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REPARIATE QUEBECKERS

House Spends Most of Afternoon in a Discussion on Reclaiming Lost French Canadians.

OTTAWA, Feb. 10.—(Special).—Urging an active propaganda for the repatriation of French Canadians residing in the United States, Dr. Paquette (Conservative, L'Est), started a discussion in the house which occupied nearly the whole of the afternoon. The debate was in French.

M. Lemieux, replying, said the Liberals by their tariff had stopped the exodus to the United States, and started the movement of emigration to the Canadian west. The P. M. G. did not think the priests of the New England states would support a movement to scatter their flocks.

F. D. Monk followed with a criticism of the character of immigration that is pouring into the west. He ridiculed the idea that the tariff had anything to do with the exodus, and claimed that French-Canadians were still leaving the country.

Hon. L. P. Brodeur quoted statistics to show that the French Canadian population of the New England states was diminishing.

Many other Quebec members took part in the discussion. The resolution was finally adopted.

Before this, however, some questions were answered. Mr. Armstrong was informed by the postmaster-general that the number of mail and stage routes in Canada on March 31 last was 8091; the total number of miles travelled in the year being 17,102,214.

Mr. Graham said in answer to Mr. Gervais, that the government had not entered into an agreement with regard to the construction of a branch line between Montreal and the G. T. P., nor was it about to make such an agreement.

Mr. Marshall was informed that in four years the sum of \$16,458 had been expended on Port Bruce harbor and the matter of expending money on dock this year was under consideration.

"I am sorry, but my hon. friend will have to wait for the budget speech," said Sir Wilfrid, replying to Mr. Hain, who asked if it was the intention to increase the tariff on hogs coming into Canada from the United States.

Mr. Fisher, replying to Mr. Percy, said the total expenditure from 1904 to 1908 for animals slaughtered was \$1,209,452. There was no compensation for the slaughter of animals on account of bovine tuberculosis.

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SEARCH FOR EXPLORER

Belief Expedition Will Be Organized to Look for Dr. Cook.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—At a meeting here to-day a committee of ten was organized for the purpose of equipping a relief expedition for Dr. Frederick Cook of Brooklyn, who is supposed to be wintering somewhere in the polar regions, after an attempt to reach the pole last summer.

Members of the committee hope to raise the \$200,000 needed to equip the expedition in time to charter the Arctic steamer Erik, now at St. John's, and start in search of Dr. Cook not later than July 15.

NFD. LEGISLATURE CALLED

Governor Macgregor Has Summoned It to Meet Feb. 27.

ST. JOHN, N.F., Feb. 10.—Public notice in the Gazette that the Newfoundland Legislature is renewed by the action of Governor Macgregor in issuing a proclamation summoning it to meet Feb. 27.

There has been no session since the general elections last November, when Sir Robert Bond, premier, and Sir Edward Morris, leader of the opposition, each succeeded in electing thirteen members.

An Army of the Empire

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Speaking at a military dinner in London to-night on the role of the territorial army in the various problems of defense against possible invasion, the Rt. Hon. R. B. Haldane, secretary of state for war, announced that the government is negotiating with its dominions over the seas with a view to the creation of an army of empire, and not of Great Britain merely.

Secretary Haldane referred also with great satisfaction to the fact, as the outcome of the recent agitation, 3000 recruits had joined the territorial army and 100 applications had been received for commissions.

WOMEN ARE ANXIOUS TO WITNESS HANGING

Two of Them Calmly View the Scaffold at Own Request—Radclyffe Sleeps in Jail.

BRAMPTON, Feb. 10.—(Special).—The grave is dug, the coroner's jury picked, and the officiating priests are here. By the time the morning papers are in the hands of most readers, Stefan Swyryda will have paid the penalty for the cold-blooded murder of Olecka Luteik, the Galician boy, 17 years of age. Barring accidents, he will be executed at 7:30 a. m. to-morrow.

He was requested to do so by High Sheriff Robert Brody, who is not in any way uncomfortable a mood, and who wants to be absolutely certain of no hitch in the arrangements. So Radclyffe reluctantly acquiesced.

Rev. Father Morrow, whose parish embraces the district of Orangeville, and the Brampton and Cataract missions, will be the officiating clergyman, with the Polish priest of West Toronto as his assistant.

Father Morrow had an hour's earnest conversation with the condemned man to-night, and Stefan Swyryda still unchanged regarding his protestations of innocence. The priest seemed deeply impressed. His main aim was to witness the execution, and consequently no absolute confession has been administered, but he has taken the sacrament.

