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Mainland News In Brief

Vice President of the Canadian Pacific on a Tour of Inspection.

Pastor Takes Action in a Vancouver Court Against Parishioners.

Mr. Gifford to Run in Royal City as an Independent Conservative.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, June 16.—G. M. Bosworth, fourth vice-president of the C. P. R., arrived in Vancouver today on a tour of inspection. Mr. Bosworth leaves for Victoria tomorrow.

Mr. J. W. Johnson, formerly sergeant of police in Vancouver, died in Kamloops from consumption today.

The Maritime Province Association entertained the delegates to the General Assembly last night. Many excellent speeches were made by the guests, in praise principally of the Maritime provinces and their fair sons and daughters.

The steamship Ajax arrived yesterday with a heavy shipment of Japanese coal.

A number of visiting delegates to the Presbyterian General Assembly who are brothers of the mystic tie were entertained by the Masons of Vancouver last evening. At the banqueting table the parson-Masons delivered some stirring addresses. All spoke in praise of the strength and activity of Masonry in the West.

James R. Dunn, inspector of Chinese, in connection with the immigration department of the United States, is on his way to British Columbia. All ports on the Canadian border through which Chinese have been coming, according to Mr. Dunn, are to be closed but four, and the only one in British Columbia will be at Sumas, Washington, where a detention shed will be erected.

Assistant City Engineer Kilmer has presented a grizzly bear to the park.

On Saturday Mrs. Hannah Fowler, of this city, died in Seattle, as a result of an operation.

The City Council sits as a court of revision on Wednesday morning to consider appeals, if any.

The Paul Watelet case has again been adjourned, owing to the witnesses for the prosecution being detained by floods. Watelet is charged with obtaining $4,000 by falsely representing a mine proposition. He is fighting extradition.

Premier McBride was in the city yesterday conferring with leading Conservatives. It is reported that Mr. Gifford will run in Westminster as an independent supporter of the Conservative government.

Before Justice Irving yesterday action was begun by the Rev. J. M. Donaldson against some of his parishioners in Steveston, alleging that they made false and slanderous statements. The action has arisen out of a number of the congregation memoralizing the Bishop that Mr. Donaldson caused bickerings in the church; that his conduct in handling finances was open to question, and in general that the conception of the life duties of a clergyman, as held by the memorialists, were not exemplified by Mr. Donaldson.

MINES AND POLITICS OF THE BOUNDARY

Unwatering the Athelestan --- Parties Preparing for the Coming Struggle.

Special to the Colonist.

Phoenix, B. C., June 16.—The work of unwatering the Athelstan mine, in Wellington camp, three miles from Phoenix, is now practically completed, and Foreman Oxley has a force of men at work prospecting the surface, where it is proposed to open glory holes for the economical extraction and shipment of the ore. There are large ore reserves in the underground workings, which will also be worked at a later date. A most favorable freight and treatment rate has been made with the Montreal and Boston Copper Company's Sunset smelter at Boundary Falls, and within a short time it is expected that ore will be freighted to the Winnipeg spur of the C. P. R., whence it can be shipped by rail to the smelter. By that time the force of men employed at the mine will have been considerably increased.

J. C. Hass, M.E., recently made an examination of the Nellie Cotton group, almost adjoining the Granby group of mines. This is the group that was recently bonded to Chicago capitalists, and on which it is expected that work will be started at an early date. Some $5,000 has been spent on the Nellie Cotton in the past in development, and the showing is said to have been quite satisfactory.

Political matters in the two new ridings in the Boundary are beginning to take on considerable life, and there is already considerable speculation who the candidates of the different parties will be in Grand Forks and Greenwood ridings. Grand Forks riding includes the city of Phoenix, the Kettle River Valley and the Christina Lake section, while Eholt is in Greenwood riding, which also includes Midway, etc. Both the Conservatives and Liberals are getting in shape for the election, which is expected to take place in the coming fall, and the labor party will also, it is said, have candidates in the field. In Grand Forks riding the conventions for nominating will probably all of them be held at Grand Forks, and it is already evident that there will be no lack of candidates.

