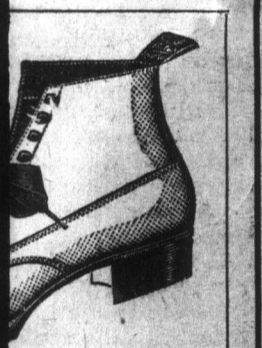


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### REFORMATION MUCH NEEDED

#### Government Under Pressure Will Overhaul Marine Department

### ROYAL COMMISSION

#### George Richards Tells of Some Things His Firm Discovered

Ottawa, April 1.—In the House of Commons today Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated that it was his duty to inform the House what action had been taken by the government on the report of the royal commission on the marine department.

In so far as the department of Marine and Fisheries was concerned, he had already stated on two occasions that the report called for consideration and action by the government. Mr. Brodeur had been investigating his department in order that he might see in what way it might be reformed. Since the report had been tabled, Mr. Brodeur had come to the conclusion that he should put under suspension two prominent officials. The deputy minister of the department had twice previously tendered his resignation, and it was now in the hands of the minister for consideration. In consequence of the very grave statements made in the report in regard to the honesty of some of the employees of his department, Mr. Brodeur had recommended the appointment of a royal commission, and had pleased the administrator of the government to comply with the request and to appoint as commissioner Walter Chase, judge of the Exchequer court. The purpose of the commission was to investigate the honesty of the employees of his department as soon as possible.

Mr. Borden asked if the commission was to deal with the department generally, or only the matters set out by the royal commission. In answer, Sir Wilfrid stated that the order in council would be broad enough to cover the whole department.

Mr. Borden also asked if the government had come to the conclusion that as a matter of policy, they would adopt the competitive examination system. To this Sir Wilfrid replied that he thought it better before making a statement to have the report before the house.

The debate on the budget was then continued by Hugh Guthrie, who spoke for two hours and a half in support of the government. He was followed by Mr. Armstrong, who was still speaking when the House adjourned at 6 o'clock.

In the Senate this afternoon, in answer to a question by Senator Loughheed, Senator Scott said the question of inviting the United States fleet to visit Vancouver and Victoria had been discussed by the government, but no definite conclusion had been reached. The United States may also be asked to send a warship to the Quebec celebration.

The public accounts committee, at the request of E. M. Macdonald, member for Pictou, has reconsidered yesterday's resolution to report evidence taken by the committee in connection with western timber limits.

### ROTTEN DEPARTMENT

W. P. Richards, of Gunn, Richards & Co., New York, the firm with which Kenneth Falconer is connected, was examined today by the committee as to the prices charged by his firm in the United States with a view to showing that they were the same as those charged to the Dominion government. Richards said that while accountant firms in Canada might have done half the work which his firm did for the marine department, it would have been difficult to do it all.

Examined by Mr. Foster, witness said that the Pary Sound marine agency at Pictou was practically no record whatever, the agent keeping the department's bank account in his own name. At Prescott there was a lack of individual energy, while the shops were badly and inconveniently located, incurring extra expense. At St. John the firm found no timekeeper or foreman in charge on the day of inspection, the men being only partially employed and many absent, susceptible to manipulation, being sent to Ottawa and signed before the money was paid the men. At the Quebec agency, where some \$800,000 worth of stores are kept, there was no suitable record of stores or check over the receipts and distribution of stores.

At St. John there was great wastefulness, while the Halifax agency was also in bad shape. For instance, at the latter place, the firm's expert found 100 tons of chain in store and another 100 tons in being received. As to the cost of this chain, one item alone figured at \$14,000.

Mr. Foster asked in each case if a business man or accountant could not have discovered all this without being a "productive engineer." Mr. Richards said: "Yes, but we never had a client yet who did not think he could have done the work after he had seen it done by us. We're no miracle workers."

"But you're pretty good spell-binders though," said Mr. Bennett, member for East Simcoe.

### PROTECTING PROVINCIAL RIGHTS

The senate railway committee this morning granted the extension of the bill for the construction of Grand Trunk Pacific branch lines. The committee threw out the bill for the incorporation of the Ontario-Michigan Power company, to engage in the development of power on Pigeon, Sturgeon and Nepequin rivers, on the ground that the powers asked for are within the legis-

### LEGISLATIVE JURISDICTION

of Ontario. Over this ground the Premier Whitney threatened to appeal to the Imperial authorities, on the ground, had it passed the senate, that it was an invasion of provincial rights.

