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A TRIBUTE TO LORD MILNER

London Times Against the Transformation of Colonial Office Until Financial Situation is Clearer.

London, Jan. 18.—(By mail, Canadian Associated Press.) — In discussing the resignation of Lord Milner from the colonial office, the Times hopes he will not withdraw wholly from public work, declaring that the nation has need of his great and varied experience, his statesman-like qualities, and his clear mind and firm will. The Times proceeds to say that there has been far less discontent with colonial office methods among the dominions and crown colonies since Lord Milner has been secretary, and, noting that his departure from that office has been assumed somewhat prematurely to herald the approach of great changes in that "not too popular" department, the paper continues:

"We trust that the government will take no hasty steps in the transformation of the colonial office, for there are many reasons why the utmost caution should be observed. It is no secret that the self-governing dominions have grown impatient of relations with the imperial authorities to the supervision of a new dominions department, which, it is suggested, might be placed under the lord president of the council. The story of strained intercourse between the dominions and the colonial office is long and rather bitter, and it is beyond question that in the past the dominion governments have had much to complain of. Recently Lord Milner's administration, which has been conducted with a better knowledge of the point of view of the dominions, has served as an emollient; but it is expected that the proposed change will still be pressed. Our view is that nothing should be done at present. It is imperative to wait until the next meeting of the imperial cabinet, when the desires of the dominions can be more clearly ascertained. From the home side it may be urged that this is not a time to tinker with departmental reconstruction, for the government have many other and more important problems awaiting settlement. We are inclined to reserve judgment upon the main issue, but may express the general principle that we are reluctant to see the creation of new departments of any sort. Such new departments invariably mean more expenditure, and our bureaucracy is already far too complex and too costly.

The passion of the government for making new departments is insatiable, and will have to be curbed. Meanwhile the best thing to do with the colonial office is to leave it alone until the financial situation is clearer, and the taxpayers must not allow themselves to be deluded by deft ministerial explanations purporting to show that by shuffling the estimates two departments can be maintained for the cost of one.

EXPERIENCE WITH WOMEN ON JURIES

Many Excuses Offered in Old Bailey—Defendents Seemed Nervous,

(Associated Press Correspondence.)

London, Jan. 24—Excuses offered by women who for the first time have just been called to sit as jurors in Old Bailey, the world's most famous criminal court, excited a good deal of laughter in that usually sedate place.

Twenty-four women were summoned for jury service in criminal cases and mixed juries were formed with, in at least one case, a woman serving as forewoman. The charge included murder, arson and manslaughter.

The women appeared quite as anxious as men to avoid service on the juries.

"I'm too nervous," was the plea of one.

"I'm not strong-minded enough," said another. She was excused.

Others pleaded inability to leave housework, shopping, business, care of babies or sought to evade service on the ground of their own illness or that of members of their families.

"I know one thing we women will do," said one jurywoman after sitting in the court for a half-hour. "We will make the lawyers wear clean wigs and have better manners."

Others, after their first appearance in the jury box, made suggestions that women jurors should be compensated for disruption of their household routine and that "light refreshments" should be served during the afternoon court sessions.

Those in the court rooms seemed to regard the spectacle of women telling their true ages, in most cases without noticeable hesitation, the most surprising part of the novel procedure. One was eighty-three and was excused.

While, in the cases heard during the opening day, the majority of the verdicts were "not guilty," litigants, both men and women, and their counsel seemed to be reluctant to have women sit in judgment in their cases. It was noticeable that men defendants in particular sought, through repeated challenges, to prevent their being seated as jurors.

"Men know women can't be hoodwinked and bamboozled so easily—they are too likely to overlook technicalities and go to essentials—that's the reason they don't want us," said one woman who had been challenged and excused.

Women jurors soon will be called to decide libel actions, breach of promise suits, others for false imprisonment, and assault in the London law courts, and also will make their first appearance as jurors in the divorce court.

They have been sitting as jurors in some of the counties in England for some months.

THE FEMALE OF THE SPECIES.

(Washington Star.)

The following story is told by ex-President Taft:

A Frenchman who knew English only fairly well was asked to make a speech and obtained the help of an Englishman to help him prepare it. The Frenchman started the speech as follows: "My dear friends, I do not wish to cockroach upon your time, but"——

After the dinner the Englishman reproved his friend.

