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SUMMONSES NOW ISSUED FOR POLL CLERKS CURRY TO PROCEED WITH TRIAL ON FRIDAY

Charges of Conspiracy Among D.R.O.'s and Clerks Newest Phase of Scandal.

The renewed vigor injected into the prosecution of the election frauds yesterday, due to the inside knowledge obtained by the authorities from sources exposed by at least two suspects, who are prepared to turn King's evidence, was the feature of the municipal scandal. The dictation of new informations by Crown Attorney Curry against D.R.O.'s previously summoned and informations to include the polling clerks of each were the developments of a startling character last night. The importance of the work is indicated by the fact that the last document was not completed until nearly midnight by the Crown Attorney. These new summonses will be served to-day.

The stimulus of the special information the prosecution is in possession of caused Mr. Curry to declare last night that he would consult with Magistrate Denison to-day, and get his subpoenas out at once for a trial that would bring out the evidence Friday morning, if possible. Mr. Curry insisted that the old cases too would stand and be pushed, and that the new charges would be in addition, under the same section, but differently worded, and would charge fraudulent manipulation of the ballots of aldermen. This is to cover the technical defence of Thompson, that there was no election for controllers.

Morgan Replaces Winchester.

The declaration of Judge Morgan, that he was ready to begin work on that branch of the investigation touching the assessment books' padding Friday, or as soon as the Council changed the resolution from Judge Winchester to him; the statement of Judge Winchester that he could not act only in that part of the investigation that did not touch the Assessment Department, since he had a son employed under Commissioner Fleming; the report of W. R. Riddell, K.C.; that he would name to-day his assistant in the investigation and that he had already begun the actual work of arranging the data to try first the issues involving the padded assessment rolls, and the announcement of J. R. L. Starr, that he would take it upon himself to personally institute quo warranto proceedings before the legal time expired, provided such proceedings had not been taken by that time, were the many striking outcroppings of the situation during the day.

It was evident the report of the desire of several election officers to secure immunity from the Crown, by telling all they knew of the gang methods that dictated the result of the election, was the bomb that disturbed those under suspicion of complicity in the case. Several interested parties hastened to the newspaper men handling the story and explained to them how impossible such a proposition was, and the police refused to corroborate the reports of Crown evidence. Therefore, it was an easy way to bolster up the panicky crowd by getting the afternoon press in some instances to cast discredit upon the idea that any official among the D.R.O.'s or their clerks was weakening. On the heels of the charge that there are negotiations under way for at least two suspects to become Crown witnesses came the announcement of the new complaints Crown Attorney dictated, and there was renewed consternation among those who are commonly known to be mixed up in the crooked work.

Knows Where He Is At.

Crown Attorney Curry declared that he could not make public the names of any persons offering him such inside information, but he added that from whatever source his information came he was prepared now to go ahead with the prosecutions and was satisfied that he knew "where he was at" and where to get his facts.

In this connection the Mayor had a conference with Mr. Riddell concerning his assistant in the investigation during the day. None was decided upon, but Mr. Riddell said to The World he would make known his assistant possibly to-day. City Hall sources have declared that Mayor Urquhart strongly favored Crown Attorney Curry for this position to aid Mr. Riddell. In view of the energy exhibited in getting at the bottom of the plugging by Mr. Curry, his knowledge of the whole situation and the necessity for his constant presence and co-operation in prosecuting criminally those involved in the information obtained by Mr. Riddell it has been suggested by many disinterested persons that the choice should fall upon Mr. Curry. The Crown Attorney remarked that in any event the prosecution would have the benefit of any information he had secured in its work and his very hearty co-operation whether he was commissioned to aid outside of his regular duties or not.

Judgment in Reserve.

The argument over the writ of prohibition was concluded late in the afternoon. Judge Ferguson was asked when he could probably promise a decision. He declared that he must take the case under advisement. There were many authorities to consult and he could not say.

Mr. Curry suggested that in any event he was not prohibited from proceeding with his prosecution till the writ had been granted. His Lordship agreed with him in this. Therefore he determined to commence more energetic work at once.

He found his authority for his new complaints in the CASE WHEREIN JOHN WIGGINS AND ROBERT FRANCKS WERE CONVICTED AND SENTENCED TO JAIL IN 1885 FOR ELECTION CORRUPTION IN TORONTO. The complaint was drawn under the same section that is the basis for the present actions and Magistrate Denison committed the men for trial. The trial came on in the assizes, Sir Adam Wilson presiding and Hugh MacMahon, K. C., prosecuting. This case is now presented as justifying the latest action of the Crown Attorney and will be presented to Magistrate Denison as reason why they can go on with this trial at once. If the court should concur in this to-day the subpoenas will be issued and Thompson will be brought to trial Friday.