### WESTERN GRAIN TRADE

#### Number of Men Interested Have Conference With Ministers at Ottawa

Ottawa, April 1.—A representative gathering of western grain growers, railway men and grain dealers discussed with Ministers Cartwright, Fisher and Templeman some of the proposals contained in the report of the royal commission on the grain trade of the Dominion. Strong representations were made by the western grain growers' association in favor of the Dominion government taking over all the terminal elevators at the head of the great lakes.

The grain growers' association assailed the Winnipeg Grain exchange as having a bad influence upon the trade, and as being under the influence of the banks and railways, while the exchange representatives defended the institution.

### PROMINENT MONTREALER DIED

Montreal, April 1.—Ex-Alderman Thomas D. Hood, one of Montreal's oldest and best known citizens, died yesterday, aged 79 years.

### MR. SIFTON'S JOURNEY

Winnipeg, April 1.—Hon. Clifford Sifton left for Danville, N. Y. tonight. He will be in the city for a short time for treatment for sciatica.

### LITTLE GIRL KILLED

Winnipeg, April 1.—Rachel Malkin, four years old, was killed by a runaway while playing on the sidewalk in front of her home on Chestnut street today.

### BLIZZARD AFFLICTS PRAIRIE COUNTRY

Winnipeg, April 1.—After flitting for a few days with spring, the Canadian West is again the grip of winter. The worst blizzard of the season, which struck Northern Saskatchewan yesterday, is now general, and for the first time this winter reports are coming in of crops being blocked on branch lines and delays on main lines. This is the more unfortunate as a good deal of stock and settlers' effects are now being moved in from south states, and the railway men are in a vastly better condition to handle an emergency than during the distressful storms of this late winter. There is no shortage of power, and the rotary plants are doing good work. While the heavy snowfall will put back the clock a few days, so far as seeding operations are concerned, the precipitation will do much to get much of the land into good shape.

### INTERCOLONIAL ACCIDENT

Newcastle, N. B., April 1.—In a collision on the U. S. R. at Dorcy Junction today one man was killed and several hurt. The dead man is Brake-man Bert Lamkey, of Harcourt, unmarried. The injured: Conductor E. Vye, badly; Havlock, gardener, passenger, Indiantown, may die; Andrew McCabe, engineer, badly; Fireman Melanson, badly. A special train passed by the Junction before the regular train time, taking the branch line, and the collision resulted. The regular train's engine and a passenger coach were smashed, and four other cars were derailed.

### SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENTS

Vancouver, April 1.—Dr. Jakendall made several exceedingly startling statements regarding the city milk supply in an appeal this afternoon presented to the city council to insist on a bacteriological test. He said: "One hundred and forty babies under a year old died in Vancouver last summer. The milk supply is so bad it is like feeding them arsenic. Of the number one hundred babies were undoubtedly sacrificed to rotten milk. Unless there is some change they will die this summer like rats in a trap."

### SASKATCHEWAN LEGISLATURE

Regina, April 1.—Members of the legislative assembly are gathering here for the session, which opens tomorrow. Chief Justice Wetmore, administrator of Saskatchewan, will read the speech from the throne in the absence of Lieut.-Governor Forget.

### WOUND PROVES FATAL

Farrabro, N. S., April 1.—Lewis Smith, who shot James Rector in his butcher shop, was himself wounded and died today. He was 28 years of age, and went insane just before the shooting.

### CHARGE DROPPED

Vancouver, April 1.—The charge of stealing a letter preferred by A. Kipke, his former partner, against R. B. Alty, real estate agent, was dismissed by Magistrate Williams this morning. The charge was laid under the Postoffice act, but counsel for the defense argued that the letter had passed beyond the precincts of the postoffice department and could not be brought under the act.

### ASK OPERATORS FOR CONFERENCE

#### Coal Mine Workers Make Another Effort to Reach an Agreement

### PRESIDENT LEWIS' ACTION

#### Operators in Ohio and Indiana Ready for Further Negotiations

Indianapolis, April 1.—The first official act of President T. L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America, on assuming office today, was to send telegraphic invitations to the principal operators of all the competitive fields, consisting of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, to attend a meeting in Indianapolis on April 6 with representatives of the miners, to make an effort to agree upon a call for an interstate wage convention, and if necessary to decide on a general resumption of mining operations in the field. The telegrams were in the form of a question asking the operators and trustees whether they were willing to attend such a meeting.

