

NEW POLICE STATION IN MARKET BUILDING

COUNCIL TO CONSIDER THE SCHEME TO-NIGHT

Present Quarters Have Been Condemned as Inadequate and Insanitary

The bulletin board at the city hall today bears a notice that is proving a source of pure delight to the police department of the city.

It is now no definite scheme of arrangement has been devised, but it is understood that the idea behind the project is to utilize that portion of the building west of the main entrance.

The eastern portion is, of course, the quarters of the fire brigade. It is estimated that the cost of fitting up the west end of the market building with a modern police station, with court and jail accommodation, will not exceed \$20,000.

It is a notorious and painfully obvious fact that the present police headquarters in the city hall have long since passed the line of utility. They represent the highest point of inadequacy, and their evacuation for better and more spacious quarters should be hailed with unqualified satisfaction by the members of the department affected.

There has been a continual agitation going on for a long time in connection with the present headquarters.

It was not only claimed that the accommodation was far too limited for the purposes of a city of the size of Victoria, but it was also claimed that the results of its dimensions were aggravated by the insanitary condition of the prison accommodation also being ridiculously small with the increasing population and the ever-growing margin of undesirable elements who are peculiar to every growing community.

At reports that Columbia is in a long been province has the most diversified face of the big is a great factor, countryman. Not if she calls in visitors who will British Columbia, ers of introducing.

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PARANTINE Dominion liner, which reached was delayed owing to seas aboard. Two it of the passen- gers, were land- station with two the passengers entional passen- to travel on the

THREE CHILDREN PERISH. Died to Death in Fire Which Destroys Their Home. (Special to the Times.)

Yille Marie, Que., May 8.—The home of Richard Laroux, three miles from this place, was destroyed by fire this morning and three small children, all under five years of age, were burned to death. The parents of the children were absent when the fire broke out.

PRESIDENT DIAZ INTENDS TO RESIGN

WILL LEAVE OFFICE WHEN PEACE IS RESTORED

Issues Manifesto Declaring Intention But Does Not Set Date for Retirement

Mexico City, May 8.—General Porfirio Diaz last night issued a manifesto to the people of Mexico, declaring his intention of resigning the presidency as soon as peace is restored.

In this manner the president has virtually acceded to the demands of Francisco I. Madero that he make announcement of such intention.

As to when peace is actually restored, General Diaz reserves the right to be the judge. In the words of the manifesto, it will be "when his conscience tells him that he will not leave the country in anarchy."

The president said his determination not to relinquish the presidency at this time was not due to vanity or love of power, because, as he pointed out, power at this time had no attraction, accompanied as it is by tremendous responsibilities and worry.

President Diaz made public the manifesto this morning.

It will not be sent officially to Judge Carbal for formal transmission to Dr. Vasquez Gomez, one of the Madero's members of the armistice commission.

Chief Engineer ON QUEBEC BRIDGE G. B. Monsarrat, Head of C. P. R. Staff, is Appointed Chairman of Commission

Ottawa, May 8.—An order-in-council was passed on Saturday appointing G. B. Monsarrat, at present chief bridge engineer of the Canadian Pacific, chairman of the board of engineers in charge of the construction of the Quebec bridge.

Montreal, May 8.—G. B. Monsarrat, bridge engineer of the C. P. R., has received a telegram from Ottawa announcing that an order-in-council has been put through appointing him as successor to H. E. Vauletel, the chairman of the Quebec bridge commission.

FOUND DEAD NEAR CALGARY. Calgary, Alb., May 8.—F. G. Moir, a clerk in the Imperial Bank, while strolling through the small bush in the east end of the city yesterday with a big mastiff discovered the body of Hugh McAlpine, formerly a cattle buyer here, latterly retired. McAlpine had been missing from his residence for a fortnight. The body shows no signs of violence, and the police ascribe death to heart failure.

NEW MASONIC TEMPLE. Winnipeg, May 8.—The Masonic Temple company has acquired an extensive site on the east side of Furby off Portage avenue, and a half million dollars combination store, office and Temple block will be erected as soon as plans are completed.



