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WASHINGTON FAILURE

British Officialdom Disappointed at the Result.

ADJOURNMENT A GOOD MOVE

Hopes of Agreement on the Trade Question are Rather Small.

Ottawa Despatch to Mr. Tarte's Paper Intimates That the Commission May Never Meet Again—The Meetings Are Said to Have Been Somewhat Rancorous After Lord Herschell Was Laid Aside — Relief on Both Sides at the Suspension — Various Opinions From the British Press.

New York, Feb. 21.—(Special to The World.)—A special despatch from London to The Evening Post says: Enquiries in official circles this morning justify the following statement of the view taken of the adjournment until Aug. 2 of the Anglo-American Joint High Commission:

There is, of course, disappointment that the hopes raised in the preliminary discussions with the United States and Canadian Ministers have not yet been realized, and there is a tendency to ascribe this failure in part to the personnel of the commission. But seeing the impossibility of substantial agreement at this stage, there is a general opinion that the commission have taken the wisest course in adjourning, so as to enable Ministerial and public opinion here, in Canada, and in the United States, to make its influence felt upon the specific questions still in dispute. There seems to be no doubt that the commission might at once have reported substantial agreement on practically all outstanding matters, except two. These two are the Alaskan boundary and trade reciprocity.

Will Arbitration Take Place?

As regards the Alaskan boundary, the official belief is that before the commission resumes work the respective Governments will have agreed to a commission of arbitration. On the trade question hopes of agreement are small, but as one authority puts it to-day, "We shall be none the less friendly for that. We simply agree to differ on that point, and, after all, if the United States does not want Canadian trade, we in England do."

NEVER TO MEET AGAIN.

That is Hinted in Mr. Tarte's Paper—The Conferences Were Not All So Harmonious.

Montreal, Feb. 21.—(Special.)—Everybody here says that the commissioners will never meet again. An Ottawa special to La Patrie, in speaking of the suspension of negotiations, said, "Perhaps they will never meet again."

The Star's special from Washington says: "It has been a relief to both sides to have the negotiations interrupted, if they are not wholly broken off, for, despite all denials to the contrary, the meetings have not been carried on with the good-fellowship and peacefulness which the public have been assiduously led to believe. The relations of the past month especially have been wonderfully strained, and it needed but the injury to Lord Herschell, and his enforced absence from the meetings to bring about an open rupture."

An American commissioner scored the Canadians last night in a statement that their body lacked "diplomats." "They attempted to carry on the negotiations," he said, "as if they would a debate on the floor of Parliament. An American commissioner had the same misguided idea of carrying on the work. What is needed in such work is diplomats, not orators."

Whether the commission will assemble again in Quebec on Aug. 2, as announced, is for the future to develop. It is pretty well known here that the commission will not re-assemble unless in the meantime an agreement concerning the Alaskan boundary dispute, which brought the negotiations to a sudden close, has been reached by the two Governments.

AWAKENS NO SURPRISE.

The Stipulation as to the Final Arbitrator Considered a Joke.

London, Feb. 21.—(Montreal Star Cable.)—The failure of the Joint High Commission in the matter of trade reciprocity awakens no surprise in business circles here.

The Canadian Ministers when here created hopes that it might be possible to secure such a mutual re-adjustment of tariffs at Ottawa and Washington as would effect practical reciprocity without prejudicing Anglo-Canadian trade, but these hopes are now abandoned.

As regards the Alaskan boundary, the offer of arbitration awakens general approval. The reported stipulation of the American commissioners that the final arbitrator must be not a European, but a Central or South American, is regarded as a good joke. The Chronicle says the idea of a politician of Ecuador or Bolivia, perhaps Venezuela, deciding a grave territorial issue between Great Britain and the United States cannot be seriously considered.

Englishmen Indignant.

London, Feb. 21.—English statesmen are indignant because the United States has refused to make concessions in the matter

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Sold Her Hair to Buy Food.

Philadelphia, Feb. 21.—Jennie Abrahams, who has two little girls, one 6 years old and the other an infant, sought relief at a police station to-day and said she was starving. Her hair was cut off. On enquiry it was found that she had clipped off her long tresses and sold them for $1 to buy food. She has a husband out of work. Her story was found to be true. Relief was promptly given to her and her family.