This week both the Liberals and Conservatives of Phoenix held meetings, the former choosing the following officers: President, Wm. Delahay; vice-presidents, M. H. Roy, J. B. Boyle and J. Moffat; secretary-treasurer, E. H. Mortimer; the executive committee consists of the above and J. E. Mills, T. J. Hardy, A. J. McDonald, N. D. Palorcie and C. W. Greer. Meetings will be held every other week.

DROWNED WHILE BATHING.

Brothers Loose Their Lives in Wolfe Creek, N. W. T.

Winnipeg, June 17.—Two sons of Joseph Martin a farmer residing near Wolseley, N. W. T., were drowned last night while bathing in Wolfe creek, both bodies were found. It is supposed the elder brother perished in an attempt to save the life of the younger.

THE FRENCH BUDGET.

Two Million Deficit to Be Made up by Taxes.

Paris, June 16.—The budget for 1904, which will be submitted to the chamber, estimates the expenditures at $704,360,000, and the receipts at $702,740,000. In order to provide for the deficit, the yield of certain taxes will be augmented.

Finance Minister Rouvier rejects the issuance of bonds or the imposition of new taxation, and proposes to raise a considerable portion of the deficit by denouncing the reciprocity treaty with Brazil, thus permitting the restoration of the duties on Brazilian coffee. This, and certain fiscal experiments, will balance the budget.

ALEXANDER'S INSURANCE.

Late King of Servia Carried Policies for $400,000.

London, June 16.—The Brussels correspondent of the Daily Telegraph learns that the late King and Queen of Servia were insured for $400,000 with a Belgian-Dutch company. Half of this sum will go to Queen Draga's sisters and the remainder to ex-Queen Natalie.

GERMAN ELECTIONS.

Polling in Berlin Carried on Without Least Disorder.

Berlin, June 16.—The polling in the Reichstag elections began at 10 o'clock this morning and proceeded quickly under the new modified Austrian ballot law. In Berlin the balloting was not accompanied by the least disorder, even in the so-called slum precincts, all the political tactics resorted to the election tactics often practised in Germany of sending voters from the strong districts where they are not needed to the doubtful ones. The law permits this.

Presbyterian Assembly

Session Yesterday Considers Disposition of Beneficiary Funds.

Many Passengers Have Narrow Escape From Drowning at Cranbrook.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, June 15.—The next Presbyterian General Assembly will be held in June in St. Andrews' church, St. John, N. B. This was the decision arrived at today. The first document to be submitted to the assembly was the report of the Widows' and Orphans' fund, Western section. It was presented by the Rev. Dr. Warden. The report of the Eastern section was also presented, and both were very gratifying. The funds of the two sections will be amalgamated. The Sabbath school publication report was also presented by Dr. Warden, and showed good progress. The report of the aged and infirm ministers' fund was presented by the Rev. A. H. Scott.

At the session of the Presbyterian Assembly tonight it was recommended that paid secretaries be appointed for Sabbath schools. Reports from the augmentation committees, West and East, were received. In the Eastern report the Rev. E. Smith, after making the report for the past year, recommended that the assembly be asked to modify the terms for the placing of churches upon the fund, so as not to discourage the addition of members, and the reporting to the same to the Assembly. This was seconded by W. H. Smith, and passed. The Western division was reported on by Dr. Lyle, who showed the increasing work in the prairies of the West. He asked for $30,000 for next year. He also recommended that an increase of $50 a year be given to augmentation ministers. The motion was seconded by the Rev. Dr. Laird and passed.

The discussion of the question of French evangelization took place. Prof. Brandt, principal of Pointe Aaux Tremblays, generally reviewing the work of evangelization and education and increased demand on the schools.

Tonight a number of the commissioners visited Chinatown in charge of two stalwart police, to see for themselves the Chinamen at home, in the gambling den and the opium dive.

Premier McBride has put the steamer Hamlin in commission for rescue work on the Fraser river. The boat made a trip yesterday at Matsqui Prairie, and removed a number of settlers. There is no longer any doubt that the unprotected low level farms will be flooded. At Westminster the water has two and a half feet to go to touch the flood mark. The Matsqui dyke is in excellent condition.

