

# TALK

**T**HE New Brunswick Automobile Association is asking the Legislature to give more attention to the "good roads" movement. Mr. R. D. Paterson, of St. John, is the president of that body.

Premier Gouin, of Quebec, did not patronise a Canadian line on his trip to Paris. He sailed from New York to Havre via La Provence. The probable reason is that there is no direct steamer at this season of the year.

The Dominion Parliament will prorogue about the 20th. Before leaving Sir Wilfrid Laurier made arrangements for the rest of the session with Mr. Borden. Sir Richard Cartwright will be acting Premier, the Hon. Mr. Fielding will lead in the House and will be acting Minister of Railways and Canals; Hon. Mr. Templeman will be acting Minister of Marine and Fisheries; and the Hon. Mr. Scott will be acting Minister of Militia.

The Alberta government telephone line from Banff to Calgary is to be opened in a few days. This is the beginning.

The Saskatchewan Odd Fellows will apply for a grand lodge of their own. They are now under Manitoba jurisdiction.

Commissioner Coombs, of the Salvation Army, addressed the Canadian Club of Victoria last week and Col. Andrew Haggard will speak shortly on "What Great Britain has done for the Fellah" in the Sudan.

Victoria School Board has decided to have Victoria High School (or College) affiliated with McGill as is the Vancouver High School, and the Charlottetown College. McGill seems to be working along national lines.

The Vancouver bank clearings in March were five millions greater than in 1906, and eight millions greater than in 1905. The building returns for the month show an increase of about \$200,000 over March of last year. The Customs collections increased \$70,000. The Royal Vancouver Yacht Club will have 125 boats of all classes in commission this year.

At Anacortes, on Puget Sound, there will shortly be established a "Wood Products" factory for the production of charcoal, wood spirits of naphtha, tar, turpentine, and pyroligneous acid. These can all be made from the waste products of the lumber mills. A similar factory is to be erected on Vancouver Island.

General Booth told the people of Vancouver that he had just received an offer from Queensland for a thousand men. The Government will guarantee their passage money, one year's employment, and all the expenses of distribution.

British Columbia cattle ranches are receiving more attention, now that those in Alberta are being lessened in number by the inroads of the farmer. The Douglas Lake ranch, about fifty miles from Kamloops, consists of about 100,000 acres with 12,000 cattle and 700 horses. It has recently been put under a new company, and the flotation made in Great Britain. Hon. H. O. Arnold Forster, ex-minister for war, is the president.

The churches in New Glasgow, N.S., have been opened again after two months' interregnum. This was caused by an epidemic of small-pox in that neighbourhood.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier arrived in St. John on Friday, the 5th, on his way to England.

With him were Lady Laurier, Miss Melvin Jones, Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Madame Brodeur, Miss Blanch Doutre, Sir Frederick Borden, Lady Borden, Miss Borden and Mrs. Clifford Sifton. Countess Grey and her sister, Lady Morley, arrived by the same train on their way to England.

Lady Laurier will visit Naples, Rome, and other places in Italy.

General and Mrs. Lake, Mrs. D. McNicoll, Col. McDougall and a number of other well-known people sailed on the same steamer.

Mr. Harry Cockshutt, of Brantford, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, addressed the Canadian Club of Halifax on Wednesday last.

Sir Robert Cranston, Brigadier-General commanding the 1st Lothian Infantry Brigade, Scotland, gave an address before the Empire Club in Toronto last week and also inspected the 48th Highlanders, which won as warm admiration from the visitor as it has excited in its home city.

The election of five trustees for Queen's University, Kingston, by the graduates resulted in the choice of Hon. William Harty



Colonel B. H. Vidal, who has been appointed Inspector-General in succession to Lord Aylmer.

and Mr. J. M. Mowat, Kingston; Messrs. William Mackenzie, J. S. Willison and Rev. Eber Crummy, Toronto.

The Gananoque Inn, one of the most picturesque summer hotels in Eastern Ontario, was destroyed by fire last week. But it will probably be rebuilt, like the Hotel Quinte, with a reproduction of the former structure.

By a vote of 863 to 114 the ratepayers of Berlin, Ontario, recently decided to purchase the Berlin and Waterloo Street Railway. When the debentures have been disposed of, Berlin will own and control the railway system, as well as the waterworks, power and light plants.

Hon. R. W. Scott introduced in the Senate a bill for a special court for trying juvenile offenders. The bill will only be pressed as far as the second reading this session.

Senator George A. Cox has attacked the insurance report, taking issue with the findings of the Commissioners, and writing extensively on the Canada Life investments and other points referred to.

Laurel, according to a local authority, is the village of Two. Two bridges, two woollen mills, two hotels, two tinsmiths, two shoemakers, two undertakers, two tailors, two pair stores, two groceries, two

banks, two lawyers, two doctors, two school buildings, two graveyards, two harness makers, two photographers, two freight wagons, two stage lines, two mails, two milliners, two dressmakers, two saw-mills.

The Province of Quebec Association for the Protection of Fish and Game held its annual meeting in Montreal last week.

Mr. P. H. Bradt died in Winnipeg recently at the age of 93. He was in the Government forces in the Rebellion of 1837, and while on sentry duty saw the "Caroline" go over Niagara Falls. His ancestors on both sides were U. E. Loyalists.

There is a prospect that this year there will be a reunion of the Canadian Canoe Association and the Northern Division of the American Canoe Association. The former has not recently attended the annual meets at the Thousand Islands because racing was given too little attention.

The question as to who shall be president of the University of Toronto is still unsettled, but the belief is growing that Acting-President Maurice Hutton will be eventually chosen.

The Second Annual International Automobile and Sportsmen's Exhibition was opened in Montreal on Saturday evening by His Worship Mayor Ekers. The Arena presented a very different appearance on Saturday evening to what Montrealeers have been accustomed to gaze upon during the last three months of the hockey season. The girders and beams supporting the roof were hidden from view by a false ceiling of bright green cotton which lent a very pleasant aspect to the show beneath. On the left of the entrance the Canadian Rubber Company had a very strong exhibit of their new Canadian Clincher Tire, which they are introducing on the market this season. Then came the exhibit of John Milne & Sons with motor lamps of all makes and sizes; the Wilson Automobile Company with a fine line of cars and trucking wagons; Dominion Motor Car Company (Henry Morgan & Co.); Franco-American Automobile Company, who are also agents in Canada for the Lamb motor boat engines; Fisk Tire Company; and in the centre of the Arena may be seen the Eastern Automobile Company, with some very handsome cars. Upstairs the Canadian Pacific Railroad and the Grand Trunk Railway System have views of various summer resorts along their lines which attracted many of the people attending the Show.

On passing through to the Annex in the rear of the Arena many were surprised to see the number of motor boats on exhibit, and to note the quality and workmanship, all of which was very much admired.



Brevet-Colonel F. L. Lessard, C.B., A.D.C. who has been appointed Adjutant-General in succession to Colonel Vidal.