

# NUISANCE BEING WIPED OUT

Fish, Forest, and Game Association is Improvement on Many  
In Shad Fishing Dates

importance of an increased government grant to the association. The establishment of an information bureau as well as an advertising campaign which the association was desirous of conducting he considered excellent grounds for the increased demand.

John White, the treasurer, submitted his financial report, in which he showed the association to be in a sound condition financially, having a balance of \$201.65 on the right side.

An interesting matter was brought up at the meeting when one of the members made the statement that the report of the shad commissioners recommending that the open season for shad fishing be changed from May to July 1, was not in the best interests of the local fishermen, and asked that the association take steps to have the recommendation of the shad commissioners prevented from going into effect. The complaint hinted that discrimination was being shown in favor of the Nova Scotia fishermen as against the interests of the local fishermen. The association deferred action in the matter until more definite information was obtained and in this regard the secretary was instructed to make an investigation.

J. Fraser Gregory was in the chair and the meeting was fairly well attended. In calling the meeting to order Mr. Gregory made the announcement that some time ago Hon. J. D. Hazen had promised the association that owing to the recent change in the political arena nothing had been done in this respect. Now that political affairs were once more running smoothly, however, he expected that the matter would be attended to by Mr. Hazen's successor.

The minutes of previous meetings were read and adopted. A new draft of by-laws was presented at the meeting and after a very lengthy discussion the new constitution was adopted, though not as originally presented, for some very pointed amendments were made.

## PASSED ROGUS CHECKS IN FREDERICTON

Fredericton, Nov. 12.—A. Bages, Ottawa, was the wily and slick looking young man of medium build and apparently about thirty odd years of age, registered at the Queen Hotel on Saturday after the arrival of the C. P. E. train. Soon after his arrival Mr. Bages walked on Queen street to Fred B. Edgewood Company's store and there purchased an overcoat for \$20.00, and tendered his check on a bank at Ottawa for \$25 in payment. He received \$15.50 in money as the amount over and above the purchase, and ordered the coat sent to his hotel. Then leaving that store he immediately went to J. H. Fleming's gentlemen's furnishing store and there purchased a suit case. He tendered a check for \$25 and received the amount of money over and above his purchase, and took the suit case to the hotel with him. A little later Mr. Edgewood became suspicious and it occurred to him that perhaps the check of the stranger whom he did not know and who might have no financial standing, might be worthless, and he decided that he would have the overcoat delivered. The Chief of Police Hawthorne was summoned, and he went to the Queen Hotel, where he found "Mr. Bages" and got back from him the money he had advanced for the checks, while Mr. Fleming's store was in time to take possession of his dress suit. The last seen of Mr. Bages, who wore a blue suit and brown shoes, and a slight limp, he was hurrying to St. Albert's to catch the Saturday afternoon Gibson branch train for Woodstock.

This morning Mr. Edgewood received a telegram from Ottawa from the manager of the Imperial Bank stating that the check which Bages had tendered him was worthless. The check was signed by "D. E. Finney" and was made payable to "A. P. Bages" and was marked "operating by account." Bages said that he was acting as inspector for the temperance cause, and that he had been given the checks by "Johnson" to pay his expenses. When asked who "Johnson" was he could give no information.

A meeting of directors of the McLeod and Metal Company was held here on Saturday afternoon, among those from outside the city attending being James Robinson, ex-M. P. of Miramichi, and R. L. Johnson, of St. John. At the conclusion of the meeting it was said that there was nothing of interest to the public to give out. The report that the plant was to be transferred to Detroit or that it was to be sold, was denied, but it was said that another meeting would be held here this week.

## HAVELOCK NOTES

Havelock, Nov. 13.—Mrs. Richard Mullin is laid up with a very heavy cold. Her many friends are to see her round in a week or so.

Henry Steeves, who has been ill with typhoid fever for some time, is not able to go out yet. He can sit up only a few minutes at a time and is very weak. His daughter, Myrtle, is also quite poorly but is improving.

Mrs. Geo. E. Killam, of Killam's Mills, who has been seriously ill and over whom a consultation of doctors was held, is improving slowly. Her son, Arthur, of the Boston & Maine Railway, has returned to his work.

Mrs. M. J. Alward has just returned from a two weeks' visit at Fairville, St. John, where she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. Cooper.

Maurice Keith is selling out with the intention of going west. He has brothers, sisters and other relatives who have made their homes in the far west and are doing well.

The new school house is nearing completion. J. D. Seely, who was bondman for the contractor, is completing the work.

