

The Week At Ottawa

Conjectures as to the Successor of the Late Justice King.

Criticism of the Labor Bureau—Complaints Against a Quebec Judge.

Mint and Other Topics in Parliament—North West Colonization Companies.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, May 11.—The death of Mr. Justice King, of the Supreme court, promises to cause some changes in the present Dominion cabinet. It is generally understood that the vacancy will be filled by the appointment of Sir Louis Davies.

A disagreeable impression has been created by the light which has been thrown upon the method in which the department of labor is conducted by the deputy minister, Mr. Mackenzie King. It was supposed to be, among other things, a sort of wise woman's wisdom to which employers and employees could both confidently appeal when labor troubles arose.

A formal complaint against a judge for improper conduct in the administration of justice is something very new in Canada. A question asked by Mr. Bruneau in the house the other day elicited from Solicitor-General Fitzpatrick the admission that such a complaint had been made against Mr. Justice Gagne, of Ontario and Saguenay.

Mr. Kaulbach, of Lunenburg, has called attention to the case of the ship Bahai, Brazil, last March, and was floating the Canadian ensign, when the British consul came on board and threatened the captain with a fine of \$500, unless the ensign was hauled down at once and the vessel hoisted in the British colors.

Local Amateur Riders Held Trials of Speed at Oak Bay.

A number of local amateur riders foregathered at the Oak Bay track on a recent evening, and a couple of good races were held, both of which were won by Mr. Hancock, one of the promising local cyclists. The races were held on a track which was in very good condition, but the wind proved quite a handicap to the riders.

He Will Speak at Toronto and at Political Flics.

Toronto, May 16.—(Special)—Conservative leader R. L. Borden, K. C., will speak at Massey hall, Toronto, May 27, and probably at a picnic at Spring Lake, May 29. The provincial leader, Mr. Whitney, will be present on both occasions.

PRINCESS AS FIREMAN.

Crown Princess Louise of Denmark Shows Her Coolness.

Copenhagen, May 17.—Fire broke out early this morning in the rooms of the Crown Princess at Amalienberg palace, the smoking room was completely gutted. The Crown Princess directed orders to extinguish flames.

MEETINGS AND AMUSEMENTS.

Mr. Charles D. Meigs, one of the most prominent Sunday school workers in the province, will address a meeting in Calgary on Sunday evening, May 20, on the subject of "The Kingdom of God is Within You."

RIOTS IN RUSSIA.

St. Petersburg, May 16.—Strike riots have occurred in the cotton mills on Vibry side of the Neva. It is reported many people have been killed.

Life Hangs On a Thread

Mrs. McKinley is Reported Slightly Improved But Hope is Faint.

She Has a Fainting Spell and Powerful Heart Stimulants Given.

San Francisco, May 16.—Mrs. McKinley is in the valley of the shadow of death, and may pass away at any moment. This morning, shortly before dawn, she sank rapidly, and it was feared she would die before restoratives could be administered, but she responded to powerful heart stimulants, and during the day improved to such an extent that hope for recovery, slight though it was, revived. But her life hangs by a thread.

TO CLOSE THIS MONTH.

Domination Parliament Will Rise Next Thursday.

Ottawa, May 16.—(Special)—An understanding has been reached by both parties to close the session on May 23. Confirmation of Japanese Consul Noyas' transfer to Montreal was received in the city today from Ottawa.

BUY A CANNERY.

Fraser River Association Purchases Wurzberg Cannery.

Vanouver, B. C., May 16.—The Fraser River Cannery's association has purchased the Wurzberg cannery from the late owner in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

A BONANZA.

Purchasers Put a High Value on Gold Mine.

Baker City, Ore., May 16.—The deed for the Great Bonanza deal, which was recently purchased by the Consolidated Bonanza Gold Mining Co., of Philadelphia, composed of Standard Oil magnates, was filed for record today.

ONE KILLED TWO WOUNDED

The Results of the Strike Fights in Albany Yesterday.

Albany, May 16.—One man killed, two fatally wounded, hundreds of others with broken heads and cut faces, cars running merely as far as the arsenal with no patrons, the city under martial rule, and the city authorities and leaders of strikers trying to get the railway company to come to an amicable settlement, was the situation when dawn brought an end to the struggle growing out of the street car strike tonight.

BRITISH PROPOSAL.

Plan to Allow China to Pay on a Favorable System.

LONDON, May 16.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Peking dated Tuesday, May 14, says that Great Britain submits an important proposal to the foreign ministers that China pay the indemnity out of her own native resources on a system affording her special facilities. The proposal entails no increase in the maritime customs.

GREATER LONDON.

