

Appointment by Royal Warrant

Sir J. Hanbury Williams, Governor General's Secretary, has announced to the Dunlop, Cooke Co. Ltd., their appointment as furriers to H. R. H. the Princess of Wales.

The Royal Warrant is personal and cannot be reproduced in any way and is the first ever granted in the Maritime Provinces, comparatively few in Canada having been accorded the distinguished honor of Royal patronage by special appointment.



Coat Presented to H. R. H. Princess of Wales

The first notable occasion which presented itself was the recent visit of the King and Queen of Sweden, and when England's future Queen was robed in a garment magnificently rich and beautiful, made from Nova Scotia mink, dark and soft as sable.

Canada has been receiving unexpected honors in this connection, and it will be a source of pride and satisfaction to Canadians to find the makers of the Royal garment receiving such marked recognition as to insure an immensely increased patronage, at home and abroad.

The honor has been conferred as a result of the magnificent Mink Coat made for and presented to H. R. H. the Princess of Wales by the ladies of Nova Scotia, and which was recently worn by Her Royal Highness at a reception of the King and Queen of Sweden at the Guildhall—an honor that speaks volumes for Canadian manufactures.

We are able to publish for the first time an excellent reproduction of the coat, which was fifty inches long, made of the darkest selected Nova Scotia Mink—one hundred and fifty skins being used in the garment, having been selected from over fifty thousand skins. The buttons are of 24 karat gold, set with pearl nuclei and emeralds. The garment, which is worth \$4,000, is of exquisite quality and workmanship and so pleased the Royal recipient that it was recently worn on the state occasion referred to, which is the highest compliment that could be paid by the future Queen to the loyal people of Nova Scotia. The gift was so extremely exquisite, its regal magnificence was a source of the greatest pleasure to the Princess and was acknowledged by a personal letter to the wife of the Governor with the request to convey to the committee and all those who took part in the gift her very deep appreciation, and in which Her Royal Highness also expressed this sentiment: "Each time I wear the beautiful mink coat I shall be reminded of the warm-hearted people of Nova Scotia."

CANADA WILL GIVE \$100,000

Aid to Stricken Italy Goes at Once

Hay and Straw Will Be Permitted to Enter From States Now

OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—At a meeting of the cabinet this afternoon it was decided that Canada should enforce its sympathy for the sufferers in the appalling disaster in Italy and Sicily in the tangible form of a national subscription of \$100,000. Parliament will be asked to ratify the government's action, but no objection from any source is anticipated to this generous prompt step on the part of the Dominion to help alleviate the terrible disaster which has befallen a sister nation. The money will be forwarded through the British ambassador at Rome with as little delay as possible.

Consequent upon reports received by the department of agriculture from the United States government that good progress is being made in suppressing the outbreak of foot and mouth disease among American cattle in the infested states of the east, a slight relaxation of the rigid quarantine regulations of the past month has been allowed by order in council.

After today shipments of hay and straw in transit through Canada from a quarantined state to any American port will be allowed. This affects principally shipments of hay and straw from Michigan to New England states via Canada.

Election Expenses.—Official return of expenses of local candidates in the recent federal elections shows the total expenses of Liberal candidates, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and H. B. McGivern, were \$4,358, and the total expenses of the Conservative candidates, Messrs. Bissett and Chabot were \$4,058.

Customs receipts for the month of December show that method of recurring revenue is reaching its termination. Collections for the month were \$2,696,980, as compared with \$2,923,217,574, which is the smallest comparison for December, 1907, a decrease of \$226,236,594.

WINS GIRL BY CHANCE; NOW WON'T MARRY HER

Suitor, Picked From Three by Burning of Candles, Rejects Woman.

DENVER, Dec. 31.—Because Annie Dugan, 21 years old, was named in an ancient plan to determine which of three suitors should become her husband, Andrew Yotow, upon whom her choice fell, refuses to take her.

For some time Yotow has been paying court to Annie Dugan. But she finally, several weeks ago, she told him she was going to have a birthday party and that she would like to have three candles lighted for her and placed them on a board.

