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Synod Meets To-Day to Choose Bishop for Toronto Diocese—No Certainty as to Outcome.

An effort has been made in the press to represent the election of a bishop to-day for the Diocese of Toronto as an occasion for antagonism between the two Anglican theological colleges.

There has been talk of meetings and caucuses and canvassing; but much of this is exaggeration, and the circular issued by Provost Street Macklem has been declared by that gentleman to have been issued in support of Bishop Thornloe on his own responsibility and not in his capacity as provost of Trinity.

Rev. Canon Macnab of St. Alban's Cathedral, however, took a hopeful view of an early agreement being reached.

Asked if a man of outstanding ability could be named in the diocese not so identified the canon was afraid "not within the diocese."

The gathering referred to was attended by about hundred clergy and laymen. A reporter was informed that the meeting was strictly private and inquiries afterwards from some who had been present met with the reply that there was to be nothing for the press.

It was learned, however, that after receiving reports from outside districts and discussing probabilities, it was decided to support Bishop Thornloe on the first ballot, and to act afterwards as the situation may demand.

Canon Welch presided and among these present were Rev. Wm. Walsh of Brampton, Rev. T. W. Powell of North Toronto, Canon Inglis, Rev. Mr. Swainman, John N. Cartwright, F. E. Hodgins and N. Ferrar Davidson.

From conversation with delegates from outside the city it was intimated that it was a general feeling that Bishop Thornloe could not carry the synod. Further, it was declared that the high churchmen were by no means a unit and that many of the lay delegates would split from the clerical vote in this respect.

Preparations for the synod. St. James' Cathedral had schoolhouse hall been prepared for the meeting. The first order of business will be the decision of the trustees on contested seats, of which there are understood to be two or three.

At 10.30 a.m. the synod will assemble for divine service, which will include the celebration of the holy communion. The preacher will be Rt. Rev. W. D. Reeve.

Keep Half the Fleet in the Pacific.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—An amendment to the naval bill was agreed to to-night by the senate, providing that in the discretion of the president, one half of the navy shall be kept in Pacific waters, so far as practicable.

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DOM. COAL OFFERS TO CARRY OUT CONTRACT

Or Will Make a New One at Same Rates—Ross and Associates Said to Have Loaded Up on Steel.

MONTREAL, Feb. 16.—(Special).—The directors of the Dominion Coal Company have lost very little time in getting into communication with the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, following the recent decision of the judicial committee of the imperial privy council.

At a special meeting of the Coal board to-day, attended by Jas. Ross, R. B. Angus, W. D. Matthews, Jas. Reid Wilson, F. L. Wanklyn, Jas. Craithorn, Hon. Geo. A. Cox, W. B. Ross and J. K. Osborne, it was agreed to make the best of a bad bargain.

As a result, a letter was sent this evening to the president of the steel company containing two distinct propositions. The acceptance of either one should relieve the coal company of any possibility of being mulcted for heavy damages.

The first proposition offers to carry out the contract in its entirety, both as to quantity and time, at the old rate. The second proposition offers to enter into a new contract, also at the old rate, the quantities and term of years being left to the option of the steel company's directors.

It is generally understood that the steel company will accept one of these offers. The amount paid by the steel company, in excess of the contract, amounting to about two millions, will, of course, be paid over, and it is stated that the Bank of Montreal, the Canadian Bank of Commerce will get the most of this handsome sum of money.

There is also a rumor afloat this evening, which appears to be in a measure confirmed by the action of the Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa Stock Exchanges during the past few days, that a group of capitalists friendly to the coal company have obtained control of nearly one hundred thousand shares of the common stock of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, and that in a few days they will develop the coal interests are in control of the situation.

While the "street" placed considerable faith in the report that Jas. Ross and his associates were loading, it is said they were really adding daily to their already very large holdings of steel, and apparatus at the entrance to the privy council decision, and that the coal magnates had the market practically in their own hands.

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THREATENED WITH DYNAMITE

Kansas City Millionaire Deals Bravely With Dynamite Man.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 16.—Armed with a revolver in one hand and a dynamite bomb in the other, a man, apparently about 40 years of age, today entered the home of Lawrence M. Jones, millionaire, president of the Jones Brothers drygoods company of this city, and demanded \$7000.