A KNIGHT OF THE QUILL. "Impressionist" picture of Victoria newspaper reporter sallying forth on his daily round at the City Hall.

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CONSIDERING THE RECIPROCIITY BILL

MEASURE BEFORE U. S. SENATE COMMITTEE

Views of Many Interests Will Be Heard at Washington This Week

Washington, D. C., May 8.—Consideration of Canadian reciprocity began in earnest to-day on the senate side of the capitol when the committee took up the bill.

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CAMPAIGN FOR TRADE AGREEMENT

LIBERALS WILL BE BUSY DURING RECESS

It is Believed Public Opinion Will Force Conservatives to Abandon Obstruction

Ottawa, May 8.—The adjournment of parliament for two months, while Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Canadian parliamentary delegation are in England attending the coronation, will mark the beginning of an educational campaign for reciprocity throughout Canada under the direction of the Liberal members of the House.

The government is confident the result will be the creation of so strong a demand for ratification that the Conservatives will not be able to continue their filibuster when parliament resumes, provided the United States in the meantime takes favorable action.

It is understood Sir Wilfrid was induced to propose adjournment chiefly to put himself in a position to insist that Hon. W. S. Fielding should take a rest. Mr. Fielding had been under a great strain during the last two years, having negotiated five international agreements, besides doing an immense amount of work on Canadian domestic problems.

In addition to this, the government was informed that the United States senate probably would not vote on the agreement until July, and as it is certain the Canadian opposition will continue its filibuster until Washington has taken final action.

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GOES TO TORONTO.

Winnipeg, May 8.—R. L. Fairbairn, at present at Saskatoon, has been appointed Canadian Northern assistant passenger agent with headquarters at Toronto.

FLAMES SWEEP BUSH AND PRAIRIE

FIRES THREATEN SASKATCHEWAN

Many Persons Are Leaving Danger Zone—Relief Train for Kenwood

Winnipeg, May 8.—Prairie fires burning on Canadian Northern railway line from Dauphin north to Prince Albert, a distance of 100 miles, which have been fanned for two days by furious winds, continue serious this morning. C. N. R. wires are down throughout the district.

The chief danger is to lumber camps and small towns. At Big River the C. N. R. has a million dollar sawmill. Hundreds of citizens and lumberjacks are fighting the flames.

Forest fires are threatening settlements along Big River, north of Prince Albert, Sask. A special train brought all persons living in the danger zone to safety late yesterday. At Clearwater Bay, fifteen miles from Kenora, Ont., on the Lake of the Woods district, bush fires have been raging for the last two days. There is no settlement there. Fire rangers report the country is safe, and small fires along the railway right of way at many points may spread from the danger portions.

Many Fires Raging. Williams, Minn., May 8.—Bush fires are raging to the north of here and settlers fear a repetition of the disastrous conflagration of last fall. The bush was never so dry as it is at present time, for no rain has fallen this year. The Rainy river is lower now than it was when the snow fell and conditions generally are ideal for the biggest fire in the history of New Ontario and northern Minnesota.

PROPOSED REFORM OF HOUSE OF LORDS. Lord Lansdowne, Unionist Leader in Upper Chamber, Outlines His Scheme

London, May 8.—Lord Lansdowne, leader of the opposition, in the House of Lords to-day presented a long deformed question for the reform of the upper chamber.

NEW LIEUT.-GOVERNOR. Quebec, May 8.—Sir Francois Langlois, ex-chief justice of the Superior court of this district, was sworn in on Saturday morning as lieutenant-governor of this province in place of the late Lieutenant-Governor Pelletier. The ceremony took place in the legislative council chamber.

SENT TO JAIL. Vancouver, May 8.—"I ain't dangerous, I never killed anybody in this town," Jack McArthur shouted this morning in the police court. McArthur had been brought into court on a charge of vagrancy. He is a logger of unusual husky appearance. He refused to answer questions asked by J. K. Kennedy, the prosecutor, and Magistrate Shaw sentenced him to two months at hard labor.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA. London, May 8.—It is definitely announced that Queen Alexandra will be absent from London throughout the coronation festivities.