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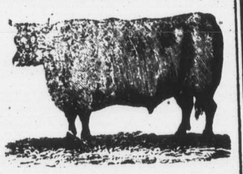

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THE BUSINESS WORLD.

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Goldie & McCulloch of Galt have been awarded the contract for the new engine required for the electric light works at Fort William.

Shoe tops will soon be turned out by a trust, under the corporate title of the American Hide & Leather Company, with gross capitalization of $60,000,000.

A petition has been filed at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, for the winding up and the appointment of a liquidator of the Bell Organ & Piano Company, Limited, of Guelph. The petitioner is A. W. Alexander of Guelph. The petition was enlarged two weeks in order to secure some papers from England.

CASUALTIES.

William Taylor was struck by the Michigan Central train on the London division at Glanworth on Friday morning at 10.15 o'clock and instantly killed.

Brakeman Woodruff of Toronto Junction had both legs cut off in Toronto on Friday by a C.P.R. engine. He will not likely recover, and is only 30 years of age.

James Agnew fell into a circular tank of hot water in the Owen Sound Iron Works on Friday, and before he was withdrawn by a fellow workman he was very severely, but possibly not fatally, burned.

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COLONIAL AFFAIRS.

Chamberlain Discusses the Reid Contract in Plain Terms.

PRESIDENT KRUGER SCORED.

The Funeral Obsequies of the Late Lord Herschell—The Talbot Gives Up Her Melancholy Freight — Ungracious Treatment of the Finnish Deputation—Aguinaldo's Ferocious Energy—Cable News.

London, March 21.—During the course of the discussion of the vote on colonial account, in the House of Commons yesteray, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, replied to various colonial questions raised.

With regard to the Reid contract with Newfoundland, he said that to have disallowed or delayed it would have been a tremendous interference upon the part of the Imperial Government with a self-governing colony, and either course would have brought the colony into bankruptcy, for which he would have been held responsible.

Continuing, Mr. Chamberlain remarked that although he shared largely in the opinion in regard to the financial unsoundness of the contract, possibly he might be mistaken, and the Government of the colony might be right. Its Government, however, had made the painful admission that it was incapable of efficiently carrying out large operations which were handed over to the contractor, whom he believed to be competent and honorable.

Speaking of the West Indies, Mr. Chamberlain said he thought it was impossible to give these islands representation in the Government.

Touching the Transvaal question, Mr. Chamberlain said that not one of President Kruger's promises to remedy grievances had been fulfilled.

Mr. Chamberlain asserted that if President Kruger would give the Johannesburgers a real municipality, with control of their own educational system and civil police, as he could do without the slightest derogation to the interests and dignity of the Transvaal, he would remove nine out of ten Uitlanders' grievances. Great Britain, Mr. Chamberlain then pointed out, could only intervene in the event of a breach of the London convention, or if the comity of nations was not observed. As the paramount power in South Africa, Great Britain could make friendly suggestions, but he (Mr. Chamberlain) did not believe for a moment that they would be successful now, and, therefore, it would be undignified to make them.

Mr. Chamberlain concluded with saying: "As long as the present conditions continue they constitute a real danger. We are watching the situation most carefully, but thus far there has been nothing to justify an ultimatum, and, failing compliance, war, which seems to have been suggested by a previous speaker."

AGUINALDO IS FURIOUS.

Gen. Lagarda Decapitated for Suggesting Peace Overtures.

Manila, March 21.—It is reported on good authority that Aguinaldo is taking extreme masures to suppress signs calculated to cause a cessation of hostilities. On Friday last General Lagarda visited Malolos for the purpose of advising Aguinaldo to quit. He argued with the insurgent leader and attempted to convince him of the folly of his persistence in the face of overwhelming odds. Aguinaldo was furious at the advice and ordered General Lagarda to be executed immediately.

The unfortunate General was promptly decapitated.

LORD HERSCHELL'S REMAINS.

Ceremonies on Landing Them in England—Now at His Late Home.

Portsmouth, Eng., March 21.—The British cruiser Talbot, from New York on March 8, which arrived off Spithead Sunday with the remains of the late Baron Herschell on board, was berthed at the dockyard here yesterday morning. The casket containing the body was disembarked at 2.30 p.m.

The whole crew of the Talbot was drawn up on the upper deck of the cruiser when the casket, covered with a Union Jack, was borne ashore by eight petty officers and carried to the railroad car.

The Body in London.

