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SLEET AND RAIN.

WHAT ONTARIO'S MUSEUM MEANS

Dr. Pyne's Plan to Apply Continental Research to Province's Blind Institution

Educational Department, Toronto, March 2.—(Special.)—The Minister of Education is a man of address. He is a man, also, of tact and forethought, so that to the most superficial observer it must have been evident that there was some method in his madness in inviting the members of the Legislature and their friends to be present at a reception at the Museum of the Department of Education at the Normal School on Tuesday evening past.

Incidentally it may be taken for granted that Dr. Pyne's intention was not only a desire on his part to bring himself into closer contact with members from the outlying districts, with their friends, and in some instances with their constituents, but also to make plain to all interested the disrupted, antiquated and somewhat condition of the affairs with which the Department of Education has to deal, even here, in Toronto, in the very stronghold of what has always been heralded as an enlightened, snappy, and up-to-date administration.

As a reception the affair was not hilarious, but as an object lesson it was immense; and if, during his term of office, Dr. Pyne does but the one act of putting the Provincial Museum on a modern, workable basis, he will have earned the gratitude of the country. But I think we may take it that the minister will do more than that.

You who live in small old-fashioned country houses, how do you air your rooms? Put the windows open on a stick, do you not? Well, don't run away with the idea that you are too much behind the times, too obsolete, too unscientific, at all events judged by the standards which have obtained in metropolitan educational circles, for that's exactly the way they air the library of the Normal School in Toronto.

Let in Fresh Air.
Talk about your system of ventilation. Well, perhaps there's nothing like a nice big blast between windows, three to five minutes, first thing in the morning, and suffocation and foul air all the rest of the day. If there is a better way, the Powers-That-Used-to-Be didn't find it out.

It looks so dignified, too, to see the windows of a great provincial building propped up on sticks. They may use hair-brushes for aught I know, but I didn't see any.

The question is, who attended to the modernizing of the Normal School? It is supposed to have been modernized. Is it not?

Of course, the window stick is a minor matter. But it is useful as a sample of the whole, and it cries to the country to have patience with the men who have undertaken to bring, if not exactly order out of chaos, then at all events something like system, regulation and actual workability, out of the neglect and inertia of the past.

This is no question of sentiment or of party politics, it is purely a matter of a business administration, in which the people at large are concerned, and calls primarily for executive ability.

The keynote of the Whitney policy, as your correspondent understands it, is to be just this sort of business acumen on the part of the executive.

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SLEET AND RAIN.
Observatory, Toronto, March 2, 8 p.m.—The pronounced depression which has been passing slowly over the west and southwest states during the last two days is now approaching Lake Michigan, causing easterly gales throughout the Lake region, accompanied by snow and rain. The weather has been fine and cold from Eastern Ontario to the maritime provinces; also in the Northwest.

Local Temperatures.
Minimum and maximum temperatures: Dawson, 8 below—8; Victoria, 42—50; Vancouver, 35—41; Edmonton, 2—22; Calgary, 16—30; Qu'Appelle, 6 below—18; Winnipeg, 2—22; Port Arthur, 20—26; Parry Sound, 8—24; Toronto, 2—27; Ottawa, 4—20; Montreal, 4—18; Quebec, 2 below—22; St. John, 4—21; Halifax, 6—26.

Probabilities.
Lower lakes: strong winds; milder; sleet and rain.
London's Temperature.
Local temperatures: The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the Observatory on Friday, March 2, 1906, were: Highest, 25.5 above; lowest, 21 above.

ASTRONOMICAL.
Saturday, March 3.
Sun rises, 6:52 a.m. Moon sets, 11:22 a.m.
Sun sets, 6:05 p.m. Moon rises, 1:22 a.m.
Day of the year, 62nd.

KING AWAY

London, March 2.—King Edward starts to-night on a two months' holiday in France and the Mediterranean, traveling incognito as Duke of Lancaster, and arriving in Paris Saturday evening.

He will stay at the British embassy until Tuesday, and during his visit to the French capital will see President Faillieres, whom he has not yet met.

From Paris the King goes to Biarritz, France, and will stay there until the end of March, afterwards joining the royal yacht Victoria and Albert in the Mediterranean where, it is said, he will meet Emperor William.

During his stay at Biarritz, King Edward will see King Alfonso, and may discuss casually the details of the latter's marriage to Princess Ena of Battenberg.

King Alfonso goes to San Sebastian Monday, where, during the week, he will receive King Edward. Later King Alfonso will go to Biarritz to return King Edward's visit.

The Spanish King will afterwards proceed to Versailles and visit his fiancée, the Princess Ena of Battenberg, returning here in time to receive the King of Portugal, who will visit Madrid, March 12.

