

OPENING CEREMONIES OF DOMINION PARLIAMENT.

Matters of Importance Touched on in Speech From the Throne

The Colonial Conference Mentioned—The Irish of Immigrants Spoken of—Promis: of a Commission on Transportation—A Redistribution Bill Promised—The Alaska Boundary Matter—Other Bills to be Brought Down.

An Ottawa, Ont., despatch says: Parliament was opened at 3 o'clock this afternoon by Lord Minto. There was a large attendance at the opening ceremonies, and the interest manifested in the event was as great as in past years. His Excellency the Governor General, was accompanied from the Government House by an escort of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, and was received on his arrival at the Parliament buildings by a guard of honor from the Governor-General's Foot Guards. The band of the regiment was present and supplied the music. Lord Minto proceeded to the Senate Chamber, and delivered the following

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Ottawa, Ont., despatch: Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate; Gentlemen of the House of Commons: I am glad to be able to congratulate you on the continued prosperity that prevails throughout the Dominion. Canada has received many blessings during the past year, which call for the expression of our heartfelt gratitude to a kind Providence. I had the pleasure of visiting London last summer in anticipation of the coronation of His Majesty, and to meet on that occasion representatives from all parts of the Empire, bringing with them assurances of the loyalty and contentment that prevails throughout His Majesty's widely extended possessions; and though, at one time, fears were entertained that the King's illness would have involved a further postponement of the ceremony, it was a source of much joy and happiness to His Majesty's subjects that his health was so speedily and perfectly restored.

Colonial Conference.

Representatives of this Government participated in the important colonial conference, which was called by His Majesty's Government, in connection with the coronation. The report of the proceedings of the conference, including the documents submitted by the Canadian representatives, has already been given to the public by His Majesty's Government in London.

CANADIAN GIRL PRISONER IN A DOCTOR'S HOUSE.

Queer Turn of Affairs in a Truck Driver's Strike in Kansas City.

Friendship, March 13.—Dr. John Curry, who lives about a mile and a half from this village, was arrested yesterday, charged with assault with intent to kill. He was arraigned before W. H. Scott, justice of the peace, and was held for the grand jury. Later in the day he was admitted to bail in the sum of \$500. Dr. Curry came to this village from the west about a year ago. About a fortnight ago he advertised for a young woman to study medicine. Miss Marie Johnson, who lives in Niagara Falls Centre, Ont., answered the advertisement, and a few days later came to this village. She was met at the station by Dr. Curry and taken to his home. Miss Johnson had not been at the doctor's house more than a day when she decided she would go home. Dr. Curry, she says, would not let her leave and took part of her clothing away from her and locked her in a room. One day last week Miss Johnson got out of the house and, dressed in an old coat and a pair of rubber boots, walked to the railroad station in the village. Dr. Curry followed the girl and over-

took her at the station. He took her back to his home. Miss Johnson then wrote a letter to her sister, telling of her trouble. The letter was mailed by one of the neighbors.

The sister, Miss Evelyn Johnson, arrived here yesterday from Niagara Falls Centre. She went to Dr. Curry's house and demanded to see her sister. Dr. Curry refused to allow her to see the girl, and it is said when she persisted he ejected her from the house with force.

Miss Evelyn Johnson came to the village and swore out a warrant for Dr. Curry's arrest.

Women in Strike Trouble. Kansas City, Mo., March 16.—Two women, Mrs. G. B. Evans and Mrs. H. S. Meyers, took the places of their husbands, non-union men, yesterday, and drove trucks about town in defiance of the strike drivers. They met no interference, but instead the men lifted their hats as the women drove by and cleared the way for their vehicles.

About 30 additional men went out during the day, making a total of 255, and as but few men were hired in their places, the business of transfer companies was practically at a standstill.

WHITAKER WRIGHT U.S. CITIZEN?

King Edward Will Go to Lisbon for a Visit on March 31.

London, March 16.—According to a financial paper, Whitaker Wright, the director of the London & Globe Finance Corporation, Limited, for whose arrest a warrant was issued yesterday following the order of the Chancery Court to criminally prosecute him, and who is said to be in Egypt, secured U. S. citizenship while engaged in business enterprises in Philadelphia and elsewhere. Those who are interested in the prosecution tell the Associated Press that this is the first time that any man of Wright being a citizen of the United States.

A Royal Visit. Lisbon, March 16.—It is officially announced that King Edward will sail from England for Lisbon on the royal yacht Victoria and Albert on March 31st, and that he will remain in Portugal for a few days of King

NEWS IN BRIEF

CANADIAN.

Charles Cole, of Windsor, hanged himself at Walkerville.