Swyryda will be the first grave in the jailyard, and will be left unmarked by either head or foot stone. To-night he was moved from his cell on the top floor to one on the ground floor of the jail, the outside walls of which are of Polish extraction he has dealt with in the past few days, and to-night, at his own request, was given some whiskey.

Radclyffe, nervous, the necessity of sleeping in the same prison with the condemned man being an unusual experience, in his many years' experience as public executioner, he says, he has put representatives of twenty-one races out of existence. This is the third of Stefan Swyryda's cases that he has dealt with.

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TAKE THE DOCTOR'S PART

Ontario Friends Subscribe His Recent Fine, and Hospital is Benefited.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Feb. 10.—(Special).—Fined \$25 for practising medicine in this city, Dr. Thomas Snyder of Niagara Falls, N. Y., physician, has had this sum presented to him by Canadian admirers, and has offered to present the money to the local hospital to endow a bed to bear his name.

In addition he will subscribe all moneys derived from his Canadian practice from now until June, and will present it to the hospital.

Being a border town, much feeling has arisen over the affair and talk of retaliation on Canadian workers in the American city was for a time indulged in.

Dr. Snyder, who is a native of Berlin, Canada, took a prominent part in the recent Canadian "University" case, and is graduate of Queen's University. He is, however, fully qualified to practise in Canada.

COLLAPSE KILLS THREE.

LORAIN, Ohio, Feb. 10.—By the collapse of a platform on which a gang of men were at work on a vessel at the wharf here to-day, three men were killed and five others injured, two of whom will probably die.

To Declare Husband Dead. Papers have been filed by Joan Traill of Hamilton for an order declaring her husband, William Traill, whom she has not heard from for twelve years, to be presumed to be dead. He went to Chicago in 1890.

FOILS PLAN TO ESCAPE 'TOMBS'

Attorney Jerome Figures in Sensational Affair Which Results in Four Arrests.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—What is believed to have been a well planned plot to escape from the Tombs prison was broken up late to-day by District Attorney Jerome and two detectives, who dashed thru Judge Malone's court, while it was in session, and ran to the prison across the street and ordered all the doors locked and no one permitted to pass in or out.

The district-attorney then went to the cell of Harry Mercer, recently extradited from California, under fraud charges. Mercer, it had been learned, intended to escape. A disguise was found in his cell.

Other prisoners stated that Mercer planned to pass out with discharged prisoners to-day.

Meanwhile detectives came upon an automobile standing near the prison and took the chauffeur and another man into custody.

District Attorney Jerome conducted an investigation to-night into the affair. As the result, four arrests were made. The prisoners are Joseph A. Shay, a lawyer and one of the counsel for Thornton J. Hains; Walter P. Peck, who was known as the Tombs prison warden; and two keepers in the Tombs, Peter J. Howard and John J. Molloy.

The two keepers were charged with a violation of the rules of the prison in not compelling a visitor to register his name in the book kept for that purpose. They were held in \$250 bail each for examination, which they furnished.

Shay is held in \$3000 bail. A. M. Peck is said to have made an attempt to District Attorney Jerome. One of the men went into the Tombs taking a fur overcoat, a pair of eyeglasses and a cap to Mercer, with which the prisoner was to make his way past the guards and escape from the prison. This man is said to have taken in a time table and a roll of money to Mercer, who was to go to Goldfield, Nevada, to-day.

The automobile was hired and the chauffeur and the man with him are said to have no knowledge of the plot.

NEXT CUSTOMS COLLECTOR

Fred G. Inwood is Mentioned as a Likely Appointment.

The vacancy as collector of customs may, or may not, be filled by a Toronto man.

The local patronage committee, while influential, have not got the "making of the man" for the customs port of Toronto. In any event, the minister of customs himself will take it on himself to make an appointment suitable to himself.

Petitions are already in circulation among business men, asking that the minister of customs should take the principle of promotion and advance J. H. Bertram, the present surveyor, to the vacancy. This would result in promotions all along the line.

But the most likely appointee will be an outsider, and it is said that Fred G. Inwood, the provincial Liberal organizer, is favored by many whose opinions will bear weight. Mr. Inwood, it is pointed out, has done yeoman service for the party for the past twenty years, and is now entitled to a reward, especially in view of the successful conclusion of the federal campaign in Ontario.

Other names already mentioned are those of ex-Mr. Dr. Adam Lynd and ex-Mayor Urquhart.