COMING OF A PRINCE
ITINERARY NOW FIXED

Great Care to Be Taken of Connaught While He's on Canadian Soil

Ottawa, March 2.—The following itinerary for the visit of Prince Arthur of Connaught has been arranged:

The party will consist of H. R. H. Prince Arthur of Connaught, Lord Redesdale, Sir Edward Seymour, General Kelly-Kenny, Col. Arthur Davidson, Capt. Wyndham, Mr. Miles Lampson, a courier and seven servants, in all fifteen persons.

The party will be accompanied by a representative respectively of His Excellency the Governor-General, the Government of Canada and the railway company.

The SS. Empress of Japan, upon which the party will travel from Yokohama, is expected to arrive at Victoria on the morning of Wednesday, March 28.

It is understood that His Royal Highness will spend that and the two following days in Victoria for rest, staying at the Government House, at the hotel, or in special cars, which will be available for that purpose if needed as may be arranged.

The programme will be as follows: Arrive Victoria, March 28. Stay in Victoria Thursday and Friday. Sleep on board SS. Princess Victoria Friday. Leave Victoria, March 31.

Arrive at Vancouver, March 31. Remain afternoon and night. Leave April 1.

Arrive Seacombs, April 1. Leave Seacombs, April 2.

Arrive Glacier, April 2. Leave Glacier, April 2.

Arrive Field, April 2. Remain in Field overnight. Leave Field, April 3.

Arrive Banff, April 3. Remain in Banff Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday. Leave Banff, April 5.

Arrive Calgary, April 5. Remain in Calgary Thursday afternoon and night. Leave Calgary, April 6.

Arrive Strathcona, April 6. Leave Edmonton, April 7.

Arrive Winnipeg, April 9. Spend Monday afternoon and Tuesday in Winnipeg. Inspect cadets, etc. Leave Winnipeg, April 10.

Arrive Regina, April 11. Leave April 12.

Arrive Winnipeg, April 12. Leave April 12.

Arrive Fort William, April 13. Leave April 13.

Arrive Port Arthur, April 13. Leave April 13.

Arrive Ottawa, April 14. The train will consist of one baggage car, sleeping car "Andover," dining car "Inventory," car "Canada," car "York," car "Cornwall."

An escort of Dominion police will meet the Prince and his suite on their arrival at Victoria, and will stay with him till he leaves Canada.

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WANT LOCAL OPTION MADE CONDITIONAL

Commercial Travelers Wait on Beck, St. John and Hanna re Hotel Accommodation

The travelers of Western Ontario are not antagonistic to the abolition of the bar in the public house, but they are opposed to the closing of such houses as are considered necessary for the traveling public's needs. There are 18,000 commercial travelers in Canada and 3,000 of them travel in Western Ontario.—From statements of travelers.

"It will be carefully considered."

This was the reply Hon. Mr. Hanna, provincial secretary, made yesterday in Toronto, to the deputation of traveling men re the local option question. The committee was composed of the following gentlemen from the Travelers' Club of this city: Messrs. C. W. McGuire, president; H. E. Buttery, vice-president; D. Ferguson, second vice-president; S. F. Glass, and E. W. M. Flock, counsel for the club. From the Western Ontario Travelers' Association: J. T. Green, first vice-president; and A. Robinson, secretary. From the Toronto Association: T. M. Quillan, treasurer; L. A. Howard, first vice-president; E. Fielding, treasurer; J. Sargeant, secretary, and R. J. Wylie, director.

These gentlemen came before Mr. Hanna and the Hon. Messrs. Adam Beck and Speaker St. John, and asked them for an amendment to the local option act which would compel the municipalities to provide accommodation to the traveling public as a corollary to local option by-law.

Improvements Needed.
Mr. Fielding, on behalf of the Toronto association, stated that they considered the improvements in license hotels in Ontario necessary, and would ask the Government to tender the travelers as much assistance as lay in their power towards compelling the hotels to regard sanitary conditions and to provide sufficient accommodation for the traveling public. Also to enforce upon the boards of health throughout the country the necessity of examining into conditions of hotels and not to leave them, as is often the case, a danger to the traveling public.

H. Buttery Speaks.
Mr. Buttery, for the London deputation and the travelers of Western Ontario, discussed local option from the travelers' standpoint. He appealed for protection in regard to sanitation and accommodation in all public houses in local option districts. He assured the Government that the travelers were not antagonistic to the abolition of the bars in the public house, but they were opposed to the closing of such houses as were considered necessary to the traveling public's needs.

He stated that the traveling men in the Dominion numbered 18,000, and that 9,000 of these travel in Western Ontario.