Cover More Ground

Even if the writ of prohibition should be issued, it will apply only to the first cases filed and will not interfere with the numerous prosecutions. These new complaints are much more lengthy than those first sworn out. Each contains three separate counts, either of which may be proceeded on and on all of which convictions may be asked. The first complaints did not mention the frauds as having taken place in the elections for aldermen. The new complaints cover that feature and charge generally fraud and plugging.

Each deputy returning officer is charged with conspiracy with his

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NEW SUMMONSES TO ISSUE.

Those against whom new complaints were dictated last night, on which summonses will be issued this morning, are:

Samuel Thompson, D.R.O.
John Durance, poll clerk to Thompson.
George Maguire, D.R.O.
W. T. Loudon, poll clerk to Maguire.
Abraham Cahoon, D.R.O.
Thomas Kerr, poll clerk to Cahoon.

Those against whom new complaints will be sworn out this morning are:

John Laxton, D.R.O.
William Laxton, poll clerk to his brother John.
Frank A. Gray, D.R.O.
Col. John Gray, poll clerk to his son, Frank.
W. H. Gianelli, D.R.O.
Louis H. Gianelli, poll clerk to his brother, W. H.

And additional evidence has been developed for several other summonses against election officers, which will probably be issued to-morrow.

The complaints against Durance, Loudon, Cahoon, Kerr and William Laxton involve persons not hitherto confronted with criminal proceedings. Each is charged with three separate offences, on which a conviction and imprisonment will be sought by the Crown Attorney.

AN INDEPENDENT ASSISTANT.

The latest developments in the municipal scandal is that W. R. Riddell, K.C., has the privilege of naming the assistant counsel in the enquiry which is to take place.

There has been considerable talk about an effort to suppress the facts which threaten the reputation and perhaps the seats of members of the City Council and the Board of Control. It is said that a scheme has been devised whereby the facts shall be suppressed and that the scope of the investigation has been limited with that end in view.

Mr. Riddell may be, and no doubt is, thoroly competent to conduct an honest and impartial investigation. That qualification is freely conceded him. At the same time the good faith of the men to whom Mr. Riddell owes his appointment has been questioned and it is out of the question for Mr. Riddell to say who shall and who shall not assist him in the investigation.

The assistant to Mr. Riddell should be appointed by the City Council, and whoever he may be he should have no interest identical with Mr. Riddell or with the firm which he represents. If the investigation is to serve a useful civic purpose it must be impartial, it must be complete and it must be beyond question a civic investigation. To give Mr. Riddell the power of appointing his assistant would make it largely a W. R. Riddell investigation, and this public opinion in the City of Toronto simply will not tolerate.

The investigation should be widened to include every possible suggestion of wrongdoing on the part of a municipal representative of the City of Toronto, from the Mayor down to the aldermen, and the man who assists Mr. Riddell in the investigation should be appointed off the city's own bat and without any regard to the convenience of W. R. Riddell, K.C.

SELF-TORTURE BY INDIANS.

Drunken Savages Stand Mutilation to Show Their Courage.

Yorktown, Assa., Jan. 27.—Edward Field, who arrived here to-night, reports the drunken orgies of Indians holding a potlatch at Fishing River. Inspired by whiskey supplied by a trader, the Indians held a sun dance. This did not content some, who wanted a potlatch, in which knives are freely used to test the courage of the Indian braves.

One got his companions to cut the tendons of his back to insert sticks, after the custom of the ancient dances, but could not bear the pain when one tendon had been cut. Another put pine needles in his arms and then applied a light to them, severely burning himself, but his bravery was established when he bore the pain without a murmur.

Others slashed themselves with knives, inflicting bad flesh wounds and then retired from the dance to be attended by medicine men. The dance continued for three nights, more than a hundred Indians taking part in the performance on the snow, with the temperature 30 below zero.

FOR EMBEZZLING $3000.

Warrant is Issued for Arrest of Stuart Arnoldi.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Stuart Arnoldi, who lived at 190 Ossington-avenue. Arnoldi was cashier for the North British and Canadian Loan Company, room 18, 9 Toronto-street. It is claimed Arnoldi is $3000 shy in his accounts. His thefts, it is said, extend for a period of two years. He has a wife and one child. The complainant is L. C. Hoskins, the accountant of the company.