COMPEL IRISH LANGUAGE

National Convention Favors Stipulation in University Matriculation.

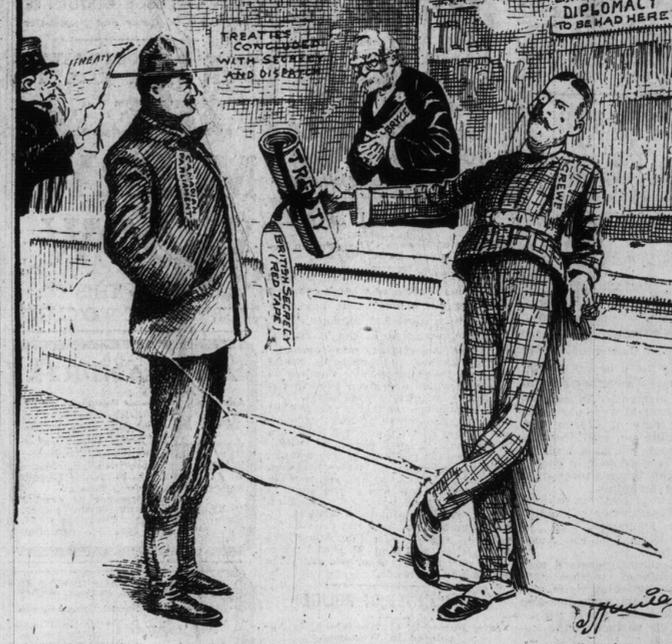
DUBLIN, Feb. 10.—The Irish national convention held its second day's session at the Mansion House to-day, and, compared to the storm scenes of yesterday, when the speeches of the minority were very orderly, the proceedings were very quiet.

John Dillon, however, drew a hot fire when he opposed a motion to the effect that the Irish language should be among the compulsory subjects for matriculation at the national university.

He took the ground that compulsion would not induce the people who did not study their native language unless compelled to do so. The Gaelic League, however, carried the convention, and the motion was approved.

Other resolutions included thanks to the people of America for their generosity in supporting the Irish cause.

WILL MR. CANUCK STAND FOR IT?



EARL CREWE, of the 'Ome Diplomacy Shop: This is your treaty my good fellow, but we really can't let you examine it, y' know, till it's finally signed, sealed, and ratified.

CANNOT SUE IN B. C. IF WITHOUT LICENSE

Restriction Under Which Business Houses in the East Are Compelled to Trade on Coast.

Is taking suit proceedings doing business? It is, according to a decision handed out by the courts of British Columbia recently. The decision holds that a company incorporated or registered in a province outside of British Columbia and not holding a license in B. C. cannot take action against their creditors in B. C., as, according to the court, taking proceedings is doing business and it is against the law and punishable by a fine for any company whose charter is held outside of the province to do business there without a license of a B. C. charter.

The decision, which was given by the highest court in British Columbia, holds that the restriction will apply only in respect to contracts made or business done in British Columbia. This will doubtless affect all orders taken by travelers or agents, in order to register or obtain this license, it is necessary to make formal application to the registrar of companies in the province. The fee, in cases where at least 50 per cent of the subscribed capital is invested outside British Columbia, is \$200; otherwise the fee is much smaller.

N. L. Martin and Company, the assignees, are sending a letter explaining the state of affairs to incorporated companies in Ontario, thru their Toronto office, in Manitoba, thru their Winnipeg office and in Quebec thru their Montreal office. They got the opinion of their British Columbia solicitors as to the state of affairs. Companies doing business in British Columbia are rather uncertain as to their legal rights there.

The letter closes: "As the matter now stands, therefore, all Ontario and Quebec incorporated companies will be required to obtain this license if they wish to sell goods by traveler in the province in question, if they wish to have the right of legal redress."

The firm to whom the decision was given have carried their case to the supreme court of Canada.

CANADA ON THE VERGE

It Brings Rejection of Tariff Overturns, S. May Repeat the Record.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—(C.A.P.).—Mackinder, Unionist candidate in the border boroughs, in urging tariff reform, declared that when in Canada Canadians told him "five years ago you could have made a better bargain than to-day: five years hence you can make none at all."

The Scotsman, commenting, says that reciprocity is growing in force on the other side of the Atlantic, and it is impossible to say how long Canada will maintain its present attitude towards the United States.

DOES IT PAY?