Want Same Restriction.
He pleaded earnestly that the Government would place similar restriction re public houses, on local option towns, villages or municipalities as that which is recognized under the license laws of Ontario. He also stated that the health and the very lives of the travelers were jeopardized by not having sanitary protection in the hotels.

Mr. E. W. M. Flock pointed out that that Government which has the right to grant a municipality the power to withdraw the privileges of the traveling public certainly had the power to restrict the conditions under which the local option law was enforced.

Mr. Hanna promised to give the matter his early attention, and have it presented before the Government.

The visiting travelers were entertained by the Toronto association to luncheon at McConkey's restaurant, and much appreciated their reception.

IF YOU PLEASE.
Will A Reader, who wrote the letter on Baptism and Climate in The Free Press on Feb. 21, kindly communicate with Stewart Lamont, Chatham?

LONDON MAN.
Toronto, March 2.—The unknown man who was run over and killed by a street car at the corner of Front and Bay streets this morning was identified to-night as James E. Blow, a native of London, Ontario. Blow resided with his wife and four children at 242 Chestnut street, and was looking for work.

POLITICAL ADS.
Printers' Ink: The recent political campaign in Great Britain was conspicuous not only for wide use of posters, but also for liberality in newspaper publicity. The Conservative party took a whole page of the London Times in the interests of its platform, explaining issues at length. This space cost \$1,000. Besides party politics it strongly urged every voter to go to the hustings and cast his ballot.

ST. PETERSBURG, MARCH 2.—As the result of a series of special councils held at the Tsarke-Selo, composed of forty high dignitaries, ministers and members of the council of the Empire, under the presidency of the Emperor, the main guarantees of liberty have been granted and a manifesto has been ordered to be coded and incor-

porated in the fundamental laws of the Empire.

The latter body will consist of an equal number of appointed and elected members taken from the clergy, nobility, academy of science, universities, trades and industry.

There will be two Houses, both of whom will have power to initiate legislation, which does not affect the fundamental laws of the Empire, the question of succession, etc.

The annual sessions will be convoked and closed by imperial decree.

Both the council of the Empire and the national assembly will enjoy the right to interpellate ministers for alleged unlawful acts.

The sessions will be public.

SMALL-POX SPREADS

Dr. Sheard, of Toronto, Wants Government Action.

Toronto, March 2.—(Special.)—"It will not affect in the slightest possible degree the results of vaccination."

This was Dr. Sheard's opinion of the action of the Toronto board of education in voting not to make vaccination compulsory on pupils going to the Public schools.

He goes further and says the Government must act.

"The fact is, the public have been so long protected that some people begin to question the need of protection. There will have to be something done to enforce thorough vaccination in this province."

"The Ontario Government will have to see to it, prejudice or no prejudice. The counties where small-pox has been occurring, due to lax vaccination regulations, find that the disease is killing their industries and trade. It has cost them thousands upon thousands of dollars in lost trade in the last two years."

"And mark this, there has not been a year for a long time that small-pox has done so much damage as it did in 1905, and the first two months of this year."

STILL DO BUSINESS

Bucket Shops of Hamilton Lose No Sleep.

Hamilton, March 2.—The three alleged bucket shops which were raided by Provincial Detective Greer and the local police yesterday were open for business again to-day.

Their clients were few, however. The three firms, Hobson and Company, A. E. Carpenter and Featherstone and Kennedy, will be charged at the police court to-morrow with violating the law in respect to gambling.

Hon. J. S. Hendrie is held responsible for the raid, which was ordered from the Attorney-General's department in Toronto, where bucket shops are more numerous than they are here.

POWER THROUGH BRANTFORD
Toronto and Niagara Company to Transmit It There.

Brantford, March 2.—(Special.)—The announcement has been made definitely that the Toronto and Niagara Power Company are to run their power line through Brantford and also build a radial line through this section.

A party is now at work near Hamilton, and a man from Burlington, named Harrison, is securing options between Caledonia and Brantford for the extension which it is intended to make.

That section was surveyed last fall by Engineer Campbell and a party of engineers.

PRACTICAL PHILANTHROPY
Labor Scores Its First Success in House of Commons.

London, March 2.—In the House of Commons to-day the members of the Labor party scored a success with their first bill of the session empowering local educational authorities to provide meals for underfed school children.

The Government, through Augustine Birrell, president of the board of education, and John Burns, president of the local government board, said the minister would endeavor to secure the passage of the measure at this session.

PHILLIPS FOR HIGHER COURT
Magistrate Dennison Declares He Will Not Try Him.

