

## SEVENTH WAITS UPON COL. LITTLE

Popular Commanding Officer Asked to Remain at Head of Regiment.

The annual meeting of the Seventh Regiment was held last night in the armory.

The most important matter dealt with was the resignation of Col. John W. Little, who for five years has been at the head of the regiment, and who made the Seventh one of the crack corps of Canada.

It was unanimously decided that a deputation composed of the senior officers should wait upon the colonel and request him to withdraw his resignation.

This morning the deputation had an interview with Col. Little.

Major Hayes, Capt. Reid and others explained to Col. Little that the officers and men of the regiment are very anxious that he should remain for another year, and that they believed it was in the interests of the regiment for him to reconsider his request to be relieved of his command.

It is understood that while the colonel did not give his final answer to-day, inasmuch as the officers did not desire that he should, he gave them no room to hope that he will continue as the head of the Seventh Regiment.

He has completed his full term of five years, and does not feel that he can reconsider his determination to withdraw. The law says that the term during which a militia officer may command a regiment is five years, but it is understood that the department of militia is willing to grant Col. Little an extension of a year if he saw fit to accept it.

It is said the command of the regiment will now go to Capt. Frank Reid, as Major Hayes, having refused to accept the position, Capt. Reid stands for the honor by right of seniority.

A number of reports were presented by the different committees, showing the regiment to be in a flourishing condition.

About \$1,500 has been spent on new instruments for the band, and it is hoped that the organization will reflect credit on Londoners the coming summer.

## STATIONARY ENGINEERS

Government Bill This Session To Solve Perplexing Problem.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—A Government bill is to be forthcoming this session to deal with the perplexing problem of stationary engineers.

This question has been up for several years, but has not yet been satisfactorily disposed of. Last session a bill was introduced by the late Henry Carscadden, providing for a board of examiners from which any man desiring to operate an engine over 50-horsepower should get a certificate of qualification. It was also provided that the bill should not go into force until July of this year. The Government bill will supplant this, and the enactment will not go into effect at all.

Instead the Government will provide for two scales of certificates, a first and a second. In addition to appointing a board of examiners the bill will call for reports from the factory inspectors as to the condition of the boilers. Other details will be announced shortly. The subject has occupied the attention of labor men for some time.

## LIKE HALDANE'S PLAN

Reorganization of the British Army Approved by Peers.

London, Feb. 25.—While War Secretary Haldane's project for the reorganization of the British army is likely to stimulate keen discussion and much criticism of its details is possible, its main principles meet with the approval of both political parties, and are favorably commented upon by almost all the newspapers this morning.

## MORGAN BUYS VAN DYCKS

Seven Famous Pictures Sold to Millionaire for \$500,000.

Genoa, Feb. 26.—The Corriere Mercantile has published a statement that the family of the Marquis of Cattaneo, which was in possession of fourteen paintings by Van Dyck, has sold seven of them to J. P. Morgan for \$500,000.

## ONE YEAR FOR PERCY

Young Man Goes To Central for Theft at G. T. R. Depot.

On year in the Central Prison was the sentence meted out to Percy Mould when he appeared before Magistrate Love at the police court this morning on three charges of theft, to which he had already pleaded guilty.

Mould is the young man arrested for stealing a valise from the G. T. R. station some time ago. Shortly after his arrest a second charge of stealing a valise was laid against him, and then a third charge, that of stealing an overcoat from a house where he had been boarding was laid at his door. He acknowledged all.

When sentencing the prisoner, the magistrate pointed out that stealing from stations and railway trains was even worse than an ordinary theft, and that he had determined to put a stop to it.

## NO G. T. R. FREIGHT BLOCKADE ON WESTERN ONTARIO DIVISION

Company Accepting All Freight for Eastern Points Which Cartage Companies Can Handle.

Twenty Negroes Die On a Burning Ship

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 26.—That 20 negro passengers were drowned or burned to death, and a dozen more are missing as the result of the burning of the steamer Marion at Hart's Landing on Wadmalaw River, about 40 miles from Charleston, Friday, was the report of Captain Ferguson of that vessel, filed with the Government inspectors. There were seven white passengers and about 50 negroes. The great loss of life seemed to have been on account of the negroes having become terror-stricken and neglected to get life preservers, of which there were 265 on board. The Marion cost \$20,000.

