

GERMANS HOPE TO SECURE ALL CANADA'S TRADE

Will Seek to Persuade Canada to Discontinue Preference to Britain.

GERMAN CAPITAL TO WOO DOMINION

Regular Line of Steamers From Germany to Carry Immigrants and Goods

London, Feb. 17.—The Standard's Berlin correspondent says the new provisional agreement with Canada is likely to affect Canadian imports from Britain considerably.

WOMAN ARRESTED AS A DEFAULTER

Mrs. Katherine Henry is Accused of Withholding Death Benefit Funds of Patriotic Society.

Newburg, N. Y., Feb. 17.—Mrs. Katherine Henry, wife of Frederick Henry, of No. 27 Johnson street, this city, was arrested today on the charge of being a defaulter of funds belonging to Camp 17, Patriotic Order of Americans.

Mrs. Henry was financial secretary of the order, which has a large membership, and her alleged defalcations date back three and a half years.

Mrs. Henry has always borne an excellent reputation. She has two children.

GREAT SALVIDERE PUT UNDER SOD

New York, Feb. 17.—Salvidere is dead. The greatest son of Belvidere that ever looked through a brittle died in harness like the great courageous equine that he was.

Bijou Today. The Bijou today shows the finest programme yet shown in the city.

Third Session, Fifth Legislative Assembly.



Hon. J. Douglas Hazen, Premier of New Brunswick

DR. ROBERTSON AND LIFE WORK

Going to Europe to Study Conservation Principles in Interest of Agriculture.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 17.—J. W. Robertson, late principal of the McDonald College at St. Anne's, Que., passed through the city at noon, en route to Halifax, to address the Canadian Club and Board of Trade.

Dr. Robertson is a private citizen, but I will investigate matters of interest in agriculture. We are a great country for raising.

WEEKLY CHANGES BANK OF ENGLAND

London, Feb. 17.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes: Total reserve, increased, £1,020,000.

The proportion of the Bank's reserve to liability this week is 63.03 per cent; last week it was 61.7 per cent.

Advances in Tea is Not General. Mr. Cosman, representing the 'Sinhalese' Tea Co., Toronto, called today and advised us his company have no intention of advancing the price or changing their labels.

STOP INCREASE OF TELEPHONE RATES AND TOLLS

Resolution Passed by Union of Municipalities at Today's Session

WILL MEMORIALIZE THE GOVERNMENT

Election of Officers Takes Place This Afternoon—Delegates Dined Tonight.

Campbellton, N. B., Feb. 17.—At the convention of the Union of N. B. Municipalities this morning, the resolution presented by Ald. Magoldrick of St. John that the Government be memorialized to amend the telephone act so as to curtail the telephone rates and tolls may not be increased above the present rates and tolls without the approval of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council.

There was a lengthy discussion on a resolution presented by the Municipal Board of Trade calling for an amendment to the Road Act.

The election of officers will be held this afternoon and a dinner will be tendered the delegates tonight.

RECOMMEND THAT POLICE BE ARMED

Toronto, Feb. 17.—That three bullets were put into the head of William Withers, at the Eljot street house which was the scene of the shooting affray last Monday, and also that Withers committed suicide instead of having been shot by the police, was definitely made known at the post mortem examination and inquest last night.

The evidence of thirteen year old John Conroy, who witnessed the firing of the shooting, when Withers was refused entrance to the house, was taken, as was that of Police man Yule and Mrs. Sheppard, the latter of whom was taken from the house by Withers at the point of a pistol.

The jury returned a verdict that Withers murdered Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Withers, and later committed suicide. The jury recommended that the police be armed with revolvers in the day time as well as at night.

BRIDGE VICTIM'S FUNERAL

Remains of the Late John S. Canney Laid at Rest Today.

The funeral of the late John S. Canney took place from his home in Gibson this morning at nine o'clock and was largely attended.

The floral offerings were many and beautiful, among them being wreaths of white roses and carnations with white satin ribbon and the words "My Husband" in relief, from his wife.

A cross with the word "Brother" from the brothers and sisters of the deceased.

A basket of flowers—Misses Rush, Bouquet—Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wamless.

The deceased is survived by a widow and two small children, Volma C. aged two years, and M. Josephine, aged seven months.

