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The hats this season probably more than in previous season show the skill of the millinery trimmers and designers. They are made in our workrooms from the wire foundations up to the last bit of trimming. We have the cleverest milliners and the most skilled trimmers that we can get, and the productions of our department are recognised as the most correct and stylish types of the latest New York styles.

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GAMEY'S MINING PLEA

Survey of Mineral Resources of New Ontario.

Many Hints of Value Thrown Out in His Scathing Indictment of Late Government's Mining Policy—Man From Manitoulin Tells Bluntly His Idea of Late Commissioner's Policy—Routine.

Toronto, April 15.—In the Legislature yesterday, in reply to the question of the Provincial Secretary, Mr. E. B. Thorne, of Port Huron, was engaged by verbal combat as auditor and that the remuneration is \$200 a month. In reply to Mr. Munro, the Commissioner of Crown Lands said no decision had been arrived at in respect to amending the volunteer land grant act to entitle volunteers of 1866 who performed military duties at inland points and at headquarters of corps, to grants.

Hon. Dr. Beaudry said the Government was considering the question of increasing the number of factory inspectors.

The following bills were introduced: Dr. Smellie—Respecting the Town of Fort William.

Mr. Crawford—To amend the Consolidated Municipal Act.

The Budget Debate. Mr. Gamey arose amid loud applause and criticised the policy of the late Government regarding its timber policy. It had allowed holders of timber limits to retain the licenses after the timber was all taken off. It would surprise many to learn that holders of timber limits got was greatly increased. He hoped the Government would exercise care in the future and see that individuals might be able to secure water power privileges.

Electric smelting was favorable only where water powers were had. Nearly all the water powers had been given away by the late Government, and now a serious state of affairs existed.

Railway companies had received very large land grants, a policy he did not quarrel with. But he would object to their having complete control of it. Prospecting should be the cheapest; therefore the prospector was excluded, and any number of townships were tied up and prospecting retarded. "The late Minister of Crown Lands, after technical education, establishing of assaying offices and reduction works, all constituting a wide and important field, providing the minerals were to be had."

Department of Mines. Mr. Gamey proceeded to an exhaustive survey of the late Government's mining policy. "I approve of the idea of the new portfolio of mines, doing so on far broader lines than self-interest," he said. "The duties of the new minister would include the selling and leasing of mining lands, inspection of mines, keeping of maps, collecting dues, issuing licenses and royalties, looking after technical education, establishing of assaying offices and reduction works, all constituting a wide and important field, providing the minerals were to be had."

Our Mineral Resources. That we possessed great mineral resources in Ontario was already evident from the meagre evidence secured by the late Government. After giving some information regarding the vast resources of New Ontario, its topography and extent, he pointed out that many people got a wrong impression from what they saw along the railway ways, which only passed through the roughest country. The late Government was criticised for failing to get out correct maps showing the peculiar value and nature of various portions of the country. "Everything they did," said he, "was what they were compelled to do. We never heard until two or three years ago that there were millions of acres of good agricultural land up there." The Government should have known it sooner. The new Government should, he contended, establish observation bureaus in New Ontario.

Our Copper Resources. In Ontario there were no less than 13,000,000 acres of copper-bearing lands with which the Government did not do anything. "Nature has done wonders for us," laughed Mr. Gamey, "except in supplying the lack of brains in certain quarters." Ontario copper ore would not stand transportation. Therefore, we should have refining plants in our own country. Ores, in the upper lake districts, were not nearly so productive as Ontario's, yet from there thousands of tons were being sold to the United States. It was clear that the present Government should bonus some refinery in Ontario.

Zinc Ore. What had the Ross Government done for the encouragement of zinc mining? The bureau of mines established by it was an intelligent one. They got much information, but, none about zinc. Yet there were millions of tons in Ontario worth from 7c to 13c on the market, and not being mined. The Liberal Government should have done something to encourage this industry. He mentioned the instance of an Ottawa company, who, unable to have ore refined in Ontario, sent some 5,000 tons to Belgium. The Government promptly put a prohibitive tax upon it to keep it here where there were no refineries. It might be said they didn't know the circumstances. "But they ought to have known," said Mr. Gamey. "Since we could not refine our own ores we could not get our share of the refining of foreign ores, a very large

The Essay Judges

The Judges in the Special Gold Medal Essay Competition for THE PLANET JUNIOR are Mr. W. E. McKeough, who has been asked to act as chairman; the ladies of St. Ursula at "The Pines," Mrs. Robert Gray, Dr. Thos. L. McKitchie and Mr. W. D. A. Ross.