## \$115,000 WANTED BY SCHOOL BOARD

Estimates for Year Will Exceed 1906 Appropriation by Several Thousands.

School board estimates this year are likely to take a trip in the air. It was said at the city hall today that the board will ask about \$115,000 for public schools this year, as against \$107,000 a year ago.

Also that the amount which will be requested for Collegiate Institute purposes will be about \$2,000 or \$3,000 in excess of the sum received in 1906 for the same purpose. This will bring Collegiate Institute expenses this year up to about \$25,500.

Salary increases to the teachers are responsible for the increase noted above. The estimates will be presented at a meeting of the board on Tuesday next.

## NO GROUND TO ATTACK ALDERMEN

Ald. Stevely, Stevenson and Gillen Filed Their Declarations in Proper Form.

It has leaked out that the Conservatives are hoping to unseat Ald. Stevely, Stevenson and Gillen, on the ground that their qualification cannot be found in the city hall.

After the election, and before any alderman is allowed to take his seat, he files a declaration with the city clerk that he possesses the necessary property to qualify him for the position of alderman, that he is a British subject, etc.

All of the aldermen named filed their declarations with the city clerk, but it is said that the other day Mr. Percy Moore, of the Conservative Club, went to the city hall, and when he asked to be shown the qualifications of all the aldermen, those of Ald. Stevely, Stevenson and Gillen were missing.

This extraordinary affair was kept quiet for a time, but now it is said that the Conservatives, in order to get even for the action brought against Mr. Joshua Garratt by Mr. G. W. Armstrong, are ready to contest the right of these aldermen to sit in council.

City Clerk Baker is able to explain the whole matter very satisfactorily, however. He says some persons may be under the impression that the successful candidates should make two declarations in order to be qualified—one declaration when they were nominated and another after they were elected.

Mr. Baker did not demand the two declarations in all cases, however. When the candidates were nominated, the clerk insisted on each and every one swearing to the fact that he had the necessary qualifications. Then when the twelve candidates who were elected to office were sworn, Mr. Baker in some cases swore them on the declaration made before the election.

Those candidates who qualified in this way were, it is understood, Ald. Beattie, Cooper, Stevely, Gillen and one or two others.

Believe the aldermen named to have been properly elected and to have qualified in accordance with the law," Mr. Baker said. "I do not think there is anything in the contention that the qualifications are at fault."

## SCHOONER LOST

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 26.—It is believed the schooner Hilda which left Philadelphia Feb. 3 for this port laden, has been lost. She had a crew of nine men.

## BENNETT WRONG

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—Thomas Long, of Collingwood, was examined at the public accounts committee today in connection with the drydock at that place. He is vice-president of the company, Bennett (Simcoe), is endeavoring to show that the valuation of the dock at \$500,000, on which the Government pays 3 per cent under the statute, is too high, but the evidence of Long did not show this.

## POWERLESS AT CONTROLLER

Chicago, Feb. 26.—A dispatch from Dubuque, Iowa, says: Suddenly stricken with paralysis, Motorman Carl Carter stood powerless at his controller while a heavy car on the Union electric line ran wild through the heart of the business district yesterday. As he passed signal after signal without stopping the passengers in a panic at the increasing speed, called to the conductor, who stopped the car before any damage was done.

## C. N. R. BRANCHES PASS COMMITTEE

Line to Pass From Toronto to Windsor by Way of London Is Approved.

Company Accepting All Freight for Eastern Points Which Cartage Companies Can Handle.

The Grand Trunk authorities are very much inconvenienced and annoyed because of the publication of a report that the company is refusing all but perishable freight for shipment.

The company is taking all classes of freight for all points in Ontario as far east as Toronto, including Toronto and points north of that city. Owing to a slight blockade east of Toronto shipments of dead freights to eastern points are suspended for ten days, but only where the goods cannot be unloaded by consignees.

"We are not refusing any class of freight for shipment, east or west of Toronto," said Freight Agent Gordon today, "if the freight is such as can be handled by our cartage companies. The only dead freight we are refusing for points east of Toronto is that class of goods which must be unloaded by the consignee."