REDUCE INTEREST. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 17.—Interior Alaska banks, it is reported here, have reduced interest on loans from 2 to 1 per cent per month.

AT MARYSVILLE. Marysville, Feb. 17.—Messrs. Gordon Hovey, Harry Arnold and John Markey have gone to the lumber woods.

The "Burning of Rome" will be shown at the Opera House Saturday. This picture is without doubt the greatest subject ever shown in the world and has been secured at great expense, it is a most wonderful sight and will be specially lectured by Mr. Wm. Walsh. Enough can not be said of "Nero." Mr. Stewart will sing an illustrated song. The admission will be 10c to all.

Speech From Throne Foreshadowing Building St. John Valley Road

EAGLES ATTACK BOY.

Laporte, Pa., Feb. 17.—Ten year old Ira Cottingham, of Bridgale, near here, while on his way from school yesterday afternoon was attacked by two huge eagles.

It is gratifying to find that during the last year the crop yields averaged larger than in 1908, and were above the average of the figures of the last ten years.

I am pleased to note the honors won by the Fruit Growers of this Province, at the Exhibitions in Great Britain, and at the Maritime Fair at Amherst, and to congratulate our Horticulturists on the success which has crowned their efforts.

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Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It affords me much pleasure to meet you again at the opening of another session, and to once more express our thanks to the Creator and Giver of all good things for the beautiful harvest and the general prosperity which the people of New Brunswick have been blessed.

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The Third Session of the Fifth Assembly of New Brunswick Opened.

A BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIONERS

Brilliant Scene at Parliament Buildings When Ceremony Takes Place.

One of the most brilliant ceremonies of the kind seen in this city was the official opening of the third session of the fifth Legislature of New Brunswick this afternoon.

With every detail previously arranged and with that precision which shows good management everything passed off smoothly, and to those who had not previously witnessed the opening ceremonies the smoothness with which one event followed another was a revelation.

New Member Sworn in. The first ceremony occurred about 11 o'clock in the morning when Mr. Allister F. Bentley, member elect for St. John County, was sworn in.

The oath was administered by Mr. H. B. Ramsford, Clerk of the House, in the presence of Chief Justice Barker. There were few spectators and many of those in the Assembly Chamber at the time didn't know what the little gathering in front of the Throne was doing. The ceremony was merely of a formal nature.

The Guard of Honor. At 2:15 o'clock H. Company, R. C. R., assembled at the Military Depot, and about 2:30 o'clock paraded to the Legislative Buildings, headed by the 71st Regt. Band, to form the guard of honor.

The guard was about 90 strong—the largest in recent years—and was commanded by Captain E. L. Dubois, while the band of upwards of 20 pieces was in charge of Bandmaster Sgt. Mansfield.

H. Company made an excellent appearance as a guard of honor, and were reviewed by Lt. Col. Humphrey, D. O. C., and other officers present, and warmly complimented.

Cannons Boomed When Governor Arrived. It was about 3 o'clock when His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor arrived at the Parliament Buildings. He was preceded by Major W. T. Howe, Sheriff, and Dr. O. E. Morehouse, Colonel, and was accompanied by Lt. Col. Bridges and Lt. Col. McKendry, A. D. C., and Mr. S. Barker, P. S. O.

The booming of the salute of fifteen guns from the nine pounders on the river bank in front of the Legislative Buildings was the signal for those within the assembly chamber of the arrival of His Honor.

The salute was fired by members of the 12th Field Battery, Canadian Field Artillery, of Newcastle, who were in command of major Lawlor with Lieutenant Whelan as subaltern.

The detachment of 14 men of all ranks arrived in the city yesterday afternoon and this morning placed the nine pounders in position on the promenade near the B. & B. Club House.

Sgt. Major William Duncan, P. A. M. C., was stationed with the battery as major while the salute was fired.

As His Honor stepped from his broughie the band played the first six bars of the National Anthem and the Guard of Honor presented arms.

At the main entrance to the Legislative Building His Honor was met by additional military officers, including Lt. Col. Humphrey, D. O. C., Major Fiset, D. O. C. No. 3 Military Depot, Lt. Col. Macdonald, P. S. O., Captain Osborne, and Lt. McPeak, 71st Regiment.

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