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# TRYING TO PROVE SPENCER INSANE

## Murderer's Mother on the Stand

Tells of Harsh Treatment  
Son Received from  
His Father

Says Her Boy Tried Suicide  
Twice—Others Relate  
of Insanity in the Family—  
Prisoner Hears Testimony  
With Great Composure.

### Canadian Press.

Springfield, Mass., Nov. 16.—The man now on trial for his life accused of the brutal murder of Miss Martha B. Blackstone was brutally treated by his own father from his early childhood, according to the testimony of Mrs. W. L. L. Spencer, who took the witness stand today on behalf of her son, Bertrand G. Spencer, charged with the murder of Miss Martha B. Blackstone.

Without hesitation and with no display of emotion the mother told in great detail of numerous occasions on which her husband had punished young Bertrand with extreme severity. That a certain amount of punishment was deserved by the boy on each of these occasions was admitted by the witness, on cross-examination, as well as the fact that her husband is now a Sunday school superintendent in Leominster (Conn.).

The treatment accorded by his father made Bertrand very nervous, Mrs. Spencer said, and since a particularly severe whipping was administered to the boy, he had complained of pain in the head.

Other forms of punishment which Spencer's mother testified had a bad effect on his nerves were the tying of the lad on a chopping block and telling him his head would be cut off, and binding him to a tree in the woods and saying that the wolves would eat him.

Tried Suicide Twice.

Mrs. Spencer said that Bertrand tried to commit suicide by drowning and at another time by taking poison. Often, she said, her son had signs of frenzy, frothing at the mouth and making strange sounds in his throat, while his eyes looked like those of a wild animal.

After Mrs. Spencer left the stand nearly a dozen witnesses were examined. Practically all of them told of outbreaks of rage on Spencer's part when he was at home, at various places in Connecticut or at the Mount Harmon school for boys. One of these witnesses described Spencer's looks as "wild and indifferent." Another told of threats of injury to other persons and actual attack upon them by Spencer when they were in his presence.

Mrs. Mary J. Miller, secretary of the Mountain Hermit School, read report cards showing that Spencer failed in most of his studies.

An incident to which Mrs. Spencer had alluded in her testimony was described by Benjamin F. Carpenter, a Lebanon (Conn.) farmer. He said that when he and Spencer were digging a trench, Spencer's father told him to work faster. Spencer became angry and went at his father with a shovel, which witness got away from him. Spencer then ran into the house. The witness said Spencer often had a vacant stare and appeared to hear voices when no one was speaking to him.

A relative, Charles A. Gaer, of Norwich (Conn.), testified to a quarrel in which Bertrand Spencer was involved as a consequence of a quarrel several years ago, when Spencer tried to shoot a man but was prevented from pulling the trigger of his revolver.

Grandfather Died Insane.

A half brother of Spencer's father, Wm. K. Spencer, of Middletown (Conn.), corroborated Mrs. Spencer's testimony that Spencer's grandfather died in an insane asylum and that various other of his relatives had been insane. Similar testimony was given by Samuel N. Hyde, of Franklin (Conn.).

One physician was called today, Dr. Edwin L. Danieleson, of Lebanon (Conn.), but he was not permitted to testify as to Spencer's mental condition on the ground that when he knew Spencer was in a mental hospital, he testified to treating the young man for lumbago poisoning and, on cross-examination, told of having signed a certificate in connection with Spencer's entrance to the Mount Harmon school, in which he wrote the word "No" in response to the question as to whether he was suffering from any nervous disease. He explained, on the stand, that in referring to nervous disease he had no thought of insanity.

Throughout the day's proceedings the defendant, in contrast to his violence of yesterday, was thoroughly self-controlled.

U. S. Rear-Admiral Suicides.

Washington, Nov. 16.—Rear-Admiral I. Taylor, U. S. N., retired, shot himself in his residence today, dying within a half hour. He was 82 years old. Dependence over falling health is believed to have prompted the suicide.

## MUST REPORT ALL CASES OF CONSUMPTION

British Authorities Issue Stringent Order in Fight Against White Plague.

London, Nov. 16.—To render more efficacious the national war against consumption, the local government board has issued an order making notification of the disease compulsory.

## PLEAD GUILTY TO TARRING WOMAN SCHOOL TEACHER

Three Prominent Kansas Men  
Admit Taking Part in Outrage on Girl They Didn't Like.

Lincoln, Kan., Nov. 16.—Plea of guilty were suddenly announced in the circuit court here today by three of the most prominent men accused in connection with the tarring of Miss Mary Chamberlain, Shady Bend school teacher.