"Yesterday we shipped two carloads of biscuits to Ottawa and Montreal for the McCormick Manufacturing Company. Today we are shipping another carload of biscuits east for the same firm, and we are also shipping today a carload of beer to Amherst, N. S., for John Labatt."

"Many shippers were needlessly disturbed by the report that the Grand Trunk had placed an embargo upon all but perishable freight."

"I have told all such shippers," Mr. Gordon said to The Advertiser today, "that we are accepting all classes of freight whatsoever for all points in Ontario as far east as including Toronto. As I have already stated, the only classes of freight we are refusing for any point east is that which we cannot handle with our own cartage companies. Anything that the cartage companies in Montreal or any other eastern point can handle, we are ready to accept."

It is understood that the freight blockade is principally in Montreal, where the cold weather has prevented shippers unloading their cars, with the result that the sidings were congested. Thus the Grand Trunk will take any freight which may be consigned direct to the freight houses there, and which will be delivered from the freight houses by the cartage companies, but the railway company is fighting shy of freight which will be likely to lie in a car on the sidings there.

London shippers are not affected to any material extent by the decision of the Grand Trunk to refuse freight, which the cartage companies cannot handle at points east of Toronto. Almost everything that London shippers care to ship is being accepted by Freight Agent Gordon. There is no congestion of traffic, whatever, in Western Ontario.

## AMERICAN LEAGUE DATES

Will Open April 11 and Wind Up Season Oct. 6.

New York, Feb. 26.—The American League baseball season will open April 11 with Chicago in St. Louis, Cleveland in Detroit, New York in Washington, and Boston in Philadelphia, and will end Oct. 6.

## RAINY RIVER ELECTION

Court of Appeal Decides That Mr. Preston Was Elected.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—The court of appeals this morning decided in favor of the long-fought-for Port Arthur and Rainy River election case. The court threw out Mr. Kennedy's appeal and sustains the decision of Justices Anglin and Teetzel, that Mr. Preston was duly elected. The court holds that the voters' lists must be taken as final, having been devised by the Legislature as a safe and satisfactory protection for the rights of voters.

## A COMPANY WITH A SOUL

Hamilton Street Railway Secures Freedom for Dishonest Employee.

Hamilton, Feb. 26.—Joseph Piper, one of the three men arrested on a charge of using diggers to extricate a car from street car boxes appeared before Judge Monck this morning and pleaded guilty to the charge. Col. Gibson appeared for the company and succeeded in getting the prisoner off. He said that he understood that Piper's wife and family were in destitute circumstances and that as the company was not as soulless as it was sometimes represented, it would not press the charge, but would ask that Piper be acquitted. After lecturing the prisoner the judge allowed him to go on suspended sentence.

## WOULD THIS MUDDLE YOU?

Chicago, Feb. 26.—A dispatch from Kankakee, Ill., says: To an increase of wages from \$35 to \$50, which he could not understand, is attributed the insanity of Philip Couture, a painter, who was adjudged insane yesterday.

## PORT STANLEY TO CONNEAUT

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 26.—A passenger license has been obtained by the car ferry Marquette No. 2, which runs between Conneaut and Port Stanley, Ont., and changes are being made on the boat to accommodate passengers. Service will begin to Port Stanley on April 15.

## MR. GRAY DECLINES NOMINATION; PARTY IS LOOKING AROUND

RAILWAY INSPECTOR TO LOOK INTO CRASH

Govt. Official Will Open Inquiry Into Wreck of the Limited.

The Dominion Government's inspector of railway accidents will be in the city tomorrow to investigate the recent collision between the Grand Trunk International Limited and a freight, in which Traveling Engineer George Reardon, of this city, lost his life.

The inspector has full power to call all the members of the train crews and such officials and other employees of the road as he may see fit, and it is certain that he will make a very thorough inquiry.

The Grand Trunk's investigation of the accident has not yet been concluded, and until it is none of the members of the crew of the freight train will be allowed to resume duty.

## ONTARIO VETS ARE UP IN ARMS

Object to the Provincial Government's Granting of Certificates in Recent Cases.

