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HAS KAISER MADE A GRAB? NEW CRISIS IN FAR EAST

Reported That Germany Has Raised the Flag in the Southern Portion of Shantung Province.

Tokio, May 16, 11 a.m.—It is reported that Germany has dispatched a force of troops and occupied Hai Chou, in the southern portion of the Province of Shantung, where they raised and saluted the German flag. Hai Chou is on an extensive bay, north of the old channel of the Hoang River. Germany's object and intentions are not clear. It is suggested that she is seeking an extension of her interests in China, and is taking advantage of present political conditions, but explanations may eventually clear up the situation.

It is feared that any changes in the existing status quo of China, coupled with the recent Indo-China incident, may seriously complicate the war situation.

It's a Fake, Says Berlin

Berlin, May 16.—The foreign office, replying to an inquiry of the Associated Press regarding the excitement at Tokio over the report that German troops had occupied Hai Chou in the southern part of the Shantung Peninsula, says the report is wholly incorrect, and one of several reports designed to make it appear that Germany is attempting in Shantung what Russia did in Manchuria. The German Government is doing nothing in Shantung outside of fulfilling her treaty agreement with China, which fact has been communicated to both the Washington and Tokio Governments. The foreign office regards these reports as spread to mislead the opinion of the world concerning Germany's aims and acts.

DISPUTED SCHOOL CLAUSES DEFINED

Mr. Fitzpatrick Explains Meaning of Original Draft and the Amendment.

Ottawa, May 15.—The explanation of the meaning of the school clause of the autonomy bill as originally drafted and as amended was given to the House today by the Minister of Justice, and is a valuable contribution to the information before the country. Mr. Fitzpatrick's statement confirms the impression previously given and enlarged upon especially by Mr. Sifton, that between the two drafts there is a wide difference. Reduced to the bare bones, he described the new clause as preserving to the minority, whether Protestant or Roman Catholic, in any public school district, the following advantages: The right of separation, common to Protestants and Catholics alike; half-hour religious instruction to Protestants and Catholics alike, common to public and separate schools; the right to elect trustees, who choose the teacher common to all schools. These three rights are safeguarded by ordinance. A fourth privilege is subject to regulation, and gives the minority the right to use first and second Catholic readers. The substantial difference between the two drafts is that the original clause made section 93 of the British North America Act applicable to the new Province as if it were a regularly organized Province coming into the union at the date of the passing of this act; re-enacted section 11 of the Northwest Territories act, 1875, and made provision for continuance in the schools of the minority of the grant now made in aid of education by or through the Territorial Government. The main difference is in the grant. It will be seen from Mr. Fitzpatrick's statement that the original clause re-enacted section 11 of the Northwest Territories act, 1875, which empowered the majority of the ratepayers of any portion of the Northwest Territories to establish such schools as they think fit, while the new clause provides that a separate school in any school district must always be supplementary to a public school. The new clause is based only on chapters 29 and 30 of the Northwest ordinances of 1901. Mr. Fitzpatrick's statement was the only reference to clause 16 today, and it stands for further consideration. The land clause was debated at length, and eventually held over.

The Minister of Justice, Hon. Chas. Fitzpatrick, tonight gave notice of a number of bills, which are necessitated by the creation of two new provinces in the Northwest. One, entitled "An act respecting the District of Mackenzie," applies to that unorganized territory practically the same provisions as exist in the District of Keewatin. Under the new act Mackenzie will be administered by the governor of Alberta. A second bill is to add to the District of Keewatin portions of Saskatchewan and Athabasca, north of Manitoba, which are not included in the easterly of the two provinces. A bill to amend the Dominion controverted elections act is to meet the difficulty suggested by Mr. McCarthy, of Calgary, that there may be overlapping of constituencies pending the next redistribution. A fourth bill, to amend the Northwest Territories representation act, deals with the number of voters who will be allowed to vote on certificate, and virtually adopts the provision of Mr. Casgrain's bill on that point. Bills to amend the land titles act and the Northwest irrigation act practically transfer the administrative powers in regard to these matters to the new provinces.

THE TIMES DO MOVE

France Sending a Special Convoy to German Royal Wedding.

