

FARMERS WELCOME THE SNOW STORM

WINNIPEG IS IN THE GRIP OF A BLIZZARD

Engine Turner's Head Cut Off at Montreal—Trackmen Drawing Up of Schedule of Demands.

Winnipeg, March 15.—Winnipeg today and to-night is experiencing the worst blizzard and snowstorm in her history. Coming as it does after two months of almost summer-like weather, its effects are severely felt by Manitobans. No trains from any direction had reached the city up to 6 p.m. The Great Northern express is stalled near the boundary line, the Northern Pacific is six hours late, and both C. P. R. transcontinental trains are long overdue. The storm extends from Regina in the West, to Port Arthur in the East. All business was practically suspended to-night, as citizens were unable to navigate through the immense snowdrifts. Street traffic was partially kept up during the day, but entirely suspended to-night. The storm is welcomed by farmers as the ground was very dry and seeding prospects poor.

Another Party. The Free Press states that the political reform union, R. L. Richardson's third party, and the section of the Dominion Alliance, opposed to the Liquor Act referendum, are to coalesce. They are endeavoring to secure Hugh John Macdonald as leader of a joint third party, as opposed to Hon. Mr. Roblin and Mr. Greenway.

Fire at Selkirk. The Colough block at Selkirk and the Baptist church adjoining, were burned this morning. The losses and insurance are: Baptist hall, \$2,000, insurance \$500; contents, saved; Henn & Henn, \$2,500, insurance \$1,000; F. W. Cole, chemist \$2,000, insurance \$1,000; Selkirk Publishing Company \$2,000, insurance not known. The government rifles, belonging to the Rifle Association, were destroyed.

Police Magistrate. Alex. McMillen has been appointed police magistrate for Winnipeg.

Land Sales. Messrs. Oiler, Hammond and Nanton have disposed of 112,700 acres of land since the beginning of January. The average price paid for this land was over \$5 per acre, and it is situated mostly in the Northern Territories.

May Be Appointed. It is likely that Mr. Joseph Thompson, lately inspector of County courts, will be appointed to the position made vacant by the resignation of Principal Drago, of St. Paul's industrial school.

The Trackmen. Montreal, March 15.—Nearly all the members of the Canadian Pacific railway trackmen's committee have arrived in Montreal for the purpose of drawing up a schedule of demands which will be made to the company for the men.

Decapitated. Mark Jones, an engine turner, had his head severed from his body by a big door of the Grand Trunk running shed here this morning. He is supposed to have been looking out of the cab window when approaching the door.

COTTON MILL OPERATIVES. Several Manufacturers Have Offered Increased Wages and Strike May Be Averted.

Fall River, Mass., March 15.—The strike of the cotton mill operatives here will go into effect Monday as planned. The members of labor leagues met in conference this morning, but the sitting was fruitless as far as bringing peace is concerned. The manufacturers offered to bring the six per cent. advance into effect on Monday next, instead of two weeks later, but the labor representatives stood out for the full ten per cent. asked for.

Increase Offered. Fall River, Mass., March 15.—There has been a break in the ranks of the manufacturers and several mills have posted notices granting the full ten per cent. increase in wages, beginning Monday. The impression prevails that the movement will become general and that a strike will be averted.

THE KING'S HOLIDAY. Will Not Go Abroad This Year—A Cruise in British Waters.

London, March 17.—It was officially announced to-day that King Edward will not go abroad this year. He will cruise in British waters on board the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert.

CRUSHED TO DEATH. Bette, Mont., March 15.—The third fatal accident in the mines within a week occurred here last night. A fall of rock in the Albion Healey crushed Joseph Price to death instantly and seriously injured Albert Wilson.

CECIL RHODES. Capetown, March 17.—The heart symptoms of Cecil Rhodes are worse to-day and he is weaker.