Advices from Cranbrook say that 15 passengers on the new ferry had a narrow escape from a spring freshet on the Elk river. When the boat reached midstream the rope caught and held the boat abreast of the raging current. The boat careened fearfully, and every moment the passengers expected to be submerged, finally the wire cable parted with the stream, and the boat dashed down stream like a shot from a cannon.

The congregations yesterday were pretty well centred at the churches where eminent divines now attending the Presbyterian General Assembly preached. There were a dozen of as fine sermons as were ever preached in Vancouver, listened to by people of all denominations. All the ministers referred to the hopefulness and strength of the people of the West, and its contagious effect on those coming from the East. On Saturday Dr. Grant exhibited to the delegates 175 views of British Columbia, and lectured on the province. He was applauded to the echo for his well chosen remarks.

L. C. Park claims to have discovered a gold saving device which will catch and retain the fine gold lost in dredging the Fraser. The B. C. Mining report states that the reason gold dredging in the Fraser has not proved a success is because 90 per cent. of the gold is lost. Mr. Park claims that he can save most of that 90 per cent. by his patent device, which gives the table a trembling motion, keeping the water in suspension, and thus doing away with the danger of the gold being washed away by the excessive flow of water.

The Vancouver Intermediates defeated the Nanaimo Intermediates by a large score Saturday. Nine to four were the figures.

Five hundred Nanaimo people are to "excurse" to Vancouver on Dominion Day. The excursion will be under the auspices of the ladies of St. Lukes' hospital.

The Maritime Provinces Association met tonight and entertained the commission to the Presbyterian General Assembly.

C. P. R. TRAFFIC.

Montreal, June 17.—C. P. R. receipts for the week ending June 14, were $908,000, and for the same week last year, $699,000.

The Assembly Has Dissolved

Last Session of Twenty-Ninth Presbyterian Church Court Yesterday.

Resolution of Thanks Passed to the People of Vancouver.

Other News of the Mainland Told in Brief Paragraphs.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, June 17.—The 29th Presbyterian General Assembly was dissolved today. At the last session the committee, to which was referred the matter of the difference between Mr. M. Swartout, the Barclay Sound missionary, and the Victoria presbytery, reported in favor of Mr. Swartout, exonerating him from any blame in the matter charged against him. The presbytery refused to ordain Mr. Swartout. A resolution thanking the Mayor and people of Vancouver, the Tourist Association, the pastors of Vancouver for their kindness to the assembly, was carried by a standing vote.

Messrs. D. G. Macdonnell and Frank Burnett left for Ottawa today to ask for subsidy for the Coast-Yukon line from Kitimat to Dawson.

The plans for the new High school building have been accepted. The successful architects were Blackmore, Son & Guenther. The building will cost $70,000.

A French-Canadian named Defroy was arrested by the Provincial Police yesterday for pointing a gun at Mrs. Hayden, who keeps a boat house in the city. The man went to the boat house and created a disturbance, threatening to shoot Mrs. Hayden. He then left for Bowen Island in a gasoline launch he stole from Mrs. Hayden. At Bowen Island Provincial Officer Monro had a hard time getting his man. He threatened to shoot Monro, and started for the launch to get his gun. Monro overtook him, however, and clapped the derbys on him. He is in the provincial jail.

The School Trustees have decided to organize a military camp for school children this year, probably at Buccaneer Bay. An attempt is being made to secure the tenting outfit of the provincial militia for the purpose.

Frank Tremble, the Mount Pleasant butcher, has won the diamond in the annual prize contest of the San Francisco Examiner. It is said to be worth $200.

Mr. Sam Jones, of the Jones Viniger Company, Louisville, Ky., is on a visit to the Coast. This company is the largest manufacturing concern in its line in the world.

Another cash payment was made yesterday on the Anderson Lake mine, situated on McGillivray creek, in Lillooet. The company purchasing the mine—the Independent Copper Syndicate—have already spent $20,000 on the property.

Mr. F. J. Deane arrived in the city today. He will, it is expected, be the Liberal candidate for the North Yale riding in the coming election.