Berlin, May 16.—The Tageblatt today says:

"The surprising news comes to us from Paris that the French Government has decided to send a special envoy to attend the wedding of the Crown Prince Frederick William to Duchess Cecilia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, June 6. This has been determined upon in principle by the French cabinet and will be further discussed at another sitting at which the personnel of the delegation will be considered, whether it shall be of civic officials, or military, or of both civil and military officials."

The Deadly Mine.

Tokio, May 16. — The steamer Nikko, a naval auxiliary, is ashore at Fusan. She has not sustained damage, and it is expected that she will be floated off at full tide.

The steamer Kilo, of 1,178 tons capacity, struck a mine and sank off Port Arthur on the night of May 11. The crew was rescued and brought to Osaka.

$25,000 OFFERED FOR BIG HOTEL

Sim Walsh and a Number of Local Men Making Bid for the Tecumseh.

The Tecumseh House deal continues to figure prominently in local hotel gossip. Today it was announced that Mr. Sim Walsh, formerly of this city, and for some years well known as the manager of the Queen's Hotel at Niagara Falls, as well as for his connection with other first-class houses, is negotiating for the Tecumseh. It is said that he offered $25,000 for the hotel, but the owners are holding out for a better figure. Rumor declares that the owners, though they asked $40,000 originally, are now down to a $35,000 basis. This is, of course, for the license, goodwill and furnishings of the hotel.

It is known also that several local men are interested with Mr. Walsh in the deal, but their names have not been made public.

Mr. Walsh was one time wine clerk in the Tecumseh here.

Another story going the rounds today is to the effect that Cook Bros., of the Richmond House, would like to secure control of the Tecumseh.

It is further said that within the next couple of weeks several local hotels will change hands, as in one or two instances the owners of the properties will not make the alterations asked by the commissioners, and in others the commissioners have practically ordered the hotelmen to get out.

WHERE ARE THE PACKERS?

Beef Trust Managers Evade Testifying at Government Inquiry.

Chicago, Ill., May 15.—Coincident with an unofficial announcement that the federal grand jury's investigation of the business methods of the Beef Trust is drawing to a close, comes the interesting information that the active head of every big packing concern in the United States is in some foreign land or on the way thither.

District Attorney Morrison has invoked the aid of the United States secret service to discover whether this flight of packers from American soil is simply in pursuance of an annual custom of travel and recreation or whether the Government and the public may properly attach some deeper significance to it.

Those in the district attorney's office do not declare of their own knowledge that all the controlling spirits of the packing establishments have left this country, but information to that effect, which they consider authentic, has come to them in the last few days.

It is when the absence of the packing house heads is taken into consideration in connection with the scattering of important subordinates that the European, Canadian and South American colonies of Beef Trust employes takes on a suspicious look.

There are today a score of responsible packers' representatives whom the grand jury would like to catechise on various branches of the packing business. The jury has had to content itself without their testimony, because they are either hiding in Canada under aliases or are traveling in Europe or South America, some on "business" and others on "vacations."

The fact that most of these absentees are department managers having important secrets locked in their breasts is taken by the federal officials as the best evidence that the packers are not sincere in saying that they court official investigation.

While the jury wishes to question them, they are not open to the charge of evading the Government in a technical sense, because subpoenas have not been served on them. The significant feature is that they have not put themselves or allowed the packers to put them within reach of the jury, although the packers are advised that the testimony of these men is desired.

A CASE OF INTEREST

Colored Family May Have to Give Up Adopted White Child.

The Children's Aid Societies throughout the Province are greatly interested in a case now engaging the attention of Mr. J. J. Kelso, provincial superintendent of neglected children, and in which the color line is a factor. It seems that Mr. Kelso has been notified that a colored family some time ago adopted a white child, who was handed over to them by its mother, and the legality of the foster-parents' act in holding the little one is questioned. The matter may be brought before a magistrate to decide. There is already a case on record in which an Indian family was ordered to give up an adopted white child.

Twelve Months Hoist To Water Power Bills

Committee Shelves Kakabeka Falls Dispute for the Present.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, May 16. — The private bills committee this morning gave the Kakabeka Falls dispute a year's hoist. When the committee met the parties representing the various interests were informed by Chairman Carscallen, that in view of the policy of the Government regarding the great water-power possibilities of the Province, and in view of the conflicting interests in the two bills, it was the wish of the Government that the bills should be withdrawn for the present session. The promoters thereupon withdrew the bills.