London, March 21.—On the arrival here last evening from Portsmouth of the remains of Lord Herschell, the casket was taken in a modest hearse to the late residence of the deceased in Grosvenor Gardens.

POPE LEO'S GIFT.

Queen of England to Receive a Statue of the Christ.

London, March 21. — The growing cordiality between the Vatican and the Court of St. James is exemplified by the gift the Pope has just sent to Queen Victoria. The gift is a handsome statue, and a duplicate of it is also now being made for presentation by the Pope to Westminster Abbey.

The statue sent to the Queen shows the figure of Christ standing upon a globe. The right arm is uplifted, and upon the left rests a long cross. The sculpture is the work of the Italian artists Ross and Zenario, and experts who have seen it at Rome declare it to be a splendid specimen of the sculptor's art.

His Holiness ordered this statue to be made especially for the Queen, but when it was completed he was so pleased with it that he ordered duplicates to be made for presentation to several of the crowned heads of Europe. The original, however, was sent to Queen Victoria, as the Pope had intended.

Special services will be held in St. Peter's Cathedral at Rome on May 11 for the formal blessing of the statue.

The Czar and the Finlanders.

London, March 21.—A despatch to The Times from St. Petersburg says that the petition brought by the Finnish deputation against the russofication of Finland was so large that the customs officers at first did not wish to let it pass free of duty. A cart had to be employed to take it from the railway station.

The Czar, in declining to receive the deputation, sent word that he was not offended, but made them return to their homes and forward what they had to say to the governors of the districts and provinces, who would forward their statements to the Russian Governor, who if he thought it necessary, would transmit the appeal in the proper way to the Czar.

THE SUGAR BILL ADOPTED.

Legislative Council Passed Protective Measure Almost Unanimously.

Calcutta, March 21.—The Legislative Council yesterday adopted the countervailing sugar bill.

The Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon of Kedlestone, expressed satisfaction at the unanimous feeling of the Council on the subject of the bill. He said the fullest enquiries had shown the necessity of urgency in the case, and recommended the bounty system as being "a vicious expedient for selfish interests."

Lord Curzon also asserted that the Indian Government was only exercising its legitimate right in relieving the country and helping an important industry and a huge number of cultivators.

Brought Up in the Commons.

London, March 21.—Mr. Reginald McKenna (Liberal) raised the countervailing sugar question in the House of Commons yesterday by asking if it is proposed to pursue the same policy in Great Britain.

Mr. A. J. Balfour, the Government leader and First Lord of the Treasury, fenced the question, declaring there was no indigenous sugar production in Great Britain, as there was in India.

More Honor for Rhodes.

London, March 21.—Emperor William, it is said, will confer the order of the Crown of Prussia upon Mr. Cecil Rhodes, the South African magnate, with whom His Majesty recently conferred in Berlin regarding the railway and telegraph project of Mr. Rhodes in Africa.

The Starving Cretans.

London, March 21.—The Constantinople correspondent of The Standard says:

"News has been received from Smyrna that 6,000 Cretan Mussulman refugees, who were in desperate lack of work and food, invaded and pillaged Greek and Turkish towns, in which many persons were killed or wounded.

Belgian Request Refused.

London, March 21.—The Pekin correspondent of The Times says: "Sir Claude Macdonald, the British minister, has been urging the Tsung Li Yamen to grant the Belgian demand for a land concession at Hankow, but China declines, and the British advocacy of Belgium's proposal is regarded as unreasonable and inconsistent."

WILL FIGHT FOR GOOD NAME.

W. E. Wellington Denies the Charges by Which His Wife Got a Nebraska Divorce.

Omaha, Neb., March 12.—A divorce suit, very quietly prosecuted, resulted recently in dissolving the matrimonial bonds between Helena Gibbs Wellington and, William Edgar Wellington, Toronto parties. The decree was granted by Judge Fawcett.

Wellington is a nurseryman of some prominence in the Province of Ontario. His wife charged him with infidelity with unknown parties at the Yates Hotel, Syracuse, N.Y., and the Kittatinny Hotel, Delaware Water Gap, September, 1895. She alleged to have lived here long enough to be a resident of the country, the necessary time to entitle her to an action in the courts here. They were married in Toronto, June 11, 1888.

Local attorneys, representing Wellington, vigorously opposed the granting of the decree. The suit was heard in the private room of Judge Fawcett and the decree was made the very day the answer of the husband's attorneys was filed. In this answer the husband denied that Mrs. Wellington had been here long enough to entitle her to a divorce in the Nebraska courts.