These judges have very kindly consented to examine the essays submitted and select the best to be submitted to the Minister of Education.

portion of which was done by the United States.

Iron Ore. While admitting that considerable had been done to favor the iron industry by establishing smelters, he felt there should be some distinction as to Bessemer steel. Referring to the loan of \$2,000,000 made by the late Government to the Lake Superior Co., he complained regarding a large contract for 100,000 tons of iron ore given to the American market, a large part of which could have been provided by Canadian mines. He suggested that nearly all the iron used by the Soo Company should come from the States. Look Out For Ontario.

The Soo company should be compelled to use as much Canadian ore as possible. He hoped the present Government would not commit the mistake of allowing the contract to be renewed without safeguarding Ontario's interests.

He urged that the prospector should be protected by proper freight charges and new railways wherever needed. "Regarding its mining policy," the Government has a very long way to go," said Mr. Gamey. "I urge that whatever changes are made the policy should be uniform throughout the country. Every possible bit of information should be collected regarding the country and all the lands retained under the control of the Government. The interests of the prospector, should be guarded. I would even say that he should be given free land, provided the country would be assisted in development."

Give It To Manitoulin. Mr. Gamey thought the new territory around Egan Bay, which the Government was striving for, was not of sufficient value to make it worth contending for. He did not think we should endeavor to deprive Manitoulin of an outlet to Hudson Bay.

Mr. Gamey's concluding remarks were a strong plea for the interests of New Ontario, interests he felt sure could be safely entrusted to the hands of the new Government, in whom he had the greatest confidence.

The speaker was greeted with prolonged applause as he resumed his seat after having spoken over an hour. Sam Charles, of West Northumberland, moved the adjournment of the debate.

In answer to Mr. Graham, the Premier said the speaker would be permitted to put the matter under consideration of the estimates should not be retarded, and an arrangement might be suggested whereby the budget and estimates might be considered alternately. He also suggested that when the House adjourned next Thursday for the Easter holidays the recess should continue till a week from Easter Monday. This matter could be considered later.

THE TELEPHONE COMMITTEE.

Secretary-Treasurer of Montreal Company Gives His Evidence.

Ottawa, April 15.—There was a very brief session of the Telephone Committee yesterday morning. Joseph Molson, secretary-treasurer of the Merchants' Telephone Co., Montreal, testified. His company operated solely in the City of Montreal; had 1,346 subscribers; rates \$10 to \$25 for private houses, and \$30 to \$45 for business establishments. Witness said his company had no working agreement with the Bell company and were unable to put their instruments in the C. P. R. and G. T. R., and also the R. & O. Navigation Co. and Shredon Cartage Co. on account of a contract these companies had with the Bell. His company had paid no dividends since its organization in 1881. In the City of Montreal they used the poles of the Montreal Light, Heat and Power Co. The company had never tried to get outside connections. Witness produced a financial statement, but requested that it be not published.

Delany MacDonald, ex-Mayor of Ridgway, on the request of Mr. Monk, was ordered to be summoned as a witness. He knew something of municipal telephone services in that district. Dr. Oates, of Heepeler, will also be called.

The marriage of Miss Vetriche West, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. West, to Mr. John Middleton, took place yesterday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Main street west, before a large company of invited guests.—Hdgetown Dominion.

GLAD HE MADE GOOD JOB

Alexis Desroche Talks of Murder of Wife and Daughter.

Verdict of Wilful Murder Returned Against Him by the Coroner's Jury—Taken to Barrie Jail After Being Committed for Trial at the Fall Assizes—His Brother's Estimation of the Murderer.