Bill No. 43 was to confirm the Kakabeka Falls Land and Electric Company in certain rights granted them by the Legislature in 1890, but afterwards jeopardized by a concession higher up the Kaministiquia River granted to Edward Spencer Jennison. Bill No. 78 was to make certain the rights of Charles R. Hosner, Herbert S. Holt and Fred W. Thompson, purchasers of the Jennison concession. As the bills directly conflicted, one of them must have been knocked out to make the other operative, had the committee gone on with them.

BALFOUR TURNS ON JOE

Said to Have Refused to Enter Into New Compact.

London, May 16. — It is rumored amongst Balfourites in the lobby of the House of Commons that Mr. Balfour has decided to give a very emphatic refusal to Mr. Chamberlain's propositions made at the reception of the recent deputation for a new compact. He will be told in as few words as possible that the Government cannot accept his conditions. Mr. Balfour will definitely proceed to purge the party of protection.

There is also an unsubstantiated rumor that Austen Chamberlain may resign the chancellorship of the exchequer on this account.

There is now a probability that Mr. Balfour will make an effort to defer the general elections till the autumn of next year despite Mr. Chamberlain's expressed desire for an early dissolution. This is thought in some quarters to mean the death blow to tariff reform.

Fell Into Water.

Rat Portage, Ont., May 16.—Sydney Pincomin, manager of the Combine mine, about 45 miles from this place, whose body was found in the water at the company's docks at Camp Bay on Sunday last, is believed to have fallen into the water at the dock. He came from Grimsby, Ont.

EMBARGO RIDICULOUS

Barring Out of Canadian Cattle Arouses the Scotsmen.

London, May 16.—A public conference was held in Edinburgh, under the auspices of the Glasgow District Co-operative Defense Association, to protest against the Canadian cattle embargo, which was described as one of the worst forms of protection that could be introduced in a free trade country. Mr. Henderson, who spoke at the recent deputation, scouted the reply of Mr. Fellowes, president of the board of agriculture, as ridiculous. There was absolutely no risk. The electors were urged to press the necessity for the removal of restriction upon parliamentary candidates. A resolution in favor of the removal was carried unanimously. It is probable that on the vote of the board of agriculture the matter will be raised to Parliament.

Fired Into Crowd.

Warsaw, May 16. — A gathering of Russian and Jewish Socialists on Nailwki street was dispersed at midnight by a volley from an infantry patrol. The police previously had fruitlessly tried to disperse the demonstrators and finally summoned a military patrol. The latter fired at the crowd wounding a few persons slightly.

FROM SUNNY ITALY TO WED; BRIDE-ELECT DIES STRANGELY

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Fort William, May 16. — Two weeks ago last Sunday evening, Katrine Malanveto and her father arrived from Italy. It was known that the girl was to be the wife of Domico Labatts, a young Italian employed in the freight sheds here. The wedding was announced to take place at once—but the bride took suddenly ill on the Monday following her arrival. A doctor who was called found the girl vomiting, and prescribed for her. She was apparently in the best of health on the following Thursday morning. That evening another doctor was called to attend her and administered medical treatment for the same illness. His patient appeared to be recovering, but on Sunday morning she died. Yesterday her father called on Coroner Birdsall and requested a post-mortem examination and a coroner's jury will be empaneled today to investigate. The father is suspicious that his daughter was poisoned. He states that a young lady of the colony claimed that Domico Labatt had been keeping company with her previous to the arrival of his former sweetheart and had promised to marry her.

FEARED SLUGGERS; CUT HIS THROAT

Tragic Incident at Chicago—Police Arrest Union Men at Labor Headquarters.

Chicago, May 16.—Bricklayers' Hall, chief labor headquarters in Chicago, and the meeting place of the Federation of Labor, was invaded by the polce and eleven union men arrested, who had taken refuge in the building after a non-union driver had been slugged.

Fear that he would meet the same fate as C. J. Carlstrom, the woodworker, who, it is alleged, was killed by sluggers, has led John Mitterman to kill himself. He cut his throat with a razor while standing in the street opposite his dwelling, and died two hours later at a hospital, raving against the unions. Mitterman, up to and after the time of the strike, was in the employ of Fred L. Meckel, in whose shops Carlstrom worked, and was one of the men on the list of those to be slugged, of whom Carlstrom was the first.