The are E. G. Clark, president of Shady Bend Milling Company, Watson Scruggs, of the Shady Bend Hotel, and J. H. Walker, Shady Bend farmer.

Judge Grover reserved sentence. Preliminary to calling the criminal cases against the men for tarring Chamberlain, nineteen years old, a school teacher of Shady Bend, Judge J. L. Grover, in the District Court, pronounced indictments against three of the defendants on technicalities, but the three were immediately re-arrested on new information.

Among the prominent clergy present were Mr. Stagg, the pastor; Rev. Dr. Carman, Archbishop Gauthier, Archbishop Hamilton, and others. The judges of the supreme court attended in their robes of scarlet and ermine. Sir Richard Scott, Hon. Sydney Fisher and Hon. Clifford Sifton were in their uniforms, while Arnold Lavergne, the young Nationalist lieutenant, was in plain dress.

Carleton County  
Lumber Business  
Changes Hands

Company Headed by Premier  
Fleming Buys Gibson  
Brothers' Property—Wood-  
stock Wedding.

Woodstock, N. B., Nov. 16.—Gibson Bros., Northampton have sold their valuable timber lands in the Kilmarnock district to a company of which the Hon. J. K. Fleming, John Gibson, Benton, Chas. Rogers, Woodstock; Gordon Neal, Dubeau and M. L. Hayward, Hartland, are members. The property consists of about 2,100 acres, being some of the best timbered land to be found in the province today, and five square miles of N. B. Land Co. timber berths and the mill and water power privilege. The rumored purchase price is about \$30,000.

The company will improve the mill and water power and operate on a somewhat larger scale. Gibson Bros. will cut lumber by the thousand for the company this winter.

Ex-Mayor Albert E. Jones and Mrs. Ella Lindsay were married at the home of the bride on Wednesday evening by Rev. H. C. Aldred, of St. Luke's church, in the presence of a few intimate friends. Mr. and Mrs. Jones will reside on Broadway.

Twin Sisters, Aged  
83, Asphyxiated

New York, Nov. 16.—Twin sisters, 83 years old, Mrs. Eva L. Eno and Mrs. Ada L. Sanford, of New Britain (Conn.), were found dead in bed today from gas asphyxiation, at the home of the niece, Mrs. J. E. Henson, of Brooklyn (N. Y.), whom they had come to visit over Thanksgiving Day. The gas heater in their bedroom had been accidentally left open, it was found.

# PARLIAMENT OPENS WITH GREAT POMP

## Vice Regal Party Come in State

Duke of Connaught Makes  
Good Impression in Reading  
Speech in Both English  
and French—Government  
Presents Meagre Bill of  
Fare.

Ottawa, Nov. 16.—Scenes of unusual brilliance characterized the opening of Canada's twelfth parliament by the Duke of Connaught this afternoon. The day was ideal—a typical Canadian winter day, with clear sky and bright sunshine illuminating the snow-laden earth, and before noon a starry frosty atmosphere, from carriage and foot, had set in to Parliament Hill. Long before the hour set for the ceremonies to commence the senate chamber was filled with a throng of guests.

The approach of the state carriage was heralded by the holding of the royal standard over the parliament buildings. They were escorted by the Princess Louise Guards and were received at the entrance by a guard of honor from the Governor-General's Foot Guards, where the public were gathered in thousands to witness the first official appearance of his royal highness in the precincts of parliament as governor-general of Canada.

The scene in the senate chamber was long to be remembered. For hours big, courteous policemen had sought to stem the constant flow of out-of-town visitors. The crush of anxious femininity resembled the frenzied happenings at a big bargain day sale and every delicate art was employed to ward off the stalwart guardians of the law and order.

His royal highness arrived at the senate chamber at 2 o'clock, and the commons were summoned to their chamber immediately thereafter. The summons to the senate, a repetition of yesterday's tarrying ceremonial, followed shortly after 2 o'clock.

A Brilliant Scene.

It was a brilliant assemblage, an assemblage of gay color, a profusion of beautiful gowns, rich official robes and glittering uniforms. The headquarters staff, augmented by many out-of-town officers, greeted his royal highness and were grouped about the throne.

Her royal highness followed the government ministers to the throne, carrying her gown and hat, and was seated by the premier, Hon. R. B. Borden, who was standing to the right of the throne in the place occupied for so many years by Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Among the prominent clergy present were Mr. Stagg, the pastor; Rev. Dr. Carman, Archbishop Gauthier, Archbishop Hamilton, and others. The judges of the supreme court attended in their robes of scarlet and ermine. Sir Richard Scott, Hon. Sydney Fisher and Hon. Clifford Sifton were in their uniforms, while Arnold Lavergne, the young Nationalist lieutenant, was in plain dress.

