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Report of E[illegible]n Canadian Cattle Startles Toronto Live Stock Dealers

False Telegram From Montreal Declares That English Ports Have Been Closed to Shipments From St. John and Halifax—Origin of Scare a Joke, it is Said.

Some Montreal men, possessed of an odd sense of humor, sent a telegram to a cattle dealer in Toronto yesterday announcing that English ports had been closed against Canadian live stock and that no further shipments would be received via Halifax and St. John. Before Toronto dealers discovered the huge joke concealed in the wire there was consternation. One train of eleven cars was already made up here for export, and a considerable number of purchases had been made on the local market during the afternoon to follow this consignment.

Accepted as True at First.

In view of the talk over trouble growing out of the embargo on shipments thru New England points the telegram was accepted as authentic. It was addressed to Isaac Gruff of Elmira, a well-known stock dealer, who was on the local market yesterday. It was signed "Craig." This is the name of a commission man at Montreal who handles some trans-shipments for Toronto people. The commission men of the city and the live stock dealers from other points who happened to be in town did some tall hustling to ascertain the correctness of the report.

Sent Many Messages.

Dozens of telegrams were sent by the various firms, some to the government officials at Ottawa, others to Montreal people, asking for the source of their information, and still others cabled English houses for confirmation. Shipments were held back until further information could be secured.

Had the telegram arrived before the 1700 head of cattle received yesterday had been disposed of the neat little joke would have cost the owners of the stock a considerable portion of the $85,000 the consignment commanded.

NO TRUTH IN IT.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—No truth whatever in report that Canadian ports are closed for shipment of cattle. If such action were taken by the British government this department would be at once advised. Have received no communication on the subject.

George F. O'Halloran,
Deputy Minister of Agriculture.

As it was, the damage was considerable, as there was a disposition among some of the local dealers to credit the report and wire their connections thru Ontario to hold back their shipments indefinitely. Later, when the joke features of the telegram were revealed, the live stock dealers accorded to the author of the message the proportions of a large and commodious ass.

First Ray of Sunshine.

As an evidence of the extent of the telegraphic communications necessary to correct the false impression, William Levack received in reply three wires from one big Montreal firm denouncing the report as untrue, and one from another commission man in that city. The first ray of sunshine came in a wire to Mr. Levack from his Montreal factor, which read:.

"No truth in report about port of St. John being closed."

A little later came a second message to the same gentleman: "False report St. John port being closed. Everything all right."

Before 5 o'clock from another Montreal firm Mr. Levack received two telegrams close together. They read:

"Telegram regarding ports closed is denied. Likely no truth in statement."

"Telegram from Ottawa says: John Craig, a stock shipper and steamboat agent, asserts that the telegram is a false representation."

Where Are the Jokers?

The Toronto stock dealers are yet unable to determine whether the wire was really sent by some one in Montreal or was gotten up as a joke at this end. The information that the telegram was not intended seriously came out on the exchange thru the operators. This was the first information that the local crowd received as to the joke. Just what purpose the representation was intended to serve is not yet determined.

From the following telegrams it is evident that the story was also being circulated in Montreal, but the best evidence that nothing was wrong with the shipping facilities is that a train load of fine stock left Toronto last night, after the report was denied, for the seacoast.

OFFICIALLY DENIED.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—Much interest was aroused in business circles this morning by a rumor that the Imperial authorities had decided to prohibit the landing in England of cattle shipped from St. John, N.B.

The Deputy Minister of Agriculture, George F. O'Halloran, being communicated with by telephone this afternoon, said: **"The statement that the port of St. John has been scheduled is absolutely unfounded. No such cable has been received from Lord Strathcona. In fact, no cable has reached us from Lord Strathcona for two days past."**

ST. JOHN NOT CLOSED.

St. John, Dec. 16.—St. John is not closed. Cattle are arriving by the Intercolonial almost every day.

BUBONIC PLAGUE AGAIN THIS TIME FROM DURBAN

Three Cases Discovered on Board Ship in New York Harbor.

New York, Dec. 16.—Three cases of bubonic plague are under treatment in the Swinburn Island Hospital, at Quarantine. The sufferers are the first and second cooks and the second steward of the Prince Line steamer Saxon Prince, which arrived from Durban, South Africa, yesterday. On inspection of the crew, three were found to be ill. A thoro examination of the patients convinced Health Officer Doty that they had all the symptoms of the plague, and they were taken to Swinburn Island. The result of the examination make known to-night confirmed the diagnosis made at the inspection.