WHAT FIGURES DO.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 28.—Professor Von Hansmann, one of the greatest authorities in Berlin on cancer, says that the increase in the number of cases is due solely to the improved methods of compiling statistics. There is no proof that it is due to the presence of any parasites or that it is hereditary in character.

UNEASY LIES THE HEAD.

Berlin, Jan. 28.—A despatch to The Central News from Madrid says it has been learned that on last Saturday during King Alfonso's levee, at the palace, the police discovered an infernal machine underneath a bench near the doorway of the palace, which was crowded at the time with persons of distinction.

JAPANESE WAR TAX.

London, Jan. 28.—The Times this morning publishes the following despatch from its Tokio correspondent: "The government has resolved to impose a war tax by doubling the land tax and the income tax, thereby obtaining additional revenue of 44,000,000 yen (22,000,000)."

WAITS FOR PARLIAMENT.

London, Jan. 27.—Right Hon. Alfred Lyttelton, Secretary of State for the Colonies, has informed a correspondent that he will not sanction the proposed Transvaal ordinance regarding the importation of Chinese labor until the matter has been discussed in the British parliament.

MUNRO'S MAJORITY 977 WITH THE RETURNS ALL IN

Introduction of Outside Scrutineers Did Not Please All in North Oxford.

Woodstock, Jan. 27.—(Staff Special.)—With the returns all in, it appears that Col. Munro's majority will hardly reach the thousand mark, the most accurate count placing it at 977, prior to the sheriff's announcement of today. The contest has been replete with remarkable features, and not the least was the celerity displayed by the deputy returning officers in sending in the results. In years past it has been some times necessary to wait for two or three days before the figures from all divisions were known. The boxes used in this election started to come in from the country last night, and they are in to-day from the most northerly subdivisions. This activity by the officials goes to show the deep interest that was taken in the election all thru the riding. Many of the deputies came in thru snowdrifts that were almost impassable, and their horses were in many cases about exhausted. Still the vote in the back concessions was polled almost as fully as in the City of Woodstock, excepting in some divisions where indifference and over-confidence caused many to remain at home. There were no hired rigs bringing out these voters, nor was there the excitement which prevailed in the city to induce a heated interest.

Several of the deputies speaking to The World man, stated one reason, which they undoubtedly believed, for the heavy vote, and that was the presence of the expert scrutineers brought into the riding by the Conservatives.

Mr. Gamey spoke in four places, and the vote was as follows:

	1898. Pattullo.	Kaufman.	Montague.
Embro	80	37	17
Woodstock	1036	401	300
Bright	44	30	2
Plattsville	62	74	9
	1222	542	328

	1902. Munro.	Pattullo.	Ross.
Embro	2	17	100
Woodstock	551	830	230
Bright	7	30	22
Plattsville	22	48	48
	582	925	400

	1904. Butler.	Munro.
Embro	17	106
Woodstock	830	858
Bright	28	48
Plattsville	64	77
	999	1089

Col. Munro will go to Toronto tomorrow to take his seat in the legislature. The returning officer will make his declaration at 2 o'clock, and it may be that the new member will not take his seat till Friday.

FOR PROTECTION.

Prominent Liberal in Quebec Makes His Position Known.

Montreal, Jan. 27.—(Special.)—An incident has just come to light showing the rapid change of sentiment that is taking place thruout Canada on the question of protection. The other day when the Liberals of Chambly and Vercheres had gathered at Longueuil, for the purpose of selecting a candidate for the House of Commons, one of the most prominent gentlemen present was Mr. Willet, the well-known manufacturer of Chambly.

In the past Mr. Willet had invariably been called upon to preside at the party conventions, and was again asked by Hon. Mr. Prefontaine to take the chair. To the great surprise however, of the Minister of Marine, and, in fact, of all the friends present, Mr. Willet strongly objected in these words: "I am strongly opposed to your government's fiscal policy. I am a protectionist." The minister asked Mr. Willet to reconsider his decision, and at length he did so, but he squarely told Victor Geoffrion, M.P., that if the tariff was not properly revised at the coming session, the Liberal party would have his uncompromising opposition at the approaching election.

TO SELL CANADIAN LAND.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 27.—Land men from Northwest Canada, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, the Dakotas and Illinois gathered here to-day to adopt measures to stimulate emigration to Canada. It is proposed to start an active propaganda that will bring the resources of Canada before the homeseekers of this country and Europe. Among the delegates are members of the Winnipeg Common Council and Board of Trade.

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THE KING'S IRISH VISIT.