COOK'S COLETON COMPOUND. Is successfully used monthly by over 20,000 Ladies. Safe, efficient, Ladies ask for your druggist for Cook's Coleton Compound. Takes no other, as all mixtures, pills and injections are dangerous. Follows: 1. 14 per cent. 2. 10 degrees stronger, 16 per cent. 3. 10 degrees stronger, 18 per cent. 4. 10 degrees stronger, 20 per cent. 5. 10 degrees stronger, 22 per cent. 6. 10 degrees stronger, 24 per cent. 7. 10 degrees stronger, 26 per cent. 8. 10 degrees stronger, 28 per cent. 9. 10 degrees stronger, 30 per cent. 10. 10 degrees stronger, 32 per cent. 11. 10 degrees stronger, 34 per cent. 12. 10 degrees stronger, 36 per cent. 13. 10 degrees stronger, 38 per cent. 14. 10 degrees stronger, 40 per cent. 15. 10 degrees stronger, 42 per cent. 16. 10 degrees stronger, 44 per cent. 17. 10 degrees stronger, 46 per cent. 18. 10 degrees stronger, 48 per cent. 19. 10 degrees stronger, 50 per cent. 20. 10 degrees stronger, 52 per cent. 21. 10 degrees stronger, 54 per cent. 22. 10 degrees stronger, 56 per cent. 23. 10 degrees stronger, 58 per cent. 24. 10 degrees stronger, 60 per cent. 25. 10 degrees stronger, 62 per cent. 26. 10 degrees stronger, 64 per cent. 27. 10 degrees stronger, 66 per cent. 28. 10 degrees stronger, 68 per cent. 29. 10 degrees stronger, 70 per cent. 30. 10 degrees stronger, 72 per cent. 31. 10 degrees stronger, 74 per cent. 32. 10 degrees stronger, 76 per cent. 33. 10 degrees stronger, 78 per cent. 34. 10 degrees stronger, 80 per cent. 35. 10 degrees stronger, 82 per cent. 36. 10 degrees stronger, 84 per cent. 37. 10 degrees stronger, 86 per cent. 38. 10 degrees stronger, 88 per cent. 39. 10 degrees stronger, 90 per cent. 40. 10 degrees stronger, 92 per cent. 41. 10 degrees stronger, 94 per cent. 42. 10 degrees stronger, 96 per cent. 43. 10 degrees stronger, 98 per cent. 44. 10 degrees stronger, 100 per cent.

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PARISIANS INTERESTED IN QUARREL BETWEEN BERNHARDT AND MENDES

Paris, March 15.—The Parisians are keenly interested in the developments of a pretty quarrel between Sarah Bernhardt and Catinde Mendes, the author and poet, about the production of the latter's poetical drama, Sainte Therese, which had been promised to the Comedie Francaise to be produced in the theatre of the Bouffes.

Mme. Bernhardt first addressed M. Mendes in "My Dear Beloved Poet," asking to be allowed to produce "Sainte Therese," and M. Mendes responded to his "Despotic sovereign," offering the piece for the coming season. Mme. Bernhardt then replied to her "Darling Friend," promising to produce it March 1st. Mendes thereupon telegraphed as a reply: "Dear Therese," the play and the author are yours.

Later, however, he heard that Mme. Bernhardt was making conflicting arrangements. This time Mme. Bernhardt merely addressed him as "Dimitri," and explained that her arrangements did not affect the production of the piece. M. Mendes was not satisfied, but was induced to leave the play with Mme. Bernhardt. The rehearsal was begun, but M. Mendes says he found Mme. Bernhardt had let her theatre to an Italian company for a period which rendered the promise to him impossible. He realized that all was not plain sailing for "Sainte Therese," and got back his manuscript, which he wrote and will place in a drawer strewn with red roses, symbols of his admiration for Mme. Bernhardt and with violets, emblems of her fickleness.

The last communication of M. Mendes was written in the third person and was addressed to Mme. Bernhardt. Mme. Bernhardt replied to the publication of these letters by explaining that M. Mendes was wrong about the arrangements, which he thought would interfere with his play. She intended to give it a run of 20 nights, and could not arrange for a longer run, because of the risk of losing her London season, which hinges on a large sum of money, and complained that M. Mendes had tried to trick her to get back the manuscript, which she said, was only needed for a few letters as follows: "My dear Dimitri, I am despondent and tears I dropped, my illusions, hopes, admirations and my friendship for that man, I came out of this crisis a physical wreck, with my brain in a whirl, but my will was not broken. As long as I live I will never see Catinde Mendes again."

M. Mendes, on reading this, telegraphed as follows to Mme. Bernhardt: "Is it not silly for me to quarrel when in reality we love one another?" The author poet, however, then offered to give "Sainte Therese" to Mme. Bernhardt, if she would promise to run it while he was drawing money. Mme. Bernhardt did not even reply to this communication, whereupon M. Mendes wrote to the Temps, replying to all the polite and impolite attacks of Mme. Bernhardt and concluding a fervid outburst of admiration for her, that he would await "repentance in her dear, royal and cruel heart. The matter thus remains without hope of a reconciliation.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY. Shamrocks Distributed to Irish Guards at the Tower of London.

London, March 17.—St. Patrick's Day was celebrated to-day more generally than usual. The Irish flag was flying from many public buildings. Special services were held in the Catholic churches and shamrock or something representing it was seen everywhere. The Irish troops at the various garrisons were given a day's leave. Following the precedent of Queen Victoria, Queen Alexandra of the battalion of Irish Guards on duty at the Tower of London a large quantity of shamrocks which were distributed to the men at parade this morning.

Winnipeg, March 17.—To-day, St. Patrick's Day, is being quietly observed. Irishmen sporting the shamrock and flags flying all over the city. High mass was celebrated this morning at St. Mary's church, when Archbishop Langens preached. This evening the Catholic Club gave a concert in Association hall, Y. M. C. A. building.

