The Ontario Gazette last week announced that eight new mining companies with an aggregate capital of fifteen million dollars have been incorporated.

Minneapolis, Feb. 10—The Interior Elevator Co. of Minneapolis, today sold 500,000 bushels of wheat to a Russian firm, which is buying in this country because of the famine at home.

Kansas City, Feb. 10—Dr. E. H. Merwin, aged 33, formerly a surgeon in the U. S. navy, and Miss Hattie Slatter, were found shot in the doctor's office today. It is supposed that Miss Slatter did the shooting.

Brookville, Ont., Feb. 10—John W. McMullen, the Canadian historian and publisher, died at his home here this afternoon in his 87th year. He was a widow and large grown up family.

Vancouver, Feb. 10—William Lewis Archibald, a cousin of the first lieutenant-governor of Manitoba, and one of the men who were imprisoned at Fort Garry, was buried here today. The pall bearers were all old friends from Manitoba.

Toronto, Feb. 10—Mrs. John Kivell, a lady aged 87 years, died this morning as a result of inhaling coal gas in the home of Mrs. Brightwell, with whom she was staying, last Friday night. Mrs. Kivell never regained consciousness.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 10—Six of the seven men entombed last night in No. 19 colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal Co. at Wanamie, were taken out dead today. They had not been touched by the fire but had evidently been suffocated by the dense smoke. Many distressing scenes were witnessed at the mouth of the pit during the night.

Washington, Feb. 10—According to a statement issued by the department of commerce and labor, the total exports of iron and steel manufactures in the United States during the year 1906, aggregated \$172,500,000, an increase of thirty millions. Imports for the same period show an increase of seven millions.

Toronto, Feb. 10—Reports from most of the surveyors who worked in Northern Ontario during the past summer have been received and all tell of many townships adapted for agriculture, on which as yet there is no settlement. In all about thirty-five were outlined or surveyed during the summer.

Ossining, N.Y., Feb. 10—Four arrests have been made in connection with the wreck on the New York Central railroad, which occurred last night. Arrests were made by order of the coroner, and are the conductor, engineer, fireman and helper of the freight which is said to have caused the accident.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 10—A limited passenger train on the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad, from Kansas City and Memphis, struck a broken rail eight miles west of here and with the exception of the rear sleeper the entire train was wrecked. Two employees were killed and six others seriously hurt. Several passengers were slightly hurt.

Washington, Feb. 10—Advice received at the state department today report that the situation in Mexico and that the revolution which has been going on in San Salvador for the adjustment of the differences between Honduras and Nicaragua has been absolutely terminated. War is considered impending.

Naples, Feb. 10—A very serious storm has caused serious damage on the Calabrian coast. At Marina Di Ostunero, a fishing village, a tidal wave, swept in and practically destroyed the village. The loss of life was slight. Several houses collapsed and everything portable was carried away by the water. The people of the village have sought refuge in the surrounding hills. At Messina the storm was very severe and caused considerable damage. A landslide at Giardini buried a house and three persons lost their lives.

TELEPHONE BUILDING STARTED Work was begun this morning on the new telephone building on McGill avenue, north of the temporary post office. A large number of men are employed today in clearing the snow from the cellar and the surrounding ground.

ROVER BAR WORKINGMAN INJURED. Roger Donnelly, of Clover Bar, a workman 41 years old, employed by the May-Sharp Construction company on the G. T. P. bridge at Clover Bar, had his right leg broken below the knee on Wednesday when he was a patient at the public hospital. Donnelly's injury was caused by a blow from the iron bar of the pile driver. He was brought to the city Saturday evening.

