

OTTAWA CABINET CHANGES LIKELY

Hon. A. B. Aylesworth Insists on Retiring Because of Deafness and May Be Succeeded by Senator Dandurand

MARINE DEPARTMENT LEFT AS AT PRESENT

Mr. Lemieux to Succeed Mr. Brodeur in Case Latter Is Obligated to Retire—Portfolio for Hugh Guthrie, M. P.

OTTAWA, Feb. 14.—That cabinet changes are imminent is admitted even in government circles. A confidential source is credited by the press with the information that the retirement of Hon. A. B. Aylesworth from the portfolio of justice is likely to take place shortly, and he will be succeeded by Hon. Raoul Dandurand. Rumor has coupled the name of the former speaker of the senate with the portfolio of Marine and Fisheries, but it was pointed out tonight that nothing definite has been done in regard to that department this session.

The naval bill will be piloted by its remaining stages by the Premier. Sir Fred Borden and the Premier personally will guide the ordinary estimates of the department through a committee of supply. If any change is decided upon, it is said, in regard to this portfolio it will not be until after the close of the session, and then Hon. Rudolph Lemieux is slated for promotion, should Mr. Brodeur's illness continue, preventing him from taking the tiller again.

Mr. Aylesworth's deafness is not said to be a serious ailment, and he is said to have urged his retirement upon the Premier of late. He would, in the event of retirement act in the capacity of chief counsel and take charge of the government arbitration cases.

Senator Dandurand's appointment to the position of Minister of Justice would be well received here, where it is expected he would find a safe seat in the House. After resigning from the Senate, in the case of Mr. Brodeur not returning to public life, Hugh Guthrie, M. P., is expected to take the elevation of Mr. Lemieux, which is in line for the postmaster-generalship.

PRICE OF KNOWLEDGE

Experimenter With X-ray Suffers From Skin Disease as Result

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Mr. Harry W. Cox, the Roentgen ray pioneer, paid the price of his investigations into the almost unknown science of the operation for X-ray dermatitis, which is said to be a disease of the skin, contracted before the electrical current, which he himself was instrumental in bringing into general use, and radium, the only known remedy for the disease, he had to lose first a finger, then a hand, and then, early this year, the three middle fingers of his right hand. The disease also attacked his chin.

Even these measures, despite the hopes of the doctors, did not prevent the disease, and a few days since, the doctor, Dr. Pearce, amputated Mr. Cox's right arm above the elbow. The operation took place at Mr. Cox's house in Chelsea, London. It was reported that Mr. Cox's general condition was weak, on account of the ravages of the disease.

The work which Mr. Cox is paying so heavily for, came into especial notice during the South African war, when Mr. Cox installed the X-ray apparatus on the hospital ship Victoria, and gave a demonstration before the ship and the Queen. His apparatus, aided by a special invention of his own for finding the depth, as well as the position of imbedded bullets, was of wonderful aid to the surgeons.

Mr. Cox was granted a special allowance of \$10,000 a year out of the public funds early this year.

Fearless Lady Aviator

PARIS, Feb. 14.—Mme. De Roche, the fearless aviator, who has been flying for many years, made a flight of thirty-five minutes, rising to a height of 300 feet, and flying over Chalons-sur-Marne.

On Way to Ottawa

NEW YORK, Feb. 15.—Lady Sybil Grey, daughter of Earl Grey, Governor-General of Canada, arrived today on the White Star liner Baltic, accompanied by Lady Alton Roberts, daughter of Field Marshal Lord Roberts. This is the first visit of Lady Alton Roberts to Canada.

Opened for Settlement

WINNIPEG, Feb. 15.—Thirteen hundred homesteads were thrown open today for settlement by the Dominion Lands Office. A large number of these are adapted for mixed farming. They are situated between Lakes Winnipeg and Manitoba, where a large number of settlers have already taken up land.

Motor-car Post Offices

BERLIN, Feb. 13.—Twenty-five motor-car post-offices are to be placed on the streets of Berlin in order to facilitate the distribution of newspapers. These cars will be electrically driven, and will convey the mails between the different post-offices and the capital. They are being built in such a way that during the passage from one post-office to another the officials can sort the letters, as is done in railway sorting vans. Three experimental cars have been in operation for several months, and have proved a great success. The new system will begin on January 1, and more motor post-offices will be ordered later.

UNIFORMITY IN MAPS

Conference in London Endeavors to Establish Similar Scales in Different Countries

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Delegates from the leading governments of the world have assembled at the Foreign Office for the purpose of discussing the feasibility of preparing a map of the world on a scale of about sixteen statute miles to the scale.

The proposal dates from the International Geographical Congress, in Bern, in 1881, when a committee was appointed for the purpose of promoting it. The committee reported to successive congresses held in London in 1885, Berlin in 1889, in Washington in 1894, and in Geneva in 1903; but until the last congress met, no definite step was taken to enlist the co-operation of the various governments interested.