London, Jan. 27.—The Irish Racing Calendar announces the following dates of April meetings, which have been changed in view of the visit of the King to Ireland during that month: Punchestown, April 26 and 27; Phoenix Park, April 28; Leopardstown, April 29 and 30.

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DISOWNED BY HIS WIFE ATTEMPTED HER DEATH AND THEN SHOT HIMSELF

Tragedy Which Ended the Life of Thomas Lawlor—Women Had Narrow Escape

He fired three shots. The first bullet passed thru the head of his sister-in-law; the second went into his wife's forehead, without causing much injury; the last found a resting-place in his own head. He is dead.

So Thomas Lawlor, who is well known to lovers of golf, took his own life last night, and his body is now lying in the morgue. Lawlor was a married man, but for some time he has not lived with his wife. She claims he never contributed anything to her support since they were married three years ago. She has been living at 71 Niagara-street with her mother, Mrs. Peer.

She met her husband on the street yesterday afternoon, and had a talk with him. She told him she would not go back to him.

Shortly before 7 o'clock in the evening, while the family, consisting of Mrs. Peer, Mrs. Lawlor, Mrs. Mary Jane Kelly, Percy Peer and two little children, were in the house at 71 Niagara-street, there was a knock at the door. Percy opened the door and Lawlor walked in. He locked the door and put the key in his pocket. Then he walked back to the kitchen, where his wife was with the rest of the family, and asked her if she meant what she said in the afternoon. She replied, "Yes, Tom."

Sister Tried to Save.

Lawlor drew a revolver from his overcoat pocket and pointed it at his wife. Her sister, Mrs. Mary Jane Kelly, made an effort to catch his hand, and received the bullet in her hand. He fired again, the ball glancing his wife's head. All was excitement; it is easier to imagine the scene than to describe it.

The women ran to the front door. It was locked. They smashed the window, threw the children out and climbed out themselves. While they were escaping they heard another shot. That was when Lawlor took his own life. Percy had run up the stairs, chased by Lawlor, and eluded him by jumping out of a second storey window.

Lawlor went back to the kitchen, while the women were making their exit thru the front window, and suicided. Why he did not follow up his murderous intentions can never be known. He had three shots left in his revolver, and more cartridges in his pocket.

Constable Brisbin broke in the door and found Lawlor dead, lying across a chair in the kitchen with the revolver by his side.

Was a Well Known Caddie.

Lawlor was in poor health, a victim of Bright's disease, and had only been discharged from the hospital a short time, as incurable. He was at one time a caddie for the Toronto Golf Club, and was subsequently an instructor for the Cobourg and Lambton Golf Clubs.

As far as could be learned he never did much good for himself or anybody else. His mother and sister are inmates of the House of Providence.

Lawlor had threatened his wife on more than one occasion. At their meeting yesterday afternoon he told her he would kill her. Last Saturday she asked Magistrate Denison for an order of protection. Her relatives for some time have been afraid that he would do something desperate. They claim that he would demand money from them, which they gave him.

When searched by the police and Coroner Cotton, in the pockets of the dead man was found a subscription list, stating that Lawlor was an incurable invalid. The list showed that he had received some substantial sums from well-known golfers within the past ten days.

Mrs. Lawlor was removed in a hack to the residence of her sister, Mrs. Kelly, 29 Turner-avenue. Coroner Cotton will hold an inquest this afternoon.

Lawlor was, his wife says, about 24 years of age.

FOR MUNICIPAL 'PHONES.

Railway Commission Will Be Asked to Grant Connection With Stations.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—The Railway Commission, of which Hon. A. G. Blair is chairman, will be completely organized when it first meets for business on Feb. 2.

J. W. Pugsley, who is a cousin of Attorney-General Pugsley of New Brunswick, will be secretary of the commission. He has for years been secretary of the Railway Committee of the Privy Council, and will be the commission.

C. J. Smith, general traffic manager of the Canada Atlantic Railway, will be the traffic expert of the commission.

The commission's first meeting will be for the purpose of laying down rules of procedure. It will start business with some 25 or 30 cases, held over from the Railway Committee of the Privy Council.

Fred Cook, who is president of the Union of Canadian Municipalities, and W. D. Lighthall, the secretary, will appear before the commission in the interest of the municipalities of Port Arthur and Fort William, to apply for connection between the municipal telephone systems of those towns and the Canadian Pacific Railway stations, a privilege which is at present monopolized by the Bell Company. This was one of the points which the Union of Municipalities vigorously contended last session, and which, after some demur, the government conceded.