First Case Traced.

The first man taken ill, according to the report of Capt. Jamison, was the second cook. He first complained to the captain when the ship was out two weeks. As the steamer left Durban on Nov. 9, this placed the reported illness on Nov. 23. The other two cases appeared about two weeks ago. The history of the cases made a complete chain of infection from the time of the exposure of the first man at Durban to the time of arrival. The crew were ashore at Durban, and it is undoubtedly there that the disease was contracted.

The first patient is convalescent, but the other two are still under treatment. All three men slept together in a small compartment. The total number of the crew is 31. There are five passengers on board, a woman and four children.

Work of Disinfection.

The steamer will be sent to sea to discharge the water and sand ballast taken on board at Durban. She will then return to Quarantine, when the passengers and crew will be transferred to Hoffman Island, where they will be held for ten days for observation. The effects of all will be thoroly disinfected, and the steamer will be washed and disinfected in every part before being released. Dr. Doty says that there is no danger of a spread of the plague, as the whole matter is well in hand.

"We have been at work for a long time," said Mr. Doty to-night, "in anticipation of the possible appearance of bubonic plague from South African ports. All steamers from those parts, since the reported presence of plague there, have been detained at Quarantine. The crews have been taken on board the disinfecting steamer, stripped, bathed and examined for symptoms of the plague, and their clothes and sleeping quarters have been disinfected. This course has been strictly pursued, and has at last resulted in the detection of cases of the disease."

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For the Man Who Smokes.

There are many things here suitable for a smoker. Briar and meerschaum pipes, companion sets from one to five pipes, in a case. Cigar cases, tobacco pouches, including a special antelope-covered pouch, with initial worked on for $1.00. Humidors, for holding and keeping in moist condition boxes of cigars, and many useful things for a smoker. At A. Clubb & Sons, 49 King West.

Geddes frames pictures on one day's notice. 431 Spadina. 136

To Reward Him by Gifts.

There was considerable excitement at the Union Station a few days ago, when a passenger train on the Northern Division arrived on time. There is some talk of presenting the skilful pilot with one of Fairweather's coonskin coats. These coats are the ideal thing for men who travel or drive much in the winter time. They are a bit warm for walking in, but when one is seated in a sleigh there is naught so warm as a coonskin coat. They only cost $35, and a more acceptable gift could not be conceived. Mr. Fairweather says these coats are in great demand, and they keep all sizes and a big stock.

To Commercial Travelers and Others

See Walter H. Blight, Medical Building. 'Phone 2770 before placing your accident policy. 136

DEAL INVOLVES $500,000.

Whole Lumber Cut of 1903 of One Firm is Sold.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—One of the most important lumber transactions, involving the sale of the entire cut of one of the Ottawa Valley mills, is reported. Watson and Todd, of Liverpool, well-known British buyers, have secured the 1903 cut of McLachlin Bros.' mill at Arnprior. It will aggregate fully 40,000,000 feet, including white and red pine. The cash value of this cut will be fully half a million dollars. The contract includes all the board lumber to be cut at the McLachlin mills next season. Every board turned off the saws from the day the mill opens in the spring to the hour it shuts down in the fall will be included.

SHIPPED FROM COLCHESTER.

How Chinese From Canada Get Into the U.S.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 16.—Jerry Brown, local United States Immigrant Inspector, is inspecting the alleged smuggling of Chinese into the United States, across Lake Erie and into this city. According to reports that have reached Inspector Brown, Colchester, Ont., is made the point of embarkation for Chinese, who are carried into American waters on a sand scow, which anchors outside of Cleveland harbor until dark, when a small boat is sent out to bring the Chinese into this city. The statement is made that a number of Chinese have been brought into the United States in this way.

Roses from 50c per dozen up; Carnations 35c per dozen up; all absolutely fresh. Ferns from 15c up. College Flower Shop, 445 Yonge. Tel N 1102.

Auction To-Day.

We invite you to inspect a special consignment of holiday goods, to be sold by auction, consisting of exquisite ivory carvings (a really important collection), famous Cloisonne enamels and Satsuma ware, Imari ware, bowls, plaques, dishes, jardinieres, etc., the renowned ware of which the "Crown Derby" is a reproduction; cut glass table ware, special English club tumblers; hammered bronze dinner gongs, inlaid with brass; a rare collection of curious objects from British India, in brass and pottery, antique arms, etc.; ormolu clocks, vases, photo frames, mirrors, lamps, candelabra, French bronzes, field glasses, etc., etc. Auction sale every day at 66-68 King-street east, until all is sold out. C. J. Townsend & Co., Auctioneers. ed

Smokers' presents, boxes of cigars, 10 and 25 in box; fine goods. Alive Bollard, 82 and 199 Yonge-street.

