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**CABINET CHANGES  
ARE IN EVIDENCE**

Reported Resignation of Brodeur  
Will Not Down.— Liberal  
Party Disrupted

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—There was a rumour spread broadcast over Ottawa yesterday that Hon. Mr. Brodeur, minister of marine and fisheries, would positively announce his retirement in favor of Dr. Beland (Liberal) from Quebec.

Mr. Brodeur immediately denied this on the grounds that he had no intention of resigning his seat in the Commons. "It was all nonsense," he declared.

It is understood, however, from an inside source of information that Mr. Brodeur was to have been relegated to the bench some months ago, but evidently the government could not see its way clear to do so. Now Sir Wilfrid has been informed definitely that Judge Jette, chief justice of the supreme court, wishes his retirement; hence the shaking up in the Liberal cabinet.

The denial of the minister can be reasonably accounted for by the fact that the government is not at present prepared to open up new constituencies in the province of Quebec without doing considerably more missionary work on behalf of their proposed naval policy. It is quite apparent from recent developments in the province of Quebec, that the people in general will not submit to have a navy perpetrated upon them in any way by the government.

Disruption of Liberals.  
The minister of marine has been tossing and tumbling about so much of late that the majority of Liberals would it is believed unanimously voice the approval of his dispensation.

Anything but harmony exists in the Liberal cabinet today. The young Liberal members are constantly pressing Sir Wilfrid to rid himself of such old fossils as the minister of marine, minister of militia, and the minister of justice.

When parliament resumes again "for willfully if I know anything," said R. L. Borden, the leader of the opposition today, Mr. Borden spoke in reference to the grain growers' agitation that recently waited upon the government and who have gone back to their homes not at all pleased, Mr. Borden emphatically declared that "the prime minister made a mistake made the price of the grain."

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Plan of Government Based on That of France and the United States.  
London, Dec. 23.—The plan of government for the new Portuguese Republic has been elaborated by the provisional cabinet. It is based upon the parliamentary system of France with certain modifications adopted from the United States. The president of the republic will be chosen by parliament for a term of five years, and he will be eligible for re-election until a regular term has intervened.

As in France the cabinet will be appointed by the president in accordance with the political complexion of the legislative body, but the ministers of war, marine, finance and public works being considered non-political will continue irremovable in the event the government loses the confidence of parliament. Members of parliament will be elected for three years.

STATE LAWS RESPONSIBLE  
For the Newark Factory Fire Which Cost Twenty-Five Lives  
Newark, N. J., Dec. 21.—The laws of the State of New Jersey were responsible for the factory fire here a fortnight ago in which 25 girls lost their lives, according to the finding of the coroner's jury. Many witnesses testified that Newark is full of fire traps. The jury recommended "immediate and drastic action," but it was forced to find that the State Legislature had prescribed the duty of property owners and had relieved them of all liability.

Federenko is Hiding.  
Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—Savro Federenko, the Russian refugee, whose extradition warrant was recently annulled in the King's bench, is in hiding, as his friends expect an attempt will be made to rearrest him before long. He intends, however, to appear publicly on the stage of the Queen's Theatre Sunday afternoon in order to thank through an interpreter a mass meeting for the help and sympathy of the public during his captivity.

**MEDICINE HAT IS  
GOOD ENOUGH NAME**

Rudyard Kipling Writes Strongly  
Advising Against Making  
A Change

Medicine Hat, Alta., Dec. 23.—On information being furnished Rudyard Kipling to the effect that Medicine Hat contemplated changing its name, he writes as follows from Sussex:

"I have received your letter of November 22, which interests me intensely, both as a citizen of the empire and as a lover of Medicine Hat. You tell me that a public vote is to be taken as the question of changing the city's name. So far as I can make out from what I heard, when I was with you in 1907, and from the city's newspapers, the chief arguments for the change are: (a) That some U. S. journalists have some sort of a joke, that Medicine Hat supplies all the bad weather of the United States, and (b) that another name would look better at the head of a prospectus."

"Incidentally I note that both arguments are developed at length by the Calgary papers. I always knew that Calgary called Medicine Hat names, but I did not realize that Medicine Hat wanted to be Calgary's little God-child."