Mr. Robert Sears was shot in his house near Kingston and is dead. Josephine Morrow, a three-year-old child, was killed by a street car in Toronto.

A Divisional Court has delivered a judgment upholding the validity of the recent referendum.

The Toronto Property Committee decided to report in favor of a civic cold storage plant.

Some Toronto merchant tailors have accepted the wage scale asked by the journeymen's union.

The Manufacturers' Association passed a resolution favoring a general increase in tariff rates.

Mr. F. T. Congdon was sworn in as Governor of the Yukon at Ottawa, and left for Dawson with his family.

At Belleville Assizes James Oliver was sentenced to one year in the Central Prison for shooting Bert Skelton.

Robert Lawrence, a young Irishman, was killed by a falling tree while working in the woods near Kerwood.

Dr. Frank Turnbull, of Aurora, was upset from a canoe near Goderich, and died after being taken from the water.

The Government will appoint a commission to inquire into the subject of transportation, and Sir William Van Horne is mentioned as Chairman.

An announcement was received at Ottawa that the steamer Stanley had got clear of the ice pack, six miles east of Cape Cod, and is now alongside the Minto.

Quite a sensation was caused at the Albion Hotel, Toronto, yesterday morning when it was found that one of the guests had been asphyxiated. The victim was W. W. Pegge, ex-reeve of Newmarket, and the discovery was made about 7.30 a. m. by Wm. Holderness, a son of the proprietor, who had noticed a strong odor of gas escaping from the door of the room.

Upon opening the door, he beheld Pegge lying across the bed, fully dressed. The gas jet was open, and the room full of gas. Life was then extinct.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Sir Charles Wyndham's new theatre, said to be the most beautiful and comfortable in London, was formally opened.

It is reported that the budget speech of the British Chancellor of the Exchequer will contain announcement of a deficit.

The reduction of interest next month and the forthcoming Transvaal loan are held responsible for the fall in British consols.

The Canal Committee of the New York State Senate favorably reported the thousand-ton barge canal project, calling for an expenditure of over \$100,000,000.

Interviewed at Queenstown, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, President of the C. P. R., said he hoped the Atlantic mail contract would be settled before he returned to Canada.

General Plummer, in giving evidence before the War Commission, said that in order to get full value out of the colonial troops it was imperative to have the regular officers.

Edinburgh Town Council, after a heated discussion, has reversed its decision to allow Sunday concerts, and refused to grant a hall for a Sunday concert on behalf of the unemployed.

The rush of British emigrants to Canada is so great that it is impossible to book either cabin or steerage passages until May. Thousands

of intending emigrants are unable to secure passages.

In Liverpool a license has been objected to because drink was sold on credit, or "recked up" by the state. The bench granted the publican another chance, but stated this offence was "one of the most serious that a licensee could commit."

CHANGE IN WELLAND CANAL.

Entrance to be Made to Old Canal From the New Waterway.

St. Catharines, Ont., March 16.—A change is being made at the entrance to the Welland Canal, Port Dalhousie, which will mean considerable to the Government and also to the few boats which use the canal. The condition of lock 1, old canal, is such that it is scarcely safe to use it any further, and in order to admit vessels to the old canal without using this lock the caisson in the stone retaining wall between the first level of the two canals will have to be removed, the boats thus entering from the new to the old canal. As the level of the new canal at this point is 11 inches higher than the old, this will be overcome by lowering the sills of lock 2, new canal. By so doing the water in this level can be lowered 18 inches to the old canal level and yet allow boats to the full new canal draft to pass through. This will also do away with the strain on the big retaining stone wall. Work has already been started, a force of men being engaged pumping out lock 2. The alterations will be completed before the opening of navigation.

A MARRIAGE OFF.

A Consumptive Sends Note to Explain Absence From the Altar.

Chicago, March 16.—Because a doctor had told him that he was a consumptive and had but a few more months to live, six at the most, Walter Evans, young and on the eve of his marriage, decided not to wed Miss Zora Zimmer.

Preparation had progressed so far that a clergyman had been summoned to the house of the bride. Relatives and friends who had been invited were all assembled waiting the coming of the belated lover. Rather than face his fiancée, Evans despatched a messenger to the house bearing the following explanation:

"Tell Zora that I love her as well as ever—too well, in fact, to ask her to marry me, now that I know the truth. I have not been in good health for some time, and consulted a physician, who informed me that I have consumption and shall live no more than six months at the most. I am going away now and will be heard from no more, unless by some chance I regain my health, in which case I will return."

STRANDED IN LONDON.

Thirty Canadian Ex-Soldiers Strapped on the Way Home.