"Isn't that what you told me to say?" he replied.

"Hi said for you to say, 'Hi don't want to hencroach upon your time.'"

"Well," replied the Frenchman, "these English genders are too much for me."

LOCAL NEWS

AT THE HOSPITAL.

Mrs. Morris Lang and infant who were injured in a fire early yesterday morning and were taken to the General Public Hospital were reported this afternoon to be resting comfortably.

MISS DORIS SIDES.

The death of Miss Doris Sides took place this morning in the General Public Hosptial, following an illness of three weeks. She was in the seventeenth year of her age, and was the daughter of Mrs. Bertha and the late Harry Sides of this city. Besides her mother, who is now in Toronto, she leaves a sister, Miss Genevieve of St. Vincent's convent, and one brother, Cecil of West St. John.

GODIN-CONNELL.

A wedding of interest was solemnized in St. John the Baptist church this morning when Rev. Dr. A. W. Meahan, who was celebrant at nuptial mass, united in marriage Miss Francis Helena Connell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Demain of this city, and Joseph John Godin of Prince Edward Island. The bride wore a becoming costume of blue taffeta, with hat to match. She was attended by Miss Emily Kellar, who wore a pretty tailored suit of blue with black picture hat. Alfred Roy supported the groom. Following the ceremony a dainty wedding breakfast was served at the home of the bride's parents, 95 Queen street. They were the recipients of a large number of beautiful presents. The groom's present to the bride was an amethyst rosary, and to the groomsman a pair of gold cuff links. They will reside at 81 Queen street.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of John Edgecombe was held this afternoon from Trinity church to Fernhill. Service was conducted by Rev. Canon R. A. Armstrong.

The funeral of Mrs. Susan Milne was held this afternoon from her late residence in Gooderich street to Fernhill. Service was conducted by Rev. Archdeacon A. H. Crowfoot.

The funeral of J. Percival McIlveen was held this afternoon from his late residence in Prince street, West St. John, to Cedar Hill. Services was conducted by Rev. W. H. Sampson.

The funeral of Miss Rose McFadden was held this afternoon from the Mater Misericordiae Home to the Cathedral where a burial service was read by Rev. A. P. Allen. Interment was in the old Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Arthur W. Peters was held this afternoon from St. John's Stone church to Fernhill. Service was conducted by Rev. Canon G. A. Kuhring.

IRISH REPORTS

Dupblin, Feb. 8.—Numerous shooting affrays and outrages were reported from various sections yesterday. Three masked men raided the Baggot street branch of the National Bank in Dublin eluded police pursuit and escaped with £1,000. Armed men attacked the home of Gilbert Fenton at Clonkilty. Fenton and his son defended the place and both were wounded, the father seriously. Patrick O'Sullivan and Patrick O'Shea, youths, were shot on Sunday night in a melee between civilians on Patrick's quay, Cork. O'Sullivan died and O'Shea's condition is critical.

Dublin, Feb. 7—High Sheriff McWalter of Dublin, a Nationalist, died suddenly on Saturday. He served in the war and had vigorously opposed the Sinn Fein. He was made high sheriff by Lord French, the viceroy, after the Dublin Corporation had refused to make the appointment. He was active in the movement to institute Home Rule in South Ireland, and had intended to be a candidate for the Southern Irish parliament. He recently wired King George urging a reprieve for Joseph Murphy, who was convicted of having led an attack against the military in Cork in October last and sentenced to death, but whose sentence was commuted to life imprisonment on Wednesday.

DRUGS AND STILL ARE SEIZED IN NEW YORK

New York, Feb. 8.—Early today and during the night, in the district skirting Chinatown, police and federal officers seized narcotics valued at $135,000, destroyed a moonshine still, and arrested

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50 cents.

BIRTHS

McCAVOUR—On Feb. 7, 1921, to Mr. and Mrs. Hazen McCavour, a daughter.

CALNEK.—On the 6th inst. to Dr. and Mrs. S. H. Calnek, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

BREEN-BAITER—At St. John the Baptist church, on Feb. 7, 1921, by Rev. A. W. Meahan, D. D., Joseph A. Breen to Edith M. Baiter, both of St. John.