LISTENING BOARD IN BELL CENTRAL. Toronto, Feb. 12—Notwithstanding

strong objections on the part of the legal talent represented by the Bell Telephone Co., more evidence about the "listening board" in the Toronto Central exchange was heard this afternoon before the royal commission investigating telephone matters. Miss Beatrice Fieghton, one of the striking operators who has been acting on the girls' committee, stated that at times what had been heard through the medium of the listener, had been the subject of conversation among the operators concerned. Miss Fieghton's evidence was entirely confined to long distance listening and in this connection she told of conversations between people in Toronto and the United States having been listened to. Instructions had also been issued to operators to talk on a private line between this city and Acton. The chief operator and the assistants, according to the witness had the opportunity of working at the listener. She herself had received orders to listen to conversation on a certain line to find out whether a conversation was of business or personal nature.

The evidence today was of a decidedly new character. Following one after another, the girl operators, some of them strikers and some of them loyal to the company, went on the stand and told of the life in the operating room. One of the girls who is still working, said that since the adoption of the eight hour system in place of five hours a day, the pressure of business on each individual operator had not been lightened. In direct opposition to former statements of the company officials she said there had been so far no regular relief of twenty minutes every morning and afternoon. Other girls told of experiences where operators had fainted at switchboards because of nervous strain.

Toronto, Feb. 12—Robert H. Davis, sheriff of Haldimand, dropped dead in his office at Cayuga this evening. Deceased was a pioneer of Haldimand, had practised medicine and was sheriff nearly thirty years. He also commanded the 37th battalion. He was 79 years old.

Toronto, Feb. 12—The legislature adjourned today out of respect to Geo. N. Kidd, M.L.A. Several members will attend the funeral, going to Carp, Ont., by special car.

Toronto, Feb. 12—A deputation from the Parry Sound district will wait on the government this week with a request that the district be divided and a new electoral district created. The deputation will be from the eastern part of the district, where the feeling, especially in the extreme north, is pretty strong.

Toronto, Feb. 12—At the first meeting of the directors of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Co. after the annual meeting, Hon. G. W. Ross was elected president and Ross Gooderman and Lloyd Harris vice-presidents.

Toronto, Feb. 12—Wm. S. Gray has been appointed manager of the Dominion bank at Regina.

THROUGH LINE TO QUEEN CITY Toronto, Feb. 12—Direct connection between Toronto and Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta as far as Edmonton by the Canadian Northern railway is a possibility of the most distant future. The question as to when the work will be commenced on the remaining link of the connection depends largely on the manner in which the Ontario government shall deal with the request for aid laid before them today by D. D. Marz and W. H. Moore, of the Canadian Northern railway. Members of the government decline to say anything in regard to the matter, but the Globe has authoritatively informed that proposals of the company's representatives were of the nature stated. Completion of connection between this city and Edmonton would be brought about by building a line between Sudbury and Port Arthur, a distance of about 200 miles. It was towards the cost of building this line that Mann and Moore asked for government assistance. No definite answer was given to the request, but it is expected the reply will not be long delayed and that the announcement of the government's intention will be made to the house before the session is much further advanced. Under the act passed during the session of 1904 the government guarantees the bonds to an extent not exceeding \$20,000,000 on the James Bay line of the Canadian Northern from Toronto to Sudbury, towards which point that line is now being pushed.

One story as to yesterday's conference was to the effect that a land subsidy was suggested as one form which aid to the connection between Sudbury and Port Arthur might take.

PELEG HOWLAND A STRAIGHT TRADER Toronto, Feb. 12—That a period of great money is probable for some time, that the national expenditure of Canada is becoming extraordinarily large, that deplorable conditions such as revealed by investigation into commercial, financial, insurance and political affairs are fostered by paternalism, that the government bonuses surely that the financial returns from its operations had been satisfactory.

should not be introduced in regard to Canadian products in the old country, that the railway-commission of Canada should give more attention to questions of car shortage, discrimination, etc., than to such local matters as crossings, and that the sewage of Toronto should not be emptied into the bay, were some of the opinions of Mr. Howland expressed as retiring president of the annual meeting of the Toronto board of trade today. He said Ontario, as the largest consumer of pig iron, was vitally interested in the question and it was folly for us to tax ourselves to build up great monopolies like steel works in the east at the expense of smaller and more profitable local industries which could get pig iron cheaper in Pennsylvania than anywhere else.