Fenestanguehene, April 15.—A verdict of wilful murder was returned against Alexis Desroche at yesterday morning's session of the Coroner's inquest, after Dr. Bowman and Addison described the terrible injuries received by the woman and her daughter. There were ten witnesses at the preliminary investigation, all of whom offered corroborative evidence. The prisoner was committed for trial at the fall Assizes by Magistrate Hawson.

The evidence of Mr. Bowman included a statement by Desroche, giving in detail the facts of the murder. A final plea of "not guilty" was entered on behalf of the self-confessed murderer by his counsel, Barrister D. S. Storey, of Midland.

"Glad He Made Good Job." Alexis Desroche, the murderer, was taken yesterday afternoon to the county jail at Barrie. He evinced no signs of regret or weakness. On the contrary, to his brother, Xavier, who saw him in his cell, he said he was "glad that he made a good job of it."

"What do you think will happen to you?" Xavier asked. "It is understood I will get into trouble," was the reply. Alexis accused his brother of being the cause of it all, taking the reasoning that if he (Xavier) and Father Laboriau, the executors of his father's estate, had given him a farm or home, he would have settled down to work and would not have "met this woman," meaning his murdered wife. It appears that when the father died he left \$1,000 for Alexis to be given him by the executors as they deemed best.

"There Was No Use." "There was no use in my placing him on a farm," said Xavier, "because he did not know how to take care of it. They had given him money from time to time, however, until almost all the \$1,000 had gone. He says Alexis was always weak-minded and this is borne out by neighbors who say that he was shut in traveling around the country. "When Alexis ever had any trouble, or even when he was by great fury, he lost all control of himself, and did not know what he was doing. Finally he would take a notion not to work, and then no person could compel him to. He would hang around as long as any person would give him money, but when that was refused him he would get terribly ugly." This he believed had been one cause of trouble with his wife.

"You could not believe a word he said," added his brother. "You could never get anything straight from him."

Still Won't Talk. Three Rivers, Que., April 15.—In the Slater adjourned murder investigation the widow of the murdered man was again brought up as a witness, but on the advice of her lawyers refused to answer any interrogations, and the case was postponed until 22nd inst.

PRIVATE BUT CANDID.

Mr. Balfour Reads Statement Prepared By Mr. Chamberlain.

London, April 15.—A deputation, strictly private of Chamberlainites was received by Premier Balfour in the House of Commons yesterday.

The interview took the form of a conversation. Mr. Balfour carefully read the statement prepared by Mr. Chamberlain as the outcome of the meeting of the tariff reforms on Thursday. He was not pressed for an immediate reply, so the deputation left without any decision being arrived at. "It is understood the proceedings were of a cordial character."

Must Market Manufactures. A. Bonar Law, M. P., Unionist, as principal speaker at the Central Finbury Unionist Association meeting, discussing the fiscal question, said: "What we need more than anything else was a market for our manufactured goods. Surely it was worth while to try and get a bigger share of trade by even imposing a small tax on corn in order that a bigger amount of the immense trade with the British Empire should be done by British hands."

Montcalm Still Fast. Quebec, April 15.—The position of the steamer Montcalm in the Cap Rouge ice jam was unchanged at 9 o'clock last evening. She is lying without apparent danger behind the Point Aux Basile rock, some thirty or forty feet from the south shore. The vessel is completely wedged in on all sides with ice, in some places from thirty to forty feet high. Above the vessel the ice is a solid barrier from one side of the river to the other. Officials of the department are of the opinion that the Montcalm is doomed to be helpless until the high tides come. The next series of spring tides are due on the 19th inst.

Fell In A Fit and Drowned. Brockville, April 15.—Thursday the body of John D. Robinson, aged 27 years, and unmarried, was recovered from a small creek running through Motte Mills in Leeds County. On Tuesday Robinson told his mother he was going along the bank of the creek for a walk to see if the fish had begun to run. This was the last seen of him alive. The body was found under the projecting roots of a stump, held in three feet of water. Robinson was supposed to be fainting fit.

BATTLE NOW IN THE AIR

Russian and Japanese Fleets May Fight Any Moment.

Admiral Rojestvensky With His Warships Sailing Right Into the Teeth of the Japanese, and at Present Going Will Be Off Formosa, Togo's Base, on Sunday Morning—The Land War.