GODIN-CONNELL—At St. John the Baptist Church Feb. 8 by the Rev. Dr. A. W. Meahan, Frances Helena Connell to John Joseph Godin.

DEATHS

SIDES—At the General Public Hospital, on Feb. 8, 1921, Doris, daughter of Bertha and the late Harry Sides, leaving her mother, one sister and one brother to mourn.

Notice of funeral later.

COLWELL—At Wickham, Cathleen only daughter of Capt. B. R. and Mrs. Colwell, aged 13 years, leaving, besides her parents, three brothers to mourn.

Burial Wednesday 1 o'clock at Cambridge.

PORTER—At Lucerne, British Columbia, on Jan. 31, Collins B. Porter of Long Reach, Kings Co. N. B., leaving three sisters and four brothers.

Funeral will be held at St. James' Church, Long Reach, on afternoon of Wednesday Feb. 9, after arrival of Valley traing at Brown's Flats.

IN MEMORIAM

GIBSON—In sad but loving memory of Mrs. Alfred N. Gibson, who fell asleep February 8th, 1920.

Dearest mother we have laid thee
In thy peaceful grave's embrace,
But thy memory will be cherished
Till we see thy heavenly face.
HUSBAND AND CHILDREN.

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HUN DELEGATES TO BE IN LONDON

Will Participate in Conference on Reparations

Expect to Have Counter Proposals Heard—French Ambassador to Germany Has Conference With Briand.

Berlin, Feb. 8—The German government has accepted the invitation to participate in the Allied conference on reparations in London on March 1. The government, in sending its acceptance sets forth its supposition that the negotiations will include discussion of the German counter proposals.

Paris, Feb. 8.—Chas. Laurent, French ambassador to Germany, had a long conversation with Premier Briand last evening. Newspapers declare they discussed the situation created in Germany by the decisions of the supreme Allied council, and L'Oeuvre understands, M. Laurent believes that the more moderate minds of the Berlin cabinet will eventually prevail. It is declared the Germans have been able to see in the address of Lloyd George of Great Britain and Foreign Minister Sforsa of Italy that the Allies are solidly aligned in making their present demands upon Germany.

Munich, Feb. 8. — Premiers of the various German states have agreed to urge the Berlin government to refuse compliance with the reparations demands.

LOCAL NEWS

HEAR DR. HAMILTON, ORTHOPEDIC SPECIALIST.

in the Y. M. C. A. Wednesday at 8 p. m. Ladies invited, no admission fee. See the slides. Arranged by Waterbury & Rising, Ltd. 2—10

TRAIN HELD.

To accommodate the "Chimes of Normandy" party the C. N. R. train, No 10 due to leave St. John at 11.25 p. m. will be held thirty minutes tonight.

Band and good skating on St. Peter's Rink.

CARNIVAL

Victoria Rink Carnival Tuesday, February 15th. Now is the time to get your costume ready. Everybody will have a good time.

UNITED BROTHERHOOD CARPENTERS AND JOINERS OF AMERICA

Local 919 regular meeting Wednesday, Feb. 9, 8 p. m. Oddfellow Hall. By order of president. M. Day, Secy.

BOYS AND GIRLS

Are you saving Black Squares? If not better begin at once, it will mean a nice prize for some one who has the Most Black Squares. Grown Up Folks are you saving Black Squares? It will mean Real Money to you to have a lot of them. Watch carefully the next few days papers.

Band and good skating on St. Peter's Rink.

WOMEN TAKING STAND FOR THEIR RIGHTS IN CHINA

Shanghai, Feb. 8. — China, following hard on the peoples of the western world, now has its Chinese women's suffrage association. A platform drafted by women educated in the schools of China and abroad, is as follows:

Every woman may have a right to vote. Men and women will have equal protection under the law. Girl slavery shall be prohibited. Women shall have the right to the possession of their property, which shall be registered by name.

Women shall have the right to marry whom they desire. Women shall have equal opportunity for education with men. Women shall have equal vocational opportunities and vocational education with men. Women have have equal rate of wages with men.

Concubinage shall be prohibited. A single standard shall be maintained for men and women. Widows shall have financial recompense from the state for the care of their children.

IN REDUCTION OF SEA FIGHTING FORCES.

