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year in the history of Canada. This blue book goes on to say that the recent movement of population towards Canada has never been equalled even in the United States where "there was witnessed the mightiest immigration ever recorded in the annals of the world." The Deputy Minister, though writing in September, does not think it worth while to say that in the current year the immigration is only about half what it was last year, and probably less than in any one of the last five years. Nor does he yet explain how it is that the census enumerations of 1906 could not find more than two-thirds of the immigrants reported to have gone in there during the previous five years.

Turning to the details by nationalities we find the increase of immigrants from Great Britain to be fifteen and a half per cent. Immigration from the United States decreased 851 or two per cent. Immigration from France numbered only 2,871, a gain of 842.

THESE INCREASED THE MOST:

The Galician immigration increased from 6,818 to 14,268. Bulgarian increased from 221 to 2,529. Chinese from 97 to 1,884. Greek from 702 to 1,053. Japanese from 3,244 to 7,601. Russian, other than Hebrew, from 3,609 to 6,281. Armenians from 231 to 752. Syrians from 337 to 1,623. Hindus from 2,329 to 2,623. Bakowinian from 1,429 to 2,145. There was also an increase of Turks and Arabians.

The above nationalities account for 22,071 of the increase. The increase in immigration of these nationalities last mentioned, from the Galicians down, is 118 per cent, while the increase of the total immigration is only 18 per cent.

MARINE DEPARTMENT RE-TICEENCE

The report of the Department of Marine has also been brought down, and affords a quiet commentary on several things that have happened. It does not mention the civil service inquiry of Judge Cassels or the Falconer book-keeping campaign. The introduction of fifty-eight pages is signed by ex-Deputy Minister Gourdeau, and is dated April 1st, though the report contains a review of the business done and the payments made during the fiscal year, which closed March 31st. This shows that the habit of publishing fiction still remains in Mr. Borden's staff. The report of the Light Department was made by Assistant Commissioner McPhail, as the Commissioner had been suspended, and has now been dismissed. There is, however, no mention of the suspension in the blue book. Commander Spain retained long enough to write his report, but has disappeared since, and his troubles are not mentioned. The name of the Canadian Fog Signal Company (1,000 per cent profits) appears with appalling frequency in the accounts of new apparatus. Mr. Waberg's company also figures conspicuously in the matter of concrete towers. The following statement of the expenditure of the Marine Department for the last fifteen years is instructive. It does not include the fisheries branch:

A GROWING TIME.

Year	Conservative	Liberal
1894	\$ 905,654	
1895	895,828	
1896	793,634	
1897		867,723
1898		856,192
1899		1,102,602
1900		982,562
1901		1,029,925
1902		1,501,619
1903		1,871,495
1904		2,150,940
1905		4,747,723
1906		5,098,253
1907 (9 months)		3,637,570
1908		5,249,711

It should be explained that from 1905 onwards the St Lawrence Ship Channel, previously in the Public Works, was charged to the Marine Department. This amounted to—

1905	\$511,171
1906	587,987
1907	419,398
1908	761,917

MORE ABOUT THE MINT.

Down to date the building and equipment of the Royal Mint has cost \$520,000. So Mr Pagsley explained on Thursday, with the further statement that the surrounding fence with two little guard boxes cost \$43,500. The fence and guard rooms were not let tender, or they might have cost less. The law requires that all works costing over \$5,000 should be put up to competition, but Mr Pagsley explains that exception is allowed in case of grave emergency. The emergency in this case was that the Mint authorities had announced the opening of the establishment on a certain day and then decided that it could not be opened until the fence was built. In addition to the \$520,000, a vote of \$20,000 is taken this year for a refinery equipment, making a total of \$540,000 for an establishment which Mr Fielding undertook to provide for \$300,000, and which last year did \$11,729 worth of work at a cost for operation of some \$70,000.

Itching Skin

Distress by day and night—That's the complaint of those who are so unfortunate as to be afflicted with Eczema or Salt Rheum—and outward applications do not cure. The source of the trouble is in the blood—make that pure and this scaling, burning, itching skin disease will disappear.

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AN ADAPTATION OF THE TENDER SYSTEM.

It is now stated that the cost of the new addition to the Parliament Buildings nearly completed is to be about \$500,000. The contract was for \$237,000, and the contractor has been paid in addition \$44,000 for extras, for which there was no competition. Mr Pagsley states that \$80,000 will be paid to the contractor for the new Geological Museum for one item only in addition to the amount of his contract. It is pointed out by a number of members, and especially by those that are now in Parliament for the first time and have not become accustomed to the ways of this government, that this is a convenient method of favoring contractors without appearing to depart from the tender system. Any contractor with a pull can afford to tender low if he knows that he will receive from ten to fifty per cent above his own figures for work done at prices that are privately arranged.