To-Day's Program.

"Cyrano de Bergerac," an excellent show, at the Princess, 1.45 and 7.45 p.m.

"Devil's Island," a standard play, at the Toronto, 8 p.m.

"Way Down East," at the Grand, 2 and 8 p.m.

Conservative meeting, addressed by Sir Charles Tupper, at the Pavilion, 8 p.m.

Typographical Union anniversary, I. O. O. F. Hall, 8 p.m.

Recital, Conservatory of Music, 8 p.m.

Lecture in Bracondale before the South York Conservative Club, 8 p.m.

Legislature, at 3 p.m.

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A MOST EXCITING ELECTION

The Great and Only "Dan" McGillicuddy Journeyed From Goderich to Help Celebrate.

Clinton, Feb. 21—(Special)—The great battle of the "Bobs" has been fought and won, and it has been an election never to be forgotten. All day it has been very exciting, but to-night, as the returns came in in favor of Holmes, the Liberals have gone wild. The Town Hall to-night is packed listening to the returns. The great and only "Dan" (McGillicuddy) came down from Goderich to pay tribute to his great friend Holmes. He was called to the platform, and for nearly an hour amused the audience and abused all who were not "Grits." He takes all the credit for bringing Holmes out, who, according to his way, is the only pebble on the beach. He said Holmes was going down to Ottawa to wipe out the old fossils called the Senate. He told a story that when he was in Ottawa last year a friend called Somerville asked him to go with him to see the museum, which he described as a lot of old blisters. He abused and ridiculed the Senate in a most shameful way. Sir Wilfrid Laurier was a household word the world over, while Sir Charles was only leader by accident.

Crowd Left for Goderich.

After Holmes had read a private message that he was front Bob by 210, the howling mob adjourned to form in procession, and, with band and torchlights, proceeded to the depot, whence they go to Goderich and make a night of it.

Mr. Holmes made a good speech, in which he thanked them all for placing him in the proud position of M.P.

The Conservatives put up a great fight, but the odds were against them. They have a great lot of evidence of where money was freely used, and the riding will surely be opened up again. On a square fight and in a general election McLean would carry the riding.

The Returns.

Goderich—	McLean.	Holmes.
No. 1	77	52
No 2	65	54
No. 3	49	72
No. 4	47	65
No. 5	49	48
No. 6	59	67
No. 7	33	54
	370	412

Holmes' majority in Goderich, 42.

Clinton—	McLean.	Holmes.
No. 1	35	32
No. 2	24	41
No. 3	34	52
No. 4	37	51
No. 5	28	40
No. 6	24	37
No. 7	32	40
No. 8	28	22
	242	315

Holmes' majority in Clinton, 73.

Ashfield—	McLean.	Holmes.
No. 1	81	53
No. 2	106	59
No. 3	69	54
No. 4	..	..
No. 5	..	..
No. 6	29	77
No. 7	30	75
	315	348

No. 4 sub-division gave McLean a majority of 20, and No. 5 gave Holmes 29, thus making Holmes' majority in Ashfield 42.

East Wawanosh—	McLean.	Holmes.
No. 1	42	80
No. 2	70	84
No. 3	38	73
No. 4	31	65
	181	302

Majority for Holmes, 121.

West Wawanosh—	McLean.	Holmes.
No. 1	70	57
No. 2	65	54
No. 3	64	36
No. 4	50	83
No. 5	33	64
	282	234

Majority for Holmes, 12.

Colborne returns are not complete. Mr. McLean's majorities were: 12 in No. 1 division and 30 in No. 3, while Holmes had 53 and 38, in Nos. 2 and 4, respectively. Net majority for Holmes in the township, 49.

Goderich Township gave majorities for McLean as follows: No. 1, 64; No. 2, 55; No. 3, 35; No. 4, 44; No. 5, 16; total, 194; while No. 6 division gave Holmes a majority of 4. McLean's net majority in the township, 190.

Recapitulation.

—Holmes' Majorities.—	
Goderich	42
Clinton	73
Ashfield	42
East Wawanosh	121
West Wawanosh	12
Colborne	49
	339
—McLean's Majority.—	
Goderich Township	190
Holmes' net maj.	149

The vacancy was caused by the appointment of Hon. M. C. Cameron as Lieutenant-Governor of the Northwest Territories.