Sleigh Robes.

It's a good time now to buy robes for cold weather—for sleighing weather. Dineen Company have a very pretty assortment of musk ox robes, $60 to $80; grey goat, $7 to $10; Rocky bear, $13.50 to $25, besides all the other costly, comfortable or easy-priced things made in these lines.

Marguerites, Arabellas, Japs, La Fortunas, selling out for 25c. Alive Bollard, 128 and 199 Yonge-street.

Remember the Children.

That is one great duty coming to you at Christmas time. Dineen Company have a superb selection of natty furs for children, which would make pleasant some children's hours and protect them from the coming cold.

Bow Park Cream Cheese, 10c. a pack age. At all grocers.

Fur Gauntlets a Good Present.

If you wish to establish yourself forever in the good graces of your best friend, give her a pair of neat Persian lamb gauntlets. Dineens have them from $5.50 upwards—and they're good ones.

Edwards & Company, Chartered Accountants, 26 Wellington St. East.—Geo. Edwards, F. C. A., A. H. Edwards.

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Sanderson's Mountain Dew Scotch. ed

WHERE IT IS WARM.

New Orleans, Dec. 16.—The weather to-day is the hottest for this season of the year in nearly a century. Straw hats and shirt waists are out in full force, and flowers are in full bloom.

BOERS AID CHAMBERLAIN IN HIS INVESTIGATIONS

Gen. Botha Regrets That Boers in United States Try to Raise Money.

New York, Dec. 16.—Louis Botha, writing to Theodore M. Banta, from Brussels, under date of Dec. 3, in reply to a letter from a committee of the trustees of the Holland Society, to Gens. Botha, Dewet and Delarey, tendering the courtesies of the society and co-operation during their contemplated visit to this country, says:

"You will, no doubt, be aware that Mr. Chamberlain has left for South Africa. He has promised to investigate matters there, and to give our people further pecuniary assistance, if he finds that necessary. For this reason we shall not at present visit America, as we are returning to South Africa, because we consider that we shall be better serving our people to meet Mr. Chamberlain there and personally help to let him see how great the need is in our devastated country by giving him all possible information there. When we have done this we propose to go to America, and will then take the liberty of informing you further about our visit.

"I regret to see that so many of our fellow-countrymen are already busy trying to raise funds in America. I wish to remark that no one there represents our people, nor is on any mission from our people or in any way connected with us and our mission."

RUSSIA PRESSING CHINA.

Wants to Establish Stations on Manchurian Railway.

Pekin, Dec. 16.—Russia is pressing China to assent to the establishment of customs and postal services at the principal stations of the Manchurian railroad, these stations to be under Russian supervision and independent of the Chinese maritime customs. Sir Robert Hart, chief of the maritime customs, is opposing the scheme, and the chances for his success are thought to be favorable. An edict announces that the Chinese government proposes to acquire the China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company, which is owned by Sheng, a protege of the late Li Hung Chang, and the estate of Li Hung Chang.

DAVIES' PACKET TEA.

The Davies Company Institute a New Departure in Selecting Tea for Their 22 Stores.

The Davies stores are located in every good shopping locality within the city. In the west, northwest, north, east and far east of Toronto their retail organization is completed. A system of inter-store delivery keeps this chain of 22 stores in close touch with the factory. Each store is complete within itself, yet all are single links of one organization.

Conceive the aggregate business handled by 22 large stores, and figure out how many chests of tea are required for supplying their thousands of customers. The problem would be easier if the reader were in the wholesale provision business.

To get tea—real good tea—and plenty of it for their thousands of customers, has been the study of the Davies Company. Their tea trade has become of some importance, and they have now installed a complete working plant for packing tea. This has been placed under the supervision of Robert D. Ross, late of the Ross Tea Company, and well-known in the tea trade. He is giving his whole attention to the buying, sampling and packing of the finest tea. The object aimed at is to buy and sell for 25c per pound, tea of like quality to that which ordinarily sells at 40c per pound. A World man tried a sample of the tea put up in these packets, bearing the Davies name. The tea was all that the name implies—of choicest, rarest quality. It has been placed in all their stores, and the Davies Company specially invite their customers to try a half-pound packet.