Manitoba Grain Growers Pay Duty  
and Net More for Wheat in Min-  
neapolis Than Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 16.—Grain is being shipped from Manitoba to North Dakota and Minneapolis, and the farmers are making more money on the transaction than if they sold it on this side of the border, according to local grain men. One local broker is shipping several carloads of wheat daily to Minneapolis. After paying \$300 a car duty he realizes for his farmer patrons two cents a bushel more than he could in Winnipeg.

It is reported that large quantities of wheat and barley are being carried from points in Manitoba across the border to North Dakota by sleigh.

## DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN CLEVELAND

Cleveland, Ohio, Nov. 16.—Frank M. Gear, 57, head of the P. M. Gear Jewelry Company, Colonial Arcade, was shot and killed in his store tonight by John Phillips, who then shot himself through the head. Phillips is in Minneapolis. After paying \$300 a car duty he realizes for his farmer patrons two cents a bushel more than he could in Winnipeg.

Up to two years ago Phillips was a member of the local lodge of the Brotherhood of Engineers and Firemen, of which Gear was treasurer. He had a dispute with Gear over dues and since had repeatedly made threats to "Get even."

You will be pleased to learn that the revenues for the current fiscal year have up to the present largely exceeded those of any similar period in the past, with every prospect that this increase will be maintained.

The advantages that would result from a wider exchange of products between the various countries of the empire are undoubted in view of the wonderful variety and extent of those productions, and negotiations have been opened for improved trade arrangements with the West Indies, and British Guiana, which should prove advantageous to those colonies as well as to this dominion.

The importance of providing our country with better highways is manifest. A bill will be introduced for the purpose of the labor interests.

# CHINESE CABINET A STRANGE MIXTURE

## SAYS POWER OF THE CHURCH IS DECLINING

Rev. R. J. Campbell, at Mont-  
real Luncheon, Attributes  
it to Wave of Materialism.

Montreal, Nov. 16.—The waning power of the church in relation to the community as a whole, was today admitted by Rev. R. J. Campbell, pastor of the City Temple, London, and founder of the New Theology, in his address at a luncheon tendered him by the Congregational club in honor of his visit to the city.

Before 150 people he stated that the church has not a hold upon the common consciousness of the civilized world. He explained the decline in personal piety by the wave of materialism which had swept over modern civilization. The task of the church was to once more impress upon the community that old idea of the claims of God.

In the course of his speech, he stated that he had been subpoenaed by the American press and denied the statement attributed to him in Philadelphia that a business man had to be dishonest.

## BEATTIE, WIFE MURDERER, MUST DIE NOVEMBER 24

Governor of Virginia Refuses  
to Interfere With Just  
Sentence.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 15.—Governor Mann today declined to interfere in the case of Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., and the young wife-murderer's last hope of escaping the electric chair on Friday, Nov. 24, was swept away.

In a signed statement, Governor Mann said in part:

"I followed this case during the trial and as its horrible facts were developed, regretted that a crime so cruel and malicious should have occurred within the confines of this State.

"In the decision of every question which was presented to the able and impartial judge who presided at the trial, he was careful to give the benefit of every reasonable doubt to the prisoner; that he did not err is shown in the refusal of the Supreme court of appeals to grant a writ of error.

"I do not think the affidavits of Paul Beattie printed in the papers, or any other evidence or consideration brought to my attention, sufficient for that purpose.

"To grant a respite in so plain a case would be to set a precedent, would be to tamper with the law, and to encourage appeals to the Supreme court with the sole purpose of gaining time. I believe the best way to prevent such crimes as this is to punish them adequately, certainly.

Fire Damaged  
Campbellton House

Loss Covered by Insurance—New  
Power Plant Opened, and Streets  
Will Be Lighted Once More.

Campbellton, N. B., Nov. 16.—This afternoon a fire broke out in a wooden building between Water and Pleasant streets, owned by G. E. Asker, and occupied as a boarding house by Mrs. Ben Court. Little damage was done, the flames being all on the top floor and the furniture and effects were all safely removed. It is thought the fire started through some of the boarders lying in bed smoking. The loss is covered by insurance.