President Lewis tonight said he had received a number of answers, the gist of which was favorable to the move, but he had not yet received enough to determine the result. He is confident, however, that the move will result in a resumption of work, the rehabilitation of the interstate movement in this field, and in consequence the rehabilitation of the movement in the southwest field and the outlying districts.

Ohio operators have wired their acceptance of the invitation. Indiana operators during the negotiations this winter have expressed a willingness to go into joint conference any time. The Illinois mines are running. The result will be in line with the Western Pennsylvania and Illinois operators. To meet the operators in joint conference here President Lewis will summon the district officers of the miners' organizations in the four districts.

### PRESENT FOR WHIP TAYLOR

Ottawa, April 1.—As a mark of their esteem and confidence, the Conservative members of parliament have presented George Taylor, chief opposition whip, with an expensive gold watch, chain and locket.

### AMERICAN SETTLERS

Toronto, April 1.—S. Darling, manager of townships for the Canadian railway, writes to the head office here that about 5,000 American settlers are expected to take up land in the provinces of Ontario and Alberta this year through the efforts of land companies alone.

### DOMINION COAL COMPANY

Halifax, April 1.—The output of the Dominion Coal company this month will total about 340,000 tons. Last year the company mined something over three millions, and the half, and with the successful operation of the new mine they expect to reach four millions in 1908.

### PRIME MINISTER SLIGHTLY IMPROVES

#### King Edward's Physician, Dr. Dawson, is Called in Consultation

London, April 1.—The bulletin issued this morning regarding the condition of Premier Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman is as follows: "The Prime Minister has passed a good night, and is now comfortable. His general condition is more comfortable than it has been for some time." "Two-thirds of the output is hauled out through tunnels, the remainder being hoisted from the bottom of the shafts. The group comprises over 700 shafts, and is being worked in the longest having a length of 2,000 feet. The mines have many miles of underground workings. The relations between the miners and the management are good, and the work is being done in a most cordial character."

Mr. Smith, who is a graduate of the Boston Institute of Technology, added that the Granby has been pushing development work on the Independence group, promising looking in prospect on Bear creek, in the Similkameen district. This proposition is under bond in the sum of \$100,000.

Prominent officials of the Granby are also the chief shareholders in a company which owns the Grant-California group in Rossland, situated in proximity to the Le Roi mine. Development work in this group is also being carried out on an extensive scale. Mines are being developed in the California, and later a cross-cut will be driven into the rich ore known to exist in Giant ground.

### POLITICAL CORRUPTION

#### Lincoln Staffens Gives His Views to Members of Canadian Club at Ottawa

Ottawa, April 1.—Lincoln Staffens, the well known magazine writer, was the guest of the Canadian club at dinner last night, and delivered a strong address dealing with his investigations of corruption in the civil and political life of the United States.

Turning to Canada he said: "You are away behind us in the development of even your grafting, for what you have is not so well organized. Don't let it be. Study us; see what it was, not who it was, that corrupted us, and then refuse to give your ablest and most courageous men the things which will make them corrupt us as our ablest men have corrupted us."

The root of evil in civic and political life was special privileges granted to a class in the way of public utilities, or power to protect vice and law-breaking. This granting of concessions to individuals or corporations really made them enemies of the state.

He charged the United States congress with ruling in the interest of the big railways and corporations, and declared that quiet reform was now spreading throughout the country.

### AFRAID OF MORMONISM

Montreal, April 1.—The Congregational women's board of missions (Quebec branch) last night reported that the members should bring before their executive auxiliaries the question of need for checking Mormonism in the Canadian Northwest.

### TO SHORTEN TIME

#### Canadian Pacific Plans to Put On Trains Between Toronto and Winnipeg

Montreal, April 1.—At a conference of C. P. R. officials today it was decided when the Toronto-Sudbury line is opened, on June 15, to put on two trains between Toronto and Winnipeg, which will cut off about eight hours from the time heretofore required. The westbound train will be known as the Winnipeg Limited and the eastbound as the Toronto Limited. The westbound train will make the run in thirty-six hours, while the eastbound will require an hour longer. In addition, the company will about the same time put on two trains running through to Vancouver from Montreal.

### JAPANESE IMMIGRATION

#### Tokio Government's Assurance That Number Will Be Kept to Limit Agreed Upon

Vancouver, April 1.—When the number of Japanese entitled to admission to Canada during any one year is reached, the federal authorities have the assurance of the Japanese government that the number of Japanese for Canada will be stopped, and that there will consequently be no more arrivals here during the remainder of that year. This year the number of Japanese coming into Canada was received by Dr. Monro, Dominion government immigration agent at Vancouver. A record of the number of Japanese coming into Canada will be kept at Ottawa, and when the limit of 400 is reached the issue of passports will cease at Tokyo. Up to the present time this year the number of Japanese who have entered Canada is less than 25 per cent. of the number entitled to come.

