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Liverpool, Jan. 25. — The officials of the Cunard Steamship Company are hoping for a new record by the Mauretania, which sailed from here at 8 o'clock Saturday afternoon for New York.

The Mauretania has been completely overhauled in the past nine weeks, the principal improvement effected being the addition of two new propellers, which leads to the expectation that she will outdo the Lusitania's performance. Efforts have been made to withhold information regarding the propellers, which are known to be different from those of the Lusitania. The new propellers on the Mauretania have been placed forward and port and starboard. They differ from the two aft propellers, in that they have four blades instead of three. The weight of each is 18 tons, whereas those aft are 22 tons. They are made of solid manganese bronze.

The new arrangement, two propellers working close in and two outside, at a distance of 80 feet, is expected to improve the equilibrium of the steamer, in addition to the great speed.

Among the passengers are: Earl Morley, who is going to Canada to visit Earl Grey, the Governor-General of the Dominion; Lord Ashburton, Brig. Gen. Sir Henry Seymour Rawlinson, Gen. Sir Thomas Kelly-Kenny, J. Bruce Ismay, chairman of the White Star Line, and Count Depolligne.

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Broke a Leg.

Mr. Walter Martin, superintendent for the Eastern Telephone Company, of Boston, Mass., recently met with an accident at Randolph, Vt., whereby his leg was broken in two places. He was removed to his home in this city and will probably be laid up for some time.

Dale-Bannerman.

A quiet but pretty wedding took place a few days ago at the residence of Mr. A. Bannerman, "Mapleview," West Monckton, when their daughter, Marie Emily, was united in marriage to Arthur E. Dale, of Glendale. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Annie, of London. Mr. Oscar Dale, of Kansas City, was groomsmen. The bride entered the drawing-room to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, leaning on the arm of her father. After the ceremony the bride and groom sat down to a dainty repast, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale left on an afternoon train for Toronto and eastern points. The young couple were the recipients of many choice presents, showing the high esteem in which they are held.

CUT IN FIRE RATES ON TORONTO HOUSES

A Reduction of Ten Per Cent on All Dwellings.

Toronto, Jan. 23.—It was decided at the general committee meeting of the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association yesterday to make a reduction of 10 per cent in the fire rates on all dwellings in Toronto. This reduction is entirely separate from the one made some weeks ago on buildings within the congested area protected by the new high-pressure water system, and will take effect on Feb. 1. According to one officer of the association, the committee took the ground that as the citizens at large had been put to the expense of putting in the new water system, they should reap some considerable benefit from its successful installation.

Two of the oldest joint stock banks in the country have decided to amalgamate. The banks are the London Joint Stock Bank and the York City and County. The London Bank, which was established in 1825, has a subscribed capital of \$2,500,000, a paid-up capital of \$1,800,000, and a reserve fund of \$1,165,000. The York City and County Company was established in 1820, and was registered as limited in 1882. Its subscribed capital is \$2,600,000, the paid-up capital is \$2,750,000, and the reserve fund \$260,000.

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PRIVATE MOIR STILL IN JAIL

No Word Has Yet Been Received From the Authorities.

No word has yet been received from the authorities as to the disposal of Pte. Moir, so he is still under the care of Governor Carter, and is likely to be so for some time to come. Moir seems quite satisfied with his present condition, and shows no desire to change his quarters. The quiet life apparently suits him to a nicety. Not having been convicted of any crime, the law prevents his being compelled to do even the simplest work to help ease his board, the two hours' exercise, morning and afternoon, being the only incident in his daily life.

Well Looked After.

It is likely that Moir's stay in the county jail will be somewhat pleasant than his subsequent life, as there are still many people here interested enough in his welfare to keep him supplied with reading matter to help to pass the dragging hours. Here he is known, and by his act has attained a certain position that marks him off from his fellows. It may be an enviable position, but it does nevertheless add something of personality to his otherwise colorless life. When he is moved to a larger institution he will become only a name written on the jail records, with the grim charge of murder standing against it, and further on the page the notice of acquittal. He will be bereft of all this grim position, won by a bloody deed, and become only one of a crowd, a man forgotten. No wonder he is satisfied where he is.

A CLEARING SKY

Sir Edward Grey Hopeful of Peace in Europe.

London, Jan. 24. — Sir Edward Grey, secretary for foreign affairs, in a speech today at a luncheon, expressed relief and satisfaction that the present situation in principle had been reached between Austria and Turkey.

"It would be too much to say," he declared, "that the sky is clear. There are still other clouds hovering, but in one part where the clouds were particularly threatening there is now the most gladdening appearance of some blue sky."

Sir Edward spoke with his customary caution respecting the future, neither optimistically nor pessimistically. He said he would like to see confidence increased among the powers of Europe. He admitted there were some favorable features, including the Franco-Russian exchange of credentials, and said the knowledge that both Germany and Italy had been generally working for peace with reference to Balkan affairs removed all risk of friction with them. He trusted that King Edward's coming visit to the Kaiser would promote confidence in Berlin in Great Britain's good intentions and goodwill.