It has been decided that there will be no torch light procession on Dominion Day night. A band concert will be given instead.

Another intimidation case is coming up in the police court. Mr. Kirk, of the Dominion laundry, whose union hands are out, says he is going to summons the president of the union for threatening one of his girls, that if she did not quit work, the names of all the girls working in the laundry would be published as scabs.

Mrs. Loo Lin, wife of a wealthy New York Chinese merchant, who has been detained in San Francisco for three weeks by the customs authorities, is in Vancouver, going through to her husband in bond. The United States authorities decided to allow her to join her husband.

Yesterday morning Patrick Dunleavy, an employee of P. Burns & Co., New Westminster rancher, four miles from the city on the North Arm road, committed suicide by hanging. Capt. Pittendrigh decided that no inquest was necessary. No cause can be ascertained for the suicide.

Above Pitt river hundreds of acres of meadow land are flooded. Above Mission the people are moving their effects to higher ground, the water having invaded the lower floors. The moving of goods is effected by boats and canoes. Harrison river is raging and houses are afloat. From Pitt to above Harrison farm lands adjacent to the river are flooded and houses and barns have been rendered uninhabitable, fences are afloat and roads covered with water. A rise of one foot will cause much damage.

MINERS CIRCULATE A NEW PETITION

English Speaking Workers Willing to Return to Work at Old Rates.

Ladysmith, June 16.—A petition has been circulating amongst the miners for the past two days, and had 220 signatures this afternoon, and many more are eager to sign. The petition begs Mr. Dunsmuir to allow the signatories to go to work at once on the same terms as when the mines closed down. Unionism nor Western Federation is not mentioned in the petition. It is believed that all signers are prepared to desert the union.

A telegram was received by a certain group of old miners today from Mr. Dunsmuir, who is at Union, in which he offers to open up the mines if 150 miners express willingness to go to work. It is believed that No. 3 mine, Extension, will be opened up immediately and all miners here willing to work will get employment. The Socialist and foreign non-English-speaking element are using every effort to prevent the miners signing the petition, and threats are made if there is an attempt to run the miners' train next Monday morning, as now suggested.

The feeling between the sections of the union runs high, but the English-speaking miners seem determined to return to work on the old terms. The Socialist element are holding out for an advance on the former wages.

Reports from Union say that the output of coal is increasing daily and there is no trouble.

During May British imports decreased $7,198,000, while exports increased $7,475,500. The relation of imports to exports in the United States is varying in exactly the opposite direction.

DOCKING SHAMROCKS.

Yachts Stripped and Will Enter New York Basin Today.

New York, June 16.—Sir Thomas Lipton's two yachts Shamrocks I. and III. will be docked at Erie Basin tomorrow, and will be given a new coat of paint. The yachts were stripped today.

BLACKMAILERS PUNISHED.

Players of the Badger Game in Montreal Get Severe Sentences.

Montreal, June 15.—Chief Justice Lacoste today sentenced Chas. A. Barber to seven years in the penitentiary, and Mrs. Barber to three years, for alleged badger game against Millionaire Brossean.

IRISH LAND BILL.

London, June 15.—The House of Commons this afternoon went into committee on the Irish land bill. The question of a minimum price is regarded as being one of the most vital and most contentious points of the bill, and when once settled the consideration of the rest of the measure is expected to proceed more rapidly and smoothly.

GREATER THAN FREE TRADE.

Premier Sprigg Thinks More of Consolidation of Empire Than Theory.

Capetown, June 16.—Premier Sprigg in the course of a debate in parliament today, on the South African customs convention took occasion to refer in terms of warm approval to Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's preferential tariff proposals. He said that though he himself had always been an ardent free trader, he was bound to admit that there was something greater than free trade, namely the consolidation of the Empire. The Premier's remarks were cheered on both sides of the House.

Little Doing In Ottawa House

Coast-Kootenay Bill Was Passed at the Session Yesterday Afternoon.

Confidently Expected That Iron and Steel Bounty Will be Raised.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, June 15.—An uninteresting afternoon was spent in the House today. The Coast-Kootenay bill passed.

