NOMINATIONS FOR ISLAND LEGISLATURE

Number of Members Secure Acclamations in P.E.I. House—New Premier is Among Number—The Peculiar Franchise Existing in the Island Legislature.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Dec. 27—The new premier, J. A. Mathieson, was today elected by acclamation with his colleague, Temple Macdonald, to the Prince Edward Island legislature. Other acclamations are: Hon. John McLean (Conservative) in the first district of Kings; Hon. Jean Kickham (Conservative), also in the first district of Kings, and J. A. McDonald (Conservative) in the third district of Kings.

The Prince Edward Island legislature is a peculiarly constituted one, being a survival of the old form of government when the little province had an upper and a lower house, corresponding to the Canadian Senate and House of Commons. In the island province prior to 1897, both houses were elected, the councilmen by the

Federal Influence.

property voters alone ,and the assembly by both property holders and manhood suffrage voters. When the two houses were amalgamated, the old distinctions in choosing members were maintained and councilmen and assemblymen are still selected in the same way. Voting is open, the ballot not yet having made its advent.

The Dominion Government by no means can exercise a strong influence on the federal employees, especially the railwaymen.

Before the Dominion election, Premier Borden promised a tunnel to the mainland, but now a six mile car ferry between the two points where the tunnel was proposed, is suggested, and Premier Mathieson is telling the people that he has strong assurance that such will be given by the Borden Government if he is returned to power.

Nomination day passed off very quietly, the following candidates being nominated for the assembly:

Prince County.

First District—Benjamin Gallant, Liberal; S. T. Gallant, Conservative.

Second District—John Richards, Liberal; George Matthews, Conservative.

Third District—J. J. McNally, Liberal; A. E. Arsenault, Conservative.

Fourth District—F. Tuplin, Liberal; J. Kennedy, Conservative.

Fifth District—Hubert Hewatt, Liberal; J. A. McNeill, Conservative.

Queens County.

First District—C. W. Crosby, Liberal; M. Kennedy, Conservative.

Second District—G. W. McPhee, Liberal; J. H. Buntain, Conservative.

Third District—C. Chandler, Liberal; Dr. Dewar, Conservative.

Fourth District—David P. Irving, Liberal; J. S. Martin, Conservative.

Charlottetown and Royalty—F. J. Nash, Liberal; W. S. Stewart, Conservative; G. E. Hughes, Liberal; Dr. S. R. Jenkins, Conservative.

Kings County.

First District—John McLean, John Kickham, Conservatives, elected by acclamation.

Second District—A. Simpson and A. A. McDonald, Conservatives; R. N. Cox and J. D. McInnis, Liberals.

Third District—J. A. Dewar, Conservative; H. Nelson, Liberal; A. McDonald, Conservative.

Fourth District—A. P. Prowse, Conservative; G. S. Inman, Liberal; Murdock McKinnon, Conservative; Dr. Barnes, Liberal.

Fifth District—J. A. Mathieson and T. McDonald, Conservatives, elected by acclamation.

Note.—The reports received fail to supply the nominations to the council for the counties of Queens and Prince in above.

PERILS OF C. N. R. PARTY.

Survey Party Almost Famished On Journey to Tete Jaune Cache.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 26—Starved out through inability to get food supplies, and unable to journey south through impassible snow-covered trails in their bateau, Blue River fifty miles distant, a Canadian Northern engineering party of twenty-two men, in charge of J. W. Coovert, were compelled early this month to abandon the camp at North Thompson Crossing, and return to civilization, an overland tramp of sixty miles to Tete Jaune Cache.