At the general election Hon. M. C. Cameron polled 1837, Robert McLean (Con.) 1520, and G. M. Kilty (Patron) 725 votes.

CRIME IN BRITAIN.

England's Blue Book on the Statistics for 1898 Shows Some Remarkable Conditions.

London, Feb. 21.—Parliament has just issued a Blue Book giving the statistics of crime for 1898. The total number of proceedings at Assizes and Quarter Sessions during the year was 11,215, less than in any year, except 1896, since 1857.

The record shows that minor offences are tending to increase, but serious crime is steadily diminishing. The Blue Book sums up the situation by declaring that penal servitude does not serve to deter the habitual offenders from reverting to crime.

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New York Morgue's Dead.

New York, Feb. 21.—No less than 170 bodies have accumulated in the City Morgue owing to the weather conditions during the past few days. An effort will be made today to break the ice to Hart's Island, to inter the bodies.

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Lord Charles in New York.

New York, Feb. 21.—Lord Charles Beresford is to be dined and wined on his arrival here. To-morrow he will be tendered a banquet at Delmonico's by the Asiatic Association, when President McKinley will be present.

WILL THE OIL TRUST STAND?

Railways Employ Counsel to Try to Tighten the Octopus' Grip on This Country.

NOW IS THE TIME TO FIGHT IT

Matter Comes Up Before the Railway Committee at Ottawa To-Day for a Decision.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—(Special.)—The complaint against the great Standard Oil Co., or rather against the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific for discriminating in favor of the Standard Oil Co., comes up before the Railway Committee of the Privy Council to-morrow. The allegation, in short, made by an oil company of Hamilton, Ont., which imports coal oil from the United States, is that the two big railways favor the Standard Oil Co., now in control of the product of the oil fields of Ontario. This favoritism, so it is alleged, charges higher rates for American oil than for Canadian oil.

The railways are here already, and their case will be argued by B. B. Osler for the Grand Trunk and ex-Judge Clark for the C.P.R. Mr. Wainwright and Mr. Loud, for the Grand Trunk and Mr. Bosworth for the C.P.R., are also here, to give expert testimony. The railways will plead that they do not violate the law against discrimination, and, any way, if they do give the Standard Oil Co. any concession, the result is on the line of national policy, and favorable to the Canadian oil fields. But to this an answer is made that the two big corporations only began this patriotic work after the Standard people gobbled the Canadian wells.

Practically the two great railway corporations of Canada are employing our ablest lawyers to strengthen the settlement in Canada of the greatest and most aggresive monopoly the world has ever known. It remains to be seen what force there is in the Government declaration that they will do something to protect the Canadian people. For if the Standard Oil Co. win this fight, they will then begin their work of squeezing the last possible cent out of Canadians for the oil they burn. The feeling against a soulless Yankee corporation ruling the Canadian people after the failure of the Washington negotiations is strong to-day, and promises to grow still stronger.

TO KEEP OUT INTERLOPERS.

The Crowds of Non-Celebrities Who Throng the Mansion House Banquets to Be Evicted.

London, Feb. 21.—The Lord Mayor has instructed his private secretary, W. J. Soulsby, to take steps to prevent the swarming of uninvited guests at the Mansion House receptions.

These functions are intended for the personal friends of the Lord Mayor and other official dignitaries. No invitations are issued, however, but the toastmaster stands in the reception room and announces the names of the visitors as they arrive. In the crush of celebrities smaller fry get in unobserved and elbow their way to seats of honor.

They assume the airs of enthusiasts who go to enjoy the speeches and the music, but the Lord Mayor is convinced that many of these unbidden guests are lured only by the tea, coffee and cakes.

CARNATIONS IN HUNDREDS.

A Grand Display of Beautiful Flowers in St. George's Hall Yesterday—Papers Read.

The Gardeners' and Florists' Association held a grand carnation exhibition in St. George's Hall last night. Over one hundred varieties were exhibited, and a large number of American growers had some of their choicest specimens on display.

The affair was attended by a large number of enthusiasts, and was also made the occasion for the delivery of several instructive papers on the "Carnation."