The Ontario Association of Veterinary Surgeons is up in arms at the action of the Ontario Government because it has seen fit to grant certificates to practice to two persons who, the members of the association claim, have not taken a course at that veterinary college, and are not qualified to engage in the profession.

While the association does not expect to be able to do anything to have the two certificates canceled, it desires to cause the Government to refuse a certificate to another individual who has made application for a permit, and whose case is to be considered at the present session. Members of the Legislature from all parts of the Province have been communicated with in regard to the matter, and in this way, and by sending a deputation to Toronto, it is hoped that the vets will induce the Government not to "make" any further veterinarians.

Veterinarians throughout the Dominion have been notified by the department of agriculture at Ottawa that it is the intention of the Dominion Government to appoint 25 inspectors under the new meat inspection act, and that arrangements have been made whereby those who desire to qualify for such a position can take a course of instruction at the Chicago Veterinary College, by which they can secure such knowledge as will enable them to pass the examination provided by the act. The salary of the inspectors will be from \$1,000 to \$1,200 a year.

The course will begin on March 4 and will extend over a period of five weeks. The fee for the course will be \$45. A number of veterinarians from London and the surrounding district will take advantage of the course.

It is the intention of the Government to hold a series of examinations at various points in the Dominion shortly after the completion of the course of instruction, the passing of the examination being obligatory under the act.

## SHAW TO HEAD TRUST CO.

U. S. Treasurer To Be President of New Carnegie Concern.

New York, Feb. 26.—The Herald says: Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, who will retire from the cabinet March 4, is to become the president of the new Carnegie Trust Company, a trust company which will bring his family to New York and the future will disclose whether Mr. Shaw will relinquish his legal residence in Iowa. The board of directors of the Carnegie Trust Company, it is understood, will hold its meeting this week and elect Mr. Shaw, president of the corporation.

Charles T. Dickinson, the present president, will retire to make room for Mr. Shaw.

## THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—SNOW OR SLEET.

Toronto, Feb. 25-8 p.m. The disturbance which passed across Ontario yesterday has since developed into a storm, and with snow, now prevail in the Maritime Provinces. Light snow has also fallen in the Western Provinces, and the weather continues very cold throughout the Dominion.

## FORECASTS.

Tuesday, Feb. 26-8 a.m. Today—Easterly winds; rising temperature; light local snowfalls. Wednesday—Easterly winds, with snow or sleet.

## TEMPERATURES.

Stations. 8 a.m. Min. Weather. Calgary ..... -4 ..... -6 Fair Winnipeg ..... -10 ..... -10 Clear Port Arthur ..... -10 ..... -10 Snow Parry Sound ..... -2 ..... -4 Fair Toronto ..... 6 ..... 4 Snow Ottawa ..... -4 ..... -8 Fair Montreal ..... -2 ..... -10 Fair Quebec ..... -1 ..... -10 Fair Father Point ..... -8 ..... 10 Cloudy

## 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, 30°; lowest, 10° above.

## MR. GRAY DECLINES NOMINATION; PARTY IS LOOKING AROUND

RAILWAY INSPECTOR TO LOOK INTO CRASH

Govt. Official Will Open Inquiry Into Wreck of the Limited.

The Dominion Government's inspector of railway accidents will be in the city tomorrow to investigate the recent collision between the Grand Trunk International Limited and a freight, in which Traveling Engineer George Reardon, of this city, lost his life.

The inspector has full power to call all the members of the train crews and such officials and other employees of the road as he may see fit, and it is certain that he will make a very thorough inquiry.

The Grand Trunk's investigation of the accident has not yet been concluded, and until it is none of the members of the crew of the freight train will be allowed to resume duty.

## ONTARIO VETS ARE UP IN ARMS

Object to the Provincial Government's Granting of Certificates in Recent Cases.

The Ontario Association of Veterinary Surgeons is up in arms at the action of the Ontario Government because it has seen fit to grant certificates to practice to two persons who, the members of the association claim, have not taken a course at that veterinary college, and are not qualified to engage in the profession.