Celebration in New York. New York, March 17.—St. Patrick's Day was observed in the city by special services in all the Roman Catholic churches by a parade and by a number of dinners. The parades included the 69th Regiment, National Guard, the 1st Regiment of Irish Volunteers and the Hibernians acted as escort to the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

TUG STILL ASHORE. Hole in Hull Will Be Patched Before Attempts Are Made to Float Her.

Nanaimo, March 17.—The tug Nanaimo, belonging to the New Vancouver Ould Company, has not yet been got out of the rocks off Newcastle Island. All attempts to float her have failed owing to the hole on the starboard side which it has been impossible to get at. The final attempt to float her without getting at the hole was made on Saturday night. The hull was filled with empty barrels and empty barrels were also attached to the keel, but this failed, although the men worked until 2 o'clock Sunday morning.

They are now raising the boilers to get at the hole on the starboard side. The tug will have to be drawn back only its own length in order to rest on a sand bottom, where she can be temporarily patched before being taken around to her own wharf to be fixed up.

Diver McHardie, of Victoria, is here superintending the work of getting the tug Miramichi off the rocks.

THE BRITISH TROOPS FOUGHT BRAVELY

FURTHER PARTICULARS OF RECENT REVERSE

Held Out as Long as Ammunition Lasted—Many Boers Wore Khaki Uniforms.

London, March 16.—The war office has received the following from Lord Kitchener at Pretoria: "Lord Methuen has sent me a staff officer with a dictated dispatch, from which it appears that certain particulars previously given are inaccurate.

"The rear screen of mounted troops was rushed and overwhelmed at dawn. There was a gap of a mile between the ox and the mule convoys. The mounted supports to the rear of the screen, with General Methuen, immediately reinforced by all available mounted troops and section of 38th battery, maintained themselves for an hour, during which the convoys were closing up without disorder.

"The 200 infantrymen were being disposed by Lord Methuen to resist the Boer attack, which was outflanking the left rear guards. The Boers pressed the attack hard, and the mounted troops attempted to fall back on the infantry. They got completely out of hand, carrying with them in the rout the bulk of the mounted troops. Two guns of the 38th battery were left unprotected, but continued to fire until very man, with the exception of Lieut. Nesbitt, was hit. Lieut. Nesbitt was called on to surrender, and upon refusing to do so was killed.

"Lord Methuen, with 200 Northumberland Fusiliers and two guns, found themselves isolated, but held on for three hours, and 100 Lancashire, with 40 mounted Cape Police, held out against repeated attacks of Boers near the wagon. By this time Lord Methuen was wounded and the casualties were exceedingly heavy among his men. Their ammunition was expended and surrender was made about 9:30 in the morning.

"The party near the wagons still held out and did not give in until two guns and a pom-pom were brought to bear upon them about ten o'clock, making their position untenable.

"It is confirmed that most of the Boers wore our khaki uniforms. Many also wore our bandages and even at close quarters they could not be distinguished from our own men.

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THE BUDGET SPEECH DELIVERED TO-DAY

BUSINESS OF CANADA IS STILL FLOURISHING

Finance Minister Fielding Made Some Very Gratifying Statements in the Dominion House.

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MUST PAY TAX. Outside Brewers Liable to Penalty if They Do Business in Michigan Without License.

Escanaba, Mich., March 17.—In a case from this county, Circuit Judge Stone, of Marquette, has filed an opinion on a writ of habeas corpus to a brewer. The decision was rendered in a liquor violation case in which Clayton Voorhees of Gladstone, was the defendant, and is to the effect that outside brewers cannot sell their product in the state except on the payment of the wholesale license of \$500 in every community, in which they desire to do business through an agent. Voorhees is accordingly found guilty as charged, having paid no tax while representing a Minneapolis concern as agent.

FOR LAKE BOATS. Wireless Telegraphy System May Be Installed on Lake Michigan Steamers.

Chicago, Ill., March 17.—A wireless telegraph system, giving connection between ships in mid-lake and the mainland, may soon be operated on Lake Michigan. The managers of one of the companies are considering the fitting of all boats, passengers and freight, with sending and receiving stations of the Marconi pattern. With this in view, they will make tests of the system within a few weeks. If the tests are satisfactory the boats probably will be equipped with telegraph stations before the summer navigation season is well under way.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN. Rumors of War—Troops Being Rashed to Vladivostok.

London, March 17.—With reference to Russo-Japanese war rumors the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times says he is able to vouch that the Siberian railway is declining consignments from merchants because resources of the line are fully occupied forwarding troops and war materials to Vladivostok.

DIED SUDDENLY. Old Engineer Dropped Dead While on His Way Home.