The fact that he was to meet the fate of Carlstrom so preyed upon Mitterman's mind that he sent a letter to Mr. Meckel a week ago, saying that he had been followed by sluggers, and was in fear of his life. An investigation is being made by the police.

KIRKE LA SHELLE DEAD

The Well-Known Theatrical Manager Passes Away at Bellport.

Bellport, L. I., May 16. — Kirke La Shelle, the well-known theatrical manager, died at his home here today from diabetes. He had been seriously ill only about a week.

GOVERNMENT WILL CONTROL

Act to Incorporate Wireless Telegraph Company Before Committee.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, May 16. — President Size, of the Bell Telephone Company, was up against the special committee on telephones today, but nothing of public interest was elicited. He was examined in regard to the organization of the company, etc.

An act to incorporate the Fessenden Wireless Telegraph Company of Canada was up before the railway committee today. The proposed capital is placed at $200,000. The company asks powers to do business all over Canada, to enter into agreements with other companies, etc. Mr. Prefontaine stated that an arrangement had been entered into between the British and Canadian Governments for the passage of a general bill giving wireless telegraphs. The British bill had just been received. There was not very much in the bill before the committee that was at variance with the British bill. Mr. Emmerson had the bill amended so that the company could not purchase, acquire or construct, without first securing an order in council, the idea being that the Government will hold control.

LONDON ELECTRIC OPPOSED THE BILL

Measure Giving Municipalities Powers to Expropriate Lighting Plants Laid Over.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, May 16. — President C. B. Hunt, of the London Electric Company, and Mr. J. C. Judd, representing the company and other electrical interests in Western Ontario, were among the opponents of Mr. Downey's amendment to the municipal act before the municipal committee this morning.

The bill practically gives municipalities powers of expropriation of electric and gas plants. The bill was finally laid over till next session.

Church Organ Doubts.

Montreal, May 16.—La Semaine Religieuse, the organ of Archbishop Bruchesi, in its issue this week, describes the proposal to make the school committees of Montreal elective by the popular vote, instead of appointive as at present, and intimates that the change ought to be approached with great caution. Although the church, the paper says, has always proved itself in favor of progress, it is a question whether the proposed step would be one in that direction.

THE WEATHER.

Tomorrow—Fair and Warm.

London, Tuesday, May 16.

Sun rises..4:52 a.m. Moon rises..4:57 p.m.
Sun sets...7:36 p.m. Moon sets...3:45 a.m.

Toronto, May 15—8 p.m.

The weather continues fairly warm throughout the Dominion. Heavy showers have occurred today in Eastern and Northern Ontario and in parts of Manitoba and Quebec. The general indications are for rather unsettled weather from the great lakes to the Atlantic, and for fair weather after the rain in the Northwest Territories.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 34—56; Victoria, 38—56; Kamloops, 36—68; Edmonton, 40—62; Calgary, 30—64; Prince Albert, 42—60; Qu'Appelle, 46—54; Port Arthur, 40—42; Parry Sound, 52—64; Toronto, 54—66; Ottawa, 56—64; Quebec, 46—52; Halifax, 44—68.

FORECASTS.

Tuesday, May 16—8 a.m.

Today—Southerly and easterly winds; fair, followed by showers tonight.

Wednesday—Mostly fair and warm.

TEMPERATURES.

Stations.	8 a.m.	Min.	Weather.
Calgary	32	30	Fair
Winnipeg	50	46	Clear
Parry Sound	48	38	Fair
Toronto	54	46	Cloudy
Ottawa	58	54	Fair
Montreal	56	48	Cloudy
Quebec	44	38	Cloudy
Father Point	40	38	Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.

Heavy showers occurred again yesterday over most of Manitoba and in Eastern Assiniboia, but the outlook is now favorable for fine weather throughout the Northwest. A disturbance of considerable energy is moving across the great lakes.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the local observatory for the 24 hours ended at 8 p.m. Monday were: Highest, 66°; lowest, 56.5° above.

YACHTS LINE UP FOR OCEAN RACE

International Contest for the Kaiser's Cup.

3,000-MILE SPIN OVER ATLANTIC

Boats of All Rigs and Sizes in Race From New York to the Lizard.