KINGSTON, Feb. 10.—The civic light plant did well during 1908, yielding a revenue of \$4500, compared with \$1400 in 1907. Of this, \$4024 is profit on electricity. Gas showed a deficit of \$508.

All this was done in spite of the fact that rates were reduced.

\$100,000 Is Secret Gift For McGill

Identity of Subscriber Not Made Public—Given Conditionally—Unknown Gives \$25,000.

MONTREAL, Feb. 10.—(Special).—A donor who desires to conceal his identity gave \$100,000 to McGill to-day, on condition that an additional half million dollars be raised. The total of \$600,000 to be put into a general fund for the use of the university. The time is stated for the collection of the half million.

Principal Peterson said to-day that he already had on hand about \$100,000 for the fund, including \$50,000 from Robert Reford, and another gift of \$25,000, also made to-day by an unknown benefactor.

FATAL GALE AT NEWARK

WAGONS ARE OVERTURNED

One Driver Killed and Another Seriously Hurt—Some Buildings Are Unroofed.

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 10.—One person was killed, another injured, possibly fatally, and several seriously hurt when a wind of hurricane force struck this city.

Roofs were torn off buildings, signs blown down and the telegraph and telephone systems temporarily paralyzed.

David H. Bowditch, 65, driving a wagon, which was blown over and hurled to the pavement and died shortly after.

Samuel Gallice, 16, another driver, was caught under his overturned wagon and seriously injured.

SCHOONER WRECKED

DELAWARE BREAKWATER, Del., Feb. 10.—Driven before a terrific gale of wind that blew at the rate of sixty miles an hour, the four-masted schooner, Sarah W. Lawrence, from Newport News with cargo of coal for Boston, was to-day blown aground on the Hen-and-Chicken Shoals off Cape Henlopen, Del., and is now pounding to pieces.

The crew of nine men and the captain's wife were rescued in the nick of time by the Cape Henlopen life-boat after a thrilling experience.

The schooner broke in two after the ten persons had been taken off. They were landed at Lewes, Del.

COLORADO STORM BOUND

Thirteen Snowslides Help to Block the Railway Traffic.

DENVER, Col., Feb. 10.—The storm that raged thru Colorado for the past 24 hours was one of the worst experienced in the state.

Never before have the railroads been so blocked by snow and slides. The passes thru the Rocky Mountains are nearly all blocked, and traffic over the Denver & Rio Grande and Colorado Midland is almost suspended.

U.S. ATTACK ON SPAIN

FEAR THAT ENDED WAR

Publication of Correspondence Reveals That Premier Sagasta Was Also Afraid of a Revolution.

MADRID, Feb. 10.—Following the publication of certain cablegrams exchanged between the Spanish Government at Madrid and General Blanco at Havana, relative to the surrender of Cuba to the United States in 1898, it is learned that, fear of an American attack up on the coast of Spain and a subsequent revolution in this country was the official reason for Premier Sagasta's decision to make peace with the United States. Moreover, this decision was reached before the negotiations for the surrender of Santiago were concluded.

These facts have been disclosed by the further publication of the correspondence between General Blanco and Premier Sagasta at the instigation of Blanco as a defence against the charge of cowardice made against the Spanish army in Cuba by a Catalan deputy.

A despatch received by the Spanish Government on July 2, 1898, from General Blanco, insisted that the army, altho crippled by the loss of Cervera's fleet, was ready and anxious to continue the war, but both the minister of war and Premier Sagasta replied on July 12 that as the Americans were masters of the sea and were preparing to attack the Balearic Islands and the Spanish Coast, which would be certain to produce an uprising in the interior, peace was imperative.

General Blanco, protesting to the last, finally agreed to obey orders and surrender.

ASSASSINATED IN COURT

Public Prosecutor Shot Dead in Suburb of Calcutta.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 10.—Ashutosh Biswas, a public prosecutor, was shot dead to-day in the court of Alipur, a suburb of Calcutta, by a youthful Benga.

Biswas was the official who prosecuted the recent anarchistic conspiracy case.

This revival of assassination, after a period of comparative quiet, has caused a sensation.

WOMAN A SHIP'S CAPTAIN

Mrs. Foote of Chicago Now Qualified to Command Yacht.

CHICAGO, Feb. 10.—After having passed the federal examination on navigation, Mrs. Thomas Witherspoon Foote, a member of the Jackson Park Yacht Club, to-day was granted papers making her a ship's captain on the great lakes.