Hon. Mr. Fielding's bill to encourage the construction of dry docks was considered. Companies building dry docks and securing a subsidy will be required to submit their tariff of tolls to the Governor-in-Council.

In answer to Mr. McPherson, Mr. Fielding said he thought the proposed floating dock at Vancouver would be entitled to a subsidy under the act.

Manager Clouston, of the Bank of Montreal, is here again today to see Premier Laurier re iron and steel duties. An increase in the bounty is confidently expected.

It is expected that the imposition of the surtax on all imports from Germany will greatly increase the sugar importations from the West Indies to Canada.

TARIFF DISCUSSED BY HOUSE OF LORDS

Lansdowne Explains No Member of Government is Committed to Idea.

London, June 15.—The discussion of the preferential tariff was reviewed in the House of Lords this afternoon by Lord Goschen (Liberal), who called attention to the recent declarations of cabinet ministers on the subject. Lord Goschen pointed out that the whole question rested upon the taxation of food. He considered that the colonies were asking infinitely more than they themselves were prepared to give.

Foreign Minister Lansdowne said he did not wish to disagree with the practical point Lord Goschen had raised, namely, to act with extreme caution before committing themselves to a radical departure from free trade principles. He wished it to be clearly understood that the government had not proposed any measure to the country. The plan put forward was not one to which any members of the government was committed. It had been broached simply because the signs of the times showed that such a discussion soon would be inevitable. It was impossible, after the resolutions passed by the colonial conference to brush those suggestions lightly aside. But the government was going to the investigation with a perfectly open mind. The collection of statistics would be the objection rather than the supporting of any particular view or theory.

ONTARIO CROPS.

Toronto, June 16.—The Agricultural department reports from all over Central Ontario are to the effect that crops are in splendid condition. East and west, however, there are two extremes, too little rain and too much rain.

STEMLION CAPTURES BIENNIAL STAKES

King Edward's Horse Beaten at the Ascot Race Meeting.

London, June 17.—King Edward and the Prince of Wales were again present at the races today at Ascot. His Majesty's horse Mead was a great favorite for the biennial stakes, but Stemlion took the race. The principal event of the day was the race for the Royal Hunt cup, (a piece of plate valued at 500 sovereigns, with 1,500 sovereigns added), which was won by Kunstler. Imperius was second, and Handicapper was third. Kunstler won by a neck. Two lengths separated second and third horses.

The result was a complete upset of all the calculations. All the placed horses were outsiders. Kunstler started at 33 to 1 against, Imperius 100 to 6 against, and Handicapper was 20 to 1 against.

Atlantic Fast Mail Service

Two Tenders Received But Neither Deemed to be Satisfactory.

Grand Trunk Pacific Scheme Again Amended by Committee.

Premier Laurier Reticent as to Composition of Commissions.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, June 16.—Hon. Mr. Cartwright announced today that the government had considered two tenders submitted for the fast Atlantic service, and did not see their way to accept either. He added, hoever, that they might be used as a basis of further negotiations.

Mr. Borden asked if the personnel of the transportation commission had been settled, and when the commissioners will commence their work? Premier Laurier replied that he would give the information shortly.

Mr. Borden also asked regarding the personnel of the Treadgold commission, whether the gentlemen named had accepted the commission, and when they would commence their work? Premier Laurier replied that he would answer this question at the same time.

On recommendation of Hon. Mr. Blair in the railway committee this morning, the clause permitting the Grand Trunk Pacific to build within 30 miles of established railways, except in the Northwest, was adopted. The bill was again ordered to be reported, and this was done in the House today.

The amendment of Mr. Leonard favoring increased protection to market gardeners was defeated by 100 to 51.

Col. Turner, United States consul-general here, has resigned.

Christ Church cathedral (Anglican) was consecrated today.

Mr. Borland, barrister, Toronto, appeared before the railway committee in support of the Kettle River Valley bill, providing for the conveying or leasing to other companies the rights enjoyed by the company. Provision was made in the bill that such agreements should have the approval of the governor-in-council.

