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HON. DR. BELAND,

TWENTY PAGES—ONE CENT

NON-AGGRESSION PACT ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY Each of the States is Pledged to Respect the Agreement.

(Canadian Press Cable)

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U.N.B. Ends Its 122nd Year In Education

Twenty-five Degrees Conferred at Encaenia—Senate Decides to Go Ahead at Once With New Science Building—Premier Foster's Address to the Graduates.

Fredericton, N. B., May 18.—Twenty-five degrees were conferred at the annual encaenia at the U.N.B. this afternoon.

The proceedings were marked by a larger attendance than usual. His Honor Lieut-Governor Pugsley presided, and several members of the provincial legislature who are in the city, were present.

Honorary degrees of LL.D. were conferred upon Hon. Walter E. Foster, premier of New Brunswick, and Wm. Channing Cushing, '84, of Philadelphia, chief engineer of standards of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The address in praise of the founders was given by Captain E. L. Harvey, professor of English and history, after the academic procession had reached the library, where the proceedings were held, and medals and prizes were then presented and subjects for competition announced.

The U. N. B. Senate met this morning and considered some further correspondence regarding the amalgamation of the universities of the maritime provinces, but no further action was taken.

The senate decided to continue the military training under the Officers Training Corps at the university, the training to remain compulsory for two years.

Col Murray MacLaren of St. John, Dr. W. D. Rankin, M. L. A., of Fredericton, and W. D. Rankin, M. D., C. D., of St. John, were appointed to the committee to investigate the possibility of amalgamation.

Among the important matters decided was the erection of a new science building, a memorial to the alumni and undergraduates who gave their lives in the war.

A committee, composed of Dr. C. Jones, chairman, Prof. Adam Cameron, W. D. Rankin, M. D., C. D., of St. John, and Murray MacLaren, M. P., of St. John, was authorized to procure plans and specifications and to proceed with its erection as soon as possible.

The address of Premier Foster was as follows:—Your Honour, members of the University Senate, Mr Chancellor and Gentlemen of the Faculty.

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As Hiram Sees It

"I read in the press," said The Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbush, "that the insect which destroys spruce forests, but the one which destroyed all the tamaracs was likely to be with us once more."

"I shouldn't be surprised," said Hiram. "You never know what's going to happen."

"Howsoever, we ain't as bad off as they be in New York and Chicago, and Ireland and China, and some more places I might mention."

"We don't seem to be getting any better," said Hiram. "I don't see how you can be so sure."

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SYRIANS DEMAND ABROGATION OF FRENCH MANDATE

Complain of Heavy Taxation—Opposition Assumes the Character of Open Rebellion.

Damascus, Syria, May 18.—The rising of the Syrian people against the French, who occupy the country under mandate, recently assumed the character of open rebellion.

The Syrians complain of heavy taxation and demand the abrogation of the French mandate and the right to impose their own taxes.

The Arab tribes at Radmore and neighboring districts have revolted and have asked the tribes of Transjordan to help them in their political independence.

In this district of Garabulus the revolutionaries forced French troops to withdraw from their posts.

In this city popular feeling runs high. There was a public meeting on April 14 to decide on the policy to be taken in the present situation.

The military authorities arrested and held another meeting in one of the mosques and in the streets, which the police and the military together succeeded in dispersing only after considerable difficulty.

High Lights on Major Games

George Murray Has a Big Day With Yankees—Third Team Inning Game One Feature.

New York, May 18.—George Murray, who gave promise of becoming a star in Miller Huggins' pinking contest, won the second game of the Cleveland series almost single handed yesterday.

He relieved Shawkey with the inning and pitched a 9 to 1 win over Chicago. It was the fourth straight for the Mackmen and put them in undoubted possession of their place, as Detroit did not play.

The St. Louis Cardinals went on the losing streak at the expense of Grimes and Gordon of Brooklyn, winning 10 to 0, and gaining on the Giants, who were idle. Sherdel registered his sixth straight victory and horsy clouted out his sixth homer.

Bunched hits enabled Chicago to beat Boston, while Donohue held Philadelphia to three singles and the Reds won 1 to 0.

The Dollar Discount Down to 7-8 per cent

New York, May 18.—Sterling exchange easy. Demand for British dollars 7-8 per cent discount.