The City's Birthright.  
"Now as the charge of brewing bad weather, etc. I see no reason on earth why that men should be bluffed out of their city's birthright by an imported joke. Accept the charge joyously and proudly, and go forward as Medicine Hat, the only city officially recognized as capable of freezing out the United States, and giving the continent cold feet, and let us examine the sound of the present name, Medicine Hat. I have not my maps by me, but I seem to remember a few of the places across the border such as Schenckville, Potomac, Schorrie, Potomacopolis, Potomac, Cobos, Tanawanda, Onenoto, all of which are rather curious to the outsider, but time and the lives of men, have sanctified the queer syllables with memories and associations for millions of our fellow creatures."

"Once these places were young and new, and in the process of making themselves, that is to say, they were ancestors with a duty to posterity, which duty they fulfilled in handling their names intact, and Medicine Hat is today not an ancestor, nor a descendant, nor a collateral, but the founder of a line."

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ESCAPED WITHOUT BOOTY  
Flight Expected When Citizens' Posses Overtakes Robbers  
Adrian, Mich., Dec. 23.—Burglars who have the safe of the People's Savings Bank at Britton early today fled from the town without much booty, pursued by a large posse of citizens. The attack on the vault aroused the town and when the five robbers discovered that they were surrounded they escaped through a back door, exchanging shots with their would-be captors. Pursuers and pursued seized hand cars and raced to a wooded tract near Maybes, where they left their car and disappeared in the woods. A fight is expected before the thieves are taken.

Made Hurried Exit  
High River, Alta., Dec. 21.—A fire which broke out in the Alberta Hotel tonight shortly after eleven o'clock required three hours hard work before being put out. The Alberta Hotel was a large three-story, all frame structure and one of the largest hotels in town. Guests made a hurried exit and some property was destroyed by removal, but the damage to the building was not serious.

Kaufman Challenges Johnson.  
Chicago, Dec. 23.—A wire was received here tonight from Al. Kaufman challenging Jack Johnson for the world's championship of the fight to take place within six months or a year. Johnson has stated he will fight providing a purse of \$25,000 is offered.

**SYNDICATE TO  
SMUGGLE CHINESE**

Big Company, With Headquarters  
At Hong Kong, Controls the  
Business

Vancouver, Dec. 23.—The existence of a great company with headquarters in Hong Kong and branches in all parts of the Chinese empire, having for its purpose the smuggling of Chinese into the United States and Canada, was vouchsafed here today by Capt. A. J. Loftus, of the Bank Line of steamers of America.

Capt. Loftus was the first officer of the steamer Oceana, on which three Chinese stowaways were discovered in Tacoma last spring. The ship's carpenter at that time, said Loftus, was in league with the chief boatwain and steward and that seventeen Chinese stowaways had escaped from the vessel at Vancouver yesterday. The officer denied all personal knowledge of Chinese smuggling, but stated that the Tacoma incident his company had discovered at Hong Kong the smuggling syndicate referred to, and with the aid of the British police in that country was making every effort to crush it. The syndicate is partially based on the liners from the Orient were also mixed up in the plot.

**ALBERTA LUMBERMEN  
TO FORM ASSOCIATION**

Retail Dealers Will Have Protective  
Organization Similar to  
Other Provinces

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—The Alberta retail lumbermen are to be organized into a protective association similar to that existing in the other provinces. It will be based upon broad lines and will not combine with any other similar organization, the objects are mutual protection and insurance and friendly intercourse with semi-retail dealers. The information was given by Mr. Hooper, editor of the Retail Lumbermen's Association of Saskatchewan and Manitoba will be held in this city during February.

**QUEEN MOTHER TALKS GALICIAN**

Christmas Medvig Receives Acknowledgment for Small Work of Art.

A proud little girl is Christina Medvig, a Galician pupil of the Jarema school, northeast of Saltcoats, for while yet young in years she has already received recognition from no less a person than the Queen Mother Alexandra. The work for which she has received recognition from that illustrious personage is a drawing of the Queen Mother laboriously done with pencil and colored with crayons. The drawing is good but the picture is unique inasmuch as the little artist instead of investing her royal subject with the robes of state, has clothed her in the national costume of Galicia.

