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A SESSION.

As has been foretold by The Telegraph the government has decided to summon Parliament within a few weeks. This news was given out in an official statement at Ottawa last evening...

The government gives as its reason for holding another session the fact that the Grand Trunk asks for certain modifications of the railway contract recently entered into...

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days of this region. Politics and war, personal worth and personal adventure, the chess-play of rulers for a great domain on their outer marches, history, chivalry, romance, suffering, religion—all these things march in their proper position in the story which the Rev. Dr. Raymond is telling of the River St. John.

His narrative is at once picturesque and a necessary preparation for the coming celebration. Besides, it is a narrative which no reading native of the province may neglect if he wish to know the story of the land and how it came to him after the struggle between the Indians, the French and the conquering British.

It is a stirring history, which has already commanded wide attention and which will be even more absorbing in its subsequent chapters. It carries us back to Champlain and conducts us down to the time of British supremacy, giving us the color and temper of the period with unflinching accuracy.

LOOKING FOR MONEY.

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powerful and aggressive than the same party was under the leadership of Mr. Blair. It is no easy task. He is to meet parliament in six weeks, as minister of railways and canals, and that will require preparation.

The Globe on Saturday evening indicated some of the tasks that await Mr. Emerson. It reminds him that Charlotte, Kings, Carleton, Sunbury and Northumberland were lost to the Liberals in the last federal election, while York was won by a narrow majority.

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ports not covered by the American treaty. Both treaties contain other provisions that will facilitate trade. Japan is granted important privileges in connection with the navigation of the inland waters of China.

In addition to the opening of the ports noted, Japan has obtained from China the very significant concession that in case of and after the complete withdrawal of the foreign troops stationed in the province of Chihli and of the legation guards, a place of international residence and trade in Peking shall be forthwith opened by the Chinese government.

The chief magistrate at such a time should be exceptionally well qualified to perform the important duties that will devolve upon him. If we are to have the Champlain tercentenary, the annual meeting of the Royal Society of Canada, an Old Home Week, with British, American and French warships here, and the great number of distinguished visitors such a series of events would attract, the duties of the mayor will be many and important.

Mayor White, if it should be the desire of the citizens to give him a third term, and he should consent, would be well qualified, both by reason of ability and experience. If the choice is to fall upon some other, there is no lack of good material; but unless some thought is given to the subject by the citizens, the best result will not be achieved.

WHO WILL BE MAYOR?

Who is to be mayor of St. John during the term of 1904-5? It is not too soon to ask this question, inasmuch as the coming summer is expected to witness the greatest celebration in the history of the city.

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GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

The Telegraph's Montreal correspondent states that the opinion prevails there that the Grand Trunk Pacific Company would like to be rid of the eastern section of the line, meaning that from Quebec to Montreal. The government has been unfortunate in this whole affair, and the next move will be awaited with no little anxiety.

It would be in the public interest to have the proposed modifications made known before the by-elections are held. Before appealing to his constituents in Westmorland, Mr. Emerson should be able to tell them what it is now proposed to do, so that they would know what effect the change may have on the whole project.

The Montreal Witness throws out this hint in aspiring souls in that city: "Speaking generally, we would advise public-spirited candidates for civic positions to avoid getting the names of the representatives of public service corporations on their requisitions, and we should advise voters to be very cautious about supporting any candidate who has such endorsement. The corporation that does not work in elections in the interests of its own franchise as opposed to the interests of the public is seldom found, and the man who obtains such support is counted on to serve the corporation rather than the public."

NOTE AND COMMENT.

There is to be a session within a few weeks. Who is to be re-elected St. John? The Halifax merchants asked the transportation commission to endeavor to induce the government to grant the C. P. R. running rights over the I. C. R.

If there is to be a by-election, St. John should soon know whether that dredging is to be done or not. Unless the knowledge comes very soon it will be too late to be of any service in providing ballots for next year.

It will interest New Brunswick tourists associations to know that more than 85,000 people from outside of the state of New York visited the Adirondacks last summer, and the summer visitors spent in that region alone nearly \$4,000,000.

Monday Liberals will meet tonight to arrange for a reception to Mr. Emerson, elect delegates to the county convention, and elect officers for the ensuing year. Halifax Liberals will meet tomorrow evening to select candidates for the city and county.

The General Public Hospital management is on trial. The coroner has not yet elicited convincing evidence for or against the institution, but before the inquiry is finished the public is likely to get some striking idea as to the methods in vogue there.

Some extraordinary prices were realized at the Smithfield show. London, for a few pounds of potatoes. France, Pond & Sons, potato merchants, York, sold 4 lb. of Eldorado potatoes for \$200, or at the rate of 150 per pound. This works out at \$250.00 per ton, or about three times their weight in gold. Mr. Findlay, the raiser of these remarkable tubers, desired an offer of \$70 for a single potato. A sum of \$2,000 was paid for ten tons of the Northern Star variety.



HOW YOU CAN SAVE ON OVERCOATS IN OAK HALL'S CLEARANCE.