Tokio, Feb. 8.—Yukio Ozaki, a former leader of the opposition party, told the Associated Press this morning he would today introduce independently before the Diet a resolution proposing curtailment of naval armament. His resolution, he said, would ask Japan to communicate with Great Britain and the United States and to decide on the best way to restrict naval programmes in conjunction with those nations.

CASSANDRA AT HALIFA.

Halifax, Feb. 8—Ten days out from Glasgow, the Anchor Donaldson liner Cassandra arrived in port early this morning heavily coated with ice. She landed 167 cabin and 270 third class passengers here, some of whom will leave on a special train for Montreal this afternoon.

After taking on bunker coal the Cascandra will sail this afternoon for Portland Me., for which port she has thirty-nine passengers.

WINS ASTRONOMY PRIZE

London, Feb. 8—Dr. George Ellery Hale, director of the Mount Wilson Astronomical Observatory, near Pasadena, Calif, has been awarded the Etonian prize by the Royal Institution of Great Britain, in recognition of his work in studying solar phenomona.

LIGHTSHIP AT POST AGAIN.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 8.—The lightship Halifax, which has been off her station for several months undergoing repairs, was put on her station again this morning. This lightship was off her station last December when the Norwegian steamer Romsdalsfjord was wrecked.

GOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF ST. JOHN.

LATECOMERS GET TICKETS AT DOOR

Moncton Opera Singers Tonight at Imperial Assured of Good Audience — "Chimes of Normandy."

Many people are just waking up to the fact that a splendid production of Planquete's tuneful "The Chimes of Normandy" is being presented at the Imperial this afternoon and evening by the Moncton City Singers, a body of sixty-five trained vocalists. For these people there will still be some good seats if they apply early after reading this notice. The evening show does not start until after the first picture programme, namely at 8.30. The opera is going to be a real treat—three full acts with special scenic settings, rich costuming and Imperial orchestra under the baton of Prof. Arneburg, and the stage direction of R. B. Metzler. Show will be over by 11.15 at least. The Halifax midnight train is being held for the company and patrons.

LOTS OF "JAZZ" AT OPERA HOUSE

Mable Whiteman and The Dixie Boys in a Great "Jamboree"—Athletes of Rare Skill, and Other Features.

The new programme in the Opera House tonight should attract a large patronage as the acts, evidently contain much of interest. They will be as follows:—Mabel Whiteman and Dixie Boys, in a great "Jamboree of Jazz," introducing whilrwind dancing, teeming with "pep and ginger;" Hanley and Howard, in comedy songs and breezy conversation; Harry and Harriet Seeback, who will present "Jazz in the Gym," with novel and sensational bag punching; Olga Sherman, a distinctive singing comedienne, and the Jennier Bros., athletes of rare skill and ability. There will also be another episode of "The Veiled Mystery," featuring Antonio Moreno.

MUSICAL COMEDY SHOULD MAKE A HIT

"Reckless Eve," a musical comedy, which had been booked by the Opera House for one week starting Friday evening, is composed of special musical numbers written for this production. The scenery is said to be magnificent and the bill is sure to make a hit with all music lovers in this city.

DR. HAMILTON AT Y. W. C. A. ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Hear Dr. Hamilton in the Y. W. C. A. Friday, 8 p. m., on Orthopedic Troubles, using slides; nurses invited Arranged by Waterbury & Rising, Ltd. 2—10

CHARLOTTE ST. STORE TO RENT

In the regular advertisement column, F. G. Spencer is advertising a store to rent at 107 Charlotte Street.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

The following real estate transfers have been recorded:

Sarah Brayden to R. D. Harrington, property in Dorchester street.

S. Crowley to D. F. Colgan, property in Stanley ward.

J. L. Day to Mary M. Day, property in Wellington row.

Catherine Duffy et vir to J. W. H. Phinney, property in Cross street.

W. R. Evans to Helen M. Bishop, property in Lancaster street.

S. H. Ewing et al to C. H. Gilker, property at Fairville Plateau.

Matilda T. Hopkins to East St. John Building Company, property in Brittain street.

Harriett Roderick et vir to W. Brindle, property in Brittain street.

Harriett Roderick et vir to Mary C. B. Spears, property in Brittain street.

Edward Symond per heirs to F. Kerr, property in Hilyard street.

