

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 the notice inviting the signature of the mayor in favor of the purpose of rearranging the market building for police and jail quarters.

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 headquarters 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 are peculiar to every growing community. During the years through which the department has struggled with its difficulties it has been no very uncommon occurrence for a prisoner to hold the original cell in all the monotonous routine of prison life to take a silent farewell to the depressing surroundings and escape into the light leaving behind him a chain of circumstances much more humorous than mysterious.

With the advent of a new police station situated in the market building the "lockages" will no longer be there, and while their absence may abstract something from the common stock of public entertainment it will add proportionately to the security and peace of things in general. In all probability the matter will be brought before the attention of the council to-night.

FRENCH TROOPS WILL NOT ENTER FEZ

Germany Warns French That
Trouble May Follow Occupation of Capital

Berlin, May 8.—Germany has warned France of the dangerous consequences likely to follow the occupation of Fez by French troops. Further on this the government has taken a step, though watching developments in Morocco very closely.

There is no truth in the rumor published today that Germany had decided to send three cruisers to Morocco in order to display the flag at Casa Blanca, Rabat, Mogador and El Marash.

In view of the hint from Berlin, it is believed there that the French flying machine from the southwest that has been hurrying to the relief of Fez will be halted outside the capital.

Reports From Consuls.
Tangier, Morocco, May 8.—The French, British and Austrian consuls received advices from Fez to-day. The messages are of a pessimistic character. Dispatches state that Col. Druard's relief expedition is still close to the Elkhitra, the French advance being barely thirty miles beyond Rabat. The column was expected to reach Akhitra on May 1 and to make the attempt on one hundred miles to Fez by forced marches not later than last Saturday.

THREE CHILDREN PERISH.
Died to Death in Fire Which Destroys Their Home.

(Special to the Times.)
Ville 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. He said he was prompted solely by a desire to conserve the best interests of his country.

The president makes it clear he did not propose to abandon the presidency while his country is at war, and that he would not do so at any time under compulsion.

President Diaz made public the manifesto this morning. The promise of the president is made to the people of Mexico and its receipt by the revolutionist leaders will be inconceivable.

CHIEF ENGINEER ON QUEBEC BRIDGE

G. B. Monsarratt, Head of C. P. R. Staff, is Appointed Chairman of Commission

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, May 8.—An order-in-council was passed on Saturday appointing G. B. Monsarratt, at present chief bridge engineer of the Canadian Pacific, chairman of the board of engineers in charge of the construction of the Quebec bridge. Mr. Monsarratt succeeds H. E. Vautelet who retired on account of ill-health.

The new chairman of the board is one of the best known bridge experts on the continent and is Canadian by birth. The retiring chairman was also chief bridge engineer for the Canadian Pacific railway and was appointed by the government to the Quebec bridge board. Mr. Monsarratt, who succeeded Mr. Vautelet on the C. P. R. staff, again succeeds him as chief engineer on the largest bridge undertaking in the world. The salary attached to the position is \$1,000 a month.

Montreal, May 8.—G. B. Monsarratt, 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. Vautelet, the chairman of the Quebec bridge commission.

Mr. Monsarratt was born at Montreal in 1871. He entered the railway service in 1889 as structural draughtsman in the office of the chief engineer of the C. P. R.

FOUND DEAD NEAR CALGARY.
(Special to the Times.)
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. A postmortem will be held. McAlpine was a single man, about 45 years old and came here from St. Augustine, Scotland, about six years ago. He was secretary of the Calgary Bowling Club and well-known to lovers of that sport.

NEW MASONIC TEMPLE.
Winnipeg, May 8.—The Masonic Temple company has acquired an extensive site on the east side of Ferry 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.

WILL DISCUSS QUESTION OF BAIL

COUNSEL TO CONFER WITH JUDGES AT LOS ANGELES

Mrs. McManigal is Expected to Prove Valuable Witness for Prosecution

Los Angeles, Cal., May 8.—There will be no further court proceedings in the cases of John McNamara, secretary of the International Association of Bridge and Iron Workers, and his brother James B. McNamara, who are accused of murder, until to-morrow, at that time there will be a conference of John D. Friedrichs, district attorney, and Job Harriman, Los Angeles, attorney for the defence, with Judge Walter Bordwell to determine the amount of bail John McNamara would have to provide if he were to be released, on the charge of dynamiting. Considering that dynamiting is the less serious of the charges against the men, there has been a great deal of speculation as to why the defence desires to know what bail would be required on the occasion. Officials declare that the defence can gain only a possible theoretical advantage by having bonds fixed on that charge.

Attorneys for the defence offer no affidavits except that the men will be arranged separately, on a charge of dynamiting and that the accusation is entirely separate from that of murder of nineteen employees of the Times plant, where the explosion occurred October 1, 1910. They added that so far as murder is concerned it is by no means an unbalable offence, but that the matter of freeing on bonds where such a charge is made, is left to the discretion of the judge.

An investigation regarding the eighty sticks of dynamite found near the beach on the Malibout ranch in this county yesterday, was scheduled for to-day. The theory is advanced that this dynamite may have been brought down and landed from a boat on which it is alleged the dynamite was loaded which was used to destroy the Times plant.

