

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

OTTAWA, March 14.—A board of survey is authorized to inspect before the first of May the forts, magazines, buildings, works, stores, munitions of war of military stores in Military District No. 12, as well as all ordnance, ammunition and other stores. The district officer commanding is to be present, and associated with him is Lieut. Col. T. S. McLeod, commanding the 2nd Queen's County Battalion.

The major general commanding does not deem it advisable at present to depart from the system of drill instruction and attendant inspections which have hitherto been carried out by city battalions.

(a) It is essential that each regiment of cavalry and battalion of infantry should have a regimental march. Officers commanding are requested to select a regimental march and to submit the same of the all chosen through the office commanding their military district not later than the 30th April next.

(b) The "Kneller Hall pitch" will be adopted in the imperial service. This will enable commanding officers to obtain the necessary music for practice from the publishers of similar military marches and airs as those in the British army.

(c) The major general hopes that it may be arranged for the bands of regiments associated together by brigades during the forthcoming drill season to play in concert, and that they will take steps to learn the marches of the respective battalions in their brigades, so that when marching past, the regimental marches can be played by the whole of the brigade bands simultaneously.

(d) The officer commanding the field division, R. C. A., is to consult with officers commanding field batteries, and the officer commanding the garrison division, R. C. A., with officers commanding garrison regiments, as to a march to be adopted for the field and garrison artillery respectively.

The Grand Lodge, Sovereign Grand Orient of England, meets this afternoon. There were over a hundred delegates in attendance. The reports of the grand lodge officers show the order to be in a flourishing condition. The membership approximates thirty thousand. Major Payment extended a cordial invitation to the visitors.

The cabinet today was putting the finishing touch to the speech from the throne. Mr. H. Bell, member of the House of Commons, will move the address in the commons. Mr. Matthews, of Montreal, will be seconded. Mr. Yeo and Paquet will be the mover and seconder.

Dr. Heston of Victoria, N. S., has taken the expected trip and this session will sit on the government side. Leighton McCarthy, of the "third party," also sits on the government side. Asst. Atty. Gen. Engineer Perrault, whom the mayor yesterday appointed acting city engineer, resigned from the civic service today.

MONTREAL, March 14.—The Stars London correspondent cables: Lord Strathcona has been appointed to the post of Governor General. He has not yet fully resumed work but was out today. Hon. Mr. Dobell is arranging to return to Canada on Saturday. There is no news of his having completed his fiancée plans.

LORD MINTO

Canada's preference to England has been no commercial advantage to Canada, while there is urgent need for tariff concessions by Canada to the United States on a strictly commercial basis. Chamberlain contends that the period has been too short to judge of the full effects of the tariff.

OTTAWA, March 15.—Tomorrow will see the federal parliament again in session. When it meets six new members will take their places. They are John H. Bell, member for East Prince; Robert Holmes, member for West Huron; Thomas George Johnson, West Lambton; in the room of the present Judge Lester; Leighton McCarthy, member of the late Dalton McCarthy, whom he succeeds as M. P. for North Simcoe; Joseph Naarcel, member for Bagot, and Pierre Martineau, M. P. for Montmagny.

The government has decided today to hold its annual meetings in the month of August. Delegates are to be elected at the June quarterly meetings. The law shall be allowed to take its course in the case of Oliver Prevost, convicted of the murder at Port Arthur of neighbors in 1897. Prevost will accordingly be hanged on Friday at Port Arthur.

Two of the existing vacancies in the senate have been filled. In Ontario Wm. Kerr, Q. C., of Coburg is chosen as successor to Sir Oliver Mowat. From 1872 to 1878 Mr. Kerr represented West Northumberland as a liberal in the commons. The vacancy in New Brunswick caused by the demise of Michael Adams has been filled by the selection of Peter MacDonnell of Moncton. The Ontario vacancy was one for which James Innes, ex-M. P., was being boomed. There will be a vacancy in Manitoba next week, caused by the disqualification of Sutherland.

MEDILL IS DEAD.

The Great Chicago Journalist Was a Native of St. John, But Went West When a Mere Lad and Grew Up With the Country.

CHICAGO, March 16.—Joseph Medill, editor in chief of the Chicago Tribune, died this morning at San Antonio.