Quebec to Have  
Largest Dry Dock  
in the World

Quebec, Nov. 15.—Philip Basin, J. T. Burrall, Victor Chalmers, W. M. Dobell, Nap. Drouin, J. B. Letellier, Wm. Price, J. L. Ross and William Shaw, have obtained incorporation as the British North American Dry Dock & Ship Building Company, Limited, with a capital of \$1,000,000, and will immediately make application for the subsidies for what is claimed will be the largest dry dock in the world. The work as soon as the government accepts the scheme.

The dock will be 1,100 feet long, 110 feet wide, and there will be forty feet of water on the sill.

Norton Griffith & Co. Limited, of England, will probably build the dry dock for the company.

## Premier Yuan Takes in Rebels

Announces Intention  
of Crushing the  
Revolt

Battle Imminent Before Nan-  
king—Both Sides Prepar-  
ing for a Desperate Strug-  
gle—Anxiety About Mis-  
sionaries.

### Canadian Press.

Peking, Nov. 16.—Premier Yuan Shi Kai's new cabinet was named in an imperial edict today, but it is questionable whether it will stand. One of the members expressed amazement at his appointment. It is believed that few of the new ministers have been consulted and it is expected that a number of them will decline to serve.

The cabinet comprises curious appointments. Liang Chi-Chiao, appointed vice-president of the board of justice, is the great Chinese reformer, who was exiled by the late empress dowager at Yuan Shi Kai's suggestion. Chang Chien, appointed president of the board of agriculture and commerce, is a member of the new government of Kiang Su. He signed, with Wu Ting Fang, the demand for the throne's abdication, which the reformers sought to have delivered to the prince regent through the American legation. Several other members of the new cabinet are known to be strong sympathizers with the revolutionary movement.

The organization of the cabinet as it now stands was evidently an attempt to include in its personnel representatives of all parties. The question arises whether Yuan Shi Kai was unable to foresee his inability to operate such a cabinet if it could be actually formed.

Yuan's Motives in Doubt.

Opinion is divided with respect to the object Yuan Shi Kai has in view. Some think that he has lost his astuteness and intuition, while others hold that he is playing a desperate game. His real object may be to convince the throne that a capable cabinet cannot be formed, but he gives the impression to visitors, both Chinese and foreigners, that he is determined to defeat the rebels.

The foreign diplomatic representatives have under discussion the appointment of a committee for the disbursement of the maritime customs which are being reserved by the inspector-general, Francis Arthur Aglen, for the payment of loans and indemnities. This seems to be the beginning of foreign interference in the financial affairs of China.

Certain members of the national assembly are advocating the discontinuance of the body because of a large majority of the elected members have left the capital. Those who remain are chiefly the throne's appointees and the assembly is without a quorum.

Reports reach here of the murder of a German in Shen Si and of a French priest in Sze Chuen province, but these are isolated instances of the chaos coming to foreign lands, who have been well protected, entering the excited condition of both revolutionaries and imperialists.

No attempt is being made to re-establish telegraph communication or to stop the telegraph in the western provinces. On this account no late communications have been received from many places where foreigners reside. In Chang Kai-feng, Manchuria, foreigners have been left to join the protective organizations.

According to consular reports, 30,000 imperial troops are being sent to the provinces of Chi-Kiang provinces, have joined the rebels and defeated local troops from Nanjing and Chi-Kiang at Chi-Kiang, a city in the province of Kiang-Su, 45 miles east by north of Nanjing.

The combined forces are now marching on Nanjing, where a battle with the Manchuria army is pending.

Anxiety About Missionaries.

Nanking, Nov. 16.—Much anxiety is felt concerning the whereabouts of missionaries and railroad employes who are cut off north of Pakow. It is hoped that they have escaped by way of the grand canal, but a rescue party, which was sent out, has been unable to proceed, as the bridges are down.

Chang Waiting for Rebel Army.

Nanking, Nov. 16.—Throughout the day General Chang, commander of the imperialists, was preparing to receive the rebel army, which he confidently asserts will meet its Waterloo before Nanjing. Imperialist troops moved out of the city and were distributed to strategic points to check the advance of the revolutionaries from Chi-Kiang. The defenses at Pakow are formidable.

General Chang sent 33 mountain guns and 2,000 men across the river, and a large body moved down the main road in the direction of Chi-Kiang.

Rebels Preparing for Attack on Nanking.

Chi-Kiang, Nov. 16.—Revolutionaries continue to come into the city in thousands. The scene is marvellous in its confusion. The troops are disorganized but not demoralized. The forward movement of the revolutionaries has not yet begun, but large numbers have been taken aboard the gunboats and transports, which are proceeding up the river in the direction of Nanking. It is presumed that a flank movement is planned to hold General Chang's

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