The candles burned and the girls giggled and three of the boys all looked up. Finally, one after another, the candles had been out and only one remained. Then Annie announced that under each candle was the name of a certain young man, and she would marry the one whose name was under the candle that burned the longest.

Yotow did not see the joke and declared that he did not want to be herded together with a lot of other suitors. When the wedding ceremonies were arranged he did not appear. Now Annie has sued him and will try to force the wedding.

THE PRACTICAL KIND.—He (savagely)—So another judge has decided the same old thing—a wife's right to search her husband's pocket. She (savagely)—Don't say "same old thing." I am sure that is a matter in which there is nothing new.

NOT A SMILE.—"I never knew until I attended the horse show what an absurd term 'horse laugh' was."

DESPERATE.—But, father, that handsome foreign count says he will do something desperate and awful if I do not marry him.

Every Woman.—The new tactical system of the WINDSOR SUFFRAGE CO., Ltd., is a complete and practical system of suffrage work.

GERMANY CASTS COVETOUS EYE ON BRITISH LAND

Walvisch Bay, in South Africa, Leads to Breach of Diplomacy.

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—There is on the western coast of German Southwest Africa a convenient harbor, with a small patch of British territory upon which the German Colonial Office has been casting covetous eyes. It is called Walvisch Bay, and from the fact that Herr Dernburg, the German Imperial Colonial Secretary, has been attending to negotiate for its acquisition, it is likely to form an important subject of international attention.

When Herr Dernburg returned to Berlin from his visit to German Africa, the following communique in the German press, which attracted little attention, as it was generally believed Downing street and Wilhelmstrasse:

"That Germany cannot agree to an exchange of territory goes as a matter of course, for any fragment of territory which we might concede is more valuable than Walvisch Bay. Even the acquisition of the bay for a money payment would be a business transaction. For really, if we take this little patch of land from the English, they ought to pay us for so valuable a piece of land. It is serviceable to us at present, without doing anything toward its utility, have to pay every year."

Inquiry at the British Foreign Office revealed the fact that no negotiations were pending. The staff was in utter ignorance of the matter. Advice from Cape Town, however, soon revealed the truth—Herr Dernburg, after having been received by King Edward at Buckingham Palace and given a banquet through the press the mission of Anglo-German co-operation in Africa, he deliberately laid his proposals for the acquisition of a piece of British territory before the Cape Town.

Mr. Merriam, falling in that, he had attempted to influence Afrander through Mr. Hobbs, Premier of the Transvaal, and falling again, he had suggested to some Transvaal capitalists that a railway connecting Johannesburg or Mafeking with Walvisch Bay would be of mutual advantage, since it would open up German Southwest Africa to Rhodesian and Transvaal trade, while, on the other hand, Walvisch Bay would become a much more convenient point of departure and entry for South Africa than Cape Town.

He pointed out that the distance from Cape Town to Johannesburg was 1,800 miles, while the distance from Walvisch Bay was less than 1,000 miles, as well as British officials, so it is now stated in Downing street, by dint of South African advice, only by a slight margin to enter into Herr Dernburg's proposal, but also deliberately snubbed him.

It was felt that if Germany desired to acquire Walvisch Bay negotiations ought to have been opened by the German Foreign Office at Downing street, and not between the German Colonial Secretary and two over-seas men, who were believed in Germany to have little sympathy with British imperialist ideals.

TO GIVE CANADA ENTIRE BENEFIT

Canadian Northern Anxious to Build Line From Port Arthur to Sudbury at Once.

PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 31.—"Our next project which must be put into active operation soon," said Mr. D. D. Mann, vice-president of the Canadian Northern Railway, yesterday, "is the building of a road from Port Arthur to Sudbury."

"This is an absolutely essential and immediate necessity. We are going to get after it right away, as soon as the next Parliament meets. We have to get assistance from the Government to build this line."

"We mean Canada to have the entire benefit of our Western roads, and to get the total revenue accruing therefrom."