Toronto, March 2.—(Special.)—Magistrate Dennison announced to-day in court that he would not try the case of Joseph Phillips, president of the York County Loan.

The preliminary investigation will be continued by the magistrate on Thursday and then Phillips will be committed for trial before a higher court on the charge of conspiracy to defraud.

TO EXTRADITE BOYD
Action Commenced to Bring Glenoe Burglar to Canada.

Toronto, March 2.—(Special.)—Stanley Boyd, who is in Tennessee, and who is wanted for big burglaries in Chatham, Tilbury, Glenoe and other places, refuses to waive extradition.

Boyd's term in the Tennessee penitentiary ends to-day.

Inspector Joseph Rogers, of this city, has commenced extradition proceedings.

FOR A DUEL.
Paris, March 2.—During the discussion of a resolution requesting the war minister to allow officers to bring actions in the civil courts M. Auffray (Nationalist) and M. Jaures (Socialist), exchanged abuse and the sitting was suspended. Later M. Jaures sent his seconds to meet the seconds of M. Auffray and make arrangements for a duel.

ALL TO HIS WIFE.
New York, March 2.—The will of the late John A. McCall was filed for probate to-day. The estate is valued at over \$200,000, and was given to his wife, Mary L. McCall, as sole executrix. The document was dated Feb. 17 last.

STILL STRUGGLING.
Paris, March 2.—Prefect Lipine and a large force of police assisted to-day in taking the inventory of the church of Saint John and Saint Francis.

A number of manifestos made a lively resistance, three policemen were injured and many arrests were made.

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY KILLED CYCLONE DEMOLISHES MERIDIAN FIRE ADDS HORROR TO DISASTER

SECOND DESTRUCTION

Meridian, where a tornado caused 150 deaths, is noted in American history. On February 2, 1864, General Sherman with 20,000 marched from Vicksburg toward it, 150 miles away, for the purpose of destroying the town, which was then and is now a railway centre. On the march to Meridian Sherman barely escaped capture. The town was taken in February 14, 1864, and its utility as a railway centre destroyed, as 60 miles of road north and east were pulled up and 50 miles toward Mobile. It was a systematic destruction, 10,000 men working at it. This work impeded the transportation of supplies till the war ceased.

Now comes its second destruction.

IRISH TO FIGHT FOR EMBARGO REMOVAL WOULD BE DISASTER

Members of the House of Commons Will Oppose Justice to Canadian Cattle

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, March 2.—Ruin for the Irish farmer if the embargo on Canadian cattle be removed is proclaimed by Freeman's Journal, of Dublin. Disaster would be sure to follow the entrance of Canadian stores.

"It would," says the Journal, "mean ruin to a multitude already struggling under a burden. For this reason, in addition to the question of disease, Irish members will exhaust all the weapons of procedure in opposing the bill."

If emigration to Canada is so successful, why don't Irish emigrants go there rather than to the United States, is the question asked by Freeman's Journal, commenting on the statement of General Booth to the effect that he had received no complaints from emigrants.

The reason, it says, is because no one gets on even in Canada except men with capital to start. No Irish Canadian has yet been known to publicly advise his countrymen to go to Canada. After presenting the American conditions in a similar unfavorable light, the Journal advises Irishmen to stay home.

Canada's climate is the subject of controversy in the Post.

Mr. Arthur, L. A. New South Wales, in a plea for immigrants, has urged that the Australian winter is perfect, and added a contract with the five months of frost and snow in Canada, months of any kind of field work is impossible.

Replying, W. T. R. Preston denies the statement and says Canada is not ashamed of its winter. He deplores the invidious and petty comparisons between the climate of the two countries, Australia and Africa in the immigration field so long as the emigrants are kept in the Empire.

LET'S MONEY LOOSE
Secretary Shaw to Deposit \$10,000,000 in Banks of United States.

Washington, D. C., March 2.—Secretary of the United States Treasury Shaw to-day announced that he would make temporary deposits in public banks amounting to \$10,000,000.

The secretary in his statement says: "In the month of February just closed the treasury department locked up about \$10,000,000; four and half million by excess of government receipts over expenditures, and five millions by excess of deposits by lawful money for redemption of national bank circulation over and above the actual redemption."

"For this reason the secretary of the treasury announced this evening that he would at once deposit \$10,000,000 of public funds in existing depository banks. These deposits will be temporary only and depository banks receiving them will be called upon to return the same on or about July 10. The deposits being of a temporary character, the department will accept as security satisfactory bonds on a basis of ninety per cent. of their value."

IN THE LEGISLATURE.
Toronto, March 2.—(Special.)—In the Legislature to-day little business was done.