Among those who had plants on exhibition were: Messrs. Dunlop, Toronto; Miller, Bracondale; Ward, Queen's, N.Y.; Gammage, London; Hollis, Bracondale; Mills, Toronto; North Toronto Floral Co.

THE RADICAL WON.

Parliamentary Election in Northwest Lanarkshire Disappointed the Conservatives.

London, Feb. 21.—The result of the Parliamentary bye-election in Northwest Lanarkshire to-day, to fill the vacancy caused by the death on Jan. 24 last of Mr. John Goundry Holburn, member for the division in Liberal and Labor interests, was a victory for the Liberal and Radical candidate, Dr. Charles Mackinnon Douglas, over the Unionist and Conservative candidate, Mr. G. A. L. Whiteaw. The voting was as follows: Dr. Douglas (Liberal and Radical), 5723; Mr. Whiteaw (Unionist and Conservative), 5364. Liberal and Radical majority, 359. The Conservatives are greatly disappointed, as they had counted upon winning the seat; whereas they are defeated by an increased Liberal majority.

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Boston Up to Date.

Boston, Feb. 21.—Mayor Quincy proposes that the city shall build a municipal crematory, in which to incinerate the bodies of paupers, criminals and others whose burial devolves upon the city. The idea is to do away altogether with the Potter's Field.

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POINTER TO CONSERVATIVES

Blair and Tarte Said to Wish an Appeal to the People Without Delay.

RECENT WASHINGTON NEGOTIATIONS

And the Franchise Act of Last Session Will Furnish the Plea for the Dissolution.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—(Special.)—The failure of the mission to Washington has started the politicians conjecturing, and there are Conservatives here who think that the present Parliament will not meet again, but that a general election will be on and over before the Queen's Birthday. The men who take this view are not local men, but are in touch with the various provinces. Mr. Blair is credited with being anxious to go to the country on the strength of the vote in New Brunswick last Saturday. Mr. Tarte thinks he can sweep Quebec, and generally Reformers think the sooner the election is brought on the less chance will Conservatives have of healing their differences and solidifying their organization. The plea for an election could be based on the negotiations at Washington and on the Franchise Act passed last session.

As to the first of these pleas they say: We went to Washington to get a treaty; we refused to make it on concessions against Canada's interests; we have still hope of doing something substantial, and we ask the Canadian people to express a continuation of their confidence in us. All this, with a dig at the Senate, might make a half presentable reason for dissolution and fit in with the policy of the home authorities.

There are others who scoff at the idea, out it is well worthy of consideration, and Conservatives will not make any mistake if they regard it as one of the possibilities and get down to the work of organization and a progressive platform. A number of Ministers are credited with having propositions of public expenditure of one kind or another that will make votes for them in different sections of the country.

A BIG MEETING TO-NIGHT

The Third Ward Conservatives' Association Concert in the Pavilion.

The Third Ward concert will be held in the Pavilion to-night at 8 o'clock. The floor has been reserved for members of the Third Ward Conservative Association and Conservatives resident in the Third Ward, members of Parliament. The presidents and secretaries of the other ward associations and the Young Men's Association will take seats on the platform and will, with the press representatives, enter by the side door. All tickets must have the name and address of the bearer. Dr. W. Beattie Nesbitt will occupy the chair.

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Editors Fight a Fatal Duel.

Buda Pesth, Feb. 21.—Political polemics in two rival Buda Pesth newspapers culminated Friday in a fatal pistol duel. Martin Dienes, editor of Egyetertes, and Francis Csajthay, editor of the Buda Pesth Hirlap, met in the cavalry riding school. At the first shot Csajthay fell mortally wounded.

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VAN HORNE AFTER A SUBSIDY

His Statement at Quebec is Being Followed Up by a Memorial to the Government.

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"The Only Agency on Earth With Power to Carry on a Fast Line is the C. P. R.," He Says.

Montreal, Feb. 21.—(Special.)—The following important despatch has been received from Quebec:

At a meeting of the Board of Trade, held yesterday, the following was reported by the President:

"The President of the Canadian Pacific Railway was pleased to declare at a banquet, given in his honor by a large number of the most influential citizens of Quebec, that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company was ready to establish, with a subsidy of one million dollars, a mail and passenger service on the Atlantic, with terminal at Quebec in summer and Halifax in winter, that would surpass in comfort, speed and capacity all that exists or may be contemplated between Europe and the United States, and that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company was the only agency that had power and means to successfully carry out such an undertaking."