THE LEVEL CROSSING.

Mr Lancaster has once more got his level crossing bill through the House. He accomplished this twice before, but the measure was thrown out or destroyed by the majority in the Senate. This year the Minister of Railways held it up at the third reading, explaining that he wanted to get the views of the Railway Commission. But after several days reflection, Mr Grabam allowed the bill to pass without further opposition, and also without giving the House any result of his consultation. This week Mr Lennox, Conservative member for Simons, followed up the business by moving a resolution declaring it to be the duty of the Government to take action at once to protect the people against further slaughter by level railway crossings. A number of members, all on the opposition side supported this resolution, dwelling upon the fact that 270 people had been killed and 350 injured at railway crossings in the last five years, and that recent fatal accidents had occurred at the very crossings which had previously been proved most dangerous by like disasters before.

THE DREDGING RAKE OFF.

Mr Pagsley has been formally asked whether the Government intends to have a full inquiry into the question of the McAvity dredging rake-off (\$35,935) and whether the Government is of the opinion that this money can be recovered by the Treasury. The answer is that the Government has made all the inquiry necessary, but has not found the need of consulting the Department of Justice. Mr Pagsley says that since no evidence of collusion between the Department and the contractor has been found, therefore no attempt will be made to get back the \$35,935, which the department paid, but which the contractor did not get.

GOVERNMENT IS SATISFIED.

An agreement has been published signed by contractor Mayes and by the middlemen who got the rake off.

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which provided that five cents per cubic yard out of the fifty-five which the Government pays shall go to the middleman for his assistance in procuring further contracts and generally for his services in connection with the department. This suggests collusion. There is the further sworn statement of the contractor that he went to Ottawa intending to tender at fifty cents, but that Mr McAvity, to whom Mr Mayes had gone on the advice of Mr Pagsley, advised him to raise the bid to fifty-five cents and give Mr McAvity the five. It is also established that Mr McAvity went to the Minister of Public Works after this interview and before the contract was awarded. Finally, it is established that Mr McAvity had no investment in the dredging and that he got the \$35,935. Since the man who did the work did not get the money, the proper place for it appears to be in the Dominion Treasury, though Mr Pagsley, who recommended the intervention of Mr McAvity, would naturally not be expected to think so.

A NEW DEPARTMENT.

The Secretary of State gives notice that the Government is to establish a Department of External Affairs. We are rapidly increasing the number of departments and of departmental heads and sub-heads in these days. It will be stated that some of the existing ministers and deputies will be transferred to the new department. The Department of Labor was established under the Postmaster General, but it has developed into an expensive organization, and when Mr McKenzie King comes home will be a minister at \$7,000, a deputy at \$5,000, a secretary at \$3,000, and so on. Equal development may be expected in the Department of External Affairs.

HOW THEY DECIDE

The Minister of Public Works has explained on what principle the government acted when it decided not to go on with buildings and other works put in last year's estimates and promised in the election campaign. He says that ministers met after the election and decided to cut out all the works for which tenders had not been called. This is a haphazard method of deciding on the relative importance and necessity of public works, the result depending upon the activity of respective architects and other officers of the department.

A FEW ANNOUNCEMENTS

The minister makes these further explanations. Though the revenue was falling off at the rate of a million a month in July last, when supplementary estimates were passed for eight hundred public works, for which over \$6,000,000 was voted, it was not until after the elections that Mr Pagsley and his colleagues found that the works would have to stand over for want of money. The ground for want of money. The ground for want of money.

A CONSERVATIVE REFORM.

Mr. Borden's strong plea for a comprehensive and definite policy respecting the public domain and the natural resources has already borne fruit. On Friday Sir Wilfrid carried out the undertaking, which he gave at the close of Mr Borden's splendid speech. The first step has been taken towards the organization of three new standing committees, one on marine and fisheries, one on mines and minerals, and one on forests, waterways and water powers. These committees should be at work early next month.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

A resolution pily moved by Dr. Black, calling for Dominion government action to protect the people from preventable diseases, was supported by several members, especially by Dr. Chisholm of Hyron, who seconded the motion in a strong comprehensive and impressive address. The premier has expressed doubt whether protection to human life comes within the scope of federal powers, though the health of animals is accepted as a proper Dominion charge. There is no sign of the Insurance Bill, promised by the government for three successive sessions. Mr. Perley has been asking about it, and has been invited to wait for Mr. Fielding's return. The finance minister made his appearance on Thursday, and we heartily applauded. But he has not yet explained about insurance.

