

in Canada. The right of petition is a sacred one which has fallen into disuse owing to its having been abused. But it is well for Parliament to pay due respect to such manifestations of public sentiment. The Bill will now be passed upon by the Senate which body will probably amend it in some minor respects.

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The proposed adoption of a site at Point St. Charles, for a contagious diseases Hospital has called out a strong protest from local residents. One objection raised, that the ground is chronically damp and liable to be flooded, is certainly a serious one, and if the site is persisted in the most effective plans should be adopted, as devised and advised by the best experts, ought to be adopted to remove any insanitary conditions found to exist in the site and adjacent grounds.

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The burning of the Hanlan Hotel, on the Island, Toronto, shortly after a fire in an adjacent building, calls attention to the wholly inadequate fire protection on that island where a large number of wooden cottages might be swept away rapidly. The Island residents, lessees of the city, should insist upon better protection being provided against this eminent danger.

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Every lover of the highest class of music in Canada owes a debt of gratitude to His Majesty King Edward VII, for graciously consenting to the visit of the Coldstream Guards Band to this country. The very sight of the well-known uniform has given a thrill of patriotic pleasure to many thousands at Toronto, Guelph, Ottawa and this city. On the day they played at the Toronto Exhibition there were 90,000 visitors present, the larger portion of whom gave the Band such a reception as is without precedent. The men were raised shoulder-high and carried in triumph—a rare experience for British guardsmen to be made prisoners! Here they had a splendid welcome, they were received on landing by Major Maude, on behalf of the Governor-General and the military bands played the visitors to their hotel. At the concerts here the enthusiasm was startling in its spontaneity and most impressive by its dynamic force. Five thousand auditors rose as one man to give them welcome. This enormous mass of people sang, "Rule Britannia," "The Maple Leaf For Ever," and the National Anthem with overwhelming effect in concert with the band. When the Conductor, Mr. Rogan, faced the vast audience and guided its choral outbursts there was a scene presented the like of which was never before witnessed. It will be described to the King, who will doubtless feel intensely gratified at so magnificent a display of loyalty.

The performances of the Band have been a revelation, even to some musicians. That such glorious composition's as Wagner's Overture to Tannhauser have features as varied as a drama, as full of colour as a great painting, can only be shown by such performers as the Coldstream Guards Band when under the sway of a Conductor as gifted as Mr. Rogan. To hear the highest class of musical compositions so rendered as to display their dramatic meaning and musical beauties was a revelation to all who had not heard them played by an orchestra of the highest and rarest rank. Such an experience ought, and we believe will tend to raise the standard of music in Canada, for which the country will have to thank the King.

Notes and Items.

At Home and Abroad.

caused by eating meats that have been frozen or placed in cold storage.

THE NEW YORK LIFE has arranged to give 350 of its agents in the western States an extensive lake tour.

THE UNION BANK is reported to be negotiating for premises at Fort William, to use as a branch office.

THE TOWN OF LETHBRIDGE, Alberta, has let a contract for the construction of a waterworks' system.

THE IMPERIAL BANK is about opening a branch at Trout Lake, B.C.

OTTAWA CLEARING HOUSE.—Total for week ending Sept. 24, 1903:—Clearings, \$1,841,384; corresponding week last year, \$1,680,223.

THE BANK OF OTTAWA has opened a branch at Buckingham, Quebec. Mr. J. K. Lough, of Ottawa, has been placed in charge for the present. Mr. C. E. Hall, of Ottawa, will be the accountant.

THE OVERHEAD WIRE HAZARD is rousing the fire companies in New York and other cities, into protests and declarations that this extra hazard will be taken into account in fixing rates.

SHELVING AND COUNTERS IN STORES have, by a recent decision, been declared not to be "permanent fixtures," in the sense intended, when such fixtures are stated to be covered by a fire policy.

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION of Local Fire Insurance Agents will be held at Hartford, on Oct. 20, 21, 22, when 300 delegates are expected to be present. The president of the Aetna will deliver the address of welcome.

THE TRAVELLERS will hold an Agents' Convention at Hartford, commencing on 6th inst. Valuable awards will be given and prizes for successful work. On the 7th, a banquet will be held, to be attended by the local office staff and visiting delegates.