DARKNESS VS. LIGHT.

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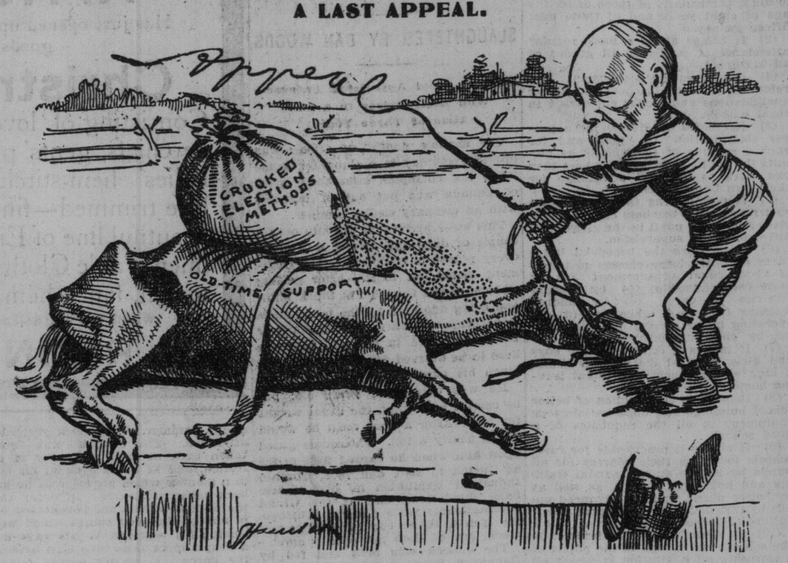

But——in vain.

Abolish the Public Bars Temperance Workers Cry

Government Will Also Be Asked to Abolish Selling of Liquor in Clubs.

That in view of the recent expression of the electors of the Province of Ontario in favor of the liquor act of 1902, we deem it advisable to appoint a deputation to wait on the government and request them that effect be given to the said vote by the abolition of public bars, selling of liquor in clubs, and that the imposition of such restrictions to the traffic shall be most effectual in curtailing its operation and remedy the evil

This resolution, moved by Rev. Dr. Carman, seconded by Rev. Principal Caven, represented the opinion of about 200 temperance workers who assembled yesterday in Knox Church at the call of the executive of the Dominion Alliance for the suppression of the liquor traffic to discuss what action should be taken in view of the large vote for prohibition on Dec. 4 last. Representatives from all parts of the province were present. George L. Marter, ex-M.L.A., presided, and he was surrounded by the most prominent representatives of temperance thought in the city and province. The press were asked to leave before the main question came up for discussion, but the representative of a Montreal paper was allowed to remain.

A committee was appointed to draw up a plan of campaign. The members of the committee were: G. M. Elliott, Goderich; R. Gorman, Ottawa; R. J. Young, Hamilton; Rev. William Kettlewell; Mount Forest; W. F. Lawrence, Sarnia; Rev. W. A. McKay, Woodstock; F. Outram, Port Hope; Rev. Dr. Brethour, Niagara Falls; Mrs. May R. Thornley, London; Mrs. O. A. Rutherford, Toronto; Rev. C. Goodspeed, Rev. S. S. Bates, Rev. Dr. Chown, Rev. A. Carman, Rev. C. L. Inglis, Rev. A. C. Courtice, Rev. J. A. Macdonald, George Spence, J. A. Austin and Secretary F. S. Spence.

While the committee was engaged in the preparation of its report the general meeting listened to five-minute addresses by Rev. Dr. Williamson, J. H. Hammon, Orillia; G. M. Elliott, Goderich; Rev. Dr. Courtice, C. L. Inglis, Rev. Dr. McKay, Woodstock; J. Young, Hamilton; Rev. J. C. Speers, Rev. Dr. Chown, A. Gand, Ottawa; Rev. Dr. Coolley, Milton; W. W. Buchanan, Rev. J. A. Macdonald, F. Daly, London; Principal Caven, Knox College; R. A. Carman.

It was the general opinion of these speakers that the referendum vote on Dec. 4 was a big victory for prohibition, and that on the strength of it the government should be pressed to enforce at least part of the Liquor Act. Mr. Daly, who was the prohibition candidate in London at the last provincial election, spoke strongly in favor of going to the government to ask them to enforce the Liquor Act in toto.

Principal Caven thought the meeting should ask at least for the abolition of the public bars and the selling of liquor in clubs. He also urged that whatever report the committee brought in should be carried by a unanimous vote, as it would carry more weight with the government.