In a four days' walk, the half famished men were obliged to cross a summit and wade through deep snow until they reached a point near Tete Jaune Cache, on the Fraser River, where better travelling conditions prevailed. The surveyors having run out of other food, were obliged to subsist on rice diet. Each member of the party, when the distribution took place, was allotted five pounds of the life sustaining cereal. Fifteen men, in charge of Mr. Coovert, reached Vancouver today

Rev. Thomas Paton Dead

St. Catherines, Ont., Dec. 27—Rev. Thomas Paton, for seven years pastor of St. Andrew's church, Merriton, is dead here. He was born in Crowfi Head, Scotland, in 1848. As a young man he went to China where he engaged as a missionary worker. After his health failed, he came to Canada, and took up missionary work among the Chinese of British Columbia. In 1892 he was ordained and inducted into the ministry of the Canadian Presbyterian church and since then has filled charges at Revelstoke and Grand Forks, and in Barrie and Hamilton Presbyteries.

Tranquility Now Restored.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28—A special telegram from Tabriz received this morning says that after the bombardment of the official quarter of that city for two days, the fifth regiment of the rifle brigade effected their entrance into town. Tranquility has been practically entirely restored among the people. After the flight of the deputy governor general to the British consulate on December 26th, all the property of the government was placed under seal and a detachment of the Rifle brigade has been posted to protect it.

G.T.P. READY TO BUILD INTO GRANDE PRAIRIE.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 29.—Mayor Laurence, of Edson, who is now in Winnipeg, interviewed Mr. W. P. Hinton, general passenger agent, regarding the construction of the proposed G.T.P. line from Edson to Grande Prairie and Peace river, and was informed that the company was prepared to start in ten days if they were given the assurance of a bond guarantee.

A party of Portage la Prairie and Brandon business men leave January 3rd on a special car of the G.T.P. for Edmonton and Edson, to look over that part of Alberta.

ARE INVESTIGATING THE FINDING OF DYNAMITE

Three Railway Detectives at Illinois Town Where Sticks of Explosive Were Discovered Under Railway Bridge Say They Have Clue.

Thebes, Ill., Dec. 28—Three railroad detectives, who have been conducting investigations here since dynamite was found beneath the Thebes railroad bridge across the Mississippi river met tonight to discuss their theories in connection with the case. It was stated authoritatively that several cities have been run down and that it is likely that arrests will be made soon.

Geo. Mogg, station agent for the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad here, said today that children playing beneath the bridge on Christmas day had found 26 sticks of dynamite, with caps and fuses attached and had reported their find to older persons, who called the attention of the railroad men to it.

The presence of the railroad detectives here caused it to become known that 100 freight cars in the yards here have been robbed in the last few nights. Tramps who have been loitering in the yards in large numbers are blamed for the robberies.

REGINA GETTING THE CRAZE.

Is Now Advertising the Fact That Utilities are Municipally Owned.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 28.—A meeting of the boards of trade of Southern Saskatchewan will be held here on January 4th. It is expected that upwards of fifty boards will be represented and questions of traffic congestion and other important matters will be dealt with. Dr. Hodgson, late of Glasgow, who recently toured the west with the Sheffield choir, has arrived in the city to take up the duties of the position of musical director of the Regina College, which he accepted some months ago.

At the last meeting of the present city council a statement was issued, stating the disposition of money to be raised by the city next year to the extent of $737,955. The item of chief interest is that providing for municipal machinery to be installed at an estimated expenditure of $200,000. With the installation of a gas plant, Regina will own and operate all the utilities at present needed by the city, viz., street cars, electric light and power, water, and gas.

STEAMER PLUNGED TO BOTTOM HEAD FIRST

Collision About 100 Miles East of Halifax Results in Drowning of Three of the Crew of Ill-fated Ship—Remainder Rescued.

Halifax, Dec. 27.—The French mail steamer St. Pierre, Miquelon, arrived at North Sydney from Halifax tonight having on board the crew of the British steamer Renwick, Captain Chapman. The two steamers were in a collision off Green Island about 100 miles east of Halifax early this morning the French boat striking the Renwick amidships, sending her to the bottom head first, carrying down three of the crew who were sleeping in the forward part of the Renwick. The accident happened about 3 o'clock.