TRANSVAL ELECTIONS. Johannesburg, Transvaal, Feb. 12—The first elections to parliament under the new Transvaal constitution will be held on Feb. 20, with every prospect of the Boers obtaining a working majority. Nominations for sixty nine constituencies were closed Feb. 9 and today ten Helvolk (Dutch party) were declared elected unopposed. The campaign has been a straight fight between the progressive British party and the Helvolk. Sir Richard Solomon, former lieutenant-governor of the Transvaal, will likely be the first premier.

TEDDY CENSORS THAW CASE. Washington, Feb. 12—The following statement was given out at the White House today: "The president has communicated with the postmaster general to know whether it is feasible to bar from the mails the papers and give the full disgusting particulars of the Thaw case. He does not know whether it is feasible, but if it is he wishes it done."

Yorkton, Sask., Feb. 12—The funeral took place today of Capt. Wm. X. who died here Friday last. Deceased was a Crimen veteran.

THE REFRIGERATION GALLERY Ottawa, Feb. 12—The House was occupied this afternoon in the second reading of the bill introduced by the minister of agriculture to encourage the establishment of cold storage warehouses. The bill provides for bonuses to the amount of the sum of \$100,000 was asked to meet the demands of the coming year on this account.

During the debate the minister expressed a willingness in defence of the opinions of various speakers to alter the terms of payment but maintained the condition that the payments should be extended over a term of years to better assure the control of the warehouse by the government. Under the bill the government retains control of the rates to be charged for storage and also of the temperature and conditions of storage.

The debate occupied the entire afternoon and most of the evening, and the Opposition, while expressing general approval of the theory of assisting such warehouses, found occasion to justify their existence as a means of developing considerable hostility to the measure in hand. The criticism upon which their opposition was developed proceeded along two lines and as frequently occurs when it is desired to profess a theory while making war upon its application the lines intersected at right angles and the hostilities wound up in a tangle where their only bond of union was their common antagonism to the government measure.

The first ground of opposition was that the encouragement offered to new warehouses gave them an unfair advantage over the already established concerns; the second was that the bonus was not sufficiently large to offer any material encouragement to the establishment of new warehouses. Singly neither contention offered much opportunity for reasonable argument; taken together they came inevitably into collision, were mutually destructive and side-tracked all possibility of consistency. If the bonus offers no encouragement to new warehouses it certainly can work no discrimination against established concerns; and if it discriminates in any measure or manner against the established concerns, it is quite as certainly capable so only by offering material encouragement to new warehouses.

Notwithstanding this the opposition speakers continued to rise in turn to offer their solutions for the remedy and their anxiety to facilitate the proper handling of his products, and so forth.

The remarks of Mr. E. Gus. Porter, Conservative member for Belleville, represents fairly well the stand of those who argued for allowing the established warehouses to share in the bonus. There were, he represented, four cold storage plants in the city of Kingston, two of them under the control of the city. They were all doing custom storage business and apparently profitable business. Another plant at the town of Trenton had been burned three years ago, but was immediately rebuilt—evidence surely that the financial returns from its operations had been satisfactory.

factory. The latter concern, Mr. Porter informed the House was anxious to share in the bonus offered by the present bill. No one saw fit to doubt the assertion, nor the implied probability that all the other establishments of the kind now doing business would be pleased to swell their dividends by a present from the public purse. If the remarks of Mr. Porter had any tangible meaning or purpose they were tended to represent that the bonus would be a very considerable assistance to the concerns receiving it—assistance so considerable that to extend it to only the new enterprises would put those already established at a distinct commercial disadvantage.

Not so with Mr. Taylor, of Haldimand, though. He was interested, so he told the House in a company which contemplated the erection of a cold storage warehouse. He did not think less assistance could well be given to such projects than that offered by the bill. His company considered that the bonus was not equivalent return for handling their establishment over to the control of the government and would build on their own account, retaining the control themselves. He suggested that a grant of 30 per cent. of the cost should be made and paid as soon as the building was completed. If this were done his company might be inclined to erect a warehouse for public use. If this argument had any objective it surely was intended to show that the bonus offered was not large enough to be an encouragement to the erection of new warehouses and it did not appear to occur to Mr. Taylor that in so arguing he was demolishing the contention of Mr. Porter and his associates that to encourage new establishments in the manufacture was a discrimination against those now in operation.