The committee then reported the resolution which goes before. It was the opinion of several that it was not strong enough, as the whole act ought to be enforced. The resolution was, however, carried unanimously, and the members of the executive present will be a committee which will present it to the government.

Rev. Dr. Williams moved a vote of congratulation to Secretary Spence for his generalship and work done in the recent campaign.

DR. MACVICAR'S FUNERAL.

Two Services Will Be Held on Thursday Afternoon.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—The funeral of the late Principal MacVicar will take place on Thursday afternoon. Two services will be held, one in the David Morrice Hall of the Presbyterian College, at 2 o'clock, and another in the Crescent-street Presbyterian Church at 3 o'clock. The first will be for the family and intimate friends of the deceased; the second will be of a more public character.

Mrs. Maybrick in Prison.

London, Dec. 16.—Baroness De Roques visited her daughter, Florence Maybrick, in Aylesbury Prison, to-day. She found Mrs. Maybrick to be in delicate health, but cheerful. Owing to the interest taken in Mrs. Maybrick by the Duchess of Bedford and others, the prisoner is now cheerful. She has been transferred from the manual labor department of the prison to the library.

Cheese Sandwiches are delicious—use Bow Park Cream Cheese.

Amend the Anti-Trust Law.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Senator Quarles (Wisconsin) to-day introduced a bill for the amendment of the Anti-Trust Law, the purpose of which is to prevent trusts from forcing ruinous competition on rivals in the same line of business.

Tasty and economical—Bow Park Cream Cheese.

Depends on Treaties.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—It is reported that Count Von Buelow, the Imperial Chancellor, will be elevated to the rank of Prince by Emperor William after the successful completion of the commercial treaties.

DEMAND FOR $1,500,000.

What the Provincial Premiers Will Meet to Consider.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—Hon. J. I. Tarte, writing to-day in La Patrie on the coming meeting of provincial Premiers, said that if the federal government and parliament listen to the demand that will soon be made upon them they will have to pay an additional yearly sum of $1,500,000 and more to the several provinces.

DOUKS TO MEET DOUK.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 16.—Three Doukhobors—Ivan and Simon Riebon and Paul Planidy of the Canadian West, have arrived here to meet a brother Doukhobor, Peter Vergin, who, they say, recently escaped from Siberia, after 16 years' exile.

Six o'clock dinner at New Carlton Hotel

WILL BORROW $10,000.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—In order to be able to cope with the fuel situation, as affecting the poor, the City Council will ask the provincial legislature for power to borrow $10,000, and, in the meantime, the aldermen will subscribe the amount and risk obtaining the sanction of the legislature.

Smokers' presents, fine Briars and Meerschaums, in cases. Alive Bollard, 128 and 199 Yonge-street.

Enter a Complaint.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The temperance workers have entered complaint with Crown Attorney Ritchie against several vote pluggers in connection with the referendum on the Liquor Act.

PATENTS — Fetherstonhaugh & Co. Head Office, King-street West, Toronto, and Montreal, Ottawa and Washington.

$100,000 CHANGED HANDS ON CATTLE MARKET.

The cash transactions at the Toronto Stock Yards yesterday aggregated one hundred thousand dollars. This is in excess of the usual volume of trade, but it illustrates the extraordinary proportions which this branch of business has now assumed. There are three markets weekly in this city, and the largest number of animals are sold the latter part of the week. Therefore, the regular business at the local yards approaches three hundred thousand dollars weekly. While a part of this stock goes forward for export, a much larger proportion is slaughtered here. This money goes to the farmers and stock men of Ontario principally, and is an important factor in commercial circles.

For instance, fancy Christmas cattle brought seven cents a pound at the yards yesterday. There were 1700 cattle, and they sold at from five and a half to six cents a pound, except the fancy, which reached seven. This means $85,000 was paid out for the cattle alone. Hogs brought six cents a pound, and the seven hundred netted ten thousand dollars. The sheep averaged three cents, and realized five thousand dollars, including the lambs in the shipments.

The shipments have increased nearly 25 per cent. within the year, and the price of live stock is more than one cent a pound higher on the hoof than a year ago. These figures indicate how rapidly the live stock industry in the province is growing, and what proportions the marketing of the animals has assumed in Toronto. Almost nightly stock trains move east from Toronto with shipments of stock handled here for export. In fact, this city has become the hub around which great numbers of export cattle are handled.

