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FOR RENT  
GROUND FLOOR Warehouse space on  
Front street, near Yonge, 900 sq. feet,  
with all shipping facilities; two large  
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## 250 ARE CREMATED IN MEXICAN THEATRE FILM STARTED FIRE

Flores Theatre, at Acapulco,  
a Frame Building, Scene of  
Holocaust on Sunday Night  
—Thousand Were at Per-  
formance.

### BLAZE FROM MACHINE IGNITED DECORATIONS

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 15.—Between  
250 and 300 people were burned to death  
and many were injured in a fire which  
destroyed the Flores Theatre in the  
City of Acapulco last night.  
The news of the disaster reached this  
capital this afternoon, telegraphic  
communication with Acapulco having  
been destroyed last night owing to  
the fact that the telegraph office ad-  
joining the theatre was burned and all  
wires put out of commission.  
The Flores Theatre was a wooden  
structure, and last night over 1000  
people crowded into it to witness a  
special performance given in honor of  
Governor Damian Flores, of the State  
of Guerrero, who was visiting the host  
at the time.  
One of the numbers on the program  
consisted of a series of moving pictures.  
While the operator was ex-  
hibiting these a film caught fire and  
a blaze was quickly communicated to  
some bunting which had been used for  
decorative purposes.  
Only three narrow exits.  
In an incredibly short time the flames  
spread to all parts of the structure.  
There were but three narrow exits,  
and the panic-stricken audience rush-  
ed to them, many falling, and crushed  
to death, their bodies choking the way  
of escape to others.  
The screams of those imprisoned  
were terrifying owing to the rapidity  
with which the fire spread, and its in-  
tense heat. It was impossible to at-  
tempt rescue work, and those imprison-  
ed were literally roasted alive as the  
fire burned with little smoke and  
few wisps of soot.  
The efforts of the fire department  
were confined to attempting to save  
the adjoining buildings, and they suc-  
ceeded so that the property loss was  
small.  
The telegraph offices postoffice, and  
customs house was damaged, but all of  
the government's records and regis-  
tered mail was saved.  
Prominent People Victims.  
To-day pitiable scenes of grief are  
being enacted on the streets of the  
west coast port. Men, women and  
children are wandering from place to  
place, hunting for relatives or friends.  
Many of the dead are from the first  
families of the state, the affair at the  
theatre being a social event of con-  
siderable importance and calling out  
the wealthiest and oldest families in  
the crowd. In some instances en-  
tire families were wiped out of ex-  
istence.  
The municipal authorities to-day  
make large trenches to be dug and  
into these the remains of the dead  
were laid.  
According to telegrams received from  
there, recognition of the dead has been  
an impossibility owing to the fact that  
the bodies were burned, in most in-  
stances to a crisp.  
Telegrams sent to the American con-  
sul at Acapulco by the Associated  
Press, asking for the names of the  
American dead, have not as yet been  
replied to.

### END 15,000-MILE RACE

Schooners Sail for Eight Months and  
Reach Boston Only 6 Hours Apart.

### STEEL CO. TO MINE COAL

Have Option on Good Coal Lands, and  
Could Mine Profitably.

### SUSPENDED FOR GRAFT.

Many Suspensions Reported Among  
Company's High Officials.

### BIGGEST MAP IN THE WORLD.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Feb. 15.—The  
biggest map in the world will be con-  
structed on the south side of the  
Queensboro Bridge by the celebration  
committee. It will be 3724 feet long  
extending from the Manhattan shore  
to the Long Island City end. This map  
will be 62 feet high and at night  
will be lit up by electric incandescence  
in cent lamps. Long Island picked out  
in red and the localities of the principal  
towns and cities shown by green lamps.

## LIVES LOST IN THEATRE FIRES

IN THE UNITED STATES.	
Richmond, Va. theatre, Dec. 26, 1821	71
Brooklyn theatre, Dec. 8, 1874	291
Central Theatre, Philadelphia, April 28, 1892	6
Front Street Theatre, Baltimore, Dec. 28, 1895	22
Troquato Theatre, Chicago, Dec. 30, 1903	506
Boyetown, Pa. Opera House, Jan. 13, 1908	170
IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.	
Lehman's Theatre, St. Petersburg, 1880	700
Carlisle Theatre, St. Petersburg, 1847	209
Ring Theatre, Vienna, Dec. 8, 1884	274
Exeter Theatre, England, Sept. 5, 1887	200
Banquet Theatre, Moscow, 1887	200
Opera Comique, Paris, May 25, 1887	75
Barnsley, England, Jan. 11, 1908	16

## NO "STAND PAT" TALK OR OUT—THEY'LL GO

### National Tariff Commission Con- vention to Limit the Oratory to Straight Issues.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 15.—  
Leaders in the movement for a perma-  
nent tariff commission, which takes  
form to-morrow in the opening of the  
national tariff commission convention  
in Indianapolis, arrived in the city to-  
day and talked optimistically of the  
national interest aroused by the con-  
vention.  
Altho 42 states will probably be re-  
presented the attendance will fall be-  
low the estimate of 2500 anticipated,  
but the nature of the organizations  
represented is indicated by officials to  
be the standard optimistically of the  
national interest aroused by the con-  
vention.  
Cancellation of reservation of quar-  
ters in a hotel, engaged by Secretary  
Wendell Phillips of the American Pro-  
tective Tariff League, has followed the  
positive announcement of officials of  
the convention that any attempt to in-  
ject "stand-pat" arguments into the  
deliberations would be followed by  
summary ejection of the uninvited  
speakers.  
In connection with this it was in-  
timated to-day that the proposed speech  
of Congressman-elect W. A. Cullon of  
Indiana must be revised, or the invita-  
tion to the speaker be recalled.