Joseph Medill was born in St. John, N. B., on April 15, 1825, being of Scotch-Irish parentage. In 1832 his father removed to Stark Co., Ohio, where the late workman, a term of subsequent years, and was settled on the farm in 1846. He proceeded to Philadelphia, Pa., where he became a member of the Young Men's Association of that city. In 1848 he was admitted to the bar at Stark Co., Ohio, and was appointed clerk of the court in 1849. He was elected to the Ohio legislature in 1850 and served two terms. He was elected to the Ohio legislature in 1850 and served two terms. He was elected to the Ohio legislature in 1850 and served two terms.

WOODSTOCK.

A Charge of Perjury and Disagreement of Jury.

WOODSTOCK, March 15.—In the case of the Queen against Allen Tibbitts for perjury, alleged to have been committed by accused in connection with a Scott act case against Dr. Atkinson of Bristol, which occupied most of the day in the county court, the jury failed to come to an agreement.

OPENS FOURTH SESSION OF THE EIGHTH PARLIAMENT OF CANADA.

The Speech From the Throne Proposes a Gerrymander Bill, but No Prohibition Legislation.

OTTAWA, March 16.—There was a great crush on Parliament hill today, both inside and outside the building. Generally at the opening of a new gubernatorial term there is an unusual desire to be present at the opening session of the parliament. The speaker's gathering was fully the equal of any held in recent years. The assemblage in the senate chamber was of a most brilliant character, every available seat being taken by ladies attired in the most elegant creations of the dressmaker. Lord Minto appeared in full court costume, including the white knee breeches, a frock which Lord Lansdowne first inaugurated. The governor was attended by a brilliant suite, including General Lord Seymour and General Hutton. Extra precautions were taken to prevent the hot hollor from entering the chamber with the members, with a result that the house behind the bar did not contain such a number of members as in previous years.

The governor's speech was as follows: Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate, Gentlemen of the House of Commons. In meeting you for the first time since the opening of my duties as the representative of the crown, I am glad to be able to congratulate you on the same degree of prosperity which the people of Canada have just enjoyed as witnessed by the expansion of trade and commerce, the flourishing condition of the public revenues and the increased number of immigrants which are to become permanent settlers amongst us. To these advantages we are indebted to the wisdom and foresight of the government of the United Kingdom, and to the able and energetic administration of the late governor, Sir John A. Macdonald, and to the able and energetic administration of the late governor, Sir John A. Macdonald, and to the able and energetic administration of the late governor, Sir John A. Macdonald.

The House of Commons opened its session at 10 o'clock. The speaker, Mr. Wood, presided. The first business was the reading of the address in reply to the speech from the throne. The address was read by Mr. Wood, and was received with applause. The speaker then introduced a bill for the purpose of amending the law relating to the election of members of the House of Commons. The bill was read a second time and referred to a committee.

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PROF. DAVIDSON

On The Housing of the Working Classes.

Before the Council of the Young Men's Christian Association, Friday Night.

At the Y. M. C. A. common council last Friday there was a fair attendance to hear Prof. John Davidson's lecture on the Housing of the Working Classes.

The lecturer was introduced by Mayor Pickett. In introducing his subject Prof. Davidson pointed out that the problem of the housing of the working classes was a legacy from past generations. It was the result of the failure of old cities to provide in their earlier days for their future growth. In Canada, at present, the problem could hardly be regarded as pressing for immediate solution, except perhaps in one or two of the larger cities. We had to make provision for our future, bearing in mind that the tendency is for population to gravitate toward the larger centres. There the whole condition of life would always be found to be debilitating, and the question of the evening here closes relation to the death rate and physical condition of the future population of our cities.

While some local overcrowding or defective sanitation might occur in the country, yet with the bountiful supply of pure air there could be little harm outside of the immediate trouble. It was not always to be assumed that the dwellers in one-room tenements, as in Glasgow, for instance, were necessarily immoral. But it was true that under such conditions it made greater demands upon the moral nature to resist temptation. Such overcrowding generally resulted in licentious debauchery, juvenile prostitution, higher death rate, and other evils. The effective working life was also considerably affected by these causes. Statistics showed that the occupants of a four-roomed house in some localities had 30 times the chance of life than a dweller in a one-roomed tenement had.

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CHURCH OF ENGLAND INSTITUTE.

At a meeting of the council last evening the following resolution was passed unanimously: The members of the Church of England Institute having suffered the loss of their president by the death of the Rev. F. H. J. Briscoe, D. D., archdeacon of St. John, who passed away on Friday, March 13, 1899, desire to place upon record an expression of their deep appreciation of his faithful and self-denying labors on their behalf ever since the institution of the Institute, which was founded in consequence of an invitation issued by himself in January, 1875. Throughout the long period of twenty-five years, he filled the office of president with indefatigable zeal, remarkable tact, and rare administrative ability, never ceasing his efforts to improve the Institute, which was founded in consequence of an invitation issued by himself in January, 1875. Throughout the long period of twenty-five years, he filled the office of president with indefatigable zeal, remarkable tact, and rare administrative ability, never ceasing his efforts to improve the Institute, which was founded in consequence of an invitation issued by himself in January, 1875.