### POSTMASTER OF TORONTO

Toronto, April 1.—W. B. Rogers was sworn in as postmaster of Toronto yesterday.

### SAWMILL BURNED

Bathurst, N. B., April 1.—The large sawmill of the Sumner company here was destroyed by fire last night. The loss will be \$25,000, partly covered by insurance.

### GRANBY OPERATES ON LARGER SCALE

#### Daily Output of 2,900 Tons, and Plans for Further Enlargement

Vancouver, April 1.—Mining operations at the Granby mines at Phoenix are now being conducted on a larger scale than ever. The daily output is 2,900 tons. The management of the country was spending \$1,000,000 in making arrangements to increase the production to 5,000 tons daily as soon as the furnaces at the company's smelter at Grand Forks are enlarged. These improvements will be completed some time next winter, said E. B. Smith, who is a guest at the Hotel Vancouver. Mr. Smith fills the position of superintendent of these famous copper-gold mines, which have already ready paid nearly three million dollars in dividends.

"Steady employment is given 550 miners. The ore reserves are larger than any period in the history of the property, and the output is being well maintained. Thus far a total of over three and one half million tons have been mined and sold, and the work is making a very appreciable effect on the world's experts—men of world-wide eminence—have estimated these reserves at figures varying from forty million to one hundred million tons. The ore values, of course, are low, but the self-fluxing character of the ore and various economies effected in mining and smelting enable the company to treat them at a profit."

### INTERIM SUPPLY VOTED IN HOUSE

#### Money Provided for Immediate Expenses of the Government

### SHARP DEBATE ON BUDGET

#### Mr. Bennett's Severe Criticism of Administrative Wrong-doing

Ottawa, March 31.—The feature of the day in the House of Commons was the passing of an interim supply bill of twenty-two millions, being one quarter of the estimates, in order that Mr. Bennett might have money to carry on the business of the country for the new year, which begins tomorrow. The greater portion of the remainder of the day was spent in the continuation of the budget debate. Mr. Bennett was in good form and made a number of charges against the government of maladministration, if not something worse. He was taken to task by Hon. Mr. Patterson, who said he could not understand this constant leveling of charges without anything to back them up. Mr. Bennett's criticism was spoiled by the extravagant language in which it was clothed. The discussion between Mr. Patterson and Mr. Bennett became rather heated.

Mr. Taylor claimed that the independence of parliament act had been violated by Mr. Stewart, senior member for Ottawa, who had received money as agent for the Holler inspection and insurance company of Canada. Mr. Stewart's answer was that the cheques to which Mr. Taylor referred were for renewals of insurance effected in many instances twenty-five years ago. Since he had been a member of the house he denied that any influence had been exerted by himself in obtaining business from the department.

Mr. Blain and Mr. Borden pointed out that Mr. Stewart had profited by the business.

Mr. Wilfrid Laurier pointed out that the question was whether or not the independence of parliament act had been violated. He thought Mr. Stewart's explanation frank and convincing.

After dinner the budget debate was continued by Mr. Schell, of Oxford, who compared the prosperity existing since 1896 with the depression prior to that time.

Mr. Brodeur took exception to the impression that the Minister of Agriculture had done a great deal for the farmers. The country was spending four and a half millions on defence, and less than a million on agriculture.

The debate will be resumed tomorrow.

In the senate, Senator Cloran's bill to prevent remarriage of the guilty party to a divorce was defeated by 24 to 22. The Lanarkshire crossing bill, the Vancouver Island and Eastern railway company's bill and the bill to amend the government railways act were read a third time.

### CHANGE OF ROUTE FOR G. T. PACIFIC

#### Mumor Persists That Copper River Line Will Be Followed

Vancouver, April 1.—There are good reasons for believing that the management of the Grand Trunk Pacific will abandon its proposed route via Hazelton, at the head of navigation on the Skeena river, in order to make a cut-off at Hazelton, a saving of eighty or ninety miles.

The main line from Prince Rupert, after striking the Skeena at Kitlasia Canyon will if mooted plans are adopted, run up the Copper river, cross the watershed and descend the valley of the Telkwa. All the engineering force lately employed along the Skeena were recently despatched to make a location survey via the last mentioned route.