CANADA AND WEST INDIES

A Reciprocal Preferential Tariff Not Far Distant.

London, Jan. 23.—Sir Neville Lubbock in an interview today said events were leading to a definite agreement on a scheme of reciprocal tariffs between Canada and the West Indies, with the exception of Jamaica. This island fears the action of the United States should Canada obtain substantial preferences on lumber, flour, and fish in return for a permanent sugar tariff.

The Standard hopes the delay promised in the Government announcement on the subject does not signify disappointment.

The First Baptist Church of Woodstock has sent a call to Rev. Warren McLeod, of Chicago.

Dr. H. C. Allen, formerly of Brantford, is dead, at Chicago.

Oxford County Medical Association elected Dr. Queen, president, Dr. Brodie, treasurer, and Dr. Neff, secretary.

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76TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CATHEDRAL

A Splendid Sermon in St. Paul's Last Night by the Rev. Mr. Davidson, of Guelph.

St. Paul's Cathedral was crowded at both the morning and evening services Sunday, when the seventy-sixth anniversary of the founding of the church was celebrated.

The preacher of the day was Rev. S. P. Davidson, M. A., rector of St. George's Church, Guelph, and in the text, Corinthians xi. 1: "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ."

"The character of St. Paul," he said, "is one that has always appealed principally to the English-speaking peoples. Our theology has been more largely influenced by him than by any other writer. What St. Paul has been to the church of Rome, St. Paul is to the English Church. When the temple of Diana at Ephesus was overthrown in 630 A. D., the first little Christian temple that took its place was dedicated to St. Paul. This little temple has lived down through history, England's greatest cathedral in London is dedicated to St. Paul, and when Englishmen named this city after the metropolis, they named their new church St. Paul's, too. You who are members of this cathedral do well to celebrate on the anniversary of St. Paul's conversion. Paul was, indeed, a remarkable man. His conversion was not the conversion of a bad man into a good one. Paul was intensely of his own mind, and was intensely in earnest about his religion even before he became a Christian. He had a definite creed always and believed in it with all his soul. He was, after his conversion, profoundly impressed with the sacrifice Christ made in coming on earth and giving His life for men. Unless Christ was the son of God He has no claim whatever to be our Saviour. It is no use to say that He was a good man, but was not God. He was a deceiver and a liar. There is no religion in a deceiver. Christ's whole life cries out against His being a deceiver.

True Basis of Religion.

"The only true basis of religion is in believing that all men are brothers in God. St. Paul was a man who believed firmly in this. He expressed his belief not only in living up to it, but in teaching it to his followers. It was this that made his religion so powerful. Some people have come to look lightly on creeds on account of the careless way in which many church members repeat them. St. Paul was not of this sort. He believed in a creed, and he lived through it. He faced many perils in order that he might proclaim his creed to mankind. Is Christianity any less real to you than it is to clergymen? Ought not the everyday life of the businessman, the professional man to be as real in Christianity as it is to the clergyman? Religion calls upon all of us to read God's word, to pray every day and to give a part of our gifts in order that God's word may be preached to others. St. Paul was a man with a very large amount of commonsense in his religion. Some people seem to think religion is one thing and commonsense is another. St. Paul's commonsense took the form of largeness of heart. He had a tremendously large outlook. We all need to realize that whatever is done in sincerity and in truth for Jesus Christ is for the good of all. This is an ideal that we should all seek. St. Paul was not ashamed to admit it when he was in the wrong. There are many people who will not admit it. Paul's spirit is in striking contrast to that one of self-righteousness. We should remember that all righteousness comes from above and try to keep ourselves near to Jesus Christ."

Sermons This Week.

The anniversary services will be continued throughout the week. A special celebration of holy communion was held in the cathedral this morning.

On Tuesday evening Rev. R. S. W. Howard will give an illustrated lecture on "The Pan-Anglican Congress." On Wednesday evening Rev. John Ridley, rector of Trinity Church, Galt, will preach a special sermon.

On Thursday evening prominent local speakers will address a meeting held under the auspices of St. Paul's Club. On Sunday next Rev. Dr. Faber, of St. John's, will preach and conclude the anniversary services.

Personal Mention

Mrs. James Barnett, of Mitchell, is visiting her niece, Mrs. W. J. Mulloy, 830 Lorne avenue.

Mrs. Joseph Laird of Blenheim is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McBroom, 242 Hyman street.

The many friends of Mrs. H. Spencer, 123 Dufferin avenue, will be pleased to learn that she is progressing favorably after her operation for appendicitis at St. Joseph's Hospital.

The family of the late Mrs. Henry Maull, 173 Colborne street, desires to thank their many friends for their extreme kindness in their visits, and for the loving sympathy and condolence.