The weather was fine with very little sea running. The Renwick was under charter for the Inverness Coal & Railway Company and at the time of the accident was on her way from Port Hastings to Bridgewater, coal laden. One of the drowned men was William Wiggenton, an Englishman, 35 years of age, unmarried. The names of the others are unobtainable. All were firemen. The survivors lost all their belongings as the steamer sank so quickly that they barely escaped with their lives.

Meet Again Thursday.

The council adjourned to meet again on Thursday, when the estimates of the several departments for 1912 will receive consideration. The mayor is in communication with the mayor of Strathcona and is endeavoring to make an arrangement under which the estimates of the two cities would be considered at a joint meeting of the city councils. Either council has the power to pass its estimates without consulting the other, and to submit the necessary money bylaws to the ratepayers, providing this action is taken before February 1st, when the amalgamation act becomes law. In view of the fact that the money will be supplied by the united city, it is thought well that the councils should pass on the estimates in joint session.

A Fatal Christmas Gift.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27.—With a rifle which was his Christmas gift, 10 year old Harry Leowell to-day shot and instantly killed his mother, Mrs. Caesarina Leowall in their home near Jefferson Barracks. Harry did not know the rifle was loaded.

MONTREAL IS TO BE A BIG C.N.R. CENTRE

Plans Outlined Involve an Expenditure of Twenty-five Million—To Have Finest Freight Station—Company Will Electrify Entire Line Through Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 28—What are termed the official plans of the Canadian Northern railway are published here today. The plans as outlined involves an expenditure of fully $25,000,000.

The details are as follows: Land to the extent of 4,800 acres has been acquired behind Mount Royal for a model city, car shops and freight yards. From there a tunnel will be driven from the Hunt Club under Mount Royal to the corner of Lagauchetiere and St. Monique streets. A big hotel will be built on the site of the present Bath house and adjoining properties. From this point a strip of land extending right down to the water front has been bought by the company, and the company will build an elevated line with which they will only have to cross three streets and permission for which will undoubtedly be granted without opposition by the board of control.

At the corner of William and Nazareth streets, in the very heart of the wholesale business district, the finest freight station in North America will be erected, and from thence the line will run along the water front to their present Moreau street station.

The lines will be electrified from Back river to the Moreau street station, doing away with all objections regarding smoke. Work will be started on the tunnel from both ends early this spring.

LOOKING FOR LOST JOBS.

Victims of the Political Axe Are in Ottawa Endeavoring to Regain Positions.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The Evening Citizen says: "With a view of getting back their lost jobs a number of mail clerks from the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario railway are in town to-day, registered at various hotels. As a result of the shuffle after the overthrow of the late government, it is understood they received intimation that the wheels of the government could revolve without their existence as cogs in the economic machine.

"Coming in the neighborhood of Christmas the news was no unmixed joy and brought them down in a hurry to Ottawa, to see what could be done about it. An interview was arranged for them with the postal authorities and the men are now hoping for the best, that is, that they keep their old jobs.

May Abandon New Rates.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 29.—The Tribune will say this afternoon that strong political pressure is being brought to bear on the government to abandon the new telephone rates, recently announced by the government telephone commission, and which promise to be far from popular. It is understood that the Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of the interior, is taking a good deal of interest in the matter, the telephones being formerly under his department as member of the Manitoba cabinet.

HE TELLS OF ATTEMPT TO FORM BIG MERGER

Swift & Co.'s Attorney Gives Evidence in Chicago Packers' Trial—E. H. Harriman and Others to Help—They were to Receive Ten Million Dollars as Compensation.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Albert H. Veeder, attorney for Swift & Co., and the first witness called by the government in the trial of the ten Chicago packers, testified to-day that the defendants made two efforts to organize a merger in the summer of 1902 and that their efforts to finance the enterprise were unsuccessful in both instances.