New York, May 16.—Eleven yachts, flying the flags of three nations, and varying in size from an 85-ton schooner to a 648-ton ship, were prepared to start today from the Sandy Hook lightship at 2:15 p.m. for a race of about 3,000 miles across the Atlantic Ocean to the Lizard, on the coast of England, for a cup and three prizes offered by the German Emperor. Subsequently some of the yachts entered in the ocean race will sail also in the race from Dover to Heligoland for another cup offered by Emperor, and one at least will take part in the regatta at Kiel, Germany.

The race, which will start today, is notable for the variety of build and rig of vessels taking part in it, for the great distance to be sailed and possibly severe weather that may be encountered, and from the fact that it affords a test of heavily-built ocean-going craft. Yachtsmen regard it as a move toward the substitution of a more seaworthy type of craft in international races in the place of racing machines which have of late years contested for the America's Cup.

The yachts entered for today's race are:

The Valhalla, 464 tons, 239½ feet long, owned by the Earl of Crawford, of the Royal Yacht Squadron of England.

The topsail schooner Sunbeam, 227 tons, 154 feet long, Lord Brassey, Royal Yacht Squadron of England.

The bark Apache, 307 tons, 180 feet long, owned by Edmund Randolph, New York Yacht Club.

Three-masted schooner Utwowan, 267 tons, 155 feet long, Allison V. Armour, New York Yacht Club.

Three-masted schooner Atlantic, 206 tons, 135 feet long, Wilson Marshall, New York Yacht Club.

Two-master schooner Hamburg, 185 tons, 116 feet long, owned by a German syndicate, from the Nord Deutscher Regatta Verin.

Two-masted schooner Thistles, 235 tons, 110 feet long, Robert E. Tod, Atlantic Yacht Club.

Two-masted schooner Hildegarde, 146 tons, 103 feet long, Edward R. Coleman, Corinthian Yacht Club, of Philadelphia.

Two-masted schooner Endymion, 116 tons, 101 feet long, George Lauder, jun., Indian Harbor Yacht Club.

Yawl Ailsa, 116 tons, 89 feet long, Henry S. Redmond, New York Yacht Club.

Two-masted schooner Fleur De Lys, 86 tons, 86½ feet long, Dr. Lewis A. Stimson, New York Yacht Club.

Rarely has a more varied fleet in size, rig and design been assembled in one fleet to race in the same event. The stately British clipper ship Valhalla, whose towering spars spread aloft a cloud of canvas, is seven times as large as her smallest competitor, the little Yankee schooner Fleur De Lys, yet the larger craft gives no time allowance in favor of the smaller. The first vessel to cross the imaginary line at the Lizard lighthouse will win the Emperor's cup and an ocean blue ribbon, which in the estimation of many yachtsmen will eventually rival in importance the famed America's cup.

The faith and hopes of many American yachtsmen are pinned to the big American schooner Atlantic and her skipper Capt. Charles Barr. The course is approximately 3,000 miles long and the yachts are expected to consume two or three weeks in covering the distance. In the choice of the northern or southern route the captain may exercise his judgment and knowledge of ocean winds and currents.

Early morning weather conditions were most unfavorable for the start of yachts, as well as for spectators. Off shore a heavy haze overhung the water and from the Highlands it could not be penetrated beyond four miles. The wind was west southwest, blowing not over five or six knots, and a smooth sea was running.

Mexico Wants Potatoes

Ottawa, May 16. — The Canadian commercial agent with Japan, Alexander MacLean, reports to the department here that the Japanese tea-growers are improving the quality of their teas, so as to hold the United States market, where competition is keen from Ceylon. A. W. Donly, the Canadian commercial agent at Mexico, writes that there is a market there for Canadian potatoes.

FOUR RESIDENCES FOR THE 'VARSITY

Government Will Unite With Private Benefactors in Their Erection.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, May 15. — A bill introduced by Premier Whitney in the Legislature today provides for the incorporation of a body to be known as the University Residence Trustees, and composed of the following gentlemen: E. C. Whitney, Ottawa; S. H. Blake, Z. A. Lash, J. W. Flavelle, and W. T. White, Toronto. Mr. Whitney said that by legislation to be brought forward later the sum of $50,000 would be granted by the Government toward the erection of residences in connection with Toronto University. It was proposed to erect four residences, costing $40,000 to $50,000 each, the Government's grant to be supplemented by private munificence.