The second reading of Mr. Crawford's bill to relieve town and cities of the burden of having to pay 80 per cent. of the cost of maintaining pupils attending High schools in municipalities adjoining was then moved. By an amendment to the act, railroaded through the Legislature late in the 1904 session, it was provided that where High schools advertised themselves open to receive said pupils that this act of maintenance be thus distributed.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt said that the measure was a disturbing one that had been brought up on several occasions. At least four counties would be affected by it. He had that morning received two communications from High schools touching the very point, and urged that no action be taken in a hurry. He suggested that copies of the bill be sent to every High school in the province, so that all might have a chance to consider what it would mean.

Hon. Dr. Pyne said that there were a number of other bills dealing with the matter, and agreed that no action should be taken at present.

Mr. Ross wanted information as to the date when the hydro-power and university commission might be expected to report. The Premier gave the assurance that the eagerness of the House to hear from those and other commissioners was being taken account of, but said that no date could be fixed yet. The commissioners themselves were not in a position to be specific.

GREAT RACE IN S. O. E. SERIES.
In the S. O. E. carpet ball competition game Thursday night, British Lion defeated British Oak by a score of 53 to 39. This makes British Lion, Beresford and Trafalgar tie, but British Lion has one more game with Chelsea next week. If the former team wins, they will be the holders of the Willmot Cup for the next year.

CALLED DARKNESS.
Delhi, March 2.—In a game of hockey between Otterville and Delhi, news resulted in a tie, 3 to 3. The game was called off on account of darkness.

YOUR CHOICE

of an Executor may entirely fail if you appoint an individual. He may die, refuse to act, resign, move away, and you have no control over the appointment of his successor. Besides, he has his own business, which he will not likely neglect for yours. The appointment of this Company gets over all these difficulties, and it costs no more.

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Mississippi Town Wiped Out and Isolated, While Its Inhabitants Grope to Aid One Another

Mobile, Ala., March 2.—A private long-distance message received from Meridian at 9.30 p. m. says the fire is raging in the devastated district.

The work of the rescuers is going bravely on, but, owing to all lights being out, lanterns and candles are being used, and the work is necessarily slow.

IT IS THOUGHT THAT 150 BODIES ARE IN THE WRECKAGE.

The Union depot is one of the buildings blown away.

The telegraph wires are still down between Meridian, Mobile and other points.

SHORTLY AFTER SIX.
Mobile, Ala., March 2.—A long-distance telephone message to the Item from Meridian, Miss., says a cyclone, accompanied by heavy rain, struck that city this evening at 6.30 o'clock.

The storm centre was in the southern portion of the city, and particular heavy along Front street, one of the principal streets of the town.

Nearly every house on Front street is reported to have been demolished. The Armour Packing Plant, from which this message was received by long-distance telephone, is the only building left standing, and the roof of this is gone.

Fire broke out in the ruins and, despite the heavy rain, the flames were burning fiercely when the report was filed. A number of bodies are reported to be in the ruins, and the rescuers are working by candle light.

The city is in total darkness, the lighting plants being put out of business.

The cyclone did severe damage at other points adjacent to Meridian, and all trains entering Meridian are delayed indefinitely.

The Western Union Telegraph Company also suffered great damage.

The wires are down between Atlanta, Birmingham, Memphis, and other points, and it is impossible to secure communication with the stricken city.

CITY IN FLAMES.
Birmingham, Ala., March 2.—A terrific tornado is reported to have destroyed a large portion of Meridian, Miss., late to-day. All wires are down. The local fire department has been notified that a large part of the city is in flames.

The Alabama Great Southern despatcher's office has no wires further south than a point 40 miles this side of Meridian. The last information was to the effect that the storm struck near the Mobile and Ohio crossing, and swept a path through the whole centre.

The last report received at the local office of the Postal said the loss of life in Meridian was very heavy.

TO CUT OFF CONSULATES
Col. Culver Says London Will Probably Not Be Affected.

Washington, March 2.—The House committee on foreign affairs decided to make a favorable report on the bill framed by Secretary of State Root for the reorganization of the consular service, practically as it passed the Senate, but these twelve Canadian consulates are abolished by the House committee.

ONTARIO—Amherstburg, Brockville, Chatham, Goderich, Guelph, London, Peterboro', Stratford, Wallaceburg, St. Thomas.

QUEBEC—Standbridge and Greenville.

Col. Culver, United States consul in this city, stated last evening that the clause for the abolition of the 12 consulates would probably not pass the Senate. In other words, the amendment made by the House committee would be thrown out by the House.

"The question has been discussed for some time and it is probable that several consulates will be cut off in time. But I do not think the London consulate will be cut off. There is no reason for it."

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