The first plan was to include the Armour, Swift, Morris and Cudahy interests and the proposed corporation was to be capitalized for $923,000,000 divided as follows: Bonds, $141,750,000; preferred stock, $198,750,000; common stock, $612,000,000.

After the promoters had failed to finance this proposition, through Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the plan was changed to provide for a capitalization of $525,000,000, and the condition of the money market made it impossible to finance the modified merger.

Mr. Veeder testified that E. H. Harriman, James Stillman and other New York financiers, were to have furnished the capital for the big corporation and the amount they were to receive as compensation was $10,000,000.

Henry Veeder, son of A. H. Veeder, who is said to have acted as secretary for the old packers' pool, known to the government under the name of "Postoffice Box No. 247," will be the next witness called by the prosecution.

SIR WILFRID AT HIS POST

Report That He Will Visit California During Session Is Officially Denied.

Ottawa, Dec. 27—An official denial was given to a report from Los Angeles published in Toronto yesterday to the effect that Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier intended to leave for California at the end of January or beginning of February. There is best of reasons for denying report.

Although Sir Wilfrid is anxious to revisit California, he will certainly not do so during a session of parliament, so long as his health keeps good. He will be at his post on January 10 and will stay in Ottawa till the end of the session.

NUMBER OF DEATHS NOW TOTALS 41.

Berlin, Germany, Dec. 28—Five more inmates of the Municipal Shelter for Homeless, died during the night, bringing the total of dead from Ptomaine poisoning caused by eating decayed smoked herring on the night of Dec. 26, up to forty-one. Many more men suffering from the same symptoms, have ben picked up in the street in the vicinity of the shelter, but in most of these cases the sickness is less serious.

NOT DISTURBED BY DUMA LEGISLATION

Bill Attacking the American Export Trade Not Regarded With Much Concern in Russian Official Circles—Shows Only Russian Resentment.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Except as indicating the extent of Russian resentment at the action of the United States in abrogating the treaty of 1832 the introduction in the Duma today of the bill attacking the American export trade with Russia is not regarded with much concern in official circles here.

Even if the measure should be adopted by the Duma it would require the approval of the imperial council and of the emperor himself to become law.

In that case it could not take effect before January 1, 1913, because of the continuance until that date of the present treaty with its favored nation clause. Removed from all likelihood of political influence in either country, it is felt that negotiations can be conducted in a calm and judicial manner.

HELD ON MURDER CHARGE.

Alfred Thomas Smith, Charged With Killing Arthur Alsford at Rivers, Man.

Brandon, Dec. 27.—That Arthur Alsford came to his death from the effects of a bullet fired by a revolver in the hand of Alfred Thomas Smith during a scuffle in the Cecil hotel at Rivers, Man., was the verdict of the jury sitting at the inquest held on the body of Arthur Alsford, who was fatally injured in a shooting affray at Rivers last Wednesday. The deceased was an old South African veteran and held the Queen's and King's medal for service during the Boer war. Thomas Smith is held here, charged with wilful murder.

HEARING IN CALGARY MURDER CASE RESUMED

John Harvey With Whom The Three Accused Persons Lived, Gives Evidence As To Their Move Day of Murder and Afterwards.

Calgary, Dec. 27.—When the preliminary hearing in the Middleton murder case was resumed this afternoon in the police court before Magistrate Sanders, John Harvey was placed on the stand to continue his testimony. Harvey said he had conversations with the accused, William Middleton, who said he had been to Cochrane to see his brother, but had not seen him.

On the night of the murder, they had come in at 9.30 p.m. and witness had retired to bed at 9.50. Mrs. Anderson and Middleton were then in the front room, where they were reading. The witness said he had slept soundly. He seldom wakened before morning. That night he had heard the clock strike 11. He saw Middleton the night after the murder about 7 p.m. Mrs. Anderson was in at the time.