The statements as made by Sir William Van Horne have since been embodied in a memorial which has been addressed by the council to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Copies of the memorial are also being distributed among the members of the Senate, the House of Commons and the Boards of Trade of the Dominion at large.

TYPEWRITING BY VOICE.

An Invention That Does Away With the Petite Typewriting Miss —No Errors Now.

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Dowager Archduchess Dies.

Vienna, Feb. 21.—The Dowager Archduchess Maria Immaculata, only daughter of King Ferdinand II. of the Two Sicilies and widow of Archduke Charles Salvator of Tuscany, died yesterday at the age of 55 at her palace in Vienna. The Austrian court goes into mourning for 16 days.

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VAN HORNE AFTER A SUBSIDY

GREENWAY IS IN HARD LUCK

Manitoba Legislature Should Be Doing Business, But One Minister is ill.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL IN TORONTO

Hon. J. D. Cameron Has Been Laid Up With Pneumonia in This City for Weeks.

Matthew Arnold's saying that the world could run along without him or any other living man evidently doesn't apply to Manitoba. The Legislature of the Prairie Province should have been convened nearly a week ago, but was postponed because Hon. J. D. Cameron, the Attorney-General of the Province, was unable to be present.

Premier Greenway's legal adviser was found at the snug house of Dr. Lehmann, 164 Spadina-avenue, last night. The Attorney-General had just got out of bed from a sharp attack of pneumonia and could only speak at the cost of considerable pain in his chest.

"I should be in Winnipeg now," he said, raising himself up from the couch, "to get the Government business into shape, but my doctor won't give the word before Friday."

Mrs. Lehmann, who is a sister of Attorney-General Cameron, now stepped smilingly forward and begged, in the interests of the Province of Manitoba, that her patient be asked no more questions, and, of course, there was nothing to be done but comply.

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DEATHS.

CAIGER—At his late residence, 45 Agnes-street, on Tuesday, Feb. 21, Robert H. Caiger, aged 49 years and 10 months.

Funeral Feb. 23, at 2.30 p.m., to St. James' Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

KINNEAR—On Feb. 21, at his late residence, 198 Crawford-street, Patrick Kinnear.

Funeral on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 2.30 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

McGUIRE—On Feb. 21, at his late residence, 255 Wellington-street west, Francis McGuire, aged 62 years.

Funeral notice later.

MULLIN—At Hamilton, on the 21st inst., John Alexander Mullin, M.D., aged 64 years.

Funeral, Friday, the 24th inst., at 3 p.m.

OLIVER—At 132 Oak-street, Tuesday, Feb. 21, 1899, Margaret, the dearly beloved wife of James Oliver, in her 52nd year.

Funeral to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Thursday, 23rd, at 2.30 p.m.

SIMPSON—At 200 Palmerston-avenue, on Tuesday, Feb. 21, Orland Hector, beloved son of Graham and Margaret Simpson, aged 2 years 11 months and 21 days.

Funeral Wednesday, at 3 o'clock, to Necropolis. Collingwood and Welland papers please copy.

TORONTO DELEGATION

Had a Talk With Mr. Tarte About the Harbor.

MR. MULOCK ALSO PRESENT

Depth of Fourteen Feet Necessary All Along the Front.

Mayor Shaw, Mr. A. B. Lee, Mr. Fullerton, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Barlow Cumberland and Messrs. Clarke, Bertram and Maclean, M.P.'s, Placed the Matter Strongly Before the Ministers and Got Satisfactory Promises.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—(Special.)—The deputation from Toronto to urge upon Hon. Mr. Tarte certain improvements in Toronto harbor had a very satisfactory interview with the Minister of Public Works and Mr. Mulock this morning.

The case of the city is this: That the present eastern entrance to the harbor ought to be deepened and the piers extended; that the harbor in front of the wharves ought to be dredged to a uniform depth of not less than 14 feet, and that the Don River ought to be diverted into Ashbridge's Bay, so as to avoid the deposit of silt in the harbor, the real cause of the low water. In a word, the deputation urged that Toronto harbor ought to be raised to the standard of the new St. Lawrence Canals, which will, when completed this year, allow of vessels drawing 14 feet of water to come from either the sea or the maritime ports, or from Montreal, up to the docks of the City of Toronto.

