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More Evidence that Premier Borden Will Keep His Promises.

Dominion Government Subsidies to Provinces for Agricultural Education.

Money to be Voted For Improvement of Provincial Roads--To Reorganize Agricultural Department.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Nov. 17.—Plans are being perfected for carrying out the government's policy of aiding the provincial governments in the encouragement of scientific agriculture and the building of good roads as outlined in the speech from the throne.

The standard correspondent has good authority for the statement that the government is working upon a comprehensive scheme under which the provinces will be subsidized for the benefit of agriculture and for good road building, the money to be earmarked and the expenditure to be made on definite lines to be laid down by the Dominion government.

In order to prepare the way for the granting of the subsidies and to ascertain exactly what are the most pressing needs of the individual provinces, one or perhaps two, commissions will be appointed to deal with the question of the federal government to whom the representation of the provincial governments and the farming interests will be made. It has not apparently been finally determined as to whether there will be a separate commission to deal with the road question or whether one commission will deal with the question of roads and the encouragement of more productive agriculture.

The government has already in its employ a good road expert in the person of A. W. Campbell, former commissioner of good roads in Ontario and now deputy minister of railways and canals.

The name of Andrew Broder, M. P. is being put forward by friends of the Dundas member, in connection with the agricultural end of the commission. Andrew Broder, as everybody knows, is a practical farmer and possesses to an unusual degree the confidence of the agricultural community. Mr. Broder, it is said, is a good guess for the appointment.

The plan now being evolved, includes important changes in the departmental composition at Ottawa. The archives branch of the department of agriculture is to be detached and made part of the state department. It is probable that other changes in the department of agriculture will take place, the purely agricultural work being centralized under the direction of an expert deputy minister. It is said to be not unlikely that C. C. James, now deputy minister of the department of agriculture in Toronto, may come to Ottawa.

Another feature of the departmental reorganization will be the separation of the two departments of state and external affairs, the latter being brought directly under the prime minister and co-ordinated with the Privy Council office.

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TO CELEBRATE A CENTURY OF NO WARFARE

One Hundred Years of Peace Among English Speaking Peoples to be Occasion of Great Festivities.

A WORLD IN PRAYER.

New York, N. Y., Nov. 17.—Absolute cessation, so far as possible of the activities of 150,000,000 English speaking people throughout the world for five minutes, for silent prayer and contemplation, is a suggestion which Senator Root, of New York has made for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of peace among the English speaking people. The suggestion came out tonight in connection with the appointment by Mayor Gaynor, of a committee of 100 prominent New York men to have charge of the celebration on centennial so far as this city is concerned. The national committee plans to commemorate the anniversary by the erection of permanent memorials, rather than through the celebration by pageants. For this reason it has been necessary to organize far in advance of time of celebration which will extend from the 17th of Feb. 1915 until some time in the summer, during which Great Britain, Canada and other parts of the English speaking world will participate in the celebration.

The date suggested for the five minute stoppage of activities of English speaking people is Feb. 17th, 1915, the date of the ratification by the American and British governments of the treaty signed at Ghent, Belgium. It has been proposed that New York's recognition of the anniversary be the occasion of a building dedicated to international peace. The mayor's appointments to the committee represent the leadership of finance, news, and popular meetings. The mayor's appointments to the committee represent the leadership of finance, news, and popular meetings. The mayor's appointments to the committee represent the leadership of finance, news, and popular meetings.

Among the suggestions for permanent monuments of the century of peace, is the building of a water gate to be erected on the Canadian and American sides of the Detroit river. At Detroit and Windsor, Ont.; another that an arch be built on the Canadian frontier over the Detroit river. This resolution asked for provincial municipalities to adjust taxes on polls, improvements, personal property, income or to raise revenue by means of a land tax alone if deemed advisable.

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This Plan Would Turn Foreigners Into Patriotic Canadians.

Interesting Topics at Conference of Canadian Militia Officers -- To Train Students to Use of Arms.

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WITNESSES TELL TALES OF SPENCER'S ECCENTRICITIES

Working the Insanity Plea to Its Full Value in Effort to Save Man Charged with Murder in Springfield - Prisoner Breaks Down in Court.