The inconvenience of the present state of things is evident for maps were not published in countries with different projections, different scales and different symbols. The proposal to make at the conference will be, it is understood, that the committee shall undertake to draw its own map to the scale above stated, so that it may be possible for other countries to buy a map of the latter country, and to have it made to their own map. In this manner, it would be possible to travel all over the world plotting together the various countries as they are traversed.

England and several other countries have been using maps drawn to this scale for many years. The map of the German maps also are drawn to this scale. But it is not only in regard to scale that uniformity is desired. Each country has at present its own method of indicating objects by symbols; and the committee is endeavoring to learn each code, and to learn a common code. The conference will probably agree on a recognized set of symbols, which shall be common to all the maps now proposed to be drawn.

It is probable that the English units of measurement will have to give way to the metric system, which is universally employed on the continent.

Tragedy at Edmonton

EDMONTON, Feb. 14.—From the effects of a bullet fired from a .38 calibre Colt revolver held in his own hands, a mulatto named McCormick lies dead at the public hospital morgue, where he was taken after a long and death, having received a bullet in the base of his brain from the same weapon which he held in his hand.

Mr. McCormick's death is not said to have been a suicide, and he is said to have been in the hands of the police when he was shot. The police were the first to ascertain the cause of the tragedy. The woman lay on the door-step weak from loss of blood and shivering. With what little strength remained she pleaded piteously for relief. Finding that she was helpless, she was taken to the hospital, where she died.

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MAY SETTLE STRIKE

Officials of Dominion Coal Company Hold Conference With U. M. W. Men

HALIFAX, Feb. 15.—An early adjustment of the strike by the Dominion coal mines appears more probable tonight than it has since the trouble began. The officials of the Dominion Coal Company, and the U. M. W. men, met in a conference at the Dominion Hotel, Halifax, last night.

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MAJOR SCARE AROUND LONDON

Young Daughter of City Auditor Bitten by Suspected Animal—Five Dogs Killed Yesterday by Police

LONDON, Ont. Feb. 14.—Five dogs have been shot during the day by the police as a result of the rabies alarm. One unmistakably affected by the rabies was clubbed to death on Talbot street, near the G. T. R. tracks, by Detective Downs with the crossing watchman's stick when the officer's cartridges ran out. Dr. Dent, district inspector, states that his dog will be sent to Ottawa for analysis.

Three of the other dogs destroyed were bitten by this one. When Downs threw his revolver at the first one during the chase it picked up the weapon and bit him.

Beryl Jewell, the 7-year-old daughter of Frank Jewell, city auditor, was bitten at noon by a dog which was taken to the Pasteur Institute at New York on the midnight train.

The Denton wire and iron works have turned out 5,000 more in ten days and are busy on 8,000 more.

Record Halibut Catch

TACOMA, Feb. 14.—The fishing steamer *Adora*, operated by the International Fishing Company, came from the fishing banks with a record catch of halibut, amounting to 240,000 pounds, valued at \$4,000 at present market prices.

Increase in Capital

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 15.—The Lackawanna Steel Co., of Lackawanna, Pa., was formally certified to the secretary of the state of New York that its capital stock had increased to \$70,000,000 by the creation of a \$10,000,000 preferred stock issue.

GEORGIA BAY CANAL PROJECT

Member for North Renfrew Offers Strong Argument in Favor of Proposed Waterway—Shows Possible Benefits

PLENTY OF TRAFFIC AND WATER POWER

Ministers Plead That Country Has Too Many Calls on Its Treasury to Proceed With New Work at Present

OTTAWA, Feb. 14.—The annual debate on the Georgian Bay Canal was held today by Gerald White, of North shore, in the House of Commons. Mr. White's speech was a strong argument in favor of the project. He pointed out the benefits of the canal, and the fact that the country has plenty of traffic and water power.

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FURTHER DEBATE ON NATURAL BILL

Ministerial Members Inclined to Invoke Strong Partisan Feeling in Discussion of Government's Programme

VIGOROUS SPEECH BY MR. GOODEVE

Report That Minister Fisher Will Be Translated to Upper House and Be Given Government Leadership There

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APPELLING CRIME

Lunatic German Shoemaker and His Mother-in-Law Blame the Former's Wife

INVESTIGATION IS MUCH NEEDED

Evidence in Bribery Case at Albany Showing That Corruption Will Be Further Inquiry

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 15.—The investigation into the bribery case at Albany is continuing. The evidence shows that corruption is widespread, and further inquiry is needed. The case involves a German shoemaker and his mother-in-law, who are blaming the former's wife for the crime.

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FINLAND'S TROUBLES

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POWERING DUTIES ON GERMAN GOODS

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HOT SHOT FOR PEARY

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