Mrs. Foote will become the captain of her own yacht, Wayatayse. The only other woman captain in Chicago is Mrs. Ogden McClurg, mistress of the Seafoam.

LANDSLIDE DAMAGES TOWN

Loss of Life Reported in Disaster in Costa Rica.

GALVESTON, Texas, Feb. 10.—Advices say that a landslide has greatly damaged Port Limon, Porto Rico, and that there was loss of life. The property damage is heavy. Port Limon is a town of 8000 inhabitants.

TOWNSHIP HAS BEEN SHIFTED

Unexpected Move at Gowganda—500 Lots Being Surveyed—Four Banks on the Ground.

GOWGANDA, Feb. 4.—(From our man on the trail).—The latest move on the Gowganda chess board has created a sort of a mild sensation in this infant town. The government has caused this furtive of emotion among buyers of lots by joggng a bit to the south on the east side of the lake.

By this I mean that the townsite has been slightly shifted, not materially, but significantly. After all, the people make the town, not a surveyed lot, and the people are making this town to-day without waiting indefinitely until the government plot is ready for occupancy.

And now the government has come to the people.

Yesterday the outpost stakes were moved and the blue pencil has put an abrupt smudge on Messrs. Hoigins and Hamilton's claims, so that now they have two left, which are those claims upon which there are no buildings.

Government Surveyor Rorick put the order into effect that has shaded deeper the tangle that will eventually have to be unraveled. It will probably be a repetition of the Cobalt townsite readjustment. Those who have unknowingly squatted upon a street will have to move some time. And those who have in the excitement of things paid three and four hundred dollars for the "right" on certain lots, may find themselves also in the street.

This anxiety among squatters, however, ought soon to be relieved, as the government survey will be ready in ten days. Just at present they are surveying out 500 lots at the north end of the lake.

And on the other hand, if the government cared to spend a little more money they could carry out on more men and get matters straightened away in a hurry. Everybody else is hurrying—except the government.

Buildings springing up. In the meantime, the town is growing—spreading to the north, where many buildings are being put up. Jimmy Knowles' sawmill is running day and night, in order that the demand for lumber can be satisfied expeditiously as possible.

The Royal Bank secured the first two thousand feet at \$40 a thousand, which is to be the regular price. The same bank have their site installed in their building. The site weighs 7000 lbs. and it was brought in at a cost of \$200 for freight, with a four horse sleigh on the road with it for some days.

W. H. Gallagher of Forest, Ontario, will manage the Bank of Commerce at this point, and it is more than likely

PRESERVING MOOSE

Minnesota Authorities Favor a Breeding Ground.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Feb. 10.—(Special).—The Canadian committee appointed by the North American Game Protective Association to work on the proposed international preserve for moose, will come to Minnesota for conference with state officials and legislative committees, Feb. 15.

The committee consists of Arthur Hawkes, superintendent of publicity for the Canadian Northern; W. A. Preston, M. P. of Fort Frances, Ont., and A. H. Davidson of Winnipeg.

The Minnesota authorities are heartily in favor of a plan which will preserve a breeding ground for moose on both sides of the Rainy River, the international boundary. It would include about 15 townships in northern St. Louis County, which is high and rocky land, bearing little timber of value and containing a small acreage of agricultural land. It bears a shrub on which the moose feed and is a favorite haunt.

WINDSOR WANTS INDUSTRIES

Publicity Promoter Will Be Engaged to Tour the States.

WINDSOR, Feb. 10.—(Special).—At the annual meeting of the board of trade it was decided to engage a publicity promoter to visit American cities with a view to inducing factories to locate branches here.

Mayor Wigle urged prompt action along this line and pointed out that the new French treaty should attract no less than \$100,000,000 worth of business to this city.

W. C. Kennedy, manager of the Windsor Gas Co., was elected president, to succeed J. F. Smyth; O. E. Fleming as vice-president; and C. T. Acken as secretary-treasurer.

NO-LICENSE LEADS

Carries in Twelve Towns in St. Lawrence County, N.Y.

OGDENSBURG, N.Y., Feb. 10.—The highest fight that has been waged in St. Lawrence County over the license question culminated to-day at the town elections in twelve towns voting for no license and nine for license. The vote of four towns resulted in a majority in each in favor of licenses being granted only to hotels. In six towns there was no balloting.

TREATY ON MONDAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—The senate committee on foreign relations did not take up the Canadian boundary waters treaty to-day. A special meeting will be held Monday next.

Senator Smith of Michigan has been invited to present his objections to the ratification of the treaty.