The circumstances which led to the royal patronage being conferred upon the little girl are these: Augustus H. Ball, inspector of schools, while visiting the Jarema school, an institution attended only by Ruthenian pupils and taught by F. Leslie Nalley, came across the painting in the exercise book of the little girl. He was struck with the unique nature of the drawing and took the scribbler away with him. He later sent the book to the Hon. Sidney Greville, together with a descriptive of the work being done toward the educating of the Ruthenians, and received the following letter in reply:

"Dear Sir—I have the honor of submitting your letter and the drawing of the little Galician girl to Queen Alexandra. I am desired by her Majesty to thank you for sending it and to say how pleased she is with the kind thought of the little girl in sketching her portrait together with the Queen Alexandra's thanks and also her wish that she should continue to work in the way that she has already begun."

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**BIG INCREASE IN TRADE.**

Figures for Eight Months Show a Growth of \$72,498,539.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Trade figures for the first eight months of the present fiscal year show an increase of \$72,498,539, or nearly seventeen per cent, with the first eight months ending with November of last year.

Imports totalled \$204,318,375, an increase of \$64,209,344, or no less than 25 per cent over last year. Exports of domestic products totalled \$190,839,721, an increase of ten and one-half millions. Exports of foreign products showed a slight falling off. The increase in exports was mainly in agricultural products, which totalled \$56,994,632.

Manufactured goods amounted to \$22,739,863, an increase of nearly two and one-half millions.

For November the imports totalled \$41,633,227, an increase of \$9,191,381, and exports of domestic products for the month of \$45,518,616, an increase of \$200,000 over November of last year.

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**JAPAN TO SPEND  
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Premier Katsura Brings Down His Budget.—The Financial Situation

Tokio, Dec. 21.—The budget for 1911-12, as finally completed, was announced as follows: Receipts, ordinary, 492,130,000 yen; extraordinary, 48,795,878; expenditures, ordinary, 407,113,274; extraordinary, 133,821,689. A yen is equivalent to about fifty cents.

Marquis Katsura, Premier and Minister of Finance, takes a hopeful view of the financial situation. He says that the affairs of the present year and the financial programme have worked well. This programme will be continued.

Marquis Katsura lays down these two rules as effective in directing the policy of the government: First, to maintain the balance of revenue and expenditure in the general estimates and not look to loans as financial resources.

Second, to maintain the programme of annual redemption of the public debt by an amount of 50,000,000 yen or more.

He says that the Government has committed itself to these principles: "Eighty million yen will be spent in the next six years in strengthening the navy. Fifteen million is appropriated for the next fiscal year. The Minister says that the 'conspicuous innovations' adopted by other powers in the types of modern warships must be necessary for Japan to somewhat increase its naval expenditures, not because of any danger arising from differences with other countries, but because the navy of Japan, while not endeavoring to compete with or surpass that of other nations, must be kept up to a modern standard. Incidentally, the Minister states that Japan's relations with other Governments are most amicable."

Next year's estimate for railways is nearly 52 million yen, a decrease of 100 million from the present year, the reconstruction of the main line into a broad-gauge road will be undertaken. A loan for this purpose will probably be raised, but it will be in the nature of a special loan for raising the railway, which will be made responsible. The time and wholly upon economic conditions at home and abroad.

**PECULIAR CONDITIONS  
REGARDING HOMESTEAD**

Government Inspector Leach Is Making an Investigation of Circumstances

Saskatoon, Dec. 23.—R. E. A. Leach, inspector of Dominion land agencies, of the city this week, and went to Zealandia, where he held an interesting investigation into a case in which O. J. Lambertus, a homesteader, was the principal figure. The evidence given by Lambertus to the effect that he had made application for his patent in connection with his homestead. Complaints, however, were made by his neighbors to the residence duties by a very considerable number of them, and that he claimed certain improvements on the land which were not in existence at the time he made application for the patent. One of the most serious points, however, was in connection with the signature of one of the witnesses to the application, this being the name of a neighboring farmer, who now swears that he never signed the document nor was he ever asked by Lambertus to sign it. Neither does the signature of the farmer in question correspond to the name on the application for the patent.

Lambertus now states that he did not know who the man was who signed the application for the patent, but that he asked him to be a witness to the application. He could not give his name, and he had not seen him since. He admitted that he stood in the very small sub-agent's office alone, but did not hear him give his name, and he concluded, he reasoned, that he did not remember hearing anything take place in the sub-agent's office in connection with this very doubtful witness.

Seven witnesses were examined in the case and the evidence will be sent to headquarters for consideration and decision in the case.

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