BRITISH OIL INTERESTS BUY TITLE TO CAUCASUS OIL FIELDS

Remarkable Political-Commercial Bargian Which Speculates on the Downfall of Bolshevik Power in Russia Within Ten Years.

A despatch from Paris says:-The Shell and Royal Dutch oil interests are reported on good authority to have concluded a rather remarkable poli-tical-commercial bargain, which amounts to betting that the Bolshevik regime in Russia will fall within ten

Grosnyi district in the Caucasus. The sians recently have had much money

of the agreement is a payment of from five to ten per cent, of stimated value of the production Negotiations are said to be under the estimated value of the production Negotiations are said to be under from those fields in return for which way by both British and French oil British interests are assured the ex-interests to make a similar arrange-clusive control of all production of that district. This district is now here last night and attempts to create There is a time limit of the control of oil of the control of oil of the control of the district.

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HUGE BILL FOR DAMAGE TO ART

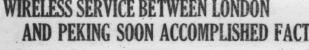
Reparations Committee Makes Appraisal of Havoc Wrought by Germany.

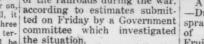
Paris, Feb. 14 .- The Reparations Committee has nearly completed its determination of the damage caused by Germany to works of art during their occupation of Belgium and Northern France and will submit a bill of about 900,000,000 francs on May first in accordance with the May first, in accordance with the treaty of Versailles.

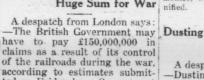
In Rheims alone the loss amounts to 150,000,000 francs, and in the Pasde-Calais, including Arras, 130,000,-000. The destruction of art in the department of the Aisne is set down at 300,000,000 francs, while in the Heuse-Department with the cathedral and episcopal palace at Verdun, the Royal Winter Fair Ready Next Fall

damage is estimated at 42,000,000. Among the art treasures that have disappeared, been damaged or com- ronto, who told the Swine Breeders pletely ruined are the famous tapes- gathered at Toronto that he expected GERMANS PREPARE

try of the Deluge, which disappeared the institution to be ready by Decem-from the Museum at Lille; Le Duo and LeRetour De La Campagne by Wat-teau, which yanished from La Fere, and, the Susanne of Lucas Giradino and the Christ of Von Thulden which were destroyed at Maybaurge







a warehouse in the yard of the Holt-town district that the shooting took place. Several men, says a watchman,

suddenly confronted him. One of them

France Begins Removal

told him to stop where he was and give no alarm. Threatened with be-

distributing stations, whence trains containing thousands of tri-color draped coffins will leave every few days in all directions. The Verdun and Chemin des Dames dead will not

FORMALLY OPENED Pre-War Ceremonial in Beauti-

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ance Begins Removal of 1,500,000 Soldier Dead hanks of snow. Yesterday it rained and the severe cold to-day formed a hard crust on the snow, making it more difficult to 'Chase to

Paris, Feb. 14.—France has just be-No passenger train has left St. John's

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Weekly Market Report

FOUR SQUARE MILES IS PROSPECTING AREA

Royal Mounties Responsible for Law and Order in New Oil Fields.

The Provincial University.

The occupations of the fathers of give no alarm. Threatened with be-ing shot if he disobeyed, he first did as he was told, but when the men ment into the warehouse the watch-man seized the opportunity to bolt and give the alarm. He scarcely got clear of the yard gate when theres informed, but were too late to catch-missing the fugitive. The police were informed, but were too late to catch-any of the men. They found what ap-peared to indicate malicious attempts to fire the premises. Mo passenger train has left St. John's since noon last Sunday and it is prob-alle that none will be sent out befor Tuesday. Prince May Tour India in Autumn A despatch from London says:-The Royal family has refused to give consent to allow the Prince May Tour India in Autumn A despatch from London says:-The Moyal family has refused to give consent to allow the Prince May Tour India in Autumn A despatch from London says:-The London Times says it under-stands that the Prince of Wales has blands that the Prince of Wales has planned a tour of India in October or planned a tour of India in October or Morember next. Morember next. A despatch from London says:-The cherners will be collected at central distributing stations, whence trains specified, 240.

The homes of the 4,777 students in attendance during the same session were distributed as follows: Algoma,

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Paris, Feb. 13 .- As a result of us robberies of art treasures numerous robberies of art treasures recently the Louver has been trans-formed into a fort. Steel shutters have been placed at all the windows and high voltage wires with the ctr-rent turned on have ben swung before the entrances and exits nightly. An army of watchmen armed with shotguns and revolvers are on duty. In case of attempted robbery an air-raid siren on the root will be sounded, alarming the whole city.

Mrs. Rogers, M.P.P., Seconded Reply to Speech

A despatch from Winnipeg says:--Mrs. Edith Rogens, the first woman to be elected a member of the Manitoba Legislature, seconded the reply to the Speech from the Throne in the Pro-vincial House. E. A. August (Duff-erin) moved the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