"If we haul wheat and eastbound freight to eastern ports by way of Duluth the States are going to benefit by it. We do not mean such a condition of affairs to exist at all. Sixty per cent. of the cost of transportation is spent in the localities through which the freight passes, and why should the Dominion benefit by this? When we build east again, think of the immense country our road will open up east of Port Arthur and north of the transcontinental new building. The possibilities resulting from the building of a road through this territory are innumerable."

BIG DECREASE IN CUSTOM RECEIPTS AT MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Jan. 1.—Customs duties collected at the port of Montreal during the past 12 months, shows a decrease of nearly four millions compared with last year. The actual figures are 1907, \$12,823,425; 1908, \$12,009,413, a great falling off, of \$190,000. It is believed, however, in business circles that the tide has turned and the year's figures, especially when the St. Lawrence season of navigation opens, will show large increases.

HONEST.—Cashly (at the club)—Is your wife entertaining this winter? Stockton—Not very.

KATABOLISM GROWS

Hence the Outburst of the Militant Suffragette Mania

Meanwhile a Suffragette Asks: "Who is Going to Turn the Hose on Dr. Shipley?"

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Dr. Shipley's explanation of the militant suffragette mania as a modern outbreak of tartarism is affording a good share of amusement among women. One writer in today's Times explains that there is a tendency in the female sex to conserve energy or anaesthesia, while in the male sex is towards its liberation or katabolism. This eminent diologist adds:

"During the past few decades there has been a distinct tendency in some women to increase their katabolism and approximate it to the male type of outburst. These are followed by relatively quiescent periods when they take up work in the mills and also at the professions. Following the results of a recent German work, we may see that such women have reverted to hermaphroditism by decreasing their anaesthesia and increasing their katabolism. Usually the process is interrupted by marriage and motherhood, which has a reversing tendency in this country.

Lancashire is pre-eminently the country of katabolic women, and, in accordance with the general fitness of things we find it to be the home of the militant suffragette. An examination of the police court record gives two points—1. Previous katabolic history; 2. Through the process of the loss of some other qualities pertaining to the sex and the assumption of some of those pertaining to the other."

The suffragettes themselves are not submitting to these awful fets of discipline her protest with this appeal: "Who is going to turn the hose on Dr. Shipley?"

REVOLUTIONIST TELLS OF HIS RUSSIAN CELL

Tchaykovsky Could Only See a Narrow Strip of Sky.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—After having been confined for a year in a Russian military fortress on charges of conspiracy and agitation against the Russian government and finally released after a world-wide protest almost unparalleled in history, Nicholas Tchaykovsky, author, humanitarian and revolutionist, has written for the current issue of his captivity and its attendant circumstances.

He fled to England in 1875 and was arrested on his first subsequent visit to Russia, in 1876. He was confined in the Russian garrison of the fortress of Saint Peter and Paul until released in \$25,000 bail on October 23 last.

He says the only light to his cell came through a little window high up in the wall, and so that only a very narrow strip of sky could be seen. In these quarters Mr. Tchaykovsky, who is more than 45 years old, and who has been accustomed to the best of care, slept on a mattress so thin "that the regular bastion menu."

Books from the prison library, augmented by such volumes as his wife and daughter were able to send him "through the authorities" supplied him with reading matter, and he was allowed to exchange strictly censored letters with his relatives, who are also permitted to visit him at stated intervals.

M. Tchaykovsky must stay in Russia until his trial, but he has obtained permission to visit his dying mother at Kazan.

CAPTAINS OF INDUSTRY "SQUAW MEN," SHE SAYS

Woman Taught Man the Art of Work, Declares Mrs. Commander.

ATLANTA CITY, Dec. 31.—Declaring without reserve that the great "Captains of Industry" are no more than "squaw men," Lydia Kingsland, Commander, author of several works on race suicide, started the delegates in attendance on the meetings of the American Geographical Society by her insistence that women and not men are really responsible for the tremendous intervals of the present day.

"Man's natural instinct in ages gone was that of war and not of work," she asserted, "and women alone have taught him the art of work, which with him is simply an acquired characteristic."