GEN. NORD WITH AN ARMY IS ACCLAIMED PRESIDENT

His Opponents Take Refuge in the Consulates at Port an Prince.

Port au Prince, Dec. 16.—Seneque Pierros took refuge to-day in the German consulate. All the military authorities who have been supporters of Seneque Pierros candidacy for the presidency, and, those opposed to Gen. Nord, also sought refuge in the consulates.

Gen. Nord is acclaimed President by the troops, and seems to be master of the situation, notwithstanding the fact that the majority of Congress is in favor of Seneque Pierros.

It is believed Gen. Nord will dissolve the Chamber of Communes, and the Senate, and will order the elections which will result in his favor. Firing continued this afternoon in the streets, but the foreign residents are in no danger.

SHOOTING IN THE STREETS.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The following cablegram has been received to-day from Vice-Consul-General Jorres, at Port au Prince:

"Gen. Nord arrived Sunday. Great excitement; shooting in the streets. Secretary of Interior with general police at legation. Serious trouble expected."

WANT IN AUSTRIA.

Lack of Employment Sends Best Workmen Out of Country.

Vienna, Dec. 16.—The unprecedented severity of the weather thruout Austria has caused acute suffering among the poor and the unemployed, who are more numerous this year than for many years past. In the iron trade alone there are one hundred and forty thousand men without employment. Many factories are closed or are running on half time. The authorities fear an epidemic of typhus and far reaching famine.

The emigration agents are thriving. The best workmen of Austria are leaving the country, a fact which economists greatly deplore because it assists the new world to compete with Europe. In emigrating Austrian workmen help the ruin of their own country. It is feared that the present conditions will prove worse before the end of the winter.

HIRED MAN CONFESSES.

Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 16.—John Bartlinger, or Utzler, as his name proves to be, the man who so brutally murdered Mrs. Robert Garrison, has confessed. He told where he had sold the gold watch, which was the only property he succeeded in stealing. It was sold to J. H. Belmont in this city for $5.

HANNA'S ASSAILANT SENTENCED.

Windsor, Dec. 16.—William Campbell, who pleaded guilty to assaulting Attorney J. W. Hanna on Crawford-avenue, was this morning sentenced by Judge Horne to four months in the Central Prison at Toronto.

SEARCHING FOR BODIES.

Quebec, Dec. 16.—Search is being made for the bodies of Miss Lizzie Bourdage and Miss Clara Jackson, who lost their lives in the Victoria Hotel fire.

Maurice Frigon is acclaimed as a hero. He rescued four women and children from the fire.

SIR WILFRID IS IMPROVED.

Montreal, Que., Dec. 16.—J. A. Drouin, president of the Liberal Reform Club, to-day received a letter from a personal friend, who is visiting Sir Wilfrid Laurier at Hot Springs, stating that the Premier desired to let his many friends in Montreal know that he felt greatly improved in health and would be in this city on Dec. 29.

WITH TWO EXCEPTIONS.

Quebec, Que., Dec. 16.—Hon. S. N. Parent stated this morning that the meeting would be held at the Parliament Buildings, and that all the Premiers with the exception of two would be in attendance.

U.S. INVASION OF CANADA.

Port Huron, Mich., Dec. 16.—The Port Huron Engine and Thresher Co. of this city are organizing a company to start a branch institution in Winnipeg.

Good food and pleasant surroundings. Clancey's six o'clock dinner.

DIED IN HIS STORE.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—W. R. Young, a grocer, dropped dead in his store today from heart failure.

Try the Decanter at Thomas'.

Arbitration Offer is Vague Castro Gave No Guarantee

Venezuela Ports Will Be Blockaded, But British Will Not Occupy Country.

London, Dec. 16.—Judging from statements given out by the Foreign Office, the Venezuelan situation to-night does not appear to be any nearer a settlement. Up to a late hour to-night no suggestion has been made that Great Britain could eventually see its way to submitting its claims to arbitration, and the Foreign Office points out that Venezuela's offer to arbitrate is extremely vague.

President Castro, in the communication in which he expressed his willingness to resort to arbitration, provides no guarantee that the rights of British subjects in Venezuela will be respected pending the award. The Foreign Office claims that some matters are impossible to arbitrate, instancing the disrespectful treatment of Mr. Haggard, British Minister to Venezuela; to arbitrate the financial claims, however, will meet with no opposition in official circles in London, nor is there any desire to stir up opposition here by continuing unnecessarily the present armed compact with Germany; but, quoting from the Foreign Office, "at the same time there is not the slightest inclination to let Venezuela go unpunished for her repeated insults and injuries. The offer to arbitrate comes very late. We are not seeking a quarrel, but we must insure ourselves against a recurrence of the acts which led to the present situation."