While the association does not expect to be able to do anything to have the two certificates canceled, it desires to cause the Government to refuse a certificate to another individual who has made application for a permit, and whose case is to be considered at the present session. Members of the Legislature from all parts of the Province have been communicated with in regard to the matter, and in this way, and by sending a deputation to Toronto, it is hoped that the vets will induce the Government not to "make" any further veterinarians.

Veterinarians throughout the Dominion have been notified by the department of agriculture at Ottawa that it is the intention of the Dominion Government to appoint 25 inspectors under the new meat inspection act, and that arrangements have been made whereby those who desire to qualify for such a position can take a course of instruction at the Chicago Veterinary College, by which they can secure such knowledge as will enable them to pass the examination provided by the act. The salary of the inspectors will be from \$1,000 to \$1,200 a year.

The course will begin on March 4 and will extend over a period of five weeks. The fee for the course will be \$45. A number of veterinarians from London and the surrounding district will take advantage of the course.

It is the intention of the Government to hold a series of examinations at various points in the Dominion shortly after the completion of the course of instruction, the passing of the examination being obligatory under the act.

## WHIST MATCH THURSDAY

South London Liberals to Compete for Two Valuable Prizes.

The weekly whist match of the South London Liberal Club will be held in the clubrooms on Thursday evening. Two splendid prizes will be given, and it is expected that there will be a large attendance and a keen contest. Every South London Liberal is cordially invited to attend.

## FORT WILLIAM A CITY.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—The private bills committee this morning passed the bill to create Fort William a city.

## GEN. STOESSSEL PLAYED COWARD, SAYS HIS BROTHER OFFICER

Sacrificed Port Arthur to Save His Life and Caused Mukden Rout.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—A copy of the secret report on the defense of Port Arthur, which is the basis of the indictment on which Lieut.-Gen. Stoessel, Lieut.-Gen. Fock, who commanded the Fourth East Siberian division at Port Arthur, and Major-Gen. Reiss, chief of staff of Gen. Stoessel, are standing trial for their lives before the supreme court-martial, has been obtained by the Associated Press. It is of the greatest interest as explaining the decision to try these three officers and the other defenders of Port Arthur.

## A Sensational Report.

The report, which was written by Lieut.-Gen. Smirnov, the actual commander of the fortress, Stoessel being commander of the Kwantung Peninsula, is sensational in the extreme, and categorically accuses Stoessel of cowardice and incapacity, and finally of the deliberate, treasonable hastening of the surrender to save his own life, and in defiance of the decisions of two successive councils of war. The report is filled in the extreme, breathes the most bitter personal enmity, and shows that the high officers of the Port Arthur garrison in the darkest days of the siege were almost at each other's throats. Only the late Major-Gen. Kondratenko, commander of the Seventh East Siberian Rifle, had the confidence of both sides.

## A Terrible Indictment.

The report explains the references made in Gen. Kuropatkin's report of Gen. Stoessel's demoralization of the garrison. The indictment is summed up in the conclusion of Gen. Smirnov as follows: "A series of unpardonable blunders outside the fortress due to the ignorance and lack of military capacity and martial prowess of Gen. Stoessel and Fock, brought about the investment of the fortress several months earlier than necessary, and after the investment a desire for undeserved glory moved Stoessel to interfere in the defense, with unfortunate results. Finally, at the last period of the siege, Stoessel usurped my authority with the assistance of Gen. Fock and Reiss and committed treason in surrendering suddenly and prematurely. I regard our defeat at Mukden as a direct result of this treason."

## MR. GRAY DECLINES NOMINATION; PARTY IS LOOKING AROUND

RAILWAY INSPECTOR TO LOOK INTO CRASH

Govt. Official Will Open Inquiry Into Wreck of the Limited.

The Dominion Government's inspector of railway accidents will be in the city tomorrow to investigate the recent collision between the Grand Trunk International Limited and a freight, in which Traveling Engineer George Reardon, of this city, lost his life.

The inspector has full power to call all the members of the train crews and such officials and other employees of the road as he may see fit, and it is certain that he will make a very thorough inquiry.

The Grand Trunk's investigation of the accident has not yet been concluded, and until it is none of the members of the crew of the freight train will be allowed to resume duty.