Olivia J. White, per County of St. John, to G. A. S. Hopkins, property in Simonds.

Kings County.

Alfred Burley et al to Frederick Haslam et al, property in Westfield.

R. J. Day to F. H. Day, property in Kars.

Hazen Folkins to W. H. Bovaird, property in Hampton.

John McGuire to Thomas McGuire, property in Hampton.

John McGuire to F. H. McNair et al, property in Hampton.

Stella J. Myers to Charlotte C. Gibbs, property in Norton.

COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT OF ITALY AND CZECHO-SLOVAKIA

Rome, Feb. 8—Dr. Eduard Benes, foreign minister of Czecho-Slovakia, will go to London following his visit in this city, where he is taking part in negotiations with the Italian government looking to the conclusion of commercial accord between the two countries. He visited Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state, today and discussed with the cardinal the situation of the Catholic church in Czecho-Slovakia. Later he called on Monsignor Corretti, papal under secretary of state.

MILITARY CAMPS

Quebec, Feb. 8—Though not officially confirmed, it is understood in military circles that a regular camp will be held for training purposes at Valcartier this year, when the members of the local units and likely even some from other military districts will be given the opportunity of undergoing training. The Levis camp will also be in operation. An artillery course will also be conducted in Halifax and another one in Kingston in a few months.

THE DOLLAR TODAY.

New York, Feb. 8—Sterling exchange strong, 3.82½; cables, 3.87¼. Canadian dollars, 11 11-16 per cent discount.

SHUT DOWN ON RECRUITING IN UNITED STATES

Washington, Feb. 8.—The bars were up today against further enlistments in the United States army until the enlisted strength automatically is reduced to the 175,000 maximum authorized in the joint resolution which the senate yesterday made law by duplicating the action of the house in over-riding the presidential veto.

Without awaiting official notification of the senate's action, Secretary of War Baker, last night ordered every army recruiting station in the United States to close down on enlistment.

Washington, Feb. 8—Preparations were under way in the United States navy department today to decide by actual test the question of relative superiority of aircraft and the modern battleships. Secretary Daniels in a leter to Secretary Baker yesterday invited the war department to participate in experiments to be carried out within ninety days in which the surrendered German battleship Ostfriesland probably will be used as the object of attack by aircraft dropping high explosive bombs from the air. Conditions approximating as closely as possible those of battle will be simulated in the tests.

FREDERICTON NEWS

Several Deaths, Much Sickness—Send to St. John for Nurses.

(Special to The Times.)

Fredericton, Nov. 8.—Miss Margaret Neville, a life-long resident of Fredericton, died last night after a lingering illness. Death was due to general debility. She was the last survivor of a large family. Several nephews and nieces survive. Miss May Monahan, with whom she made her home, is a niece.

Relatives here have received word of the death of the wife of Leverett Deveber of Newburyport, Mass., formerly of Maugerville, N. B. She died in Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Deveber lately had gone there to spend the winter in a cottage which they had built there.

Mrs. Elizabeth Vanstone, widow of Thomas Vanstone of Chatham, died at 8 o'clock this morning at her home here. She was aged eighty-seven years, and is survived by four sons and three daughters. They are James of Chatham, Thomas of South Devon, John and Frank of Fredericton, Mrs. N. J. Ivory of Fredericton, and the Misses Bessie and Minnie of Boston, Mass. The body will be taken to Chatham by C. N. R. on Wednesday morning.

The medical staff of Victoria Public Hospital has passed a resolution calling upon the trustee board to make provisions for the treatment of maternity cases at the hospital.

Sickness has been so prevalent in Fredericton during the last few weeks that all nur are occupied and calls for additional nurses have been sent to outside points. St. John has been called upon for nurses during the present week.

Hon. P. J. Veniot, Hon. J. P. Byrne and Hon. D. W. Mersereau already are here for the government meeting. J. W. Vanderbeck, M. P. P. for Northumberland is here for the meeting.

The death of Mrs. Isabella Baxter occurred at an early hour this morning at the age of eighty years. She had been ill some time. Three daughters survive. They are Mrs. Pritchard of Boston, Mrs. Middleton and Miss Marion Baxter at home. Five sons also survive, Christopher at home, Charles of St. John and John, Arthur and George at home.