The Population Amounts to Six and a Half Million.

LONDON, May 16.—The population of the outer ring of the suburbs of London is 2,042,750 as against 1,406,480 in 1891; 850,957 in 1881, and 631,931 in 1871. The total population of Greater London, including the outer ring of the suburbs is now 6,500,000.

ARSENAL EXPLODES.

German Officer and Four Men Killed at Peking.

Peking, May 15.—An explosion at the arsenal at Kalgan today wounded one German officer and four privates. It is supposed that the Germans generally believe the Chinese intentionally committed the outrage, although evidence to substantiate this view is lacking. A thorough investigation will be made.

ONTARIO CROPS.

Hessian Fly Has Injured the Fall Wheat in Some Places.

Toronto, May 15.—(Special)—The crop report issued by Ontario Agricultural Department, says a fall wheat would be a most promising crop but for the damage done in southwestern Ontario by the Hessian fly. Every county south of a line drawn from Hamilton to Sarnia is suffering severely.

"Oh, hold on, I told you to notice when the apple looked green, it was a quarter past eleven."

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METHODIST CONFERENCE. Business Concluded—To Meet Next Year in Vancouver.

Nelson, B. C., May 15.—(Special)—The Methodist conference completed business today. Some changes were made in report of the stationing committee. Rev. J. A. Watson, of the Victoria conference, was made chairman of the Vancouver district. The next conference will be held in Homer street church, Vancouver.

THE SHIRT WAIST. Colonel Peters Accused of Trying to Introduce It.

Colonel Peters, D. of C. No. 1 Military District, has issued an order to the effect that "commanding officers of regiments wishing to wear shirts and straw hats at the next annual camp may do so." This is not interpreted as implying that commanding officers have not been in the habit of wearing shirts in the past, says the Montreal Star but as releasing them from the obligation of wearing anything over their shirts, best summer, as soon as the weather is warm.

TELEGRAPH BRIEFS. Fry and Everett, the two men convicted of defrauding Barclay & Co., bankers, of about \$200,000 by the forgery of documents purporting to represent large shipments of gold ore, which never existed, were sentenced yesterday to the penitentiary for a term of three years.

WILL NOT VISIT THE SOUND. President of United States Abandons Trip Owing to Wife's Illness.

San Francisco, May 15.—Secretary Cortelyou informed the Associated Press today that Mrs. McKinley's serious illness had compelled the president to abandon his projected tour of the states, to which he had looked forward with so much pleasure. As soon as Mrs. McKinley's health shows improvement, he will return to Washington by the most direct route.

DEWET AGAIN. Report That He Has Crossed Into Cape Colony.

LONDON, May 16.—An unconfirmed report has been received from Rosemead, that General Dewet, who has been in the Zandburg district of Cape Colony.

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News of Dominion

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Regina, May 16.—(Special)—In the Northwest legislature today, Dr. Elliott presented a petition signed by 926 persons in favor of a plebiscite on the liquor question, to be followed by total prohibition if a majority of the plebiscite goes in its favor.

Mrs. W. H. Hogg, Regina, manager of the Bank of Montreal, has accepted the management of the branch at Peterborough, Ont.

Brantford, May 16.—(Special)—The adjourned preliminary hearing of charges against Mrs. Annie White, charged with the murder of her husband, Charles White, by administering poison, was resumed today before the police magistrate. Several witnesses were examined in the early part of the afternoon, with a view to proving relations that prevailed between deceased and prisoner. For the most part the evidence was unimpeachable, and it was shown that White was a man addicted to drink, and inclined to be industrious. The line between the two was today very clear. Mrs. White had thought to obtain life insurance upon the life of deceased, and the evidence of Dr. Ellis, of the Toronto Hospital, who had analyzed the viscera of the deceased, showed that he had found strychnine in the stomach, but not enough to cause death. Mr. Heyd, on behalf of the defense, to-morrow offer evidence supporting the theory that deceased died from suicide.

Midlands, May 16.—(Special)—Three young men named Wm. Hockings, Lesley Hockings, and Fred Hockings, who were employed by the Canadian Locomotive Works, struck for an advance of ten cents per day, have hereafter received \$120 per day.

MINING DISASTER. Explosion in West Virginia Kills and Injures Many Miners.

Farmington, W. Va., May 15.—An explosion took place today at the shaft. At least 10 men are still in the mine, and as the shaft was still open, it was impossible to make an effort to rescue them. It may be a day or two before the flames are subdued. One dead body has been recovered, and a number of others are expected to die. The men who were in the way in the shift were engaged in driving a heading seven miles long to connect with a shaft at Fairbank. The accident was caused by an explosion of natural gas.

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