## ONTARIO VETS ARE UP IN ARMS

Object to the Provincial Government's Granting of Certificates in Recent Cases.

The Ontario Association of Veterinary Surgeons is up in arms at the action of the Ontario Government because it has seen fit to grant certificates to practice to two persons who, the members of the association claim, have not taken a course at that veterinary college, and are not qualified to engage in the profession.

While the association does not expect to be able to do anything to have the two certificates canceled, it desires to cause the Government to refuse a certificate to another individual who has made application for a permit, and whose case is to be considered at the present session. Members of the Legislature from all parts of the Province have been communicated with in regard to the matter, and in this way, and by sending a deputation to Toronto, it is hoped that the vets will induce the Government not to "make" any further veterinarians.

Veterinarians throughout the Dominion have been notified by the department of agriculture at Ottawa that it is the intention of the Dominion Government to appoint 25 inspectors under the new meat inspection act, and that arrangements have been made whereby those who desire to qualify for such a position can take a course of instruction at the Chicago Veterinary College, by which they can secure such knowledge as will enable them to pass the examination provided by the act. The salary of the inspectors will be from \$1,000 to \$1,200 a year.

The course will begin on March 4 and will extend over a period of five weeks. The fee for the course will be \$45. A number of veterinarians from London and the surrounding district will take advantage of the course.

It is the intention of the Government to hold a series of examinations at various points in the Dominion shortly after the completion of the course of instruction, the passing of the examination being obligatory under the act.

## WHIST MATCH THURSDAY

South London Liberals to Compete for Two Valuable Prizes.

The weekly whist match of the South London Liberal Club will be held in the clubrooms on Thursday evening. Two splendid prizes will be given, and it is expected that there will be a large attendance and a keen contest. Every South London Liberal is cordially invited to attend.

## FORT WILLIAM A CITY.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—The private bills committee this morning passed the bill to create Fort William a city.

## GEN. STOESSSEL PLAYED COWARD, SAYS HIS BROTHER OFFICER

Sacrificed Port Arthur to Save His Life and Caused Mukden Rout.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—A copy of the secret report on the defense of Port Arthur, which is the basis of the indictment on which Lieut.-Gen. Stoessel, Lieut.-Gen. Fock, who commanded the Fourth East Siberian division at Port Arthur, and Major-Gen. Reiss, chief of staff of Gen. Stoessel, are standing trial for their lives before the supreme court-martial, has been obtained by the Associated Press. It is of the greatest interest as explaining the decision to try these three officers and the other defenders of Port Arthur.

## A Sensational Report.

The report, which was written by Lieut.-Gen. Smirnov, the actual commander of the fortress, Stoessel being commander of the Kwantung Peninsula, is sensational in the extreme, and categorically accuses Stoessel of cowardice and incapacity, and finally of the deliberate, treasonable hastening of the surrender to save his own life, and in defiance of the decisions of two successive councils of war. The report is filled in the extreme, breathes the most bitter personal enmity, and shows that the high officers of the Port Arthur garrison in the darkest days of the siege were almost at each other's throats. Only the late Major-Gen. Kondratenko, commander of the Seventh East Siberian Rifle, had the confidence of both sides.

## A Terrible Indictment.

The report explains the references made in Gen. Kuropatkin's report of Gen. Stoessel's demoralization of the garrison. The indictment is summed up in the conclusion of Gen. Smirnov as follows: "A series of unpardonable blunders outside the fortress due to the ignorance and lack of military capacity and martial prowess of Gen. Stoessel and Fock, brought about the investment of the fortress several months earlier than necessary, and after the investment a desire for undeserved glory moved Stoessel to interfere in the defense, with unfortunate results. Finally, at the last period of the siege, Stoessel usurped my authority with the assistance of Gen. Fock and Reiss and committed treason in surrendering suddenly and prematurely. I regard our defeat at Mukden as a direct result of this treason."

## JEROME PRESENTS MRS. THAW'S DIARY

Makes Lively Comment on Life and Morality During School Girl Hours.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—When the trial of Harry K. Thaw, charged with killing Stanford White, was resumed this morning, District Attorney Jerome called the attention of Justice Fitzgerald to a letter he had received from J. D. Lyon, vice-president of the Union National