An Ottawa despatch says: The Militia Department has received a cable stating that thirty members of the South Africa contingent from Canada are stranded in London without any funds and unable to pay their way to Canada. They called upon the High Commissioner and laid their case before him. Lord Strathcona communicated with the authorities here, and the matter was laid before the Minister of the Interior. Mr. Sifton has arranged to bring them to Canada as distressed Canadians. There is a fund in the Immigration Department for this purpose.

TOMB OF ST. MARK

Found During the Excavations of the Catacombs of St. Cecilia.

Rome, March 16.—Excavations in the catacombs of St. Cecilia have revealed what is believed to be a large underground basilica that was used by the early Christians. Trace of an altar and episcopal chair were found. There were also found in a state of excellent preservation a number of excellent paintings, including a Greek portrait of Christ. Three tombs that were discovered are declared by local archaeologists to be those of St. Mark, St. Marcellinus, martyred by Diocletian, and the famous Pope Damasus.

G. T. R. SHORT LINE.

Application for a Line From Gravenhurst to Quebec.

Montreal, Que., March 16.—The official application to Parliament of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway charter has been amended so as to include a road from Gravenhurst, Ont., to Quebec. R. R. Logan, assistant to C. M. Macdonald, General Manager of the Grand Trunk, states that the object of the change is to provide a shorter route to the seaboard.

BURDICK'S WILL.

Cute Off Wife and Leaves All His Property to His Children.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 13.—The will of the late Edwin L. Burdick, murdered in his home on Ashland avenue on Feb. 27th, was made public today. In it Mr. Burdick cuts off his wife, whom he was suing for divorce, without a cent. He leaves \$25,000 to relatives, and the rest of his property to his three children, share and share alike. The will was made on Dec. 8, 1902. Mr. Burdick names Charles Parke and Riskey Tucker, his business associates, as guardians of his three children. In the petition for divorce he had asked for the consequent valuation of Burdick's estate is given.

Van Horne's Scheme.

Havana, March 16.—Sir William Van Horne has visited President Palma and offered to purchase the state penitentiary property, valued at \$500,000, his purpose being the erection of a \$1,000,000 hotel with New York and Canadian capital. The President will take the matter to Congress and use his influence to secure their approval.

FALLING LIVE WIRE KILLS A MOTORMAN.

Enveloped Him in a Sheet of Death-Dealing Flame.

New York, March 16.—An overhead trolley wire in the Bronx broke last night, falling on a motorman, who was instantly killed by the current. The motorman fell over the dashboard of the car, which passed over his body.

The car was enveloped in a sheet of blue flame, but the conductor and the sole passenger escaped injury.

The body of the motorman could not be extricated from beneath the car until the current was shut off at the power house.

War in Honduras.

Chicago, March 16.—A special from New Orleans says: The fruit steamer Dancon, of the Vaccaro Line, reached quarantine last night from Ceiba, Honduras, with the most significant war news since the outbreak of the Bonilla rebellion. A battle was fought at Ceiba, the night of March 6th, and the forces of Bonilla defeated the Government forces, killing 6, wounding 14, and capturing the fort and town. American Vice-Consul W. C. Wildt sent a message by one of the passengers, asking that a warship be sent to protect U. S. interests.

Queer Suicide Case.

Erie, Pa., March 16.—Geo. Popp,

a poster artist, cut his throat in a room at his boarding house, No. 133 West Fourth street. He was found dead about 10 o'clock, when a servant went to the room. Popp had been in Erie only about two weeks, having come from Bergen, N. J., where his wife and two children are living.

Popp was 35 years of age. In this city he had been working for a lithographing and show print company. He had talked with different persons concerning suicide, and is said to have attended a meeting in State street, Saturday night, where the subject, "Is Suicide a Sin?" was freely debated. He then gave no intimation of attempting his life.

Black Day for Miners.

Shawokin, Pa., March 16.—While tapping water from a breast at Sterling colliery, Alfred Daniels, former chief of the fire department, and William Krickbaum were drowned yesterday.

Benjamin Bower was killed and three men were injured by a rush of coal into a bin, while John Hall met death by falling coal at Hickory Ridge.

Prince Kuniakia is Dead.

Honolulu, March 16.—Prince Albert Kakailimoku Kuniakia is dead of consumption. The prince was the last descendant of Kahameha the Great and some day would have been king of Hawaii if the Kamehameha dynasty had lived. Preparation for a state funeral, to take place next Sunday, is being made.

MARGARET L. SHEPHERD IS DEAD

Professed Ex-Nun and Anti-Catholic Lecturer a Victim of Cancer.