It is said Wellington will insist that his wife was not lawfully divorced and will go into the Canadian courts to compel her to resume her marital relations if she ever puts foot upon Canadian soil. He denied in toto all her allegations of infidelity. In the Ontario capital social gossips have indulged in a great deal of scandal about the affair.

GIVEN $400 AND COSTS.

Judgment in the Case of Hastings v. Summerfeldt Handed Out.

Toronto, March 21.—Judge Falconbridge yesterday decided that $400 and costs was a fair equivalent for the election trick which Deputy Returning Officer Abner Summerfeldt played on Farmer Edward Hastings when the provincial elections were on last March.

The plaintiff, who is a farmer in the township of Markham, near Almira P. O., and a well-known Conservative, went into the booth to vote, where Summerfeldt was the returning officer. Summerfeldt tore the ballot paper out of the book, and, drawing his pencil over the name of John Richardson, the Reform candidate, exclaimed, "Mark the cross here!" indicating the end of Richardson's name.

Mr. Hastings, who had intended to vote for Mr. Moyes, then went behind the screen, and, without reading the names, marked the ballot for Richardson. The moment he had done so he realized what he had done, and called out, "I have spoiled my ballot; can I have another?"

The returning officer asked to see it, and, remarking that it wasn't spoiled, refused to furnish another. The ballot was placed in the box, and the Grit party thereby increased its majority by two.

Hastings thereupon issued a writ under the Elections Act to recover from Mr. Summerfeldt the penal sum of $400 for malfeasance. The case came up in October last, judgment being reserved.

Five Children Burned.

Hutchinson, Kan., March 21.—The home of Mrs. John Moore was burned yesterday, the result of a lamp explosion. Moore's five children, ranging from 3 to 12 years, lost their lives. Firemen found the children lying side by side in their bed on the floor, all dead, but not badly burned. They had apparently been suffocated by smoke.

On the bodies being examined it was found that the children had been stabbed in the neck, one of them so deeply as to sever the spinal column. Moore, the father, has been arrested for the crime. There is talk of lynching him.

Mrs. Swanson, a middle-aged woman, has been taken to Chatham from Sarnia on the charge of alleged bigamy. The charge was preferred by her second husband, Swanson. She had not seen the other husband for 23 years.

The body of a dead infant, apparently about ten days old, was found on Thursday in the woods by Harry Boyd, a farmer, living near Denfield. The child had evidently been smothered, as its mouth was stuffed with a scarf.

Charles Wells, famous as the man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo, who has just been released from London prison, after serving six years for fraud, says that while in prison he invented a system by which he will again break the bank.

James Ronald, a retired farmer living in Listowel, sued and obtained $60 damages from his son Robert Ronald, who also resides in Listowel, for writing and causing to be published a statement to the effect that James Ronald was a fit subject for a lunatic asylum and should be confined therein.

THE LEGISLATURE.

A Great Quantity of Routine Work Disposed of Quietly—Second and Third Readings—Work in Committee.

Toronto, March 21.—A fair amount of routine business was transacted at yesterday afternoon's session of the House, though no matters of great public importance were taken up. Mr. Carscallen's bill providing for the assessment of the plant of telephone and other companies as the property of going concerns, and not as "scrap," passed the second reading, but Hon. Mr. Hardy stated that although the bill would be allowed to go to committee, the Government must not be understood as being committed to any of its provisions. He pointed out that the Government's bill now before the House dealing with the general taxes of the province, and which to some extent covered the assessment of the companies referred to in Mr. Carscallen's bill, was in an opposite direction to that gentleman's proposals.

Mr. Crawford's bill respecting Knox Church, Toronto, was read a third time and passed.

In reply to Mr. Foy (South Toronto), Hon. Mr. Gibson said the amount of fees the registrar of loan companies received in 1898 from such corporations was $10,549.50. The expense of the office the hon. member said he could not precisely give. The expenses of the insurance branch for the same year were $9,488.15.

In reply to Mr. Reid (Addington), the Attorney-General said an official was appointed by the Government to make an audit of the accounts of the collector of the town of Amherstburg. It had been deemed better that he proceed no further in this work until the yearly statement had been presented to the town.

Mr. Pattullo's bill to incorporate the Ontario Historical Society was read a second time and referred to a special committee. Mr. Pattullo explained the objects of the society and its aims.