The only point on which the gentlemen were agreed was in demanding that donations from the public purse to the enterprises they respectively represented.

In reply the minister of agriculture said private enterprise had established cold storage warehouses without public aid in several of the more advanced portions of the country. The purpose of the bill was to encourage private enterprise to extend its operations in this respect to less favorable sections, and thus extend the benefits of the system more generally throughout the country.

In reply to questions he said the government could not regulate in the manner in which the British producer could handle Canadian produce after its arrival in Britain. No other government, colonial or foreign, had method of handling the produce while in Canada and on route to Britain were the problems with which the government had to deal. By its arrangement for refrigeration cars on the railways and cold storage on board ships the conditions in transit were generally very satisfactory and the purpose of the present bill was to better the conditions of storage previous to transit. He consented to alter the terms of payment, making one half the bonus payable when the opposition was developed and the balance in graduated amounts annually for four years.

SNOWSLIDE AT COAL CREEK. Coal Creek, Feb. 10—The car shop of the Crow's Nest Pass railway was destroyed and one life lost by a snowslide here Friday afternoon. Several men were at work in the building at the time of the slide but all got off without injury with the exception of Charles Douglas, who was instantly killed. The railway officials have warned many of the residents of the town to vacate their homes owing to the immense amount of snow on the sides of the mountain above the village. The rains of the past few days have added greatly to the dangers.

Fernie, Feb. 10—Geo. Prill, foreman of the boiler house, was instantly killed here today. He attempted to alight from the train coming in from Fernie but fell under the wheels of the last coach. The body was fruitfully mangled.

CHINOOK STRIKES ROSSLAND. Rossland, B.C., Feb. 10—The chinook wind of the past three days is doing a great amount of good. The railways are being opened and fuel and ore shipments are on the increase. A partial shut down has been in force for some time, due to fuel shortage and loss in profits has resulted.

DEER LODGE BURNED. Winnipeg, Feb. 10—Deer Lodge, a road house, and one of the oldest and most historical buildings in Manitoba, was entirely destroyed by fire this evening. The loss on building and contents is estimated at fifteen thousand. The lodge was built in 1856 by H. Rowan, a retired Hudson's Bay factor, and was passed to his son in law, Hon. Jas. McKay, speaker of the Gerard Davis administration and later minister of the Davis government. The property belongs to R. J. MacGee, who purchased it several years ago. The origin of the fire is unknown.

FORBES WEST'S CREATINES. Windsor, Ont., Feb. 10—In an address on the Canadian constitution last night Hon. R. F. Sutherland,

speaker of the house of commons, said: "If the hundreds of thousands of settlers who are pouring into the western country continue to come at the same rate, the time is not far distant when the west may be the centre of the empire of Canada. To effect this we can only hope that the advantages of New Ontario and New Quebec may cause an influx there. It is conceivable, however, that some day the seat of government may be changed from Ottawa to the west."

JAPANESE ARE RESTING EASY. Tokyo, Feb. 10—In discussing the anti-Japanese feeling expressed by a portion of the American press, all classes, whose opinion is worthy of consideration are significantly re-assured. The two prevailing sentiments noticeable are a strong disdain and contempt for the papers in America, which entertain the idea of war between Japan and the United States and implicit confidence in President Roosevelt, who is regarded as the true type of American. People are inclined to smile with satisfaction at the outburst of what appears to them as a ridiculous agitation and at the barbaric practices toward innocent children in a Christian land, which has been claimed by missionaries and others as a country which possessed the only true religion and the only true God. The Japanese have been no doubt smarting under the assumed superiority of Christian nations and now find that such an occurrence as anti-Christian civilization serves in their judgment as the confession of inferiority, moral and otherwise. Moreover the successful war with Russia has imbued the Japanese with great confidence and although the possibility of a war with the United States is not generally entertained, it is not amiss to point out that some are inclined to regard as significant Secretary Tatt's declaration in regard to fortifying the Hawaiian Islands.