Springfield, Mass., Nov. 17.—Although Bertram G. Spencer, on trial charged with the murder of Miss Martha B. Buckstone, showed nervousness at times in the course of today's session of his trial and at one time wept and sobbed, he appeared to have better control of himself than on previous days. It was when a witness testified that Spencer had spoken of the kindness of his mother made to look after him, that he broke down and sobbed for a moment. It had been anticipated that the testimony of the prisoner's mother would follow him by his father would be followed by the father's appearance on the stand today, but he was not called.

Relatives of Spencer and persons who had worked with him, were made to testify in various parts of the trial. The defendant's sister and her husband told of one occasion when Spencer became angry. His wife's brother testified that he had seen Spencer in the Connecticut river, but was restrained by others. The grand jury returned its verdict this morning. Spencer was found guilty of the murder of Miss Martha B. Buckstone. He was sentenced to life imprisonment in the state prison at Springfield.

Spencer once drew a revolver and threatened to shoot Robert E. Miles, of Florence, so Miles testified. The trouble arose when they were working on a railroad and Spencer tried to occupy Miles' seat as fireman in a locomotive cab. The engine quieted Spencer. Miles said he knew Spencer was a good shot and had seen him shoot woodchucks from the train. The defendant's conduct while in jail was described by Wm. McCart, of Holyoke, who said he was on duty at the jail in September and October of this year and guarded Spencer from 10 p. m. to 7 a. m., each time. He said Spencer had frequent headaches and asked for wet towels to put on his head. The prisoner would often ask McCart if anyone was speaking when no one had said anything.

McCart was the last witness of the trial. He testified that Spencer was often gloomy and melancholy. "What was your occupation at the jail?" asked the District Attorney, in cross-examination. After some hesitation McCart explained that "he had been sent down there for thirty days, and that part of his work as a prisoner was to look after Spencer. McCart was the last witness of the trial."

STEEL CARS ALONE SAVED PHILADELPHIA-NEW YORK EXPRESS FROM WRECK

Otherwise Wreck of Philadelphia-New York Express Would Have Developed Into Shocking Tragedy.

Kingston, Ja., Nov. 17.—Owing to the decision of the U. S. Government to fortify the Panama Canal, the defenses on the island of Jamaica are being improved. The forts commanding the outer channels to Port Royal and Kingston, will be remodelled and more guns placed in them and when this work is completed, the island will be one of the most strongly fortified of the British possessions.

General Ian Hamilton, inspector general of the Overseas forces, of Great Britain in April last made an extensive inspection of the fortifications, regular troops, militia and police in the island of Jamaica.

A despatch from Kingston in September said that the British War Office was arranging to send to the island, 1,000 operation artillery men and infantrymen to strengthen the local garrison in view of the increased importance which would come to the station with the opening of the Panama Canal. The despatch added that the navy yards at Port Royal, which were burned in the spring, would soon be reopened.

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G'GILL TO WORK FOR A MILLION

Montreal, Nov. 17.—The governors of McGill University have completed their plans for a big financial campaign and next Monday an attempt to raise a million dollars within a week to meet the needs of Montreal's educational institutions will be commenced. A number of committees have been appointed and a tremendous effort will be made to set the university on its feet financially. Dr. Douglas, of New York, who was last year honored by McGill, called for help to the organizers of the campaign that he would lead the way with a subscription of \$100,000.

TARIFF FOR CRIME IN CHICAGO

Gamblers of Windy City Had Pot of \$40,000 to "Grease" Police and Pay for Protection.

A GIGANTIC GRAFT.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 17.—Charges that Chicago gamblers kept a fund on hand of \$40,000 for use in "greasing up public officials," were made by Harry Brodski, former gambler, before the civil service commission in its new investigation in public gambling and other vices.

Brodski said he came to Chicago last May at the request of Benjamin Hyman and other friends, with the intention of investigating gambling and cleaning up the city. He said he found Chicago a wide open gambling controlled by Mont Tennes, Tom McGinnis and others.

"I went into a deal with Hyman and we rented offices down town with the intention of getting at the bottom of things and exposing them," said Brodski.