### NEW MANITOBA JUDGESHIP

Government Partly Accedes to Request  
of Legal Delegation.

### WINNIPEG, Feb. 15.—A delegation from the benchers of the Law Society met the attorney-general and other members of the government this morn- ing to request that two new judges be appointed to the King's Bench Court be created, also that the appeal court judges be not empowered to act as trial judges with a jury.

### THE DAILY NEWSPAPER

Its Makers Should Realize the Seriousness  
of Their Task.

### NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 15.—That the newspaper is here to stay because it is indispensable and that any attempt to abolish it would be a disaster should be the motto of its supporters, was the message of a speech made by the editor of the New Haven Register, J. H. Lyman, at the first of the Bromley lectures on "Journalism" at Yale to- day.

### WASHINGTON CONFERENCE

Some of the Notables Interested in Con-  
servation of Resources.

### WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The gather- ing of representatives of three na- tions—Canada, Mexico and the United States—here this week, to discuss the conservation of the natural resources of North America, will bring to Wash- ington some of the most prominent men of the United States. Three of the four biggest whom President Roose- velt invited to the first governors' con- ference last March, are expected to be present, namely, James J. Hill, Andrew Carnegie and John Mitchell; the fourth will not attend. John Hays Hammond, Gustav Schwab, president of the National Council of Commerce, and President Charles R. Vanhise of the University of Wisconsin also are expected.

### OVERCOME BY GAS.

LONDON, Ont., Feb. 15.—Thomas In-  
gram, his wife and two children, to-  
gether with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lay,  
residing at 86 Deaneys avenue, were all  
nearly suffocated by gas.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ingram and Mrs. Lay  
were badly overcome, particularly Mr.  
Ingram, who had to be worked over  
for nearly half an hour before he re-  
turned to consciousness.

## CANADA MAKES WORLD'S RECORD

Immigration Figures Show  
That One-Sixth of Popu-  
lation Arrived in Last  
Decade.

OTTAWA, Feb. 15.—(Special).—That  
Canada has established a world's re-  
cord in immigration is the boast made  
in the official bluebook of the de-  
partment of interior for the year ended  
March 31.  
During the twelve months, 262,469  
immigrants arrived, an increase of 39-  
167. During the decade ending 1907-8,  
the total number was 1,166,125, of whom  
519,213 came from Great Britain, Ire-  
land, and the United States, and 556,-  
913 from other countries.  
"This tremendous movement of peo-  
ple," says the report, "is more than  
one-sixth the total population of Can-  
ada."  
During the past twelve years, there  
arrived in Canada English, Scotch,  
Irish and Welsh immigrants to the  
number of 487,729, one-quarter of whom  
arrived last year. This, it is con-  
sidered, is a record for any one year.  
"That in so far as the quantity of  
this particular class of immigration is  
concerned, it has now assumed suffi-  
ciently large proportions to satisfy the  
widely expressed desire on the part of  
Canadians throughout the old and new  
provinces that for obvious reasons we  
should receive a fair share of British  
subjects emigrating from the old land,  
the conviction has been made in the  
country that, as to undesirable, some  
deserving immigrants who had not, on  
entering Canada, the necessary means  
to become at once self-supporting, may  
have been induced to come thru the  
indulgent zeal of philanthropic so-  
cieties engaged in this class of work."  
It is regarded as highly satisfactory  
that of the total exclusions of 1092  
at various ports last year, only one-  
fifth were British, altho the British  
arrivals were nearly one-half of the  
total immigration.

The 52,312 people who arrived from  
the United States during 1908, brought  
in money and effects to the value of  
about \$3,900,000. The Hudson Bay  
Company, and the railway companies  
lost \$41,072 acres of land for \$2,985,592,  
as against 1,277,759 for \$7,697,400 in  
1907. The average price, however, in-  
creased from \$4.92 to \$5.73 per acre.  
In 1902, the average price was \$3.46 per  
acre. The total number of homestead  
claims was 22,423, a decrease of 7284.  
The average taken up last year was  
4,867,840 acres.  
It is remarked that at the present  
rate of settlement it will be  
necessary to direct the incoming set-  
tler to the northern part of Alberta or Sas-  
katchewan, where it will probably be  
found that the agricultural possibilities  
are in no way inferior to those of the  
regions more to the south.  
Of the 29,242 entries granted last year,  
7417 were made by Canadians, 7818 by  
Americans, 4460 by English, 1914 by  
Scots, 329 by Irish, and 510 by Cana-  
dians returned from the United States,  
or 21,959 in all, representing a popu-  
lation of 22,000 souls, leaving 324  
entries by other nationalities, repre-  
sented by a population of about 21,000  
souls. Of the Canadians who homesteaded  
last year were from Ontario and 194  
from Quebec, Austro-Hungarians 11  
from the number of 2472.  
The gross cash revenue for Dominion  
lands for the year was \$1,995,219, a de-  
crease of \$127,738; from school lands  
\$108,065, a decrease of \$123,336; from ex-  
cess tax on gold and platinum was \$70,-  
094, a falling off of \$38,026.  
The total area sold by the govern-  
ment in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and  
Alberta during the year was 1,419  
square miles, or 3,192,615 or an average of  
\$19.49 per acre.