An attempt will be made to learn if it could have been cached there by the men who are charged with having blown up the Times building.

W. J. Burns, the detective, Clarence Darrow, the Chicago attorney who will be leading counsel for the defence, and Mrs. McManigal, wife of Orrie McManigal, the alleged confessed dynamiter, may possibly arrive this week. Mrs. McManigal is declared to be nearly as valuable a witness for the prosecution as her husband.

SETTLERS BRING MUCH WEALTH

MEN AND MONEY POUR INTO CANADIAN WEST

Over Thirty Thousand Immigrants Arrived During the Month of April

(Special to the Times.)
Montreal, May 8.—C. P. R. officials state that to date immigration to the Canadian west through Montreal and St. John has exceeded that of all previous years.

During April over 30,000 new settlers were carried west and since the opening of navigation at Montreal the rush to the west has increased in volume. One thousand five hundred and fifty new settlers arrived on the Allan liners Sardinian and Virginian alone last week.

C. P. R. officials also estimate that the average per capita wealth of settlers during the last two months has been in the neighborhood of \$400, and that altogether some \$16,000,000 has been brought into the country by immigrants.

Settlers From Scotland.
Glasgow, May 8.—The "Aurora" sailed on here on Saturday with 1200 Canadian emigrants and the Scotia with 1400.

BORDEN WILL NOT VISIT THIS PROVINCE

The Conservative Leader Will Speak in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, May 8.—R. L. Borden will leave on his tour of the Prairie provinces on June 17. He will address his first meeting in Winnipeg on June 19, and spend about three weeks in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, returning here in time for the reassembling of the Commons in the third week in July. He will not touch British Columbia, leaving Conservative members to look after their own meetings in that province.

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 opponents have planned a similar campaign against the ratification.

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. London influence was a great factor in the situation. When dispatches reached England saying Sir Wilfrid probably would be compelled to remain away from the conference and the coronation, the British authorities became exercised. It is understood personal messages were sent to Sir Wilfrid by King George, Premier Asquith and other British leaders urging him to reconsider his intention to remain at Ottawa. No date has been fixed for adjournment. It may come any day between May 20 and June 1.

Godfrey Baring Elected for Barnstable, but Majority is Reduced

LIBERAL RETURNED IN BY-ELECTION

(Special to the Times.)
London, May 8.—The result of the by-election for the Barnstable division of Devonshire was announced today as follows: Godfrey Baring, Liberal, 6,233; C. S. Parker, Unionist, 5,771. Liberal majority 462. The total vote was the heaviest in the history of the constituency.

Last December E. J. Soares, Liberal, had a majority of 882 and 2,945 the previous January. Mr. Baring, who formerly was the heaviest in the history of the constituency, was defeated at the late general election for Davenport.

SEEK HIGHER WAGES.

Representatives of the C. P. R. Telegraphers Will Interview Officials.

Toronto, May 8.—At a meeting of representatives in the Palmer House of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, eight delegates were appointed to go before the C. P. R. officials at Montreal to make a demand for a general increase of salary, a raise of the minimum wage, now about \$47 per month, and general improvements for all operators with changes in the working rules. The eight telegraphers represent 1,700 men working on the Canadian Pacific railway from the Atlantic to the Pacific. At the present time the lowest salary paid to the operators on the road is in the neighborhood of \$67 per month, but it must be remembered that the telegraphers have long hours and work Sundays. Just what increase will be asked is not as yet known, but will be decided later by the chairman of the different districts along the C. P. R. Some of the wages, however, run as high as \$150 per month. The move is made independently of the telegraphers' convention which is being held in the city to-day.

PASTOR ATTACKS TRUSTEES.

Causes Senation By Statements in His Farewell Address.

(Special to the Times.)
Calgary, Alb., May 8.—Rev. I. H. Wood, pastor of Westbury Baptist church, created a sensation last night in his farewell address by making an attack upon the trustees of the church, practically charging them with graft for selling church property for \$25,000, when he maintained that it was worth \$10,000 more. He mentioned no names, but referred to the fact that a brother of one of the trustees had bought the property.

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. Another relief train on the C. N. R. left Dauphin this morning for Kenwood, where new fire developed.

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.

This morning fires are within five miles of this town, and coming this way. They are raging between here and Beaudette, and also between here and Warroad. Few of the settlers slept last night fearing that at any moment the wind might rise, sweeping the flames down on their holdings.

In New England.
Boston, May 8.—Forest fires caused great damage at many points in New England yesterday, sweeping over thousands of acres of valuable woodlands. At Blodford, Maine, the militia was called out so serious was the situation. Three square miles of timber land was burned over before the fire was controlled.

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 deferred question for the reform of the upper chamber.

He proposed that the Lords be reduced to three hundred, constituted as follows: One hundred chosen for a term of years from the existing house; representation introduced by a proportional vote; fifty of standing, such as cabinet ministers, governors of dominions and others; and fifty members of the state, fifty peers nominated by the ministry to to-day for a term of years and one hundred elected for a short term by county councils and borough councils.

The bill also will seek to restrict the exercise of the royal prerogative in the creation of new peers.

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.