The Foreign Office appears to be without official cognizance of the attitude of the Washington government, altho it is convinced unofficially that Washington is anxious that further hostilities be avoided. It is known that the Foreign Office has made inquiry as to whether the United States would be willing to guarantee the fulfilling of Venezuela's pledges, either at the immediate cessation of the present European action or pending the award of arbitrators.

This inquiry resulted in a direct negative from the United States. With the guarantee of the United States, the Foreign Office says arbitration in the Venezuelan matters would be an immediate probability, but, with only the word of a government hitherto unreliable, arbitration is difficult of accomplishing, even upon the points where international relations admit of such a method of settlement.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons to-day, Under Foreign Secretary Cranborne said no attempt had been made by Great Britain to refer the dispute with Venezuela to arbitration.

Replying to a question in the House of Lords, Lord Lansdowne, the Foreign Secretary, said that if the seizure of the Venezuelan gunboats did not produce the desired effect further coercive measures would be employed. The matter had been considered in consultation with Germany, and it had been

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MAYOR COCHRANE ANGRY WOULD QUIT HIS PARTY

Receives a Letter From Minister Blair That Makes Him Long for Opposition.

Montreal, Dec. 16.—"If Sir Wilfrid Laurier were not head of the government, I would leave the Liberal party and go into opposition." The city's chief magistrate, Mayor Cochrane, uttered the words slowly and with considerable feeling to-day.

It was stated at the City Hall that the Mayor had just received a letter from Hon. Mr. Blair, which contained something which aroused His Worship's ire. It was reported a few days ago that in an altercation between Ald. Gallery and the Mayor, as to Mr. Blair's attitude on the coal situation, His Worship had uttered remarks about the Minister of Railways, which, to say the least, were not complimentary. "What were the contents of the letter you received to-day from the Hon. Mr. Blair?" the Mayor was asked.

"I do not wish to give the letter to the press," answered Mayor Cochrane sharply.

SIXTEEN MEN DROWNED.

Officers and Crew of Steamer Marlay Go Down With Ship.

London, Dec. 16.—A despatch to The Central News says that sixteen men, officers and crew of the British steamer Marlay are believed to have been drowned as a result of the foundering of their vessel. The Marlay left Liverpool for Dublin, loaded with coal yesterday evening. She experienced heavy weather in mid-channel. A lifeboat was lowered, but it was washed away with one man in it.

This sailor was rescued; he declares that he saw the Marlay founder.

The British steamer Marlay was built at Belfast in 1890. She was of 798 gross tons. She was owned by Tedcastle, McCormick and Company of Dublin.

IMPORTANT IF TRUE.

Problem of Profitably Treating Low Grade Ores Solved.

Rossland, B.C., Dec. 16.—The citizens banquet to Bernard Macdonald and William Thompson to-night was an immense success. In the course of the evening Edmund B. Kirby announced that his company had solved the problem of profitably utilizing low grade ore, and that a mill would be built this winter. Later, when the mechanical process is worked out, a larger mill would be constructed, provided the two per cent. mineral tax that worked such hardship on low grade ores was withdrawn by that time.

CATTLE QUARANTINE BROKEN.

Albany, N.Y., Dec. 16.—A yoke of oxen from the town of Otis, Berkshire County, Mass., purchased by Randall Hoxie of Ghent, Columbia County, eluded the pickets of the State Board of Agriculture, but were promptly discovered and are under surveillance. The oxen are not infected nor from an infected district, but Hoxie violated the federal quarantine against foot and mouth disease, and his case is in the hands of the federal authorities for prosecution.

RICHEST BABY ILL.

New York, Dec. 16.—John Nicholas Brown, the richest baby in the United States, is still to ill to be removed from the Waldorf-Astoria to the home of its mother in Providence.

The baby is nearly three now, and altho rated as being worth only $10,000, will have $30,000,000 when he comes of age.

The golden infant has two nurses, a valet and a trained kindergarten entertainer.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

Quebec, Dec. 16.—A despatch from Grondines, County of Portneuf, says about 8 o'clock last night fire broke out in the house owned and occupied by Louis Archambeault, cheese manufacturer. The flames spread with such rapidity that nothing could be saved. The two-year-old son of Mr. Archambeault perished in the flames.