One of these buildings had been promised already (by E. C. Whitney, brother of the Premier), and the chairman of the senate had told the Premier that the moment the bill was introduced in the Legislature there would be an announcement of another bequest.

President of the Council Whitney's New Soft Office

Premier Breaks Promise in Regard to Ministry of Mines.

Is Sharply Called to Account by Hon. Mr. Ross.

Opposition Leader Declares Union of Mines and Crown Lands To Be a Mere Makeshift.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, May 15. — Premier Whitney received a well-deserved castigation from Hon. Mr. Ross today for his palpable evasion of one of the promises made by the Conservative leader during his campaign. Following up his rechristening of the crown lands department as the department of lands and mines, Mr. Whitney today introduced a bill creating a soft office for himself, to be known as that of president of the council, and relieving him of the labors of a departmental portfolio. The leader of the Opposition in a brief but trenchant speech, gave the Premier to understand the light in which the people of Ontario would view his change of front. Mr. Ross also took occasion to take a sly dig at the cabinet in general, and at the Provincial Treasurer in particular.

Whitney's Soft Berth

Mr. Whitney, in presenting his bill, reminded the House that at the Conservative conference in Toronto, just before the general elections, the principle had been laid down that the growing importance of Ontario's mining interests called for a department of mines, with a minister at its head, this minister to be chosen from New Ontario. The new Government had found it impracticable to thoroughly divorce the crown lands and the mines, so it was decided that the new minister to be appointed to take charge of the mines department should also shoulder the burden of the crown lands department. Had the original proposition been carried out it would have meant an increase in the council. Since the Government came into power, said Mr. Whitney, members on both sides of the House, and especially men who had been very close to the late Government, had advised him strongly to have no hesitation in creating a new department to be filled by himself and by his successors in office. Mr. Whitney said he had demurred at first, because he was averse to multiplying portfolios, but when it was decided to keep the crown lands and mines in one department, he saw that it would be possible to create another office without unduly enlarging the council. The present bill provided for the creation of an office to be known as president of the council, the holder of which should devote himself to such duties as might be directed by the Lieutenant-Governor in council. This office Mr. Whitney proposed to fill himself.

Broke His Promise.

Hon. Mr. Ross, commenting on Mr. Whitney's bill, said that it was certainly a radical divergence from what the people of Ontario expected. All New Ontario especially looked forward to the fulfillment of the promise made so repeatedly by Mr. Whitney, and Mr. Ross showed that the change of political opinion in New Ontario had been due in no small measure to Mr. Whitney's assurances that he would appoint a minister of mines from that district. The people would be greatly disappointed.

"Because we have done what we promised?" asked Mr. Whitney.

"Because you have not done what you promised—the creation of a distinct department of mines, with a minister from New Ontario. The joint department is a makeshift, a make-believe. What the people expected is not being done." Mr. Ross agreed that the duties of the First Minister were exacting and demanded that the holder of the office should be relieved of other departmental work. It had been found, however, that the duties of the treasury portfolio were exceedingly light, giving barely enough mental exercise to prevent stagnation. This department was therefore the one which could best be joined to the premiership.

Mr Whitney replied that he was glad that Mr. Ross had at last come into the open, but he was sorry to hear the leader of the Opposition speak of the new minister from New Ontario as a makeshift.

Mr. Ross replied that he was not speaking of the new minister personally as a makeshift. He might be an abler man than any on the treasury benches, and it would be no marvel if he were. Mr. Ross said he had used the word "makeshift" in reference to Mr. Whitney's failure to carry out his promise.

The bill was then given its first reading. It will be read a second time today.

No Necessity for Change.

Later on in the afternoon the Premier again, in moving the second reading of his bill to amend the act respecting the executive council, explained that it changed the names of the commissioners of public works and crown lands to minister of public works and minister of lands and mines.

Mr. G. W. Ross said the Government in making the change were evidently considering the dignity of the ministers only. There was no practical need for the change. The names were historic ones. "Why not call the provincial treasurer minister of finance?" added Mr. Ross, "and the provincial secretary minister of state?"

The bill was given its second reading.

That Speech Hurt.

St. Petersburg, May 16.—The Russian press is considerably exercised over the reports of Emperor William's recent speech at Strassburg, criticising the Russian officers at the front, and the German ambassador has taken pains to issue an official denial of the accuracy of the reports.