Every housekeeper knows that twice a year there comes a time of hurly-burly, when some things are sent to the garret and others to the cellar, and new things are brought in to brighten up the house. January is Oak Hall's house cleaning time—it doesn't send its winter clothing to the garret or the cellar to make ready for the reception of its spring clothing.

It sends hundreds of suits and overcoats out into the community by reducing the price considerably below the original figures, which in themselves were already twenty-five per cent. below others, and that's why you can get

- Overcoats others ask \$6.25 for we sell regularly at \$5.00, now \$3.85
Overcoats others ask 7.50 for we sell regularly at 6.00, now 4.25
Overcoats others ask 8.50 for we sell regularly at 7.00, now 5.25
Overcoats others ask 10.00 for we sell regularly at 8.00, now 5.85
Overcoats others ask 12.00 for we sell regularly at 10.00, now 7.50
Overcoats others ask 15.00 for we sell regularly at 12.00, now 8.75
Overcoats others ask 16.50 for we sell regularly at 13.50, now 9.50
Overcoats others ask 18.00 for we sell regularly at 15.00, now 10.75

BOYS' CLOTHING—Better Values Than Ever.

Some, our spindly spandy best; all stylish and extremely well tailored. Good patterns and good cloths. Think of it. And there are weeks of cold weather ahead. Why, at the prices it will pay you to buy these and lay them away until next year.

- Boys' Two-Piece Suits, 6 to 12 years. \$1.25 Reduced from \$2.25, 2.50, 2.75, 3.00
Boys' Three-Piece Suits, 9 to 17 years. \$2.95 Reduced from \$3.50, 3.75, 4.00, 4.25
Boys' Reefers. \$1.25 Reduced from \$1.50, 4 to 12 years.
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GREATER OAK HALL, KING STREET, COR. GERMAIN, ST. JOHN. SCOVIL BROS. & CO.

show that there is no discrimination. The St. John committee's report is awaited with interest.

The new Minister of Railways has been in communication with Senator King, and a meeting of New Brunswick Liberals is to be called in St. John before the month is out. Thereafter the public will know whether certain eager candidates are to blossom under the sun of ministerial favor or to be nipped by the frost of ministerial frigidity.

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Forty-five practical miners arrived on the steamer Lake Erie Monday and Monday evening left for New Brunswick mines to take up work. Nine of the number are Englishmen and they went to the Queens county mines; 36 are Belgians and have gone to the Beersville mine in Kent county. Every man carries a certificate showing him a practical mine workman.

They are the last of a party of 100 brought out by the New Brunswick government and their establishment here will be followed by that of their families so that they will become settlers in the province. Hon. A. T. Dunn, surveyor general, was in Kent county last week looking over the mining situation there and also arranging for the arrival of these workmen.

Mr. Dunn is well pleased with the development in coal mining which is going on in New Brunswick. The mine at Beersville, the property of the Beersville Coal & Railway Company, will have some 20 men at work when the arrivals of yesterday will have begun. A shaft of some 600 feet has been run in this mine and the coal mining is being done in a very practical way. A trestle has been erected by means of which the coal, after being brought up the slope, can be screened directly into the cars. The natural facilities for working this mine are very great and the drainage is by gravitation, this doing away with the expense of pumping and also meaning a dry mine to work. A railway has been built from the mine to Adamsville on the I. C. R. and the coal is being taken out over the new road.

Some two miles away at Coal Branch, the mines of the Canadian Coal and Mangane Company. This mine had been closed for some time, but is now in operation again and some 50 men are at work

and in a short time will be able to mine quite a quantity of coal. A number of adjuvants were taken on last week. The New Calx drill recently purchased by the local government is now at Coal Branch boring for the Canadian Coal and Mangane Company on their property. In Queens county the several coal mines are in operation, more especially the King mine and that of J. S. Gibbon. The facilities given by the extension of the Central Railway by the provincial government, and the building of sidings to the different mines, along the road will open up another large area of coal which in a very short time is expected to give employment to a large number of people and be a great source of revenue to the province.

In Gloucester county prospecting of the iron ore properties is going on and on the whole Surveyor General Dunn declares that the outlook for a large and valuable mineral development in different parts of the province is exceedingly good.

WOMAN INJURED. A Runaway Accident in North End Monday Afternoon. Mrs. Erwin, daughter of Captain White, of the Millidgeville ferry, was severely injured late Monday afternoon. With her father she was driving down Main street and when nearing the corner of Mill street, the horse became frightened at an electric car. The sleigh was overturned and the occupants were thrown out. Captain White was practically unharmed, but Mrs. Erwin was hurled with great violence against a telegraph post, opposite S. Haver's drug store. She was carried into the store, restoratives were applied, and she was made as comfortable as possible. In a short time Dr. McAlpine also gave assistance. Although no bones were broken, Mrs. Erwin sustained a bad bruising. She was conveyed in a coach to her home. The runaway horse was caught in the I. C. R. yard. The sleigh was shattered. Mrs. Manning—I wonder why Miss Sketcher always has such horrid looking characters in the papers. Mr. Manning—Miss Sketcher is no fool. It is always the woman in the grotesque make-up who is heralded in the papers as the perfect type of female loveliness when she dolls her hair up.