CANT CARRY THE HEAVY BURDEN Duke of Richmond Puts His Great Estate in England on the Market.

London, May 18.—Another duke has announced his intention to sell his estate owing to increased taxation and other burdens.

The Duke of Richmond is the latest recruit to the ranks of the "new poor." He offers for sale his estate in Aberdeenshire, including the town of Huntly, and six parishes comprising 60,000 acres, with 400 farms and small holdings.

New York, May 18.—(Canadian Press)—The Canadian dollar was quoted at a new low yesterday's final quotation. The present mark is a new high for Canadian funds in New York since early in January, 1918.

The movement is attributed to the large shipments of Canadian wheat sent here to replace U. S. exports, and to the transfer to Canada of part of the one hundred million dollars loan recently negotiated by the Canadian government.

It is being used to pay internal debts of the dominion which are falling due.

In some quarters the strength displayed by the Canadian dollar is attributed to the increase in U. S. industrial investments in Canada.

TWENTY DEAD IN CONFLAGRATION AT SANTO SPIRITO

Fire Grips Ancient Charitable Institution in Rome

Heroic Efforts to Save Unfortunates and Rescuers are Injured—Pavement Collapses and Twenty of the Chronic Patients are Buried.

(Canadian Press Cable) Rome, May 18.—A disastrous fire swept the historic hospital of Santo Spirito, one of the most ancient and picturesque charitable institutions in Rome, early yesterday.

The institution accommodates nearly 5,000 and includes a hospital, lunatic asylum, foundling home and a refuge for aged and infirm persons.

The fire broke out a little before midnight in the laundry. At first it seemed insignificant, but it spread rapidly to the neighboring wards, each containing thirty chronic sufferers or infirm patients who were seized with panic.

Nurses and doctors quickly cleared the beds from one ward and in the next ward three of the patients managed to crawl out. Neighboring firemen rushed to the scene, but at the moment of their arrival the electric lights were extinguished, adding to the horror of the situation.

As the wooden beams of the hospital fell, there was a heavy grinding noise, and the pavement collapsed, burying under it three of the patients, rendering access to the wards impossible.

Royal Guards, nurses and doctors made heroic efforts to save the unfortunates, rushing through the smoke and fire and bringing out twelve, all of whom, however, were dead from suffocation. Several of the rescue party were injured. The two wards were destroyed, but the firemen succeeded in saving the rest of the buildings.

So far as can be ascertained the death toll will be about thirty. Sixteen bodies already have been recovered. Four other patients were badly burned, and one dangerously injured.

The hospital of Santo Spirito is situated on the bank of the River Tiber, not far from the Vatican grounds. It was founded by Pope Innocent III in 1252 and built under Sixtus IV in the fifteenth century. The altar in the hospital chapel was designed by Raphael and is reputed to be the only work of this artist in Rome.

HALIFAX WILL CHECK IT UP

Tram Company Has Trimmed City for Years, Says Mayor.

(Halifax Chronicle) A recommendation of a finance committee regarding the expense of the city's hiring of experts to check the valuation recently made of the Tram Company was one of the first subjects introduced, and entailed a lengthy debate featured by several witty comments.

Ald. Whitman declared, in citing reasons why the city should hire and employ experts, that the Tram Company was endeavoring to have valued properties which should not be valued, and that their operations would bear careful watching.

He strongly urged that council accept the recommendation of finance committee regarding the borrowing of the sum necessary to meet the expenses of hiring experts.

Ald. Whitman's statements were opposed by Ald. Power, who said that Ald. Whitman's admission that several Halifax baristers engaged by interested citizens were already at work checking the valuation was sufficient protection for the city.

Ald. Ackhurst, who said he was opposed to the useless expenditure of \$2,000 with which to check the valuation, moved that the matter be deferred for three months and this amendment was seconded by Ald. Power, but was defeated.

Ald. Whitman's motion to the effect that the money be borrowed was put and carried eleven to six.

Before the vote was taken the mayor left the chair and spoke on the subject of the adoption of the finance committee's report. The Tram Company had trimmed the city for years, he said, and would do so in this matter were they given the chance.

BODY FOUND IN LAKE

Calgary, May 18.—The body of W. A. Stevens, missing grain buyer, of Calgary, was found in Chestermere Lake yesterday, about 150 yards from where his auto was found on October 10, three days after he disappeared from his home here.