Seriously Burned.

Welland, May 16. — Fred Harcourt, son of Hon. Richard Harcourt, was seriously burned at Niagara Falls by an explosion of gasoline. He is now resting easily, and it is not expected any serious results will follow unless blood-poisoning should set in.

THE GIANT OF THE WEST

Winnipeg Gained 13,000 Citizens Last Year—Assessed at $53,714,430.

Winnipeg, Man., May 16. — At last night's city council meeting, a most interesting event was the reading of the report of the assessment commissioner, which showed the total realty assessment for the city to be $53,714,430, a net increase over last year of $12,607,560. The population of the city is placed at 79,975, a gain of nearly 13,000 over last year.

GOES TO THE G. T. P.

Assistant Engineer Butler Resigns Position With Government.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, May 16.—Mr. Butler, assistant engineer of the National Transcontinental Railway, has tendered his resignation to the commission, and the Government, to accept a more lucrative and important appointment with the G. T. P. Mr. Butler desires to be relieved of his present position between now and June 1.

He is anxious not to inconvenience the Government in any way and has given the necessary time to secure a man to replace him.

HALF A DOZEN SAW-OFFS

Trials of Election Petitions to Begin in a Few Days.

Toronto, May 15.—Now that the Legislature is closing, the trials of the election petitions are to begin. The labors of the provincial law-makers will, as Premier Whitney and Liberal Leader Ross have promised, end on Friday of this week. On Saturday the judges designated to try election cases, four judges, chosen by the fifteen on the high court bench, will meet to decide upon the dates and places of trial of the ten petitons. These are the ten: Kingston, Port Arthur, West Huron, South Norfolk, the Soo, South Ontario, Monck, North Norfolk, Prince Edward and South Renfrew. In addition there are five cross-petitions. It is expected that there will be fully half a dozen "saw-offs."

SELBORNE AT CAPE TOWN

New South African High Commissioner Given Fine Reception.

Cape Town, Cape Colony, May 16. — Lord Selborne, former first lord of the British admiralty, and the successor of Lord Milner, as high commissioner in South Africa, arrived here today and received an enthusiastic welcome. The town and shipping were decorated with flags and salutes were fired from the forts and warships.

Replying to the mayor's address of welcome Lord Selborne said he desired to help all those who wished for the peace, prosperity and progress of the country. He would not shrink from taking his share in the common task intrusted to them.

MURDER AT DETROIT

Aged Woman Shot to Death by Unknown Man, Who Escapes.

Detroit, Mich., May 16. — Mrs. William Homminick, aged 60, was murdered last night at her home in Trenton, a suburb of Detroit. Neighbors hearing five shots ran to the house and found the woman dying. There were three bullet wounds in her breast, one in her arm, and still another in her forehead. Mrs. Homminick was 60 years old. Her husband, who is a section hand, was away from home during the evening, but returned shortly after the murder. A man was seen running from the scene of the murder and was pursued, but escaped unrecognized.

The Striking School Children.

Chicago, May 16. — Strikes of school children who have quit their desks by hundreds in sympathy with the teamsters' strike, are to be dealt with sternly, according to President Clayton Mark, of the Chicago Board of Education. It is alleged that in many cases, the parents, rather than the children, are responsible for the strike. Arrest and prosecution is threatened by the board of education as punishment for parents who permit children to go on strike in schools.

STABBED TO DEATH AT ARNPRIOR

Elderly Italian Said to Have Murdered Another of His Race.

Arnprior, May 15. — Dleastro, an Italian, aged 50 years, tonight plunged his knife into the heart of Lorus Carare, also an Italian, aged 17 years, who, wounded, rushed out of the house into the yard and fell dead.

The deed is said to have been wholly unprovoked. They were employed on work which had been interrupted by the rain, and the murderer had imbibed freely during the day. The two were seated at the supper table in the home of Joseph Franc, Pessie street, when the elder suddenly drew his knife and made the fatal thrust.

The murderer was promptly arrested and locked up, while the body of his victim, by Coroner Cranston's order, was removed to Staddord's morgue, where it will remain pending the inquest.

While the tragedy was being enacted Chief Mattson was on his way to Pembroke with another Italian, sentenced to six months in jail for having brutally assaulted another of his countrymen at a late hour on Sunday night.