The condition of Ald. T. H. Wilkinson today is reported unchanged, with no hope of recovery. George P. Barrett is gradually sinking. Mrs. M. A. Tweeddale, who was reported improved on Monday, is now in a serious condition.

In the Appeal Court this morning a rule absolute for certiorari and nisi was granted by the full court on four of five grounds offered by J. J. F. Winslow ex parte Clare Woods. Feb. 18 was named as the date for the return. This in in connection with the seizure of eighty-one kegs of beer from the Enterprise Bottling Company in this city by Chief of Police Finley and Sub-Inspector Fraser Saunders last autumn. Another appeal in the same matter is to be heard.

PERSONAL

Premier Foster will leave this evening for Fredericton to attend a meeting of the provincial government tonight.

TWO MORE CASES OF SMALLPOX LOCATED

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 8—Two more cases of smallpox have developed from the outbreak at Napadogan. The two new cases are at Tay Falls, York county, and the patients are said to be men who had formerly been employed at McNutt's lumber camp at Napadogan, where the original case in the outbreak had also worked.

MR. WICKWIRE DENIES

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 8.—Under examination of Hon. A. K. MacLean, counsel for the provincial government, before the royal commission investigating road expenditures in Nova Scotia, Hon. H. H. Wickwire, minister of highways, this morning denied that he had ever opened or directed the opening of tenders, had ever awarded contracts, or had ever attempted, in anyway, to interfere with the activities of the provincial highways board.

NEWMAN CLARK CASE IN FREDERICTON TODAY.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 8.—Before the court of appeal of the supreme court of New Brunswick today, Hon. W. P. Jones K. C., appealed for a reserved case from the decision of Mr. Justice Chandler in the case of Newman Clark, under sentence to be hanged on March 1 at the Victoria county jail for the murder of Phoebe Bell at Grand Falls in March 1920. Atorney General Bryne and W. B. Wallace, K. C., were heard in reply and Sir Douglas Hazen chief justice, promised a decision tomorrow.

GREEK POLICY TO HAVE SEVRES TREATY STAND.

Athens, Feb. 8.—Revision of the Sevres treaty will be opposed by M. Klogopoulos, new Greek premier, who will represent Greece at the near east conference in London. All heads of parties including adherents of former Premier Venizelos, approved of his decision.

MATTERS FOR N. B. GOVERNMENT

Interest in Meeting Which Will Be Opened in Fredericton Tonight.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 8.—(Canadian Press.)—The February meeting of the provincial government, which will open here tonight, promises to be the most important cabinet council meeting for some months. Some matters of public interest and importance will be settled in all probability, including the date for the opening of the legislature, the personnel of the prohibition campaign, and possibly the government's policy regarding the development of the Grand Falls on the St. John River.

The date for the opening of the legislature, it is now believed, will be either March 10 or 17. Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, former minister of agriculture, is expected to be chairman of the prohibition commission.

By January 10 last, one year from the close of hostilities in the great war, the Grand Falls Power Company were to have spent $100,000 on bona fide development work at Grand Falls in order to retain their rights. The International Paper Company of New York now control the Grand Falls Power Company, and their representatives have had several conferences with Premier Foster and the cabinet recently, while in the last few days government officials here have been diligently searching the records and files in connection with the matter, which has given the impression that the government is about to do something in the matter.

A number of delegations will be here during the week to meet the government, including one from Campbellton, who will urge a provincial contribution towards the construction of an interprovincial bridge at Campbellton, in which the Quebec and dominion governments are also interested.

THE MATTER OF VACANT LANDS NEAR RAILWAYS

(Special to Times.)

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 8—It is understood that the government is now considering the best means of bringing about a common policy with regard to the important matter of settling vacant lands near railways in various parts of the dominion. Plans for co-ordinating the work of the departments of immigration, the interior, agriculture and the soldiers' settlement board have been suggested by a committee of the Dominion Land Surveyors Association, and it is said that government officials have also been working on the question. Some legislation may be needed to that end this session. It is not thought that a conference of provincial representatives will be called at once with the object of working out a plan for co-operation, but that will have to be done sooner or later.

Great curiosity is being expressed here with regard to the new oil regulations soon to be promulgated. It is understood that the main reason for withdrawing those previously promulgated was to take measures to prevent "wild catting." It is a very difficult thing to do, and old timers do not believe that it can be done. But they are willing to be shown.