Two bills for amendment of this act came up for second reading. Mr. Reid (Addington) has a simple bill in one line—to repeal section 5 of the Ontario Game Protection Act; in other words to repeal the enactment against hunting or killing of deer in water.

Mr. Charlton's bill is to amend the act so that it shall not apply to hunting deer owned by and on the lands of the person hunting, and on the trial of any complaint defendants are to be competent but not compellable witnesses.

On the suggestion of Hon. Mr Gibson both bills will be considered together by the legal committee. The second reading stage carried in respect to each bill.

On the motion for the second reading of Mr. Stratton's bill respecting cycle paths and cycle path commissioners last Friday, the Speaker intimated that he thought the bill was not in order, seeing it involved fees and money clauses. He, however, allowed the bill to stand. Yesterday the clerk of the House again called the bill for second reading, on which the Speaker repeated his objection to the money clauses. Mr. Stratton did not withdraw the bill, and it remains on the order paper.

Third Readings.

The following bills were read a third time and passed:

Concerning the town of Prescott; respecting the Hamilton Young Women's Christian Association and Technical Institute; respecting the township and village of Madoc; to consolidate the debt of the town of Collingwood; respecting the Toronto Hotel Company.

In committee of the whole House, the following bills were advanced a stage:

Respecting Victoria Hospital of the city of London; respecting St. Luke's General Hospital, Ottawa; respecting the London Young Women's Christian Association; respecting the town of Dundas.

Second Readings.

Respecting the town of Owen Sound; respecting the Brantford Gas Company; respecting the debenture debt of Sarnia; respecting the village of Exeter; respecting municipal institutions in territorial districts; respecting pasture lands and hens on stock.

To amend the Registry Act in respect to registration of leases—Mr. Stratton.

To amend the Public Health Act in respect to bylaws for borrowing money for funds to erect smallpox hospitals, and several bills respecting municipal and assessment acts. Among the latter were the two bills of Mr. Carscallen (East Hamilton).

ASSEMBLY NOTES.

Charles E. Riggins has been appointed police magistrate of Beamsville, without salary.

The appointment of Herbert E. Irwin as clerk of the peace of the County of York, vice T. H. Bull, resigned, has been gazetted.

Hon. G. W. Ross yesterday introduced a bill to put separate schools on the same footing as public schools in unorganized districts.

William Thomas Rochester Preston has been appointed commissioner for taking affidavits within the County of London, Eng., for use in Ontario courts.

The arbitrators for the settlement of outstanding accounts between Ontario, Quebec and the Dominion will meet at the Parliament Buildings this morning. They are Chancellor Boyd, Toronto; Judge Burbidge, Ottawa, and Judge Casault, Montreal. Messrs. Irving, Q.C., and Shepley, Q.C., are counsel for this province.

Ladies and some gentlemen from Hamilton waited upon the Government yesterday afternoon to solicit aid in the form of a grant to the Hamilton Technical School, which is an institution for women, its object being to train teachers of domestic science.

Premier Hardy had a talk with D. F. Burke of Port Arthur and James Conmee, M.P.P. yesterday afternoon, all about New Ontario.

AVALANCHES AT QUEBEC.

An Intercolonial Train and Fifteen Men Buried in the Snow.

Quebec, March 21.—Two great snowslides took place from the cliff overlooking Levis yesterday. An Intercolonial freight train was buried and the engine thrown partly off the track by the first. Men were sent to dig it out, and another avalanche buried 15 of them. By strenuous efforts they were dug out alive, but the last one rescued was unconscious and almost dead. All trains were delayed. The snowfall is tremendous.

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THE GROWING TIME.

Debate on the Address in Reply Brings Out the Facts.

ALL SPEAKERS AGREE IN THIS.

Mr. Bell, the New Member for West Prince, Moves the Address in Reply and Makes a Favorable Impression—Sir Charles Tupper Speaks for Over Four Hours—Sir Wilfrid Next.

Ottawa, March 21.—The address in reply to the speech from the throne was moved yesterday afternoon by Mr. Bell, the new member for West Prince, P.E.I., in an able speech, which won for him the applause of his fellow-members and a complimentary reference by Sir Charles Tupper. Mr. Martineau (Montmagny), who spoke in French, seconded the address, endorsing the policy of the Government in the administration of the Yukon and in the reform of the Senate. Sir Charles Tupper followed in a speech of four hours and a half, which he devoted to an arraignment of the Government. The adjournment was moved at 11 p.m. by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who will continue the debate this afternoon.

