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OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Dec. 1.—Representations have been made to the postmaster general by certain newspaper proprietors in favor of the re-imposition of postage rates on newspapers sent through the mails from the office of publication.

Application has been made to the department of marine and fisheries for a supply of salmon eggs to be sent to Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands. The department will accede to the request by sending a shipment from the hatchery at New Westminster.

The telegraphic agent of the governor general to the order in council appointing Senator McClellan the lieutenant governor of New Brunswick has not yet been received.

Mr. Hogan, M. P. for Middle Tipperary and secretary to the colonial party in the imperial house of commons, arrived here today.

For the first time in the history of Montreal, every man employed on the police force has been given notice to quit at the end of the year.

At the department of trade and commerce a large number of replies have been received from boards of trade to the departmental communication asking for suggestions by which the trade could be promoted.

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—Hon. Messrs. Blair and Davies are travelling to the Pacific coast via the Great Northern line, visiting Rossland en route.

Nearly four hundred thousand dollars worth of property went up in flames and smoke early this morning, the largest dry-goods store in Ottawa, C. Ross & Co., Sparks street, being utterly destroyed.

For a time the fire department seemed to have more than its hands full, the flames having got a furious hold of the upper part of the Turner building and raced along east to the Ross building with great rapidity.

The heaviest losses are: C. E. Ross & Co., building and stock, \$35,000; G. M. Holdbrook, clothing, building and stock, \$60,000; E. P. Hartney, building, \$30,000; MacDonald Bros., gentlemen's furnishings, in the Hartney building, \$15,000; Mrs. Turner, confectionery, \$3,000.

Besides these considerable losses was sustained by Butterworth, hardware dealers, lawyers and others occupying offices in the Holdbrook Building.

The Dominion Methodist church, one of the largest in the city, was saved with difficulty. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

The Masonic hall and the Scottish Rite rooms are included in the buildings destroyed.

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Middleton, N. S., will be erected into a customs port of entry and a warehouse port on January 1st, 1897. The port of Margarettown will be reduced to an outpost, and with its outpost of Port George will be placed under the survey of Middleton.

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Brunswick tomorrow to attend the funeral of his brother, who died at Montreal yesterday.

TELEGRAPHIC.

QUEBEC.

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attended say there is a slim chance of recovery. It is believed that Howell came to Montreal on purpose to kill Miss Simms. She was a lady much esteemed, and an active Sunday school worker in the Protestant Church.

Montreal, Dec. 7.—Captain John DeLisle of the U.S. Army is a free man. That is the result of the judgment given by Judge Tushnet in this morning's case.

Toronto, Dec. 6.—Evening Telegram's special cable: "London, Dec. 5.—The Duke of Westminster expresses the greatest satisfaction with the labors of Dr. Gellie of Toronto in connection with the Canadian contribution to the Armenian fund."

Bothwell, Ont., Dec. 7.—The district of Bothwell is greatly excited over the large quantities of oil which have been struck recently. Thirty rigs are being run night and day for oil, and the prospectors have been struck with the wells pump over a hundred barrels a day.

Winnipeg, Dec. 1.—Hon. Clifford Sifton arrived today to close up his business preparatory to leaving for Ottawa. The school settlement in the country I would never have been a party to the agreement.

A fashionable wedding is reported from MacLeod, N. W. T., the contract having been signed before the Behring sea commission today, which is practically all the business done. The British government also filed replies to the objections of the United States in several cases, setting out that the vessels were found to be British by the Paris tribunal, and that it should be conclusive for this commission and in alternative if such inquiry can be entertained it should be limited to the ownership of the vessel and not entered to the beneficiary interests or whether the citizens of the United States were actual beneficiaries.

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Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 6.—The mining boom at Rat Portage continues to grow and properties are being sold at large figures. American capitalists are paying a great deal of attention to the district.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 1.—Several additional answers were filed by the United States against the Behring sea commission today, which is practically all the business done. The British government also filed replies to the objections of the United States in several cases, setting out that the vessels were found to be British by the Paris tribunal, and that it should be conclusive for this commission and in alternative if such inquiry can be entertained it should be limited to the ownership of the vessel and not entered to the beneficiary interests or whether the citizens of the United States were actual beneficiaries.

Winnipeg, B. C., Dec. 3.—J. C. White, secretary of the Liberal Association of New Westminster, has been appointed warden of the British Columbia penitentiary in succession to the late Warden Moreby. Mr. White is a prominent business man and is well known in the province.

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Winnipeg, B. C., Dec. 7.—The Empress of China sailed for the Orient this evening. She had a large passenger list but a smaller cargo than usual. Among her cargo was three hundred tons of railway ties for Bombay. Her passengers included W. Pritchard Morgan, Welsh member of the imperial parliament, and a party of military experts. It has been stated that when in England Li Hung Chang promised Mr. Morgan important mining concessions in China, and that this was the object of his present trip.

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