Ralph Smith, who was confined to his room for some time past with an attack of pleurisy, is now able to go out walking, and is expected in the House in a few days.

WESTERN FUEL CO. IMPROVEMENTS

Preparations for Installation of Extensive New Plant and Works.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, June 15.—Interviewed today by your correspondent President Howard of the Western Fuel Company said that subject to market conditions he expected to locate an output which would approach three thousand tons daily; more than treble the present production. He expressed disappointment that the improvements planned last January were still incomplete owing to the impossibility of getting orders for machinery filled in the overcrowded factories, and that progress owing to the hard nature of the rock was slowing at the new slope.

A representative of a Chicago firm is now here taking measurements for an extensive plant of the most modern machinery; part of the new equipment being intended to load ships direct from the mine without cars, an arrangement absolutely unique being unknown elsewhere.

Respecting the local labor situation, the president said that the terms with men made after the February dispute expired June 30, and he knew of no developments of any kind since the agreement was made. To discuss the question further at presnt would be premature. That no trouble is expected, is shown by Mr. Howard's announcement of leaving in ten days.

DEADLOCK ON THE IRISH LAND BILL

The Opposition to Redmond's Amendment May Jeopardize Government.

London, June 17.—The deadlock, which has arisen between Chief Irish Secretary Wyndham and the Irish leader, John Redmond, as a result of today's debate in the House of Commons, in which John Redmond's amendment to the land bill, abolishing the minimum prices at which the landlord may sell, was opposed by Mr. Wyndham, and rejected by the House, threatens to imperil not only the Irish land bill, but the existence of the government.

During the present session, the ministry has more than once escaped defeat because of support of the Nationalists, and while Mr. Chamberlain's fiscal policy renders the government's position precarious, the support of the Irish members is more than ever necessary to the ministers. Several unionists supported John Redmond in the division lobby after having in the course of the debate vainly advised Mr. Wyndham to agree to a compromise.

As a matter of fact, had the Irish leader challenged a division earlier in the evening, the government would have been defeated and Mr. Redmond's omission to thus snatch an advantage from the absence of many Unionist members, seems to indicate his desire to do everything possible to ensure the passage of the bill and endeavor to induce the government to reconsider its position. The whole body of Nationalists voted in support of John Redmond's amendment, with the result that the government's majority was reduced to 41 votes. The Liberal leaders at a meeting tonight resolved not to challenge Mr. Chamberlain's zollverein proposals by a formal reslution in the House of Commons, but to confine themselves to attacking his policy whenever an opportunity offers.

STEAMER LOST.

Halifax, June 16.—The St. Pierre schooner Topeza is reported lost, with a crew of 20 men.

J. ISRAEL TARTE

To Teach the Britisher to Run the Machine.

Montreal, June 15.—A Witness' London cable says: It is reported that Hon. J. I. Tarte is likely to contest a Midland constituency instead of an Irish one, as previously stated.

REVIEW POSTPONED.

The King's Review of the Aldershot Troops Put off Till Next Month.

London, June 17.—Some alarm has been caused by the sudden and unexpected postponement until an unfixed date in July of the King's review of the troops at Aldershot, which was to have been held June 22. Possibly the review has been postponed in order in that it may be held during President Loubet's visit to England. The King's health is good, but the remembrance that he was seized with an illness immediately after the review at Aldershot in June, last year, causes a renewal of apprehension.

UNITED MINE WORKERS.

Elect Three District Presidents, Who Are Acceptable to Mine Operators.

Scranton, Pa., June 17.—There will be no strike in the anthracite regions growing out of the refusal of operators to recognize the credentials of District Presidents Nicholls, Fahy and Dettrey, selected by the joint executive board of the United Mine Workers as the miners' representatives on the board of conciliation. The convention of the United Mine Workers' yesterday elected the three district presidents by districts as their representatives, and the operators through President Baer of the Reading Company announced that this action was satisfactory. President Mitchell read a resolution directing that all grievances submitted to the company on resolutions be turned over to the conciliators. This resolution was adopted.

Toronto News' London Cables

Mr. Chamberlain Agrees to Ignore Fiscal Policy for the Present.