Jones talked with him more than half an hour. Mrs. Jones then entered the library and she in turn was ordered to be seated. Chester I. Jones, secretary of the Jones company, followed his mother, and he, too, was ordered to be seated. Mr. Jones then suggested that as he did not have the necessary funds in the house the man accompany him to the bank. This was agreed.

As the pair was passing thru the lower hall Jones placed his foot in front of his visitor, hurled him to the floor and called the police.

At the police station the man said that on account of family and business troubles he had decided to kill himself, when he concluded that a desperate effort to get a few thousand dollars might give him still one more chance. He declared he did not intend Jones any real harm.

DAILY MAIL SERVICE  
Gowanda District to Receive Prompt Attention.

OTTAWA, Feb. 16.—(Special).—Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, postmaster-general, to-day issued instructions to the inspectors to establish a daily mail service between Earlton and Elk City. The matter was recently brought to his attention in the house by W. F. Maclean (South-York).

KIDD IS NOMINATED.  
OTTAWA, Feb. 16.—(Special).—Edgar Kidd, ex-M.P., carried the Carlisle-Conservative convention here this afternoon by a majority of 18 over W. F. Garland, after three hours' balloting. Boyce were also candidates for the nomination.

It is improbable that there will be a Liberal candidate.

FOUR KILLED IN WRECK.  
CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—An official report to the Illinois Central Railroad gives the number of dead in a wreck to-day near Carbonate as four, and the injured as twenty.

The accident was caused by a broken rail. Four cars turned over.

A FROZEN COMB

OPPOSITION ROOSTER—It's bad enough to be shut out without being threatened with the loss of my comb!

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200 MINERS IN DANGER THROUGH EXPLOSION AND FIRE

Feared That Most of Them May Have Perished in Disaster at a Newcastle Colliery.

NEWCASTLE, England, Feb. 16.—There were two explosions at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the West Stanley colliery, 12 miles from here, which employs 400 men. Nearly 200 of the men were in the pit at the time, and up to a late hour to-night none of them have been heard and it is supposed these are from some of the miners who escaped death.

Almost immediately after the explosion flames burst thru the shaft, scorching the workers at the pit head, and blowing out the fencing and apparatus at the entrance to the mine. At midnight it was still impossible to attempt a rescue.

An explosion involving 12 lives occurred at the same colliery in 1882.

B.C. GOVT. IN COAL BUSINESS  
Time May Come—Same Day, Premier Hickeys Says.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 16.—(Special).—The legislature during a heated debate on a proposal to make a newly incorporated company sell coal to the public at prices sold to agents, the proposal was finally withdrawn.

The premier stated that perhaps the time would come when the government would go into the business in competition with coal companies, in an effort to reduce the price, but general conditions would not permit of the venture now. His action has been taken by the Dominion Government upon a resolution passed by the legislature last year for a commission under the department of trade to enquire into the coal combine in British Columbia.

QUAKE KILLS THIRTY  
Houses in Asiatic Turkey Are Crumpled—Austria Shaky, Too.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 16.—A number of houses and government buildings in Sivas, the capital of VII-day, as the result of an earthquake. Reports say that 30 persons have been killed and others injured. Many of the inhabitants are without shelter. Sivas has a population of about 6000 families.

Pled in Terror.  
BUDAPEST, Feb. 16.—An earthquake shock lasting for ten seconds was felt to-day in outside districts. Inhabitants fled in terror to the country. The walls of a number of houses were cracked.

BURIED SCOTT'S BODY  
Monteban Declares He Found Corpses on River Bank.

ROBESON, Sask., Feb. 16.—Rev. Thos. Lawson has a statement from a resident of Poplar Point, Man., which states that in the spring after the execution of Thos. Scott at Winnipeg by the rebels, he found Scott's body on the banks of the Red River, near St. Peter's, where it was interred by the late Archbishop Henry Cochrane. Others also identified the body, but on advice of Hudson Bay Company officials, nothing was said.

FOUND TEN ORPHANAGES  
Italian Government to Set Aside Big Sum for That Purpose.

ROME, Feb. 16.—The international committee has decided to set aside \$2,500,000 to found ten orphanages, each accommodating 100 children, thus providing for 1000 children, who are in dire need.

Ambassador and Mrs. Griscom were received in audience by Queen Helena to-day and presented to her majesty the sum of \$250,000 from the American Red Cross Society for the foundation of an orphanage to care for 100 children.