New York, March 17.—Geo. H. Van Tassel, one of the oldest engineers in the service of the New York Central railway, brought the Empire State express into the Grand Central station, on his way home, dropped dead. He had held the throttle for 30 years.

SHIP ASHORE. Crew of Ten Men Were Landed Safely.

New York, March 17.—The British barkentine Perwin, from Buenos Ayres, ran ashore last night two and a half miles west of Point Lookout, Long Island. Her crew of ten men were landed in the breeches buoy by the Long Beach life-saving station.

WHOLESALE MARKET. The following quotations are Victoria wholesale prices paid for farm produce this week:

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes items like Potatoes (Island), Onions, Carrots, Parsnips, Cabbage, Butter (creamery), Butter (dairy), Eggs (range), Ducks, Apples, Hay, Cabbage, Barley, Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork.

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LAURIER'S REPLY TO LABOR DELEGATES

SEVERAL IMPORTANT SUBJECTS DISCUSSED

Technical Education—The Alien Labor Act and Legislation Regarding the Chinese.

Ottawa, March 17.—The Dominion trades and labor men had their annual talk with members of the government to-day on subjects in which they are interested. The delegation assembled in the Premier's office. Messrs. Ralph Smith and Puttee, along with Messrs. Mulock and Mackenzie King, headed the delegation. They were received by Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Ralph Smith was the first speaker. He said that the delegation was one of the largest of the kind that ever interviewed the Dominion government, representing, as it did, every province in the Dominion. That ought to be taken by the government as the earnestness of the labor workers in the cause in which they were engaged.

Having said this, Mr. Smith presented his first resolution, which was asking for \$500 of a head tax on Chinese. He hoped it would be the last time that they would have to ask this. He said that because the report of the Royal Commission on the Chinese had not only recommended an increase to \$500, but had declared in favor of exclusion. That report was based on the views obtained by the commissioners in the province. The provincial legislature had also declared in favor of this increase. He hoped the tax would be increased.

Mr. Draper, Ottawa, presented a resolution asking for an increase in salary of the letter carriers by 20 per cent. on the present scale of wages. He said that the wages they carried was too low, more especially as they had to live in cities where living was high. He would just say that the letter carriers were getting a little weary on this question, and they would like to have a statement from the Postmaster-General on the matter. He hoped to get a definite statement to-day.

Mr. Puttee spoke in favor of government ownership of public utilities. He said that the labor party were in favor of public ownership. Other speakers followed. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in his reply, took up the different points presented to him. In regard to an eight-hour day on government works the Premier said that if such was given on other works in the country he did not see any reason why it should not be given on government railways.

In respect to immigration it was the desire of the Dominion government that none but agricultural laborers should come here from England, and therefore he would lay the matter before the Minister of the Interior. As to technical training in schools it was a matter for provincial legislatures to deal with, if he had his way he would have technical training in all schools. As for government officials being employed on outside work he never heard of it before, and would have the matter stopped if names were given him.

The proposition as to deportation in regard to the alien labor act was somewhat startling at first, but since it meant to take away the personal liberty of the party without being heard. However, he would have it considered. The request about the printing bureau was reasonable. As for public ownership in general it was a large question, and all that he could say was that it should be considered. Then as to Chinese legislation. Before anything was done it would be necessary that the report of the commissioners on this subject should be made known in



THE SMELTERS' BRITISH COLUMBIA

HOW THE INDUSTRY IS MAKING

Situation in This Province to a Correspondent York Sun. The New York Sun contains the following special correspondence regarding British Columbia and Canadian coal and iron. The mining situation in Idaho and Washington transfer the smelting in Canadian side, and a amount of American capital in Canadian smelters. Le Roi ores are smelted boundary, but that is a special confirmation of the fact that no commercial smelting is being done in Idaho or Washington. The mining industry in supplying ore to North from three to four times as are required at the smelting plant. The mining industry in supplying ore to North from three to four times as are required at the smelting plant. The mining industry in supplying ore to North from three to four times as are required at the smelting plant.

The wet ores indispensible are on the Canadian side the dry ores required to sustain sufficient to most convenient location is where the industry is to be found. The to turn the balance in favor of the British Columbia, for there the collect ores from either boundary free of duty, a tariff of one and one cent per pound on pig iron in the opposite direction. It can supply in greater than and Canadian lead will be market elsewhere. America have no fear of an export but they do not know but time an import tariff may of necessary Canadian ores upon that source. The by the Canadian government, fining of lead in Canada, has any influence, will divert smelting enterprise Canadian side. The arrangement in bond in the smelting into southern British Columbia has not proved satisfactory for the Canadian iron. The transportation interest of J. Hill is the moving spirit, an influence to bear in fact on the Canadian side. Canadian smelters are dependent on the branch pushing into southern British Columbia is clearly in the interest Northern railway to secure ways on its Canadian branch and it will afford every building up the smelting industry here British Columbia, cases who have invested