Australia's Labor Legislation May Stop Britain's Mail Subsidies.

Montreal, June 17.—The Toronto News' London cable says: The Daily Mail quotes Mr. Tarte as having said at Ottawa that he knew Mr. Chamberlain's ideas on inter-Imperial trade and considered them the right thing.

Sir Gordon Sprigge, speaking at Capetown, endorsed the idea so far as South Africa was concerned, saying the consolidation of the Empire was of more importance than free trade.

A hundred free trade Conservative members of parliament are about to hold a meeting to consider their position, and a group of protectionist members, said to number nearly a hundred, are also to do likewise.

It is understood that Mr. Chamberlain has promised for the sake of peace in the cabinet, to make no more speeches on the fiscal question during this session. In the meantime he is preparing for a big fight.

A newspaper party of 12, organized under the auspices of Hon. Clifford Sifton, of which mention has been made in these despatches, are to leave Liverpool on July 16.— The Yorkshire Post and Sheffield Telegra shrdlu ro ro ro strongest English dalies published outside of London, are sending representatives at their own expense to thoroughly investigate conditions in the Dominion.

Under pressure from the apparently omnipotent labor party, the Australian parliament recently passed a law refusing to subsidize mail steamers because they employ Lascars as members of their crews.

Mr. Chamberlain's letter to Sir Edmund Barton on this subject, has now been published. The Colonial Secretary deplores the action of the commonwealth, especially as the Lascars are fellow British subjects. Mr. Chamberlain adds that for the future Great Britain will be unable to co-operate in the payment for Australian mail contracts, and suggests that Australia's position in the matter is anti-Imperial.

Lord Rosebery, Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the Duke of Devonshire and Duke of Argyll, have promised to preside over meetings to be held in the autumn under the auspices of the Canadian emigration office. There is a tremendous demand for maps of Canada from Continental sections, emigration agents and newspaper offices. Over 5,000 maps have been sent out in answer to these demands from across the channel.

Hon. Mr. Sifton sails today by the Oceanic, with Sir Thomas Lipton and Pierpont Morgan as fellow passengers. He says the case in reply to the American claim in the Alaska dispute is now practically completed, and that the documents will be exchanged about July 3. The date for the assembling of the tribunal had not been definitely arranged. The Minister of the Interior says he is delighted with the work now being done through the Canadian office here, and expects to see the influx of desirable settlers into Canada steadily increased.

GAMEY DEBATE OPENS.

Toronto, June 16.—The Gamey debate will open in the legislature tomorrow, when Premier Ross will present a motion adjusting the report and thanking the commissioners for their just and impartial conduct in the matter referred to them. The debate is expected to be a warm one.

Montreal, June 16.—James Ross today resigned the vice-presidency of Montreal.

YANKEE EDITORS IN WHEAT BELT

Twenty Leading Agricultural Publishers on Tour of the Northwest.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Winnipeg, June 16.—Today's express from the East was delayed 9 hours by an accident to an immigrant special at Schrieber.

About 20 editors of the most influential agricultural papers in the United States arrived in the city this afternoon, and were given a most hearty reception.

The body of Engineer Johnson, who went down with his engine in the accident to the bridge at Scovil, was discovered yesterday afternoon. The body is at Rat Portage awaiting the inquest.

Servia's Death Chamber

Correspondent's Graphic Description of Alexander and Draga's Apartments.

Mirrors Shattered, Pictures and Furniture Broken and Wrecked.

King Peter and the Emperor Francis Exchange Felicitations.