FIRE IN SYRACUSE. Syracuse, N.Y., Feb. 10—Early this morning one of the most destructive fires in the history of the town broke out in the heart of the business section of the city. The fire started in the Mowry hotel, which was completely destroyed. All the inmates of the hotel escaped but they lost all their personal property. Several other small buildings were also burned before the blaze was extinguished. The total loss is placed at two hundred thousand. Several persons were injured but none seriously.

BOODLE IN PAVEMENTS. St. Catharines, Ont., Feb. 10—Ovala Lachance, who was circulating a certain street in the city, says that he was approached by one of the policemen who said that there was three hundred dollars in it if he would switch the petition to vitrified brick and that he would divide the amount. The story will be investigated.

HAYTS MONEY GOTTEN BY FRAUD. Port Arthur, Ont., Feb. 10—The relations between the Hayton government and Germany are strained over the refusal of a German banking house to accept money from the government on the ground that they were received fraudulently. The reply of the government to the charge of the bankers was considered offensive by the German legation but the ministers refused to withdraw it. Pears are entertained that grave complications will ensue.

CLOSING SCENE IN NORTH TRAGEDY. (Montreal Daily) A closing scene in the tragedy of Ira Hornbach, the insane rancher of the Macleod, who met death at the hands of his companions amid the loneliness of the Big Edby country, was enacted today, when the body was forwarded to his old home in Vaughan, Mont., in charge of his brother, J. G. Hornbach, of Cochrane, who arrived in the city on Saturday last.

The horses which were taken out to Lobstick lake by the Mounted Police are now in charge of E. F. Thompson, a companion of the deceased, who is at present in the city and will return west and look after the stock in the interests of the estate. The animals are now being put in good condition and will be a valuable asset.

The deceased was one of a family of six who are scattered through several states of the union. One of the sisters has been in communication with the undertaker and her shock on learning of the tragic death in the lonely wilds can be to some extent realized by her letter.

Despite the fact that the body was frozen for five weeks, that an autopsy was performed on its arrival here and that it lay two weeks longer it will still be in condition to be seen by the relatives when it reaches the old home. The work of embalming was done at the mortuary of the Alberta Undertaking company where the remains have been since their coming to the city.

JIM McNIVEN APPOINTED. Victoria, B.C., Feb. 10. J. D. Mc Niven has received the appointment as a fair value officer of the Dominion, with headquarters at Ottawa, vice O. H. Donahue, deceased. Mc Niven was for many years secretary of the Trades and Labor council of this city.

CANADA AT THE CONFERENCE. Ottawa, Feb. 10—Sir William Laurier will be accompanied to the Colonial Conference by Fielding, Sir Frederick Borden, Paterson and Broder. Canada will only have one vote, but all the ministers will have the right to sit in the conference and to speak.

ENGLISH NAVAL REVIEW. London, Feb. 11.—The largest number of battleships and cruisers ever brought together at one time will assemble at Lagos in February for the combined British manoeuvres, which are to take place off the coasts of Portugal and Spain. The Channel, Atlantic and Mediterranean fleets, with attendant cruiser squadrons, will take part in the evolutions.

This will provide one of the most gigantic object-lessons possible as to Great Britain's naval strength under present conditions. Not a ship in reserve will have been called out, and only three fleets with their attached auxiliaries will be present. These are scattered all over the world will take part. The total number of ships which will assemble at Lagos will be sixty, divided as follows: Battleships, 30; cruisers, 16; scouts, etc., 14. When it is pointed out that the total of the effective fleets of Germany and France combined number seventy-seven ships the power of the combined British fleet will be realized.