"Hyman apparently was on intimate terms with Chief of Police Weeny and Police Inspector Hunt. I made written reports of conditions as I found them to Hyman by mailing them to a post office box, which I was told had been rented by Chief Weeny. Hyman told me he had a fund of \$40,000 which was used in 'greasing up public officials.'"

Brodski testified that the following amounts were paid by gamblers and resort keepers in the first year: All-night saloons, \$50 a month; All-night saloons, having music, \$75 a month; Crap games, \$50 a month; Poker games, \$25 a month; Disorderly resorts, \$25 a month.

Thirty merchants representing small business houses on the West Side, visited Mayor Harrison today to urge that he temper a recent order driving vicious saloons and other ill-shown places off Madison street, but urged that the first effect of the order had been to decrease their business from 20 to 50 per cent.

A CAMPBELLTON MAN LOSES ARM

Shocking Accident in I. C. R. Yard in Campbellton Swept from Moving Box Car by the Switch.

Special to The Standard.
Campbellton, Nov. 17.—About midnight last night a young man named Burke, who was assisting in weighing cars in the I. C. R. yard was swept from the top of a moving box car by the switch, and falling under the wheels, had his arm taken off near the shoulder.

The unfortunate young man was rushed to the hospital where he lies in a very precarious condition.

UNLIKELY THAT ST. JOHN VESSELS ARE IN DANGER

Apprehension Regarding Three Schooners off Massachusetts Coast is Believed to be Without Foundation.

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Boston, Mass., Nov. 17.—When the revenue cutter Acushnet returned to Pollock Rip late this afternoon to the assistance of the third schooner reported in distress, it was learned that the vessel's name was John J. Hanson, bound from Boston for Hummock. The Acushnet took the craft in tow and proceeded west towards Vineyard Haven. The Hanson was the last assisted earlier in the day by fishermen.

FIGHTING AT NANTUCKET

London, Nov. 17.—The Daily Telegraph's correspondent reports that hostilities have commenced at Nantucket.

Longshoremen Quit Work Yesterday to the Number of Almost 1000.

Ships Face Serious Situation Unless They Get Away Before River Closes.

Men Demanded Wage Increase From 30 to 50 Cents an Hour -- Department May Intervene.

Montreal, Nov. 17.—The Longshoremen of Montreal went on strike in a body today, demanding 50 cents an hour instead of the present 30 cent rate.

The final rush to clear the port is on and the situation is serious as indications are that winter will set in hard unusually early and insurance contracts expire Nov. 25.

The companies are endeavoring to take on cargo and get the vessels away by getting sailors and stewards to work.

All the longshoremen to the number of nearly a thousand stopped work on the shrovetide vessels now in port this afternoon and left the steamers to shift for themselves as best they might in unloading and getting cargo aboard in an effort to make a quick getaway before the official close of navigation a week hence when insurance policies lapse.

As a result of the strike, of which there is at present no indication of a settlement, every ocean steamship company that owns vessels plying to Montreal is face to face with the serious situation of having their vessels delayed at a time when when a break in the weather is liable to come at any moment and they might have to fight through frost and ice, snow and general bad weather to get out of the river before it freezes up.

Neither warning nor reason is claimed by the shipping men, was given for the action of the longshoremen, and before the former hardly knew what was happening, the latter had been called out from every ship in port. The strike began with the C. P. R. men working on the Mount Temple and Lake Manitoba, the latter in the docks of the longshoremen's union in the holds of the ships that the officials of the Longshoremen's Union had called a strike.

The response was instantaneous. There was, however, no sign of disturbance or demonstration. Anticipating trouble, the C. P. R. officials immediately telephoned the police and a reserve squad of 50 men were rushed to the wharves. The men dispersed then.

Picketing officials and walking delegates seemed to have been busy, for last night and this morning the Cunard and Thomson men working on the Ausonia and Jacona came out in a body and shortly after the Allan men followed. A large percentage of the latter are not affiliated with the union. Laborers on the Manchester liners, White-Dominion, Canada and Head lines were next to quit, leaving loaded trucks standing in the sheds. Continued on page two.

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