Middleton came home alone that night. Anderson was in the house at the time. Middleton was upset when he came in. He had been to the morgue and seen his brother that day. He sat on the bed for half an hour before he told of having been to the morgue. Anderson was in the room, but witness did not know where Mrs. Anderson was at the time. Middleton said it was a fearful sight and he was still sitting up on the bed when the witness retired.

ARRESTED WITH DYNAMITE

Man Captured in Factory Town Where 8,000 Non-Union Men Employed With 72 Sticks in Suitcase

Pittsburg, Dec. 26—Carrying a suitcase containing 72 sticks of dynamite, a roll of fuses and two quarts of whiskey, George Bridges, who refused to tell anything concerning himself, was arrested last night at Monessen, Pa., a mill town near here.

Except to say that "A man gave me the suitcase at the lower end of the town," Bridges is reticent. The use to which the dynamite was to be put has not been ascertained by the police. More than 8,000 men are employed in the mills at Monessen, all of which it is stated, are non-union.

Trade Fight Between Steel Companies

Toronto, Dec. 29—The posibility of a trade fight between the Dominion Steel corporation and the Steel Company of Canada, is being discussed in view of the latter company's decision to manufacture rods. It was understood a conference was held between the two concerns in 1910 when a truce was arranged. Recently, the two companies have been entering fields which were looked on as left to their rivals.

Sir Francis Campbell Dead.

London, Dec. 28—Sir Francis Campbell, who had been assistant undersecretary of the foreign office since 1902, died yesterday. He was born on May 2, 1852, and was the son of the late Colonel George Campbell, of the Grenadier Guards. He was married to Dora Edith Hammersley.

PERSIAN ATROCITIES ALARM THE BRITISH

Many Disquieted at British Complicity in Persian Troubles—Further Report on Tabriz Outrages—Inhabitants Were Defenceless Against the Russians' Attacks.

London, Dec. 27.—The Russian government has decided upon stern measures to suppress the disorders at Tabriz and other disturbed Persian towns. The destruction of the telegraph lines makes it impossible to get a reliable narrative of the outbreak, yet it cannot be doubted that a situation of the gravest complexity has arisen.

As reports of Russian progress in Persia and stories of the indiscriminate killing of natives in Tabriz and Resht and of the destruction of Persian constitutional government under Russian manaces continue to reach England, the people are becoming increasingly disquieted at the British government's complicity, which the foreign secretary, Sir Edward Grey, thinks is a matter of policy and compelled by the Anglo-Russian agreement.

Report of Atrocities.

The Persia committee, composed of prominent Englishmen interested in Persian affairs, has received the following telegram from the provincial assembly at Tabriz, sent through the Persia secretary at Constantinople.

"On Dec. 21, Russian troops attacked and seized the administration building. They trampled school children underfoot and killed and wounded innocent men and women. They also looted the shops. The inhabitants, after extraordinary forbearance, began to defend themselves and forced the Russians to evacuate the government offices. On Dec. 22, the Russians bombarded the city until sunset, consternation increasing hourly.

Renewed Bombardment.

"On Dec. 23, in consequence of orders from the central government to cease fighting, the inhabitants took no steps to defend themselves, but the Russians renewed the bombardment, firing from the environ of their consulate and killing innocent inhabitants.

"The inhabitants still remained quiet on Dec. 25, but the ferocity of the Russians greatly increased. They killed many women and children and a large number of buildings were burned by them. If, to-morrow, they do not desist from their savage attacks, the inhabitants will be compelled to defend themselves."

NEW COAL COMPANY.

Discovery Made of a Valuable Coal Mine Near Cardston, in Southern Alberta.

Lethbridge, Dec. 27.—As the result of the discovery of valuable coal mine near Cardston, that place will be the headquarters of Cardston Coal and Coke Company, which will be shortly incorporated to handle proposition, R. E. McArthur, civil engineer here, will be leading figure in the new company. Other members of the corporation will be J. H. Smith, J. Brodie, H. M. and W. A. Whiddington, of Lethbridge, and Benjamin Street, J. L. Leavitt and William Laurier, of Cardston. The new company will be incorporated with a capital of $150,000. They have just recently acquired leases for the property in question and will commence development work immediately.