## SQUANDERED WEALTH



## 27,000 DIED THRU NEGLIGENCE

Preventable Diseases Which  
Could be Combated by  
Federal Health  
Bureau.

## NEW PRISON BUILDINGS ARE TO BE OF CONCRETE

Such Seems to Be the Intention,  
From Favor With Which In-  
vestigator Regards Models.

## AYLMER'S MAYOR STRICKEN WHILE AT CHURCH SOCIAL

W. E. Stevens, in Giving Address,  
Was Attacked by Apoplexy and  
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Sudden Noise by Peering Boys Kills  
Aged Woman.

## RETURN VIA CANADA.

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spector-General Head returns to Aus-  
tralia shortly via the United States and  
Canada, where he hopes to study mili-  
tary questions. He has been discussing  
the imperial general staff with the  
home authorities.

## CONGRATS. ON POWER POLICY

Will be a Feature of Hon. J. M.  
Gibson's First Official  
Speech to the  
Legislature.

His Honor Lieut.-Gov. Gibson will  
open the twelfth legislature of Ontario  
at 3 o'clock this afternoon. This im-  
portant function revolves around one  
event, the speech from the throne, in  
which His Grace the Most Rev. King Ed-  
ward communicates his views thru his  
right trustee and well-beloved John  
Morison Gibson on the government of  
Ontario. A distinct impression pre-  
vails in circles frequently well-informed  
that Sir James F. Whitney and his  
colleagues give reliable tips to his  
honour about what he ought to say.  
"At all events it is understood that  
the speech this afternoon will refer to  
the fact that the transmission line for  
electric power has been contracted for  
and that thirty-five municipalities have  
sought power from the commission.  
This matter may be dwelt upon by his  
honour as the finest feather in the gov-  
ernment's cap.  
The activity of the mining industry  
is another matter of first importance  
which ought to be touched upon, and  
the success of the T. & N. O. Railway  
in this connection.  
The effort of the government in  
bringing a better class of immigrants from  
Great Britain is a question of policy  
on which stress may be laid.  
Among the measures to be fresh-  
ened are the measures for law reform  
and a number of revised acts, which  
are the result of the labors of the sta-  
tute revision commission.  
The payment of the \$500 loan calls  
for mention, together with the fact  
that the additional capital is likely to  
be invested in the enterprise at the \$500.  
Announcement has already been made  
that the government intends to change  
the fiscal year to Oct. 30.  
The celebration of the Quebec Ter-  
centenary and the nationalization of  
the battlefields of Quebec is likely to  
be commented upon and its success,  
which was due in large part to the ef-  
forts of the governor-general.  
Reference will doubtless be made to  
the pleasure felt by his honor in meet-  
ing the legislature with which he was  
in years gone by so long associated.  
Sweeping in of members was pro-  
ceeded with yesterday. Premier Whitney  
headed the list and all the other pres-  
ident ministers followed, leaving Hon.  
Adam Beck and Hon. J. S. Hendrie to  
sign to-day. "I do swear that I will  
be faithful and bear true allegiance to  
His Majesty King Edward VII." is the  
form of the oath.  
Work For the Legislature.  
Applications for new bills were pre-  
sented by several municipalities yester-  
day.  
Middlesex County has a debenture  
debt of \$48,200 maturing next leg-  
islature is asked to consolidate and re-  
new the debentures.  
Hamilton City Council asks power  
to issue debentures to provide the cost  
of railway spur lines for manufacturing  
industries.  
St. Catharines applies to validate the  
elections held on Jan. 4 last.  
Kingston wants to close up and sell  
a part of Earl-street.  
Clinton Township, in Lincoln Co.,  
wants to be divided into two town-  
ships, north and south.  
Brantford seeks power to use the  
waterous old property for city hall  
and government buildings, or as a mar-  
ket square.  
Sault Ste. Marie wants confirmation  
of a bylaw to aid in the construction  
of a dyke.

## PROVINCES TO BE HEARD

Michigan Power Co. Bill Ad-  
vanced for That Pur-  
pose—Connec Per-  
sistent in Its Behalf.

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## ONTARIO'S OBJECTIONS TO FISHERIES TREATY

Other Provinces Also Demur and  
Will Unite in a Protest at  
Ottawa To-day.

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