

Report of Inspector Submitted Council—Substantial Increase Over the Previous Year.

Annual report of the inspector of buildings, which was submitted to the council yesterday afternoon, shows a marked increase in building operations during 1912. The total value of the work for which permits were issued for the year amounted to \$645,000. This is an increase of 172 per cent over the total value of the work for the previous year and an increase of \$72,000. The details of the work are as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Permits, Cost, and Description. Rows include: Permits for Wooden Buildings, Permits for Brick Buildings, and various types of buildings like houses, offices, etc.

Buildings have been reported as during the year and these are being taken in order to make them safe. The foregoing figures were not shown to the council as they relate only to remodeling or repairing.

STRA STEAMERS TO RELIEVE THE CONGESTION HERE

Marked increase in traffic through port of St. John this year has forced steamship lines to extend their fleets, and extra boats have been chartered here for nearly all lines.

The Western line has chartered the steamer Ford which will sail from Manchester Saturday for St. John, and the Black line has chartered the steamer Taina to relieve the congestion which has resulted from the arrival of the Rhodian of the West India service.

DEMOCRATS WILL CUT OR ABOLISH DUTY ON LEMONS

Washington, Jan. 20.—Free lemons, or at a fifty per cent cut in the present duty of one and one-half cents a pound, is the demand of the citrus growers of California today as part of the Democratic tariff revision policy for the coming session of congress.

At the testimony before the committee on ways and means at three sessions today and tonight, commission merchant and citrus grower, James H. Long, of the Citrus Protective League of California, comprising growers and shippers of lemons and the Fruit Growers Exchange, which Chairman Underhill of the committee insisted was the agency for these producers, consented to the retention of the present duty on lemons.

Mr. Long, who is the president of the Citrus Protective League of California, and who is also a member of the committee, was fighting on three-quarters of a cent a pound fair compromise.

Opera Chorus Struck. Chicago, Jan. 20.—The chorus of the Chicago Grand Opera Company, which struck today last night, preventing a scheduled performance of Pagliacci, returned to work and assisted in a performance of Bohème. The chorus objected to work on Saturday.

Black Walnut Furniture or Furniture of any dark rich wood should be treated occasionally with a soft rag dipped in linseed oil, then polished with another rag.

SCORES ALLIANCE WITH UNIONISTS

Hon. Mr. MacLean Gives Tories a Bad Hour. Says Canada Will Not Stand for Their Meddling.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley Condemns Conservative Bargaining With Mother Country—Fact Queried About Pact With Bonar Law, Declines to Give Any Information.

Special to The Telegraph. Ottawa, Jan. 23.—Canada remains outside meddling in her affairs. Notice to this effect was served in parliament today and was emphasized by almost continuous applause and other marks of approval.

The speaker was A. K. MacLean, the famous critic who in 1907 and 1908 made vigorous and able address upon the prospective trade treaty with the West Indies, dealt plainly with the interference of English politicians in Canadian affairs.

He severely criticized and challenged the fact of the statement of Hon. George E. Foster in London to the effect that had the last Canadian election resulted otherwise than it did there would have been no West Indies treaty, pointing out that Hon. W. S. Fielding had taken the first steps in this connection.

He quoted the declaration of the former minister of finance that Canada, recognizing her imperial responsibility, had decided to extend her preferential tariff to the West Indies without demanding any concession in return.

There was a general sense of relief for the Maclean's statement, Mr. Foster, Mr. MacLean admitted, in the fact that the minister of commerce had been surrounded at the time by "members of the Unionist party who had assisted financially and otherwise in the last Canadian election. These gentlemen were apostles of a preferential tariff in the shape of additional food taxes for England, and Mr. Foster had 'let it easy' for them in the 'demagogic' under their inspiration.

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OUTLOOK FOR BALKAN PEACE NOT SO GOOD

Turkish Ministry Resigns. Young Turks Now in Saddle and War Party is Predominant—Allies Consider New Turn of Affairs a Trick—Powers May Try Coercion on Sultan Now.

Canadian Press. London, Jan. 23.—To the ambassadors of powers who were congratulating themselves that the concert of Europe had virtually settled the near eastern war, the delegates of the allied Balkan states and to all London except the Turkish plenipotentiaries, the news of the resignation of Kiamal Pasha and the appointment of Mahomed Shekif Pasha to the grand vizierate came as a bolt from the blue.

Whether this means war to a finish with the "Young Turks in the saddle," or is merely another exhibition of the resources of Turkish diplomacy, none can say, nor can any one definitely predict whether the powers will attempt to coerce Turkey into making peace, or watch events take their course.

The Turkish delegates have cherished the conviction that the abandonment of Adrianople by the ministry would bring a Young Turk cabinet into power. The fact that Shekif Pasha has been appointed grand vizier, while Talat Bey, who is a prominent member of the Young Turk committee and deputy for Adrianople, has been made minister of the interior, is significant.

Young Turks in the Saddle. "The Young Turks have labored valiantly for some time to regain power, their army being a military revolution has been granted and prominent officers who recently returned from Tripoli and joined the Tehalists army, are largely responsible for the revolution of January 23rd.

Whether the advent of the Young Turk ministry means that the Ottoman will make a last fight with their backs to the wall depends upon the amount of support which the Young Turk cabinet will receive. The only support there is a division of opinion as to the amount of support which the Young Turk cabinet will receive.

A Power for a Protectionist. Mr. Keston questioned the witness closely on exports of sulphur from the United States to Canada. "If you are able to export to Canada in competition with England which has preference of 10 per cent, don't you think you are able to compete with England in our own country, where England has no preference?"