RAILWAYS FIGHT OVER IMMIGRANT TRAFFIC

Contest Resolves Itself Into One Between the Grand Trunk on One Hand and New York Central and C. P. R. on the Other.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—The fight between the railways over the immigrant traffic between American ports and the Canadian northwest has resolved itself into a contest between the Grand Trunk company on the one hand and the New York Central in conjunction with its ally, the Canadian Pacific, on the other.

The fare for steamship immigrants between American Atlantic ports and Winnipeg has for a long time past been $25, and steamship companies have been paid a bonus of $1.50 per head on all immigrants booked through to the prairie metropolis.

The immigrants for Canada landing at Boston, New York or Philadelphia, have hitherto been routed either to Montreal or Prescott, and thence by the Canadian Pacific lines to Western Canada.

TO DISPATCH NO MORE TROOPS.

Russia Considers 40,000 Sufficient to Maintain Order.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29—The Russian government does not contemplate the dispatch of further troops to Persia. The brigade of sharpshooters, consisting of four regiments and comprising about 40,000 men, with four squadrons of Cossacks and a battery of artillery, is considered sufficient to maintain order in the city of Tabriz. The Russian military commanders have been ordered by headquarters to co-operate with the Perisan authorities in the punishment of the disorderly elements responsible for attacks on Russian troops at various places.

C. P. R. Telegraph Changes.

Winnipeg, Dec. 28—In addition to the changes in the C. P. R. telegraph service already announced, the following supervisors were named today: F. B. Scott at Kenora, E. M. Payne at Winnipeg, W. J. Kane at Brandon, W. Rutherford, former city manager Winnipeg, at Souris, A. F. C. Fraser at Moose Jaw, S. J. Baker at Saskatoon, S. M. Thurston at Regina, C. H. Powell at Calgary, J. J. Schtgen at Medicine Hat, D. L. Howard at Cranbrook, H. B. McIntyre at Vancouver, F. E. Camp at Revelstoke. A Nelson man is to be named.

REPORT OF NARROW ESCAPE OF KING

Bombay, India, Dec. 28—A sensational report that King George had a narrow escape from death while tiger hunting in Neapal was circulated here today. The story was told by a native, who had accompanied the royal expedition as a game beater.

Although every precaution had been taken to protect the life of His Majesty, it is said that an enormous tiger, streaked with blood from several wounds and frantic with pain and rage, leaped upon the elephant from whose back King George did his shooting, before it was finally put to death.

ITS OBJECT WILL BE ONE OF HEAD HUNTING

Civil Service Commission Declared to be Entirely Partisan—The Liberals are Fearing for Heads—It is Said That Commission Will Make Careful Scrutiny.

Ottawa, Dec. 28—A new feature of the recently appointed civil service commission has just come to light at the capital. This is that M. N. Ducharme, the French member of the commission, is the head of Le Devoir Publishing Company ,of which Henri Bourassa is the editor.

This fact ,it is contended, more than substantiates the suspicion at first given utterance to, that the commission is entirely partisan in character, and has primarily for its object the work of head hunting and creation of vacancies. It is stated here that the appointment of Ducharme came directly from Monk, the minister of public works, in whose department the work of dismissal of public servants has so far been most noticeable. It is in this department that the commission will commence its investigation.

The Liberal employees of the government are already commencing to worry in view of these facts. However, Hon. Mr. Morine stated tonight that it is not to be a muck raking body, but its primary function is departmental recognition. To bring that about will require careful scrutiny into existing conditions. The purpose, he says, is to locate the weak spots in the departmental administration so that such defects may be remedied and reoccurrence of trouble prevented.