Still another route is available. It would run via the Copper river and the Morrice lake district, a region which is said to possess the lowest gradients, and which is now being visited by Division Engineer Taylor and a small party. Their object is to make a reconnaissance survey.

### ALBERTA TELEPHONES

#### Government Completes Purchasing Bell Company's System in That Province

Montreal, April 1.—Hon. W. H. Cushing, minister of public works for the province of Alberta, yesterday on behalf of that government concluded an agreement with President Sias of the Bell Telephone company of Canada for the purchase of the lines of the company in the province of Alberta, the price to be paid being \$675,000. The Bell company at first demanded \$750,000, but Mr. Cushing secured a reduction to the price stated, and considers that he made a good bargain, better than that of the Manitoba government. He expects that the Saskatchewan government will purchase the company's lines in that province, and thus the whole of the telephone lines in these three provinces will be state-owned. Mr. Cushing at once telegraphed his officials to take possession of the company's plant, and this will be done at midnight tonight.

### ALBERTA UNIVERSITY

#### Senate Holds Its First Meeting and Transacts Important Business

Edmonton, April 1.—The first meeting of the senate of the University of Alberta was held in Odeon Hall, Strathcona, yesterday.

Harold W. Kiley was appointed secretary of the senate, and the senate as the university should appoint a registrar.

After formal opening addresses to the senate by Dr. Rutherford and Dr. Tury, president of the university, Dr. Rutherford mentioned the fact that the senate had been purchased for the university site at a cost of \$150,000. It was estimated that the site was now worth at least \$300,000. He pointed out that the government had made provision for the running expenses of the university by granting 20 per cent. of the tax levied under the corporations taxation act, or 10 per cent. of the income from the education tax. He stated that this should be sufficient for the present to meet the running expenses of the university, and that the government would probably assist in providing for a building at a later date.

It was decided to offer courses leading to the degrees of B. A. and B. Sc. in Arts, and to the course of B. Sc. in Practical Science. This made it necessary that one faculty should be organized, and it was decided to organize the faculty known as the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

John A. Macdonald was appointed honorary assessor of the university senate, and, on accepting, generously donated the sum of five hundred dollars to be offered as scholarships for students entering the university. Dr. Rutherford also offered a scholarship of one hundred dollars for a similar purpose. The scholarships will be open to scholars of the whole province. To this amount the senate added the sum of two hundred dollars. The whole was left to the executive committee to arrange. The executive committee met this morning and decided to offer for the present year four additional scholarships of one hundred dollars each, open to students of the whole province, and to offer next year four additional scholarships of the same amount.

### NOTED LETTER COMES TO LIGHT

#### German Paper Publishes Alleged Copy of Emperor William's Note

Berlin, April 1.—The publication in a Munich journal, which is issued twice a month, of what claims to be a copy of a letter sent by Emperor William to Lord Tweedmouth, First Lord of the British admiralty, which created a sensation, has been refuted from Lord Tweedmouth in reply, created a considerable commotion in Berlin today. The foreign office declared that the letters which are published were not copies of the original, and the official news agency pronounced the publication an April fool joke. Despite these declarations, the impression prevailed in well informed circles that both letters were authentic.

The paper does not explain how the letters came into the possession of the reproducer, the Emperor's letter appears quite harmless in character, being not the slightest attempt shown in it to influence British naval policy. It was called out through a published letter of Lord Fisher, who is a member of the entourage of King Edward, in which he stated that there is not a man in Germany, from the Emperor downward, who would not welcome the fall of Sir John Fisher, First Lord of the British admiralty. In referring to this statement, according to the letters published, the Emperor says: "I must know how I can do like me and you, he rekindles it, and that at the bedside of gentlemen of the Maritime League, which has already shown no lack of distrust."

"You know yourself my dear Lord, that I am the last person to take delight in the difficulties of the First Lord of the Admiralty. I know how I can do about German machinations against Terpitz."

Edward von Terpitz is secretary of the German navy.

"Our Emperor," continues the Emperor, "is one fifth yours. One fifth—do you know what that means? It means that Germany can never take the offensive at sea, only she is not disposed to neglect the duty of defence and self-preservation. The political doctrine that says the two crowns of Germany and Great Britain are not across each other, is wrong. Nowhere are they political enemies, they are economic. The economic policy of sane enlightenment between intelligent people must never be exploited in any other way except in the form of peaceful rivalry."