EVELYN NESBITT MUST NOT TELL. New York, Feb. 10.—There is a good deal of speculation tonight as to what course the defence in the Thaw trial will take when the court resumes in the morning. Judge Fitzgerald has ruled that the defence must prove the original plea of insanity before he can allow Mrs. Thaw to proceed with the story of her life. It is believed that the counsel for the prisoner will make a big effort to have the will of Mr. Thaw admitted as evidence. The judge has refused to accept it until until the defence proves that all the erasures and declarations were made previous to the signing of the will. The court resumes in the morning. Judge Fitzgerald has ruled that the defence must prove the original plea of insanity before he can allow Mrs. Thaw to proceed with the story of her life. It is believed that the counsel for the prisoner will make a big effort to have the will of Mr. Thaw admitted as evidence. The judge has refused to accept it until until the defence proves that all the erasures and declarations were made previous to the signing of the will. The court resumes in the morning.

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Hon. Walter Scott will not be able to attend the opening of the house. He will go to the Southern States for two or three weeks to recover from his recent illness before taking any part in the government, and the legislature will therefore convene without a premier.

JEWELS IN OLD TRUNK. New York, Feb. 10.—Diamonds and other jewels valued at \$35,000 were found in an old trunk in the home of the late Chas. Tripler, of Manhattan, R. I., discoverer of liquid air. The find was made by Mr. Tripler's son, L. B. Tripler, administrator and heir to the elder Tripler's estate. The son knew nothing of these valuables until he broke into the trunk in order to make an inventory of the estate. The elder Mr. Tripler also left considerable real estate to his son.

BIG QUAOND ROBBERY. Niagara Falls, N.Y., Feb. 10.—The biggest diamond robbery in the history of the city occurred here recently. Katie Korakoski McKenna was the victim. At least \$8,000 worth of jewelry was taken. Katie Korakoski McKenna is the second member of the celebrated curio firm of Libbie & Katie McKenna, who were well known from coast to coast, because

annually they dispose of furs, curios and braca-brac valued in the tens of thousands. The robbery is believed to be the work of professional second-story workers, who operated while Mr. and Mrs. McKenna were at church.

CATTLE BREEDERS ASSOCIATION Toronto, Feb. 6.—The Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association met in the Palmer House this morning and considered the report of the executive and elected officers. A lengthy discussion took place about the regulation affecting the importation of live stock. A great many cattle are said to be imported into Canada free of duty which are not recorded in any Canadian books of records for the various breeds, some of the owners afterwards record them here, but others continue to record them in the foreign records. The term "pure bred" should, the members agreed, refer to cattle registered in the Canadian national records, which records now constitute a complete system and are authorized by the Federal Government. Moreover, cattle of low quality, recorded in books which are not recognized in the countries from which the animals come, were said to be brought into this country and sold as pure bred cattle. A deputation consisting of the members of the various stock associations, will likely wait on the Dominion Government to ask for a suspension of the regulations to prevent this.

FEAR PARCEL POST. Postage in Prairie, Feb. 5.—A strongly worded protest has been wired from the local board of trade against the Dominion Government's proposed new arrangement to parcel post. The grounds for the complaint are that it would discriminate against the smaller local merchants in favor of the city departmental stores.

PORTAGE GIVES FRANCHISE. Chicago, Ill., Feb. 10.—At a regular meeting of the 5th ward board this evening, the principal business was the passing of a law granting a franchise to the International Light and Heating Co. of Cleveland, to establish a gas plant in town. Another by-law was amended fixing a license fee of \$5 for non-residents who distribute or post bills.

Joe Gann of Baltimore, and Harry Lewis of Philadelphia signed articles for a finish fight for the lightweight championship of the world at 133 pounds for \$5,000 a side and the \$2,500 purse offered. Each posted \$1,000.

STARVED NEAR BELLEVILLE. Belleville, Feb. 10—A sad story of suffering and destitution comes from North Hastings. The neighbors found James C. Kelly, living near Lamable, dying, and his wife and five children actually starving. There was no fire in the house and the thermometer registered 25 below zero. Kelly died and only for the arrival of neighbors the whole family would probably have perished.

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