Cigars—Violetta, 3 for 25c.—Alive Bollard. ed

RECORD SILK SHIPMENT.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 27.—Raw silk and silk goods to the value of more than $1,932,000 are en route across the Pacific to Vancouver, on board the Empress of China, due to arrive on Feb. 3.

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FRESH REVOLT MARCH 28.

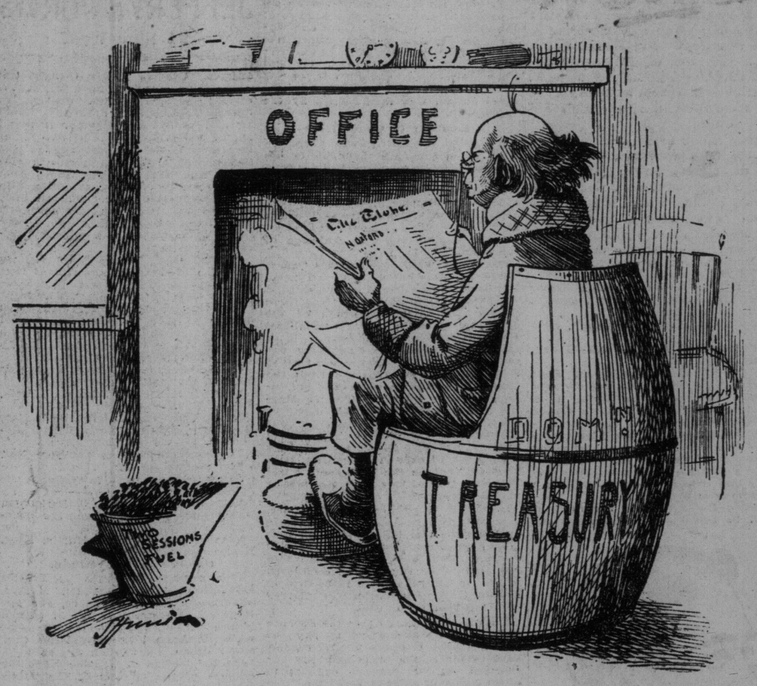
Belgrade, Servia, Jan. 27.—Sarafoff's Macedonian agents have proclaimed a fresh revolt for March 28.

Cigars—Royal Infant, Havana, 5c., equals any 10c cigar.—Alive Bollard, 128 Yonge St. ed

BLACKWATCH WILL COME.

London, Jan. 27.—King Edward has given his sanction permitting the Black Watch Band to visit Canada.

A SEVERE PARTY COLD SPELL.



OTTAWA CITIZEN: Dear me! when one reads of the blocked roads and steadily falling mercury which friend Ross is encountering, one is thankful that he is not called upon to leave the House.

NOTHING ESCAPES RADIUM WAR TO BE MADE A FARCE

Magazines May Be Exploded at Long Distances—Sex of Children Even Determined.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 27.—Prof. Prince Tarkhanov, the well-known scientist, lecturing recently before the Military Association, made some interesting statements in regard to the possibilities of radium.

He presented to his audience two cancer patients who had been cured of malignant growths on the face by the use of radium, and expressed the opinion that the problem of determining the sex of children, which Prof. Schenck had failed to solve, will shortly be settled by the aid of radium.

The Prince added that he had prevented the development of hydrophobia in dogs inoculated with rabies virus by using radium.

When large quantities of radium were available, the Prince contended the whole system of modern warfare would be revolutionized, as powder magazines whether in forts or in the holds of vessels, would be at the mercy of radium rays, which could explode them at long distances.

USED ON EYELID CANCER.

Poughkeepsie, Jan. 27.—Employment of the radio-activity of the newly discovered element, radium, was recorded in the Vassar Hospital to-day by Dr. W. G. Dobson. An hermetically-sealed tube containing a small particle of the metal, placed in a glass cup, was applied to the face of a patient suffering from cancer of the mucous membrane of the lower lid of the eye.

While there was no visible result, and cannot be until after repeated applications, the hospital staff are confident thru their study that the progress of the malignant growth will be retarded.

MR. MARCONI'S AIMS.

London, Jan. 27.—Mr. Marconi has arrived at Fraserburgh, on the Aberdeenshire coast, where a wireless telegraph station is being established. He said yesterday that the main object of the station at Fraserburgh was to try to establish communication with the Cornwall station. He hopes to establish communication between Fraserburgh and Iceland, and ultimately to include Norway and Sweden.