Belgrade, June 17.—The correspondent of the Associated Press today was allowed to inspect the palace in which King Alexander and Queen Draga were murdered. The bedroom, which is furnished in empire style, remains in the same condition as when the King and Queen fled from it on the approach of the assassins. French novels lie on the King's table, and the Queen's toilet articles, perfumes and cosmetics cover her dressing table. The costly silk bed coverings are full of bullet holes, the conspirators having shot wildly in all directions, through and under the bed, chairs and tables, in their efforts to find their victims. A simple wardrobe room, leading directly from the bedroom, was the scene of the final act in the drama. The apartment is lofty, but scarcely seven feet wide and fifteen feet long, and is furnished only with three great wardrobes. The officers who attended the correspondent showed the latter the blood-stained floor at one end of the room, where the King and Queen fell, and the broken Venetian shutter at the window through which their bodies were thrown to the ground below. A secret stairway leads through the floor to rooms in the southern end of the palace. By this stairway the helpless couple might have attempted to escape, but they were unable to do so, because the opening of the stairway was covered by a heavy chest. Escape, in any event, would have been impossible, as the soldiers who had surrounded the palace were so determined to kill the King and Queen that they had even placed cannon in front of the palace, and were prepared to destroy the building in the event of failure to find their prey. Each of the three rooms between the vestibule and the bed chambers showed marks of the tragedy. Mirrors were shattered, pictures and furniture were broken; there were bullet holes in the doors and in the oil portraits of the King, which were in every room. Contrary to the general understanding, but little effort had been made to renovate the apartments, except where carpenters were making two new doors to replace those which had been blown to pieces at the time the conspirators forced their way into the rooms occupied by the King and Queen. The royal apartments were simply and tastefully furnished, chiefly in Oriental style, and presented a homelike appearance. The interior of the palace might have been that of a country house belonging to a prosperous American.

The house of the King's adjutant, Lasar Petrovics, which was the first attacked, is even a greater wreck than the royal apartments in the palace. The entrance was completely destroyed by dynamite. The adjutant then escaped unhurt; but was killed later in the vestibule of the palace. A large bloodstain marks the spot where the officer died.

It was in a bare whitewashed room of the commandant's quarters, adjoining the palace, that Queen Draga's two brothers were shot while sitting on wooden chairs, which bear marks of the bullets.

The proceedings in the palace today showed the same absolute callousness which has characterized the actions of everybody in Belgrade since the tragedy. In fact, the correspondent's tour of the new palace might have been the "personally-conducted" visit of a tourist to some historical spot where a tragedy occurred very many years ago.

Vienna, June 17.—Cordially worded telegrams have been exchanged between Emperor Francis Joseph and King Peter, but the Emperor, in the midst of his congratulations to the new ruler, seizes the occasion to denounce the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga.

The text of King Peter's message follows: "I hasten to inform Your Majesty of my call to the Servian throne, to which I have been elected by the unanimous vote of senate and skupshtina. I intend to take up again my ancestral traditions and hope to bring freedom and happiness to my fatherland. I respectfully pray that Your Majesty continue to evince to me those feelings of sympathy which Your Majesty entertained for my father up to the time of his death. Should Your Majesty be pleased to show me the same sympathy in the fulfilment of my new duties, it will make lighter the task for me. It is my intention and firm resolve to merit it."

The Emperor replied in the following terms: "In accepting the friendly notification of your accession to the throne, I desire to assure you without delay of my complete sympathy, and wishes that you may have a long and happy reign. May it be vouchsafed to Your Majesty to carry out successfully the noble mission devolved upon you by restoring peace, quiet and esteem to your unhappy land, so sorely visited by a succession of internal storms, and by raising it again after the severe fall which it recently sustained in the eyes of the civilized world, through the heinous and universally-reprobated crime. Your Majesty may reply on my support and friendship in executing this task, and you may be convinced that it will always be my heartfelt desire, as it is your own, to maintain and strengthen the friendly and neighborly relations which have existed so long between our two countries."

London, June 17.—In accordance with his promise, Premier Balfour, in the House of Commons today, amplified the information regarding the attitude of the British government towards Servia. He said the diplomatic relations with Servia, which ended with the death of King Alexander, had not been renewed. The government had not considered whether it should mark its reprobation of the crimes which had disgraced the Servian capital by withdrawing the British minister. It, however, had been thought better that Sir George Bonham remain at his post and protect British interests. He would not be accredited to the new government until further information was received regarding the circumstances under which it had come into power. Those powers in regard to whose attitude the government had received information, had instructed their representatives to accept the provisional government as the "de facto" authority with which current business should be transacted.