Among the recent graduates from St. Luke's Hospital, New York, is Miss Evelyn Carling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Carling, of Exeter, Ontario.

The authorities of the hospital have since shown their appreciation of her excellent work by at once appointing her to a position of responsibility in St. Luke's.

Mrs. J. Peden and sons, of West Branch, Mich., who have been visiting Mrs. Peden's mother, Mrs. O. Flowers, for the past month, have returned to Walkerville, where they will spend a week with Mrs. Peden's sister, Mrs. J. McIntosh, before returning to their home in Michigan.

1909 HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS

Circular of Instruction Issued by the Department of Education.

The department of education has issued the following instructions regarding the high school entrance examinations of 1909:

1.—The high school entrance examination for 1909 will begin on Wednesday, the 23rd of June, at 8:45 a. m., and will be conducted under the provisions of the high schools act and of the regulations relating thereto, subject to the instructions herein contained.

2.—Candidates who purpose writing at the examination must notify the public school inspector before the last day of May.

3.—The inspector shall notify the education department not later than the 2nd day of May in each year of the number of persons desiring to be examined at any high school or other authorized place within his jurisdiction.

4.—Further instructions will be issued later.

SELECTIONS FOR MEMORIZATION

Ontario Fourth Readers.

VII. Boadicea; XIV. Lament of the Irish Emigrant; XXIX. For a That and a That; XLVI. Lead, Kindly Light; LIV. Lohengrin; LXXXIII. The Influence of Beauty; Sonnet—Night (page 302); CV. Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard.

Canadian Catholic Fourth Readers.

VI. Lead, Kindly Light; X. Flow Gently, Sweet Afton; XXXV. Step by Step; LII. Sonnet of the River; LIII. As I Came Down from Lebanon; CL. Inscription for a Spring; CXV. The Bells of Shandon; CXVIII. Elegy Written in a Country Churchyard.

RURAL AND VILLAGE LIFE OF CHINESE

Returned Missionary to China Spoke in Colborne St. Methodist Church.

Rev. J. L. Stewart, who for many years has been doing missionary work in Chentu, China, preached in the Colborne Street Methodist Church yesterday morning to a large audience, and gave a most interesting account of his work. Mr. Stewart dealt at length with the rural and village life of the Chinese, their schools, their homes, and their superstitions. He also told of their degradation and misery, and concluded with a hopeful outline of the good work that is being done by the Christian churches.

In the evening Rev. M. L. Pearson preached from the text, "Go ye into all the world," and showed that Christ was the first to take the view of the whole world being a philanthropic work for his church. There had been national reformers, but never whole world reformers. In concluding Mr. Pearson asked all to consider their personal responsibility in seeing that the message was sent to all the world.

AFTER THE USURERS

Ontario Legislature May Act to Suppress the Evil.

Toronto, Jan. 25. — More stringent measures against usury are proposed at the forthcoming session of the Ontario Legislature. The private bills to be submitted include some proposals of a rather radical nature.

One proposition will ask the appointment of a principal officer and inspector after the manner of a factory or license inspector, whose duty it shall be to visit the various centres and examine chattel mortgages, notes, etc., require records where necessary, and generally attend to the enforcement of the statutes defining legal interest.

It is also proposed to require a registration of all transactions and payments.

It is anticipated that the attorney-general, Hon. J. J. Foy, who will be asked to look into the existing conditions, may submit a Government amendment to the present act under which "all persons" making advances at illegal rates of interest will become liable. At present the act applies to "money lenders," and it is alleged that offenders in other vocations are thus enabled to secure a technical immunity under it.

THANKS FOR COUNCIL.

London, Ont., Jan. 20, 1909.

To the Mayor and Council of the Corporation of the City of London:

On behalf of the Italian citizens of this city we, the undersigned, beg to thank you most heartily for your generous grant for the assistance of our fellow countrymen in their great loss in the recent disaster at Messina, Italy.

Wishing you and your honorable body a prosperous New Year. We remain, yours respectfully,

JOSEPH DAMBRA,

FRANK FENECH,

JAMES CATALANO.

The city of Sheffield, England, makes for its city, is the first municipal body in Great Britain to decide to provide a rifle range at public cost for the use of the community.

Mr. Allen Lucas and Miss Mary Glasco were wedded at Hamilton Saturday.

Alex. Ritchie, a well-known farmer of Tilbury East, is dead.

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NORTH MIDDLESEX FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Circular of Dates, Etc., Has Been Issued by the Secretary-Treasurer.

The following circular has been sent out by Secretary-Treasurer W. T. Amos announcing the supplementary meetings for 1909, of the North Middlesex Farmers' Institute.

Supplementary meetings for 1909 will be held at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. at Komoka, Scoby's Hall, Feb. 2; women's evening meeting only.

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