The inquiry will be both public and private. No general counsel has been selected but from time to time different lawyers are likely to be engaged along with experts. The enquiry will not start till early in the new year, and will extend over many months.

To Test Bonusing Principle.

London, Ont., Dec. 27.—T. G. Meredith, London's city solicitor, today issued a writ against the town of Newmarket, asking for an injunction to prevent that town from issuing $25,000 debentures in connection with a proposed loan to the Harding Motor Co., now a London industry. This is a test case, and one of great interest, in view of the competition for factories between industrial centres.

C.N.R. MAGNATES AFTER BIG TRACTION SYSTEM

Reported That MacKenzie and Mann Will Take Over the Lines of the Dominion Power and Transmission Company—Details of the Agreement Not Available.

Hamilton, Dec. 28—On the best of authority it is announced that early in the new year the MacKenzie and Mann interests will take over the Dominion Power and Transmission Company, including the Hamilton street railway, the Brantford and Hamilton railway, the Hamilton and Beamsville company, the Hamilton and Dundas railway and the Hamilton, Burlington and Oakville road.

An official announcement may be expected as soon as Sir William MacKenzie returns from the Old Country. It is said he and Vice-President Hanna of the Canadian Northern, have gone to float a loan of $80,000,000.

Details of the amount that the MacKenzie and Mann will pay for the Dominion Power and Transmission company's stock are not available, in fact, officials and directors of the local company today would neither deny or affirm the story.

TUBE RAILWAYS FOR MAILS.

New System of Underground Transport is being Projected in City of London.

London, Dec. 26—London's system of tube railways will be increased by a diminutive underground railroad which will be used exclusively for the transport of mail matters. This tube as planned will be seven feet six inches in diameter, providing space for two tracks of two foot guage. Motor vans instead of locomotives with trailers will be used to admit of reversal without the necessity of loops or shunting. It is expected that the line will relieve the congestion of the London traffic, which is increased by the large number of mail vans now in use.

Re-Organize Regiment.

Montreal, Dec. 29—Military men are greatly interested in the announcement that the First Prince of Wales Fusiliers, disbanded a year ago, have been re-organized under the name of the First Grenadier Guards. Lieut. Col. John Carson, formerly commander of the Royal Highlanders, is to be the first in command, with Lieut. Col. F. Meighen second, and Major W. O. Woods third.

NO MORE JAPS ARE TO COME INTO CANADA

Government of the Mikado Will Absolutely Stop Emigration Legislator From Japan in Ottawa—His Country Anxious to Secure Canadian Trade and Friendship.

Ottawa, Dec. 26—That the Japanese government intend in future to send no Japanese immigrants to Canada at all, was stated by K. Miyako, a lawyer and member of the Japanese parliament for Ibaraki, near Tokio, who is in town en route home from Rome.

For some time past as is generally known Japanese immigration to Canada has been restricted but according to Mr. Miyako as a result of an agreement between different members of the cabinet of his country it will in future be absolutely stopped.

Represented China.

Mr. Miyako was one of seven representatives chosen by Japanese parliament to represent it at the International Congress of Memmbers of Parliament to be held in Rome. On account of an outbreak of cholera there however the meeting was postponed.

Japan will be in the throes of a general election next May he said. There is, however, no big question up. The navy matter apparently does not bother the people in the land of the Rising Sun, the cabinet being content to keep up the present sea strength without pursuing a policy of enlargement. What will be done in the future, however, is a subject for debate.

Military training is compulsory, the army being selected from the total able-bodied adult population.

Status of Korea.

In reply to a question as to the status of Korea, Mr. Miyako replied that it had now been placed under a governor-general and was a dominion like Canada. The Japanese government was taking no stand in the Chinese revolution. It was just looking on without interference as nothing except perhaps Japanese trade with China was affected.

Apropos of trade, Japan was anxious to secure both Canadian trade and friendship as it had heard of the business progress that characterized the merchants in the Dominion.