The following letter was also read: CHURCH OF ENGLAND INSTITUTE. Halifax, N. S., March 13, 1899. To the Secretary of the Church of England Institute, St. John, N. B.: Dear Sir—We beg to inform you that at a meeting of the council of the Church of England Institute of Halifax, held on the 9th instant, the accompanying resolution of condolence was unanimously passed with the request that it be conveyed to your body by the undersigned. Please accept also our sincere sympathy in your time of bereavement and our hope that you may be guided in your selection of his successor.

Yours faithfully, W. C. SILVER, (Secy.) W. C. SILVER, President. A. D. B. TREMBAIN, (Secy.)

The accompanying is the resolution: Resolved, That this Institute desire to express its deep sympathy with the loss sustained by the death of its president, the Venerable Archdeacon Briscoe, D. D. It is within our knowledge that he was a man of high character and high ability, and that his death is a great loss to the Church and to the Institute. We are deeply grieved by the news of his death, and we beg to express our sincere sympathy to you and to your family. It was decided to put a special memorial page in the annual report with a copy of the resolution. The meeting then proceeded to the election of a president, when the Rev. W. O. Raymond, rector of St. Mary's church, was unanimously elected to the office.

ALBERT CO. Honing the Judge of Probates for Scott Act Inspector.

HOPEWELL HILL.

HOPEWELL HILL, March 15.—The death occurred last night of Mrs. Dawson, wife of John Dunham, painter of Hillsboro. The deceased was a daughter of Wm. Hawkes of Hopewell Cape. She leaves a husband and a large family.

HOPEWELL CAPE.

HOPEWELL CAPE, Albert Co., March 15.—The remains of Mr. J. M. Wadsworth, a few weeks ago, a bond was filed with the clerk of the court today, and an appeal will be taken to the supreme court. A number of men of the village made an old-fashioned wood frolic for Mrs. Tingey and Mrs. Edmondson, two widowed sisters, who are highly respected in the community. A supper party was made at James Fowler's residence last evening, which was largely attended and much enjoyed.

THE PLATEAU.

A despatch from Key West, dated March 13th, says: Steamer "Ocean," Capt. Allen, is still ashore today near Sombra Light in same position. Her cargo consists of 2,788 tons steel rails, 185 do. angle plates, 25 do. bolts and nuts, 55 do. spikes, 40 cases canned goods, 453 packages frog and switch material, 1 case notions, 1 barrel bottled beer, 5 packages household effects, 50 barrels flour and a quantity of hay and straw in bales. A telegram received by Wm. Thomson & Co. yesterday stated that several hundred tons of cargo had been discharged, but that the vessel was still aground.

ANTIQUARIAN MUSEUM.

The committee in charge of the antiquarian museum are daily in receipt of promises to lend interesting objects for the exhibition. Among the latest is J. F. Edwards of Londonberry, who has some of the rarest Canadian books in existence. A unique feature will be the collection of birds' eggs belonging to J. W. Banks of this city. It is believed to be the largest and most valuable collection in Canada. Word has been received from one of the leading antiquaries of Canada that he will come down here from Montreal three or four days before the exhibition opens in order to help the committee in getting the many valuable things from the commercial working classes appeared to be best accommodated. The discussion which followed dealt with local conditions and showed that

'99. BICYCLES '99. A Few Words to Bicycle Riders for 1899. We will handle this year the fullest line to be had in the Lower Provinces, and ask buyers to examine our stock and book their orders now, and thus insure prompt delivery. COLUMBIAS are the highest standard in the world, and have been sold heretofore at much higher prices than other makes, but our arrangements this year allow us to offer them at Greatly Reduced Prices. 'COLUMBIA'—Chainless—last year \$125, this year we offer them at \$75 and \$85. 'COLUMBIA'—Chain—last year sold at \$85, this year \$60 and \$65. 'HARTFORDS,' \$40; 'VEDETTES,' \$32.50 and \$33.50; 'JUBILEES,' \$35 and \$40; 'SPALDING,' \$55; 'NY-ACK,' Nickel Plated, \$40. All the above are now on exhibition. W. H. THORNE & CO. (Limited), Market Square.