NATIONALISTS BACK IN HOUSE.

London, Dec. 16.—In the House of Commons to-day, John Redmond, the Irish leader, with the majority of his colleagues, who had absented themselves for some time, resumed their attendance and voted with the Ministerialist majority against Sir Charles Dilke's motion to reject the House of Lords' amendment to the education bill.

Smokers' presents, silver tobacco jars and smokers' sets. Alive Bollard, 128 and 199 Yonge-street.

SUGAR ON SUNDAY.

Wiarton, Dec. 16.—The sugar factory was pronounced complete on Friday night, and was started running. It is now booming. The first sugar was produced on Sunday morning, and is a very fine sample.

Take a package home—Bow Park Cream Cheese.

May Close Schools.

Winnipeg, Dec. 16.—There is a probability that some of the schools will close at Brandon owing to fuel shortage. The electric light plant there is also running short.

Comfort, service, quality. Clancey's six o'clock dinner. Try it.

John D. Gives Another Million.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Another contribution of $1,000,000 from John D. Rockefeller to the University of Chicago was announced to-day.

$250,000 to Buy Coal.

New York, Dec. 16.—The Board of Aldermen to-day voted $250,000 to buy coal for the poor of the city.

DEATHS.

KRUMRAYH—At 145 Brunswick-avenue, on Monday, Dec. 15th, 1902, Henry Krumrayh, in his 55th year of age.

Funeral from above address Wednesday, 2 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

THE REFERENDUM.

For the act 179,744
Against the act 92,483

Majority 87,261
Total vote 272,227

Official returns: West Lambton—For, 3578; against, 783; majority, 2845. East Lambton—For, 2918; against, 425; majority, 2493.

RAILWAY COMMITTEE.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—There is to be a meeting of the Railway Committee of the Privy Council on Friday morning, when the County Council of Frontenac will ask that the Grand Trunk be compelled to build a subway under its tracks across the Montreal-road, at Kingston Junction.

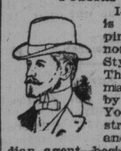
FAKE INDIAN SCARE.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Both the Indian and Mounted Police Departments profess ignorance of the report wired to Seattle that an Indian tribe on the Yukon has taken to the warpath. The officials here put the story down as a fake.

W. W. B McINNES ELECTED.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 15.—Hon. W. W. B. McInnes, Provincial Secretary, was elected to-day in North Nanaimo by 108 majority.

Fedoras and Alpines.



It's a comfortable hat, is the fedora or the Alpine. Some may say it is not stylish. We answer, Stylish men wear them. There are none better made than those handled by Dineen, corner of Yonge and Temperance-streets. He is Dunlap's and Heath's sole Canadian agent—besides being distributing agent for nearly all the other makers.

A LITTLE COLDER.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 16.—(8 p.m.)—The weather to-day has been mild in nearly all parts of Canada. Rain fell during the night in Ontario, and is now falling in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces. The temperature has risen above the freezing point in many portions of the Northwest Territories:

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Kamloops, 12—18; Edmonton, 18—32; Prince Albert, 4—20; Qu'Appelle, 6 below—30; Winnipeg, 2—18; Port Arthur, 22—28; Parry Sound, 26—38; Toronto, 29—40; Ottawa, 12—38; Montreal, 8—38; Quebec, 2—28; Halifax, 10—40.

Probabilities.

Lakes—Fresh to strong westerly winds; partly fair and a little colder, with a few snow flurries.

Georgian Bay—Fresh to strong westerly winds; a little colder; light local snow falls.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Westerly and northerly winds; mostly fair, becoming a little colder; a few snow flurries.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Clearing and becoming colder, with northwesterly winds.

Maritime—Fresh to strong southwesterly to westerly winds; mild and showery.

Lake Superior—Fair and a little colder.

Manitoba—Fair and moderately cold.

That Horse of Yours.

Horses are too valuable nowadays to neglect. The pavements of modern days make easy pulling—and easy slipping. A fall will ruin a horse. Dunlop Ideal Horseshoe Pads meet the need for horse protection. Every blacksmith can get them.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Dec. 16.	At.	From.
Vaderland	New York	Antwerp
Nomadic	New York	Liverpool
Toronto	Boston	Hull
Mesaba	Boston	Hull
Corean	Glasgow	Boston
Sarmatian	Glasgow	Portland
Englishman	Liverpool	Boston
Tunisian	Moville	St. John