FATALITY AT STE ANNE

Quebec, May 18.—(Canadian Press)—Falling from the roof of a temporary church which is being erected at Ste Anne De Beaupre, E. Lapointe, aged thirty-two years, met instant death yesterday. He leaves his wife and five children.

ATE RAT POISON

Ottawa, May 17.—Oliver Bigras, sixty-eight years of age, an inmate of St. Charles Hotel, is seriously ill as a result of eating rat poison.

THE BY-ELECTIONS.

Fredericton, N. B., May 18.—Writes for the three by-elections to fill existing vacancies in the New Brunswick legislature will be issued almost immediately.

Mr. Premier Foster said this morning. The dates for the nominations and polling will be fixed at the meeting of the provincial government which will open here this evening.

The three vacancies are in Madawaska, Kings and St. John counties.

DODGING POLICEMAN, NOVA SCOTIA BOY HAS HEAD CUT OFF

North Sydney, N. S., May 18.—Juan Clarke, eleven years of age, had his head cut off by being run over by a railway car at Little Bras D'Or mine today.

He had crawled under the car to hide from a policeman and brakemen who were attempting to chase away boys playing around the railway yard. The boy was a son of Simon Clarke, Little Bras D'Or.

FOREST FIRE Tract Between Hampton and Kingston was Burning.

With the coming of summer, forest fires again menace communities which are situated near the woods.

Large fires broke out and assumed dangerous proportions yesterday afternoon. At two o'clock this afternoon it was reported to the Times over the long distance telephone that the flames were checked this morning and that with the coming of the rain this afternoon, the fire was well under control and that every effort would be made to beat it completely out.

BIG THIS WEEK

The St. John bank clearings this week were \$4,295,617, an exceptionally large sum. In the corresponding week last year they were \$3,112,282 and in 1920 were \$3,928,207.

In explanation of the large figures this week it is understood that there was exceptional transfers for themselves and brought credit to our province by their accomplishments, not only within the borders of our province, but in other parts of Canada and in foreign lands as well.

It is with much pride that I have been able to refer to numerous occasions to this our (Continued on page 9, third column.)

MEUNIER IS DEAD

London, May 18.—(Canadian Press)—Paul Meunier died today of peritonitis, a result of a heart attack which occurred in Paris.

He was a member of the Chamber of Deputies and was charged with the task of dealing with the emergency during the war and was in prison twenty-seven months on suspicion. The charges were withdrawn on Feb. 29 last, generally on the surprise of the public of France.

QUEBEC ODDFELLOWS

Montreal, May 18.—Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Quebec, held their annual session.

Officers elected Master R. A. Lamont, Sherbrooke; Grand Warden G. S. Heath, Quebec; Grand Marshal T. J. McCallum, Bedford Mines; Grand Callan, Bedford Mines; Grand Secretary L. Burran, Quebec; Grand Chaplain Rev. H. Chartres, Sumner.

C. P. R. BASEBALL LEAGUE

Final arrangements were made last evening for the opening of a C. P. R. Baseball League on July 25.

The league composed of four teams representing the general office, car and freight divisions, C. P. R. Telegraph and the Dominion Express. A series of twenty-four games will be played.

Phelix and Pseudonid WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, Director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The depressions which were over Manitoba and the South Atlantic states yesterday have become unsettled and the system is now centred in Wisconsin. Rain has been almost general in Manitoba and Ontario. Elsewhere the weather has been fair.

Shower.

Maritime—Fresh east and southeast winds, showery tonight and on Friday. Gusty and North Shore—Fair today. Friday, fresh easterly winds, and showers.

New England—Showers tonight and on Friday; not much change in temperature; fresh, possibly strong, southeast and south winds.

Toronto, May 18.—Temperatures: Lowest Stations. 8 a.m. Highest during night

Prince Rupert 40 46 58
Pictou 48 58 66
Kamloops 58 78 86
Calgary 62 72 80
Edmonton 62 72 80
Prince Albert 68 78 86
Winnipeg 58 68 76
Saskatoon 58 68 76
Sault Ste. Marie 50 60 68
Toronto 54 70 84
Ottawa 52 74 84
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St. John, N. B. 50 64 74
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