EXPRESS LEAVES TRACK.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 27.—The day express from Halifax was due here about 7 o'clock to-night, but about 8.15 o'clock every car suddenly left the track. The engine alone kept the track. The derailed cars kept upright and dragged along for a hundred yards or so before stopped. There were five cars on the train—baggage, mail, two passenger cars and smoker. The passengers were tossed about somewhat, but no one was injured.

Try the top barrel, 31 Colborne-street

THREE ENGINES DID IT.

Petrolea, Jan. 27.—One of the most exciting sights ever witnessed in this town took place to-day. The M.C.R. Road was blocked. At the station this morning about 10 o'clock a coach and one freight car were pushed thru to Oil City by three locomotives.

Try the decanter at Thomas.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Munro Grier on "Citizenship," at Empire Club, Webb's, 1 p.m.
McAll Mission, 123 St. George-street, 3.30 p.m.
Board of Education, Management Committee, 4 p.m.
Haldimand Old Boys, Webb's, 8 p.m.
Retail Merchants' Association, annual meeting, 8 p.m.
Mackenzie Liberal Club, Prospect Park, 8 p.m.
Public Library Board, 8 p.m.
Knights of Pythias at home, Temple Building, 8 p.m.
Labor Council, St. George's Hall, 8 p.m.
Sherlock Vocal Society in "The Creation," Massey Hall, 8 p.m.
Princess, "A Proud Prince," 8 p.m.
Grand, "Under Southern Skies," 8 p.m.
Majestic, "Price of Honor," 2 and 8 p.m.
Shea's, Vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.
Star, Burlesque, 2 and 8 p.m.
Presbyterian Alliance, St. James'-square Presbyterian Church, 10 a.m.

MISSING BLAKE BACK.

St. Catherines' Post Office Clerk Returns to Be Tried.

St. Catharines, Jan. 27.—After over a week's absence from the city, Thomas Blake, the missing postoffice clerk, wanted in connection with alleged irregularities at the postoffice, returned to the city Tuesday night, and yielded to the officers of the law. He was taken before the police magistrate himself, and remanded for eight days.

He is charged with having "unlawfully stolen a posted letter from a box in the postoffice, the said letter containing the sum of $1.25." He has returned, pleaded guilty and thrown himself upon the mercy of the court.

MANDATE IS WANTED.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 27.—Right Hon. Akers Douglas, Secretary for Home Affairs, speaking at Swansea, South Wales, said that no one wished to tax raw material. He was quite sure the country would give a mandate to the government and empower it to open up negotiations. This would lead to a closer union with the colonies. The government had no desire to tax food in such a manner as would in the aggregate raise the cost of living to the working man.

REBUFF FOR JOSEPH.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 28.—The Morning Leader (Liberal) says Canada cares nothing for Chamberlain's policy, and quotes the remarks of James Smart, Deputy Minister of the Interior, to the effect that Canada is not a bit excited over the fiscal question, and that those who have taken the trouble to consider it care little about it. This, The Leader says, sounds at variance with Hon. George E. Foster's pet tariff reform leaguers, and is a rebuff for Joseph Chamberlain.

TRUSTS AND GUARANTEE.

The Trusts and Guarantee Company (Limited) has had a prosperous year, as its report in another column shows. The fact that the old Board of Directors were re-elected, shows that the shareholders are satisfied with the showing, and are content to face another year under the forces that brought success during the past. The business of the year was so profitable that the company was able to pay a dividend of 5 per cent. per annum, and carry forward a substantial balance of $35,000.

NOT PAY AT FIRST.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 28.—Edward Sasson, writing to The Times, says it was only to be expected that the new Pacific cable would not pay at first. He praises Sir Sandford Fleming's open letter of Dec. 8, and shows that the cable produced an increase of 26 per cent. in Indian traffic alone.

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NOW IT'S GEOFFRION.

Ottawa, Jan. 27.—(Globe special.)—The likelihood is that the House of Commons will meet at 2 o'clock, instead of the customary hour of 3 o'clock, on March 10, in order to elect a Speaker. Everything would then be in readiness for the opening of parliament by His Excellency, and it would not be necessary to adjourn until the following day. Victor Geoffrion, M.P. for Chambly and Vercheres, is looked upon as a strong possibility for the Speakership of the house.

Smoke Alive Bollard's Mixture—cool

DEATHS.

BOULTBEE—At Portland, Oregon, on 27th inst., in the 28th year of his age, Percy Roxborough Boultbee of the staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, fourth son of the late Rev. Arthur Boultbee. Funeral at Portland.