Referring to his visit to London last November and an address which he made at a reception given in his honor in the Guildhall, he said: "This honor was done to me at a very early time, as well as sixteen years ago. I said in the Guildhall that I honestly wished to maintain peace and friendship with England, and the wishes of the German nation are the same as my own. During the London week, compatriot of yours appealed to healthy human reason. Certainly, I said to him, we are not to do with nations which do not exist, he will come, but he said, 'I am not to confine themselves, as I see to Germany.'"

"I must close. Monsieur Cambon of the French Embassy, is waiting to hand an album on the ordinary regulations between the German Camerouns and the French Congo. I close with the knowledge that between us such misunderstandings as have happened to us are easily avoidable. It would be a good thing, before he occupies himself with naval positions, and before he attributes intentions which do not exist, he will know how he might possibly make the drain pipes at Windsor to produce a normal ventilation."

"I am very well, in spite of this wet weather. The Empress remembers with pleasure the beautiful days at Windsor, and often reminds me of the lovely colors of the woods near the Flemish farm on a day of successful pheasant shooting."

"I remain, etc."

In his reply Lord Tweedmouth thanks the Emperor for his gratifying confidence, and says that it is certain that the Emperor's confidence in the great majority of his countrymen is a misunderstanding of His Majesty's intentions is out of the question.

"The era of misunderstandings," says Lord Tweedmouth, "is closed. It is closed in consequence of the impressions left behind by the days of November."

He remarks jestingly that he has no occasion to feel ill toward the "governor" of the drain pipes at Windsor, whose business it is to produce pure ventilation, for, he continues, "to his mishap I am indebted for your Majesty's autographic letter."

Lord Tweedmouth concludes with expressions of deep respect.

### REQUESTS BIG FUND FOR SECRET SERVICE

#### Police Commissioner Bingham Says Evil Doers Need Close Watching

New York, April 1.—As a result of disturbances in Union Square last Saturday, when after a clash between the police and 1,000 men and women who had assembled to take part in a meeting of unemployed, one man was killed, and several injured by the explosion of a bomb, Police Commissioner Bingham today renewed his request for funds for the establishment of a secret service in connection with the police department. The sum asked for in a letter directed to the board of aldermen is \$100,000.

"The commissioner said the money was needed to keep secret service men constantly at work watching anarchists and socialistic meetings."

Belig Silverstein, the man who is charged with the throwing of the bomb at last Saturday's meeting, is in a critical condition. Spinal meningitis, which developed last night, leaves little chance that he will recover from the terrible injury which he sustained when the bomb exploded.

### MANY BLOWN TO PIECES

#### Review of Fatalities Through Dynamite Explosions on Grand Trunk Construction

Winnipeg, April 1.—A staff representative of the Winnipeg Telegram has just returned from a trip of over 100 miles on the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific between Kenora and Fort William, and makes a showing of fifty men blown to pieces during the past twelve months and as many more maimed for life. The report is replete with figures, names and dates on which the tragedies have occurred.

A statement is made that the fatalities are chiefly due to the inferior quality of explosives used and the ignorance of the men handling the dynamite. The report further lends the impression that some deaths have not been reported, and that men have been carelessly buried without religious services or any efforts to identify their resting places.

S. R. Paulin, the departmental engineer of the National Transcontinental railway in Winnipeg, denies that men have been buried in unseparated ground, and argues that while the death rate is large, it is no larger than can be expected considering the number of men employed and the quality of the work.

### FLOOD IN KENTUCKY

#### Streams Overflowing on Account of Heavy and Long Continued Rain

Lexington, Ky., April 1.—The worst flood in years prevails over central and eastern Kentucky today.

Heavy rains, falling almost continually for thirty-six hours, have caused an overflow on all the streams, including the Kentucky, Big Sandy and Red rivers. The northern and southern sections of this city are partly submerged, and many families have been driven from their homes. The water is four feet deep in some localities.

The Leader newspaper press room is flooded, and the press has been put out from St. Thomas, where the town of Farmer, Ball Lake and Wyoming, on the Licking river, are in danger.

### CHAMPLAIN POSTAGE STAMPS

Quebec, April 1.—Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, postmaster-general, who has been here in connection with the Quebec tercentenary, announces that a new series of postage stamps commemorative of the Champlain tercentenary, will be issued at Ottawa in July.

### ROWLEY RELEASED

St. Thomas, April 1.—Geo. Rowley, manager of the defunct Elgin Loan Company of this city, has been released from Kingston penitentiary after serving four years and seven months of his twelve years sentence for embezzling \$10,000 of the company's funds. The pardon and release are the result of petitions forwarded from St. Thomas, where his family now reside.