Detroit, Mich., March 16.—It has just been learned that the notorious Margaret L. Shepherd, alleged ex-nun and anti-Catholic lecturer, died in Detroit at Harper Hospital on March 8th, after an illness of four weeks. The woman was suffering with cancer, and died a few minutes

after being taken from the operating table at the hospital.

She had recently returned from Australia, after having spent three years on the lecture platform. She had no relatives in this city, but Mr. and Mrs. Leonard were her friends, and she came to make them a visit preparatory to going on another lecture tour.

PRINCESS' VERY SUDDEN DEATH.

For Her Prince Bernhard Renounced Royal Rights and Rank.

Berlin, March 16.—Princess Bernhard of Saxe-Weimar died suddenly Wednesday near Hannover. She was seized with convulsions while driving with her husband, and expired two hours later in a wayside cottage. The princess was of obscure origin, and was born at Lubek. It was for her that Bernhard, second son of the late

Prince Hermann of Saxe-Weimar, renounced his name and royal rank about two years ago, and received for himself and his male descendants the name and rank of Count von Crayenburg. The deceased princess was, before she married Prince Bernhard, the widow of the Marquis Lauchessin, an Italian.

SEEDS!

RENNIE'S—BEST THAT CANADA PRODUCES.

SAND VETCH.
(VICIA VILLOSA)
Yields 15 Tons Green Forage per acre, equal to 3 or 4 tons when cured as dry hay. Produces in barren soils and produces vetches in good hay. The earliest crop for cutting green vetches. Sown in April is ready to cut in July. Second growth excellent. Sows 25 lbs. per acre. 1 lb. 25c. 10 lbs. \$2.50. 25 lbs. \$5.00. (Bags 100 lbs. \$9.50. 18c.)
Purchaser pays freight.

GIANT SUGAR MANGEL.
Unsurpassed for the most profitable root for Stock Feeding. Out-yields the famous Mammoth Red Mangel in weight per acre. Always ready for producing milk or as a flesh former. Handsome, perfect shaped roots of pinkish white color, growing high out of ground. Easy to harvest. The richest and sweetest of all roots.
Sows 25 lbs. per acre. 1 lb. 25c. 10 lbs. \$2.50. 25 lbs. \$5.00. (Bags 100 lbs. \$9.50. 18c.)
Add 5c. per pound if wanted by mail.

GARDEN VEGETABLES.
PRICES INCLUDE POSTAGE.

BUTTER BEANS—Giant Wax, 10c per bushel complete without shell. 5 lbs. 60c. 10 lbs. 1.00. 25 lbs. 2.50.

GARDEN BEETS—Eclipse—Round, extra quality. A great favorite. 5 lbs. 60c. 10 lbs. 1.00. 25 lbs. 2.50.

GARDEN CARROT—Intermediate Red—Stump rooted. Always in demand. Sure and reliable. Rich quality. 10 lbs. 70c. 25 lbs. 1.75.

GARDEN CORN—Perry's Sugar—Early, sweet and tender. Excellent for table use. 5 lbs. 80c. 10 lbs. 1.60. 25 lbs. 3.50.

ONION (Black Seed)—Yellow Danvers—The earliest and most productive. Seed of extra quality. 5 lbs. \$2.00. 10 lbs. \$4.00. 25 lbs. \$10.00.

ONION SETS—Sets furnish large onions early as well as first green onions for table use. 5 lbs. \$1.00. 10 lbs. \$2.00. 25 lbs. \$5.00.

GARDEN PEAS—Early Market Garden—For table use. Excellent quality. 5 lbs. 25c. 10 lbs. 50c. 25 lbs. \$1.25.

RADISH—Scarlet Turnip—Round. A great favorite with gardeners. Always crisp and tender. 5 lbs. 60c. 10 lbs. 1.20. 25 lbs. 2.50.

GINSENG. We can furnish seed of this plant at the following prices: 5c. seeds, 25c. 10 seeds, 40c. 50 seeds, \$1.50; 250 seeds, \$2.50. Concise Cultural Directions are sent with the seed.

SPELTZ.
Beats Spring Wheat in yield of Grain at Ontario Agricultural College. In Western States it is claimed to yield 60 to 100 bushels per acre. It is a hardy plant, grows well in poor soil, and is a good feed for stock. Sows 25 lbs. per acre. 1 lb. 25c. 10 lbs. \$2.50. 25 lbs. \$5.00. (Bags 100 lbs. \$9.50. 18c.)
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KANGAROO SWEDE.
The grandest of all Swedes. Keeps longer than any other root and produces heavy crops everywhere. Very hardy. Similar in size and growth to the Elephant. Color bronze green. This is the most popular Swede in cultivation. Particularly adapted to districts where the land lies exposed. 2 lbs. 12c. 1 lb. 25c.

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