O'LEARY—John O'Leary, stairbuilder and member of C.M.B.A., of pneumonia, in his 65th year, Jan. 27th, at his residence, 181 William-street.
Funeral on Saturday, to St. Patrick's Church, thence to St. Michael's Cemetery. Cincinnati papers please copy.

REAMAN—On Tuesday, Jan. 26th, Mabel A. E. Reaman, only daughter of the late Rev. Jacob and Emma C. Reaman, aged 28 years 4 months 16 days.
Funeral from the residence of Mr. Geo. Beaman, Concord, Thursday afternoon, leaving the house at 2 o'clock, for Cober's Cemetery.

ROBINSON—At Sault Ste. Marie, Jan. 26, 1904, Mrs. Thomas Robinson, daughter of J. J. Cakeshett of Toronto, aged 26.
Funeral 2 p.m., from 144 Argyle-street, Jan 28, 1904.

OVENS—On Jan. 25th, 1904, at her late residence, Main-street, Stayner, Margaret Overs, in her 80th year.
Funeral from above address on Thursday, 1.30 o'clock, to Church of the Good Shepherd, thence to Stayner Cemetery.

CYANIDE OF POTASSIUM KILLED WHITAKER WRIGHT

Liberal Papers Use the Case as a Political Weapon Against the Government.

London, Jan. 27.—A post-mortem examination has shown that Whitaker Wright committed suicide by taking cyanide of potassium. His features showed no trace of the suffering he must have endured prior to death. His face was calm and peaceful. His brain was found to have been abnormally large, and as the examination proceeded the doctors found evidences of cyanide of potassium, which confirmed their previous impression of the cause of death. Portions of the deadly tabloids, still undissolved, were found in the stomach, Wright evidently having swallowed several of them.

The report that a revolver had been found on his person has been confirmed. The weapon is of Yankee make, silver plated, and of a heavy calibre, and was fully loaded. It was concealed in his hip pocket, and is an evidence of his strong determination to end his life. It is now supposed that Wright's ostentatious consumption of tabloids for indigestion and insomnia during the last few days of the trial was designed to disguise, in case of necessity, the taking of the fatal dose.

According to the doctors, the dead man prolonged his agony by taking too many of the cyanide of potassium tabloids, as a smaller dose would have brought death sooner.

The post-mortem examination indicates that Wright must have swallowed the tabloid poison while standing before Justice Bigham, after receiving his sentence. It is recalled that Wright pulled a handkerchief from his pocket and appeared to wipe his face, and it is surmised that under cover of this he took the fatal dose.

With the consent of the Home Secretary, Wright's body will be handed over to his relatives after the inquest for private burial at Witley, his home in Surrey.

Mystery in Document.

A strange document was found on the seat in court which had been occupied by Wright, showing that he had a premonition of the sentence. This was a sheet of blotting paper, on which he had scribbled during the justice's summing up. The Roman chaacters "VII." were thickly scattered over the whole sheet. This was before the verdict, but the number coincides with the sentence he received. In the middle of the sheet appears the word "intent."

There are indications in the comments of the Liberal newspapers on the result of the Whitaker Wright case that this case will be used as a political weapon against the government, which declined to prosecute Wright, Premier Balfour, acting on the advice of the law officers of the Crown, having announced in parliament, in December, 1902, that the case was not one for the public prosecutor. These papers insinuate that the government wished to shield Wright, because he was a strong supporter financially and otherwise of the Conservative cause, and because he had influential friends.

Call on Them to Resign.

The Daily News contends that the law officers, Sir Robert Finlay and Sir Edward Carson, ought to resign, and it refers to the "wicked insinuation" of Wright's friends that a prosecution of the case would involve the Duke of Connaught, who did invest in one of Wright's companies, but who was not even remotely involved in his misdoings.

The opposion papers contnue making trenchant comments on the government, "which," they say, "declined to do its duty for reasons now shown to have been absurd in law, and which are always repugnant to common sense."

Big People Have Escaped.

"The handling of the matter," says The Westminster Gazette, "has reflected more discredit o the government than its othr mistakes, with even greater consequences. Distinguished people are involved, and some of them have had happy escapes."

The Financial News, on these points, says: "Wright might have made disclosures which would have seriously discomforted some people, but Wright was loyal as well as courageous and he carried his secrets to the grave. To prevent others from divulging what he chose to conceal, he destroyed many papers, thus completing his sacrifice."

71 Bodies Brought to Surface.

Pittsburg, Jan. 27.—Three days have elapsed since the catastrophe at Parwick mine, and to-night 71 bodies of those who met death as a result of the explosion had been brought to the surface. Only 18 of them have been identified.