BERGDOLL CASE WAS OPENED TODAY

Kansas City, Feb. 8.—A legal battle to free Erwin B. Bergdoll, wealthy Philadelphia draft evader from the disciplinary barracks at Fort Leavenworth on a writ of habeas corpus was begun today at Kansas City, Kan. The case of Erwin Bergdoll, brother of Grover C. Bergdoll, who recently effected a sensational escape into Germany, is of wide importance because of legal points involved.

The legal point raised is the right of a military court martial to try a person who is now actually in the service, as one who registered for the draft but failed to respond when called. It is said that about fifty similar cases are held in abeyance pending the outcome of the Bergdoll case.

FARMERS AT COLLEGE.

Toronto, Feb. 8—A two weeks' course for farmers on economics, architecture, public health and hygiene, English literature and Canadian history was opened at the university here yesterday through the co-operative efforts of the educational bureau of the United Farmers of Ontario and the Extension Department of the University of Toronto. More than 800 farmers registered yesterday, the opening day, and as there were applications from Saskatchewan and Alberta it was decided to enlarge the course from a provincial to a national scope.

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PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived Feb. 8.

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Coastwise—Stmr. Keith Cann, 177, McKinnon, from Yarmouth, N. S.

Sailed Feb. 8.

Stmr. Canadian Rancher, Captain Dickson, for London and Swansea.

Stmr. Sheba, Captain Smeltzer, for Louisburg, N. S.

MARINE NOTES.

The steamer Canadian Rancher sailed this afternoon for London and Swansea with general cargo.

The government steamer Sheba sailed this morning for Louisburg.

The steamer Manchester Shipper arrived in port today from Philadelphia to load for Manchester. Furness Withy & Co. are the local agents.

The steamer Baysurua, which left Algiers Jan. 20 for this port to load grain is expected to arrive here the last of the week. Furness Withy & Co. are the local agents.

The steamer Baycross sailed from Algiers Jan. 27 for this port where she will load a full cargo of grain. Furness Withy & Co. are the local agents.

BEARISH EFFECT ON WHEAT MARKET

Chicago, Feb. 8—Foreign selling had a bearish effect on the wheat market today. Reports were current that Germany was being supplied with Australian wheat on six months credit from England, and that Italy had suspended for an indefinite period the purchase of cereal foodstuffs. Trade was light and market easily influenced. Opening prices, which ranged from ¼ to 1¼ lower, with March $1.53 to $1.53½, and May $1.43¾ to $1.44½, were followed by a material further setback.

Corn declined with wheat. After opening unchanged to ¾ lower, including May at 65⅛ to 65⅝, the market sagged all around.

Oats were steady, starting unchanged to ¼ to ¾ off, May 42⅛ to ¼, but soon scoring slight gains.

Commission house selling on stop loss orders weakened provisions.

VERY DULL EARLY ON THE MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE

Montreal, Feb. 8—The local stock market experienced one of the dullest sessions it has ever known during the first half hour this morning. There was absolutely no change in any of the principal stocks. Abitibi sold at 50 1-2, its closing figure yesterday, as did also Brompton and National Breweries at 51 1-2 and 53 respectively. These are the only important issues that appeared at all.

IN WALL STREET.

New York, Feb. 8, 10.30. — Extreme dullness marked the early operations on the stock exchange today, many speculative favorites remaining unquoted during the first half hour. Price changes were unimportant, gains and losses in no instance exceeding fractions. Mexican Petroleum, Royal Dutch, General Asphalt, Sears Roebuck, American Writing Paper preferred and Union Pacific comprised the firmer issues. Southern Pacific, selling "ex-rights," registered a trifle of a decline, and Atlantic Gulf, Westinghouse Electric and Pure Oil were moderately reactionary.

Noon Report.

Trading became more listless with the progress of the session, dealings during the forenoon falling to the smallest total for the similar period in several months. Steels, and equipments showed little change, despite indications of an approaching "open market," for those materials. Occasional strength was displayed by oils, as well as Continental Can, American Can, and some related specialties. Texas Pacific was the only railway issue to show even moderate activity and strength. The money market was quiet, call loans opening at 8 per cent. Exchange on London made further recovery from yesterday's low quotations.

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