That condition might be possible temporarily," the witness admitted. His firm, the Parkhill Manufacturing Co., Lowell, said, under pressure from Mr. Bailey, had a selling agency composed of two of its directors. After some hesitation Mr. Lowe said that the commission paid to selling agents was 3 1/2 per cent on the net price, which amounted to about \$2,500,000.

World Welcome Russia's Help. They declare that their alliance is as strongly knit as at the beginning of the war and they are ready to resume hostilities at a moment's notice and carry on the campaign with greater vigor than ever. Russia's appearance on the stage in the role of active intervention. They think that Russia's action would greatly aid the European war, as has been generally believed, but would result in the complete dismemberment of the Turkish empire, which would include the loss of Constantinople and the Asiatic provinces.

The beginning of an agreement on this subject is understood already to exist among the powers, which greatly are being familiarized with the idea that the complete suppression of Turkey would mean the extinguishment of a source of constant disturbance to peace. The Mohammedans themselves as a whole are not reluctant to accept foreign and civilized dominion, instead of chaotic Turkish government. Still these delegates best acquainted with the Turkish system think that the latest move has not the assumption of war as its aim but to secure better conditions from a desperate situation.

SEE SIGNS OF AN ELECTION. Flitting of Tory Ministers Between Ottawa and Montreal Considered Significant. Commander of Turkish Army ASSASSINATED.

Montreal, Jan. 23.—A great deal of ministerial flitting has been going on of late between the commercial and political capitals, the statement being given out that the ministers are consulting their friends as to organizing the province. The morning Hon. Messrs. Doherty, Mantel and Perley returned to the capital after seeing quite a number of their friends and supporters. This morning on Saturday evening they reached the city and received another batch of people at the Ritz Carlton, it is stated that Hon. Robert Rogers is due tomorrow evening. On Saturday evening Doherty and Mantel and Armstrong of Lambton, will speak at a banquet here.

Constantinople, Jan. 23.—Nizam Pasha, the former war minister and commander of the Turkish army was shot dead during demonstrations here tonight.

AMERICANS WAIT A SPECIAL TRIBUNAL

Business World Much Relieved. Would Leave Canal Dispute to It. Washington's Answer to British Protest Made Public.

ENGLAND AWAITING TODAY. Franchise Bill Comes Up and Fate of Woman's Suffrage Will Be Decided in Commons—Lords Also to Tackle Second Reading of Home Rule Bill.

Special to The Telegraph and Montreal Star. Washington, Jan. 23.—Further representations in connection with the cotton schedule were heard this morning by the congressional committee on ways and means. P. Miller, of Philadelphia, representing the Stead & Miller Company, asked the retention of the present duty of 50 per cent on capstanes and other Jacquard figured textile goods.

A representative of Windsor (Mass.) Print-Mills also requested the duty on printed cotton goods be retained. "I cannot get into my head what you mean by a tariff for revenue," the witness protested, motioning as the chairman in a puzzled way. "I cannot see what you should lower the tariff so as to send \$100,000,000 abroad for foreigners' use instead of this country."

A financial representative of those who fulfill the revenue replied, "to levy taxation for revenue, and any protection given is only an incident. While protection is a primary and revenue is a secondary member of the tariff, it is so high as to prohibit importations and allow all the tax to go into the pocket of manufacturers and put none into that of the government."

"I don't envy you," the witness retorted. Arthur Love, a New England manufacturer, argued that the proposed rates presented by the Southern manufacturers should be regarded as the lowest possible. He would like to see the increase in the tariff suggested on shoe goods, and summed up the Democratic position in a terse sentence. "A tariff for revenue means that the importer shall be encouraged and the American manufacturer be discouraged by special duties, or else shall only protect the manufacturer."

There will be substantial reductions from the tentative cotton schedule basis running down to a low of five per cent on the cheap goods that the working classes depend upon. The compromise revision schedule proposed yesterday by Lewis W. Parker, of Greenville (N. C.), former head of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association, assumed more importance today as a basis for Democratic general reduction.

The committee concluded taking testimony today on the cotton schedule. Most of the witnesses wanted retention of the rates in the present tariff law, particularly on Jacquard figured cotton goods, which they generally represent as the staple of the cotton manufacturer. Other witnesses, while preferring the present policy, were disposed to be conciliatory in view of the determination of the Democratic leaders to reduce the tariff along revenue lines, particularly on the more common articles of use among the poorer classes of the people.

IN B. POSTMASTERS IN ANNUAL SESSION. J. M. Troy, of Newcastle, Elected President—Moncton Barber Dies Suddenly.

Moncton, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Postmasters Association was held in Moncton today. There was a good attendance and letters were read from others expressing sympathy with the work of the association which is to better the conditions of post office officials and increase the efficiency of the service. Officers for the current year were elected as follows: J. M. Troy, Newcastle, president; J. H. Allison, Sackville, vice president; J. V. Bourgeois, Shediac, secretary; executive, J. H. Allison, D. S. Mann, George B. (Second) and W. Wilson. A vote of thanks was tendered retiring President, Kinross, of Sussex, for the good work done last year.

John B. Moore, a well known barber here, died very suddenly this evening of heart failure. He has been employed for a few days but seemed much better today and nothing serious was feared. He was a native of Kensington (E. I.), and leaves a widow and one son and three daughters.

D. ARNOLD FOX GIVES RECITAL IN GALAS. Smashed Pictures in National Gallery.

London, Jan. 23.—A man attacked the picture in the National Gallery this afternoon with a two foot rule. He smashed the glass and damaged the canvases of four paintings, two of them by Constable. He was seized by a policeman. The man gave no motive for his act, nor did he claim to be a supporter of the suffragette. It is said that the pictures can be easily repaired.