A Bogslide in Galway.

Roscommon, Jan. 19. One of the most deplorable bog slides that have visited Galway for many years occurred at Kilmore, or as it is known in the vernacular, Moob...

agweefin, about two miles from Ballygar, last Sunday night. Kilmore is one of a series of hamlets nestled at the foot of a range of the Mount Mary hills. The land is at all times subject to floods, but when these floods are accompanied by tons upon tons of bog, moving at the rate of about five miles an hour, the consequences cannot but be disastrous.

The small farmers residing at the foot of the mountain retired to their beds on Sunday night, with no thought of the relentless enemy moving down upon them. Next morning, when Laurence Martio opened his front door an enormous volume of water and mud rushed in on him and almost smothered him. In a few seconds he was standing up to his armpits in the sticky mass, but his first thought was to rescue the other members of his family. With the greatest difficulty he carried out his wife and daughters to a place of safety. He then turned his attention to his stock, his sole wealth, shut up in an outhouse near to the dwelling. The rising flood had cut them off, and they had to be abandoned to their fate.

A neighbouring tenant, Mrs. MacDonnell, was not so fortunate, as before she could make her escape the flood rushed in, and she lies today buried under some tons of liquid bog. A visit to the scene of the slide showed that the result of the movement was more disastrous and far-reaching than was at first imagined. Since Sunday night about a square mile of bog has been steadily forcing its way downward over the tillage land. Nearly half a dozen families are now homeless, their stock and crops destroyed. Brooks and roads marked on the map have wholly disappeared, and the face of the country has been entirely altered.

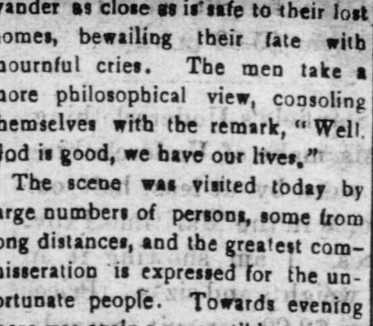
Early this morning a second movement took place, and, warned by what had happened to their neighbours, the occupants of the houses in danger took immediate steps to save their household effects. Long lines of cars and carts filled with furniture were soon on their way to the neighbouring town, followed by the partially-dressed members of families, who rushed shrieking from their homes. Still the mass in motion forced its way on, demolishing everything in its path, and covering up every shred of verdure with about 12 feet of bog. In the meantime gangs of men, under the supervision of the county surveyor and Mr. Bates, of the Estates Commissioners, were using every effort to drain off the overplus water and lessen the danger of the next move.

Another large gang, aided by the police, who are in extra force in the district at present to keep down cattle driving, were engaged at the cabin of Widow McDonnell, trying to recover the body. They were also assisted by a son of the victim—a soldier summoned from his station to help in the melancholy work. Another son of Mrs. McDonnell is in the Asylum, driven there, it is said, by the dread of the fate that overtook his unfortunate mother. As the little cabin is flooded up to the ridge tiles, the work in hand was impeded, and notwithstanding that a constable dived to the bottom of the bog, he was unable to locate the body. To reach the house from the solid land was a task of great difficulty and danger, some distance having to be covered by walking along a single line of planks. In making the first attempt to reach the dwelling, a constable nearly lost his life through falling off the plank and sinking to his neck in the mud.

In spite of all the danger and repeated stampedes when the cry is raised "It's moving," the work still goes on. Ten houses were closed today, and shortly after the last stick of furniture was removed the dwellings were surrounded by an impassable sea of mud. It is stated that since the bog first began to move it has covered a distance of over two miles. The residents in the district are living in a state of acute fear that the next change in the current will bring the huge mass in their direction. They can neither sleep nor eat, and they are much to be pitied. Not alone are they homeless, and in many cases stockless, but their land is lost to them for ever under twelve feet of bog. The female members of the family wander as close as is safe to their lost homes, bewailing their fate with mournful cries. The men take a more philosophical view, consoling themselves with the remark, "Well, God is good, we have our lives." The scene was visited today by large numbers of persons, some from long distances, and the greatest commiseration is expressed for the unfortunate people. Towards evening there was again a perceptible move in the bog.—London Daily Telegraph.

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