100 FAMILIES EXPOSED TO SMALLPOX SCOURGE AT NIAGARA FALLS, ONT.

Mrs. Thornley Attends Social Functions While the Disease is in Incipient Stages.

Niagara Falls, Jan. 27.—(Special.)—Intense excitement prevails here over the possibility of a great spread of smallpox. Over a hundred of the most prominent families of Niagara Falls, Ont., have been exposed to the disease. The particulars are sensational in the extreme. Mrs. Julian Thornley, a bride of less than two months and a social favorite, is ill with the disease. On Monday evening last she attended a social function at the home of a prominent society leader here, where the amusement was progresive euchre. At that time a noticeable eruption had appeared on Mrs. Thornley's face, and general comment was made at the appearance of her complexion, but no one thought that she was stricken with the dread disease. The announcement was made this morning by Dr. W. H. Hodge of the American side of the river, who was called into consultation. Ladies who were associated with Mrs. Thornley at cards and particularly those whose wraps were left in the same room and in conjunction with hers are wild with terror that they will contract the disease.

Rush for Doctors.

There was a general rush for doctors this morning, and telephone calls were continuous. Fully 80 families were exposed. But what adds additional seriousness to the situation is the fact that Mrs. Thornley attended a dancing reception at the City Hall about 10 days ago, where the elite and wealth of this Canadian town were represented. Prominent gentlemen from both sides of the river danced with the lady, and were exposed to the disease. Vaccination has been general, and the fumigation of clothes and wraps has been conducted in over 150 houses today. The matter has been reported to Health Officer Dr. J. H. McGarry, and he will probably order a quarantine on those who were exposed. He placed Mr. and Mrs. Thornley under the strictest quarantine, and has communicated with Dr. Bryce of Toronto, the Provincial Health Officer, who is expected here to-morrow to decide whether it will be necessary to quarantine every person who was exposed to the disease.

Would Paralyze Business.

If this is done, it will practically paralyze business, for among the people present at the card party and the dance were representative lawyers, merchants, bank clerks, engineers and others, which will cause a great deal of inconvenience and discomfort. Mrs. Thornley was married less than two months ago, and has but recently returned from her bridal tour. She either contracted the disease while abroad or while attending the military dance on the American side of the river on Jan. 8. There is a story about that a young man from Tonawanda, N.Y., attended the dance who was taken down with the disease the next day, and he is said to have danced with Mrs. Thornley. The young woman is the wife of Julian Thornley, a young civil engineer employed on the power works on the Canadian side.

OCCUPY COPENHAGEN.

What Germany Would Do in Event of Russo-Japanese War.

Paris, Jan. 28.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris edition of The New York Herald, has telegraphed an extraordinary story to the effect that Germany and Denmark have reached an understanding under the terms of which, in the event of Great Britain fighting with Japan against Russia, Germany would amicably occupy Copenhagen with a powerful force, thus effectively closing the Baltic and preventing the Russians from leaving or the British from entering that sea.

WHAT JOSEPH WISHES.

London, Jan. 28.—Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, writing to the Liverpool Workingmen's Conservative Association, say he does not favor Unionist Free Traders being opposed by tariff reform candidates.

FUR-LINED OVERCOATS

It is the good time now to purchase a fur-lined overcoat at Dineen's, that is if you want to save money and have a warm garment for cold weather. Probably this is the last opportunity you'll get to secure one of the celebrated fifty-dollar muskrat-lined overcoats, with wide otter collars and lapels, and outside of beaver.

FINE.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Jan. 27.—(8 p.m.)—Fine weather prevails to-night thruout Canada, the temperature remaining decidedly low nearly everywhere.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 34—44; Calgary, 14—28; Qu'Appelle, 16 below—4 below; Winnipeg, 22 below—10 below; Port Arthur, 24 below—2 below; Parry Sound, 14 below—2; Toronto, zero—14; Ottawa, 2 below—4; Montreal, zero—6; Quebec, 6—12; Halifax, 18—38.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes, Georgian Bay, Ottawa Valley, Upper St. Lawrence—Fine; not much change in temperature.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Fine and decidedly cold.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Jan. 27.	At.	From.
Georgic	New York	Liverpool
Majestic	New York	Liverpool and Queenstown
Nord America	New York	Genoa and Naples
Calabria	Naples	New York
Lancastrian	London	Boston
Teutonic	Queenstown	New York
Furnessia	Glasgow	New York
Ionian	Liverpool	St. John and Halifax
Patricia	Plymouth	New York

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