Saigon, April 15.—There is now no doubt that a fight between the Russian and Japanese fleet may take place at any moment. The British ship Sir George White, in last evening from Manila, passed the entire Russian squadron. Thursday morning 150 miles south of Triton Island in the Farasels group. The warships were taking the nearest route to Formosa, their course being almost due east and their speed about nine knots an hour. It is clear, therefore, that the Russians are not seeking to evade the Japanese warships, and at nine miles an hour the fleet will be off the Island of Formosa on Sunday morning. It is hardly probable that Admiral Togo will permit them to get so far without a night attack upon a portion of the fleet.

RUSSIANS AT KIRIN.

Main Force Reaches Objective Having Fought All the Way.

Tokio, April 15.—The following official announcement was made yesterday: "Our force advancing eastward via Fushun and Hallung road encountered and defeated the enemy on the morning of the 12th at Erhousen, seven miles east of Kirin. The enemy's strength was one regiment of infantry, six squadrons of cavalry and four guns. Our force then occupied Tamsu-shan, about 19 miles west of Kirin. The enemy, in retreating toward Hallung, fought at every stop. "The enemy on the Kirin road has gradually retreated since the evening of the 12th. A portion of the force still remaining to bar the passage of the Tushu river. "No change has occurred in the Chungtu or Fakhmen districts, except occasional cavalry skirmishes."

Main Force at Kirin. It is reported that the main force of the Russians, which retired in the direction of Hsingking, has reached Kirin. The rear guard, which is estimated at 15,000 men, continues in the vicinity of Hsichingcheng, closely in touch with the Japanese vanguard. The main force, which retired from Kailuan, over the Kirin road, is reported as Kirin, with a rear guard of 5,000 men at Hsichow, Hsichow and Atsulpao, keeping in touch with the Japanese forces.

Changchen is evidently the rallying point for the Chungtu and Fakhmen forces. Although a force, estimated at 15,000 men, to hold Pailuecheng, the latter force seems assigned to check and retard the Japanese advance.

The Imperial ordinance, which declared Wako Harbor, on the Pascoo-deo Islands, in a state of siege, became operative yesterday.

Japanese Spy Shot. Gungshu Pass, April 15.—Lieut. Kobayashi, of the Twenty-third Japanese dragons, who was captured disguised as a Chinaman, confessed he was a spy and was tried by court martial, was shot yesterday.

Stossel Not Condemned to Death. St. Petersburg, April 15.—There is no truth in the report from Cracow that Lieut.-Gen. Stossel had been as a formally condemned to death by the commission appointed to enquire into the surrender of Port Arthur. His trial only began yesterday.

TO OUR CITY PASTORS

Owing to next Friday being a holiday (Good Friday) in the Planet office, as elsewhere, it will be absolutely necessary for the pastors of the several churches to have their "Church Chimes" copy at this office not later than four o'clock on Thursday afternoon, April 20th; otherwise their insertion cannot be ensured. Choir directors wishing to insert the musical part of the services for Easter Sunday must have their "copy" in by Thursday noon of the same date. Kindly take pains in writing proper names!



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THE WIZARD OF OZ

"The Wizard of Oz," the musical extravaganza, which has brought fame and fortune to its authors and managers, arrive in Chatham on Sunday at 2:17 p. m., per G. T. R., for their engagement at the Grand on Monday night. There are nearly one hundred people in the cast, which is exactly the same as played the Detroit Opera House in Detroit a short time ago, and it can safely be said that no comic opera company ever made a more favorable impression on the Detroit audiences than the "Wizard of Oz." Every seat was sold for the week long before the opening performance.

Manager Brisco has had men at work in the Opera House taking out all the present scenery, making way for the presentation of so large a company. Extra dressing rooms have been arranged. The back of Tyrrell's music store and Brisco's store will be used for this purpose and a large chorus room has been fixed up in the cellar. It is to be hoped that Chatham theatre-goers will appreciate the importance of this engagement. Mr. Brisco has received word from Mr. A. J. Small, of Toronto, that every seat is sold for their appearance at St. Thomas and Woodstock, where dates follow Chatham.

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