Arguments Advanced.

These improvements were, urged Mayor Shaw, of a modern character, and might cost less than half a million.

Mr. A.B. Lee spoke in behalf of the Harbor Commissioners, while Mr. Fullerton, Corporation Counsel, gave a short historical sketch of various improvements made in the harbor from time to time. He put the claims of Toronto in a strong light.

After him, Mr. Kemp and Mr. B. Cumberland, for the Board of Trade, and Messrs. Clarke, Bertram and Maclean, M.P.'s, all urged the improvement on national grounds; that Toronto harbor was the complement of the new canal; that both of these would tend to divert trade into Canadian channels, would promote inter-Provincial trade as between the Maritime Provinces and Quebec and Ontario, and would be a wholesome and useful check on the railways.

These speakers all agreed that the improvement of Toronto harbor was on a par with and a part of a progressive policy, looking to the deepening of our canals and the improvement of the seaports of Montreal, Quebec, St. John and Halifax.

Mr. Maclean made the point that urgency was a main consideration and that the improvements ought to be completed if possible by the time the canals were finished.

Mr. Tarte's Promises.

Hon. Mr. Tarte, in reply, said he was fully seized of the importance of the improvement of all our waterways, and that the work ought to be taken up as a whole and on broad national lines. Canada was able to take care of herself. Canadians were more than ever seized of that idea, and the best way to make our neighbors respect us was to be independent of them in every sense of the term in the matter of transportation. He showed that he was studying the question in all its aspects, that he was acquainted with the details of Toronto harbor, and, without committing the Government, he was almost certain that something would be done, as the case was one of truly national importance. He went so far as to say that on the subject of urgency a sum might be voted at the coming session in the supplementary estimates.

Hon. Mr. Mulock also spoke, and promised the very fullest consideration from the Government of the claims of the City of Toronto.

The delegates were highly pleased with the manner of their reception and the substantial encouragement given them by the Minister of Public Works.

They leave for home this evening.

Many Happy Returns.

Robert Cummings of the Cummings Stock Company, now in their twenty-fifth week at the Princess, born Feb. 22, not so many years ago.

Another Cold Dip Coming.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Feb. 21.—(8 p.m.)—A depression, which has developed during the day, now covers the Ohio Valley and its accompanying rain area has spread to the lower lake region. A very important anti-cyclone, attended by decidedly cold weather, has moved with great rapidity into the Northwest Territories, and a change to decidedly colder weather will shortly occur from the lakes to the Atlantic.

Maximum and minimum temperatures: Victoria, 38—44; Kamloops, 28—38; Calgary, 16 below—4 below; Qu'Appelle, 20 below.—2; Winnipeg, 16—24; Port Arthur, 20—28; Parry Sound, 26—46; Toronto, 30—46; Ottawa, 28—38; Montreal, 32—36; Quebec, 28—34; Halifax, 30—48.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Winds shifting to westerly and northerly and becoming strong; local rains at first, turning decidedly colder at night with some light snowfalls or flurries; decidedly colder on Thursday.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Rain to-day, turning decidedly colder by Thursday, with strong north to west winds.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Strong winds; cloudy, with sleet or rain, turning decidedly colder on Thursday.

Maritime—Winds increasing to strong breezes or gales; southeasterly, southwesterly; cloudy and rainy.

Lake Superior—Strong northerly to northwesterly winds; light local snowfalls, turning decidedly colder, on Thursday; very cold.

Manitoba—Strong north and northwest winds; very cold to-day and on Thursday.

It is rather early in the season to talk of boys' shirt waists, but the new stock of the celebrated Star brand has arrived at Oak Hall Clothiers, and elicits great praise from those who have seen the choice patterns and designs.

Steamship Movements.

Feb. 21.	At.	From.
Bremerhaven	Halifax	New York
Westernland	Antwerp	New York
Edam	Rotterdam	New York
Cephalonia	Boston	Liverpool
Willehad	Baltimore	Bremen
Teelin Head	Dundee	St. John
Pomeranian	New York	Glasgow