"The self-supporting woman of today is the woman who is best serving the larger interests of the family," said Mrs. Commander. "Women have always worked and always will work. Among primitive peoples it was the woman who was the worker, while the man was the fighter? It was the woman who tilled the fields and fashioned the pottery, while the man, who preferred the hoe to the warclub, was despised and called a 'squaw man.'"

"Women have taught men to work, but they have not taught them how to do it. The next great task of woman is to retake the industrial world. She must teach man that healthy, happy, noble-minded people are of more importance than sky-scrappers, steel mills and factories before she can bring back the gospel of the family being the real basis of modern growth."

In direct opposition to the stand taken by Mrs. Commander, Professor U. G. Weatherly, of the University of Indiana, declared that the present trend toward allowing women to work, either before or after marriage, is contributing greatly to social unrest and even contributing to the growth of divorce.

Divorce and its following evils will be generally discussed at joint meetings of the organization tomorrow.

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Cor. Main St. and Paradise Row

Truly Royal Gift FOR MRS. KEPPEL

Friend of King Receives Handsome Mansion in Carlton House Terrace From an Anonymous Donor.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—According to the story circulated in the very smart circles of London society, Mrs. George Keppel was the recipient of a magnificent Christmas present in the shape of a lease of No. 2 Carlton House Terrace from an anonymous donor, of whose identity, however, nobody appears to have a doubt.

This fortunate lady, so immensely admired by King Edward, got word of her good luck only Christmas Eve, when she was actually discussing plans for enlarging her Portman Square residence, situated in a part of the West End which is rapidly deteriorating.

Mrs. Keppel is getting not merely a lease, but the house is in a state of complete reconstruction according to her own taste.

The gift represents at least \$300,000. The house is spacious enough for any entertaining and is in the most select and most convenient part of the town, extremely quiet and away from main thoroughfares and with a postern leading to St. James's Park, with the royal residences, Buckingham and St. James's palaces, as well as Marlborough House, hard by.

Mrs. Keppel, whose wonderful personal charm and good nature have earned for her exceptional popularity, is being cordially congratulated by her neighbors in the German Ambassador, John Ward, Mrs. J. W. Mackay, Foster Palmer, Frederic Guet, Waldorf Astor, Lord Curzon, Arthur Walfoeur and Lord Ardillan, the latter the head of the Guinness's stout family, who at the moment is unusually prominent for his refusal to permit the London County Council to place a commemorative medallion upon his house recording the fact that Gladstone lived a long time there. Lord Ardillan has never forgotten Gladstone for his Home Rule bill.

SINGS OF A SON AS STORK BRINGS ONE

Homestead, Pa., Solist's Family Enlarged, True to Words of Anthem.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 31.—The stork and the builders of the programme for a cantata, given at the First Baptist church, Homestead, last night, collaborated in making the words of one of the singers come true.

George Price, one of the best known singers of the borough, was down on the programme to sing the anthem, "Unto Us a Child is Born; Unto Us a Child is Given." He sang with great fervor, the rendering making a marked impression on the large audience.

None knew that the words of the singer were literally true, nor did he know that the spirit of prophecy entered into the song until he arrived home and found a fine eight-pound boy, the addition to his family arriving while he was singing in the church.

A WHOLESALE MOTHER

Mrs. Anna Ross Probably Holds the World's Record.

She Has Nursed 303 Children Since She Began Business of Deputy Parent—Never Had Baby of Her Own.

NIAGARA FALLS, Dec. 31.—The instinct of motherhood is very strong in Mrs. Anna Ross of Niagara Falls, N. Y. A mother to 303 children is the proud and unique record held by her. The fact became known yesterday when the aged woman applied to the poor guardian for aid. Think of cradling 303 children on one's knees, think of cradling over so many cots, while the sagging Sandman whistles away his time with tiny Nellie Jones across the way. Think of the countless hours Mrs. Ross must have spent pacing the floor, fighting off with the aid of peppermint water a million or more attacks of colic. Think of the countless bottles of colic that had to be warmed and tasted and administered, and, lastly, think of the mending.