At ten minutes past 3 Mr. Bell, the newly-elected member for Prince County, Prince Edward Island, rose to move the address in reply to the speech from the throne. Starting with the first paragraph of the speech, he said no one would dispute that there had been an increase in trade which had risen from $989,000,000 in 1888 to $304,000,000 in 1898, and had increased still $12,000,000 more since June. Canadian trade had increased at two times the ratio of that of the United States. Canada could get along well enough without being at all dependent on the United States. There had been a substantial reduction in taxation, and the Liberal policy had resulted in a surplus of a million and three-quarters, which would be increased to three millions and a quarter this year. The manufacturing industries had been improved by the Government's policy, and manufacturers were really doing better than under the National Policy. Canada's immigration last year had increased 90 per cent. Immigration had been general, but largest in British Columbia, and he ventured on the prophecy that when the census of 1901 is taken it will be found that British Columbia is third amongst the provinces, standing next to Ontario and Quebec. Touching on the Washington commission, he said that the Canadian commission had made an honest effort to settle all difficulties between the two countries, which he thought was a better policy than leaving one point open. As the speech only mentioned one point of disagreement, he thought it was a fair inference that on all other points there was at least substantial agreement. He recapitulated the points of difference on the Alaskan boundary question, and argued that in refusing the terms offered, the Canadian commissioners had upheld the honor and dignity of Canada.

Mr. Martineau seconded the motion in French, speaking for half an hour in general approval of the speech, and following very much the same lines as Mr. Bell.

Leader of the Opposition.

After recess, Sir Charles continued his remarks on the Washington negotiations, saying that it was to be regretted that an adjournment had been consented to after the dishonorable proposal made by the United States commissioners. He criticized the statement made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the Atlantic fisheries difficulty ought to be settled on the basis of the treaty of 1871, namely free fishing for free fish, because the treaty of 1871 provided far more than that. It provided for an arbitration by which Canada received five and a half million dollars.

Sir Charles then took up another vein and told the Government something about the policy the Opposition would adopt, and in turn discussed a fast Atlantic service, the question of export duties on logs, pulp wood and nickel, the question of inter-imperial trade, the Pacific cable scheme, the plebiscite on the prohibition question, the Imperial penny postage scheme, the miserable mail service in the Yukon, the threatened "rearrangement of the electoral districts," and challenged the right of the Government to make a change in the constitution, which already provided that the constituencies can only be changed after each census. The announced "reform" of the Senate he stigmatized as an attempt to break down the protection guaranteed to the smaller provinces by the constitution of the Senate.

At 11 o'clock Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved the adjournment of the debate and the House adjourned.

Debate in the Senate.

Ottawa, March 21.—The address was moved in the Senate by Hon. W. Kerr of Cobourg, seconded by Mr. Thibaudeau, both of whom acquitted themselves well.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell then followed in a careful and thoughtful review of the speech, in the course of which he said the redistribution bill forecasted in the speech of course could not be discussed until the bill was before Parliament.

Hon. David Mills spoke up to 6 o'clock, when the Senate adjourned.

Ponton's Action Waits.

Belleville, Ont., March 21.—Col. Lazier, master-in-chancery, has adjourned the case of Ponton v. The Dominion Bank until after the criminal case has been disposed of.

Toronto, March 21.—The suit of William Ponton for $50,000 against the Dominion Bank for malicious prosecution and false arrest has been postponed by the master in Belleville until after the second Ponton trial. The bank, however, wishes to have the suit heard before the criminal action, and, accordingly, appealed against the master's decision fixing the date, but the motion was adjourned until Friday. The Crown's motion for a change of venue will be heard Wednesday.

Four Men Killed at Rockland, Ont.

Rockland, Ont., March 21.—The scaffold erected inside of the large turner for the purpose of repairs gave way just as the men were entering at 1 o'clock, and, coming down upon five who entered, killed four of them as follows: Louis Lochon, Henry Dalrymple, Eugene Deschamp and Archie Stewart. Xavier Frappier was four hours under the debris, and was finally got out seriously hurt.

The number of deaths from consumption in Ontario during the month of February is the highest in the history of the province, 305 people having died from that cause. The previous record for one month was 180.

A new satellite of the planet Saturn has been discovered by Prof. William H. Pickering at the Harvard Observatory. This satellite is three and a half times as distant from Saturn as Iapetus, the outermost satellite hitherto known. The period is about 17 months and the magnitude 15½.