3 DAILY TRANSCONTINENTALS.  
VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 16.—(Special).—Three passenger trains a day each way from Vancouver is the present plan of the C. P. R. for the coming season.

ASKED AND ACTED ON CANADA'S PROPOSAL

His Majesty's Reference to the Waterways Treaty in Speech at Opening of British Parliament.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—A greater crowd than usual gathered at Westminster to-day for the state opening of parliament by King Edward, who was accompanied by Queen Alexandra, the Prince and Princess of Wales and other members of the royal family.

A day of bright sunshine and the appearance of their majesties since their return from Berlin was largely responsible for the outpouring of the people, who gave the sovereigns an enthusiastic greeting as they passed in procession, with an escort of the guards, to the house of parliament.

Another and a greater crowd had assembled in the immediate vicinity of St. Stephen's. These people were curious to see what would be the outcome of the threats made by the unemployed and the woman suffragists, who indulged in demonstrations. The police at this time were out in force and ready to deal with any disturbance.

The first session was carried out without incident, neither the unemployed nor the suffragists attempting to molest the royal procession, but in the neighbourhood of Oxford-street a half-starved wives and female dependents of the unemployed gathered to the number of 700 or 800 and paraded thru the streets of the west end. They were led by a band playing the Marseillaise. During this procession the windows of jewelry dealers in Oxford-street were smashed.

Great Interest in Proceedings.  
Within the chamber the members of the House and a select few who had been invited to witness the actual ceremony expectantly awaited the reading of the King's speech. Urgent wings had been issued by the leaders of both houses and had brought into town a great majority of the members, particularly of the House of Commons, among whom there were only a few absentees. Some visitors appeared in the house as early as midnight last night to secure seats.

King Edward's speech from the throne contained no surprises, the projected legislation forecast by His Majesty being largely social in character.

"I was much impressed and gratified at the warmth of the public reception at Berlin, given to the Queen and myself by all classes of the community," he said. "It afforded me great pleasure to meet the Emperor of Germany, and I feel confident that the expressions of cordial welcome with which we were greeted in Berlin will tend to strengthen those amicable feelings between the two countries that are essential to their mutual welfare and the maintenance of peace."

Followed Canada's Advice.  
After references to the continued friendliness of the foreign relations of Great Britain, the King said: "Satisfactory progress has been made in the negotiations on outstanding questions with the United States, a treaty to regulate the use of waterways adjacent to the international boundary between Canada and the United States had been arranged. This question being one of special Canadian interest, the advice of the Dominion Government was sought and followed through."

"My ambassador in Washington has negotiated also, with the co-operation of the Canadian and Newfoundland ministers of justice, an agreement for reference to arbitration of the North American fisheries question, and I trust that this agreement will be the means of effecting a final and friendly settlement of matters which have been long under discussion between this country and the United States."

Referring to the budget His Majesty declared that "in consequence of the old age pensions and the increase which has become necessary in the cost of my navy, the expenditures this year will be considerably in excess of the past years."

Among the bills to be introduced to parliament the King mentioned the disestablishment and the disendowment of the church in Wales, a bill dealing with the lack of employment in the country, amendments to the old age pension act, and other purely domestic matters.

Lansdowne is Conspicuous.  
Lord Liverpool said the Anglo-American treaty was the most important ever sent to the Hague. If ratified it would settle the dispute forever.

Lord Lansdowne noted with particular satisfaction the announcement that in regard to any rate to one or two questions the government had been long under discussion with the Dominion Government.

"We know how keenly colonial governments feel regarding these questions," he said. "We also know that, with the best intentions in the world, we are not always successful in carrying them along with us on occasions of this kind. Therefore it, to my mind, is most satisfactory that in the case of the waterways question—and I hope we may say the same in regard to the fisheries question—we have the good-will and concurrence of the two colonial governments concerned."

Lord Crews desired to bear testimony to the skill and patience which had been shown by Ambassador Bryce, but also by Secretary Root, and certainly not less by the Canadian minister who had been engaged in discussing the question. In regard to the fisheries arbitration, he paid a tribute to the desire for accommodation which had been shown by the colonies by the United States, and hoped if matters come, as perhaps they would, before the Hague, an extremely tiresome question might be finally got out of the way.

AN EXTRA MATINEE.  
So great has been the demand for "The Merry Widow" that an extra matinee has been arranged for Friday afternoon, the prices ranging from 50c to \$1.50.

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