Mrs. Ross is a very real person in spite of the almost unreality of the task she put upon herself. She is old and about 55 years of age, and a typical "mummy." She was born in Allegany county, and all her life she has loved children. As a child she used to ask the neighbors for permission to look after their babies, and she has looked after a time a regular nurse. She first began in Hamilton, Ont., about 25 years ago, and later came to Niagara Falls. Her children come from here, there and everywhere—sons from good homes—others from no homes—some children of respectable parents; others nameless tots. But all are the same to her, so long as they are of baby size. Under her direction the babies are started at their A B C's and carried through the parlor days of tickling horse's hoofs. Mrs. Ross has the most wonderful gallery of children's photographs to be found anywhere.

where—photographs from the wash-bowl to many whiskers. Her adopted grandchildren number about 500. She has scores of letters from her former children, many of whom have succeeded well in life, and all the letters breathe the same spirit of filial devotion that belongs to real motherhood. She is fast becoming too old for the work, and will soon give it up. By an odd turn of fate, Mrs. Ross has never had a child of her own.

"SEX DETERMINED BY CHANCE ALONE"

Nutrition and Other Artificial Means Powerless to Regulate It.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 31.—That the determination of sex is a matter of chance was the declaration of Professor E. B. Wilson before the section of zoology at the opening session of the American Association for the Advancement of Science today. Although he did not specifically mention the Russian theory of control by diet, which was tried to the Tzar and Tsarina before the hair of the throne of Russia was born, Professor Wilson said this theory is entirely erroneous.

Professor Wilson occupies the chair of zoology at Columbia University, and is considered one of the foremost investigators in that science. His paper was technical and went into the subject deeply, but he gave the press an abstract, which he said he thought would bring on his head all the cracks in the country. The title of the paper is "Recent Researches on the Determination and Heredity of Sex."

NUTRITION NOT A FACTOR.—"Former inquiries," said he, "as to the manner in which sex is inherited have been on the supposition that sex is determined by the effect of external conditions, such as nutrition. The drift of more recent evidence has been against this view, and goes to show that sex is automatically determined by the internal mechanism of germ cells. If this be correct, it appears impossible to modify or control the sex by artificial means. Sex appears to be a phenomenon of heredity which con-

forms to the laws of heredity in general. It is supposed by many biologists to be a particular kind of mendelian Mendel's law.

"Research has proved that the mechanical basis of sex is so adjusted as to produce an equal number of males and females in the long run, this fact applying to the race as a whole and not to single families alone. There are, however, variations from this equal ratio. Some of these modifications have recently been completely explained by minute study, but many are still quite unexplained."

Scores of scientists, many from the leading colleges and universities of the country, are here. It is estimated that at least two thousand of them were at the opening of the convention, and most of them intend to remain during the week. During the week there will be more than one hundred meetings, many of them going on simultaneously, in order to accommodate these gatherings nearly all the school and college buildings of the city have been engaged.

NEWS FROM HOPEWELL HILL

HOPEWELL HILL, Dec. 31.—Among the leading prize winners at the R. C. Bazaar, which closed last night, at Albert, was Miss Bertha Edgett, of Harvill, who won the gold watch given to the most popular young lady. Miss Miente Gowing held the lucky ticket that won the barrel of flour. P. J. Newcombe won the oil painting and Hugh Daley, the hanging lamp. The voting contest for the most popular young lady was very exciting, the winner having a close competitor in Miss Lena Conner. The last evening of the bazaar was very successful between four and five hundred people were present.

Frank Woodworth, son of R. S. Woodworth, of Chemical Road and Miss Edith Shaw, daughter of Chas. D. Shaw, of the same place, were married last evening, at Albert, Rev. Mr. Snelling, of the Hopewell Baptist church, officiating. The marriage of Byers Steeves, of this place and Miss Harbell, of Elgin, took place, at Mountain, on Tuesday of this week, and the happy couple drove to their home here yesterday.