IN SYMPATHY WITH HIM.

Toronto Business Men Support Sikh in Mission to Ottawa.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—That the leading business men of Toronto, representative of almost every religious institution, are in sympathy with Dr. Sunder Singh, the Sikh, in his mission for better immigartion laws for his people here and in India was manifested today at a meeting of businessmen here. They will assist the doctor in all ways possible. "The Sikhs coming to Canada must come by one direct steamer," stated Rev. John Wilkie, of Toronto, returned missionary, "and this is impossible, which makes it almost impossible for the Sikhs here to bring out their wives and families. I think that the laws should be amended."

Dr. Singh will interview the government, asking that the clause be withdrawn from the law which means the admission to Canada of the Sikhs wives and children. Sikhs entering Canada must have $200 in their possession, but the real sticking point is the direct voyage.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Meets Informally in Premier Borden's Office.

Ottawa, Dec. 27—Hon. A. B. Morine, C. H. Ducharme and R. S. Lake, constituting the commission to investigate the civil service, met for the first time in Ottawa this morning. Mr. Morine, who is chairman of the commission, arrived in the city on the morning train from Toronto. Mr. Ducharme came up from Montreal. Mr. R. S. Lake has been in the city for some days. They came together for the first time in the waiting room of Premier Borden's office whence they had proceeded to call on the premier. There they informally discussed the work before them and decided to meet this afternoon to consider the question of the appointment of counsel, a secretary and the methods of procedure. Also the date on which the opening sitting will be held.

It is stated that some of the meetings at which evidence will be taken will be open, while others will not. This was the plan of procedure adopted by the commissions which enquired into the marine and fisheries and military matters. The first meeting for the taking of evidence will not be held until January, perhaps not before the middle of the month.

Four Weeks' Old Child Abandoned.

Winnipeg, Dec. 26—Abandoned at the gate of the home of friendless children, when the thermometer registered many degrees below zero was the fate handed out to a four weeks' old infant by its unfeeling mother at an hour approaching midnight tonight. George Baker, hearing its pitiful cries, was attracted and took it home ,and it was afterwards taken to the children's home. The infant was well nourished and dressed, having three sets of clothing to protect it from the intense cold. There were no effects from its exposure. Nothing on the clothing gave evidence of its parentage.

Trying to Clear up Barton Mystery.

Hamilton, Dec. 29—Crown Attorney Washington made the statement to the newspapers today that four detectives are at work here trying to clear up the old Barton murder mystery, in which an unknown woman was shot and her body found later in a hickory grove on the mountain. He also said that Pinkerton detectives are working on the murder, in 1903, of a policeman named James Barron, who was shot while looking for alleged robbers near a house on Catherine street. Mr. Washington said he knew nothing about any attempt to re-open the Kinrade case.

HOW TO DRESS AND SHIP

The following artic Daily Trade Bulletin of produced at the reques poultry house, as it facts that apply quite the Edmonton as the Ch

In the first place, poul well fed and well wate kept from 18 to 24 food before killing. out brighter when well adds to the appearance injure the appearance to sour, and when this correspondingly lower accepted than obtained Never kill by wringing

Dressing Chic

Kill by bleeding in m ing of veins of the neck feet until properly bled, and feet on and do not tines or crop. Scalde best. For scalded water should be as ne point as possible with 160 or 170 degrees Fa the legs dry before sca the head and legs and dip up and down five the head is immersed color o the comb and a shrunken appearance buyers to think the ro sick; the feathers and should be removed while the body is warm and without breaking (plump) by dipping te water nearly or quite hang in cool place (or b shelves in shape you w appear when cooled—b the breast muscles and look thiner when coole to pack) until the anim tirely out of the body. chickens properly, the w done while the chickens do not wait and let th cold. Dry picking is done, while the bodies a careful not to break a skin.

Dressing Turk

Observe the same ins given for preparing chi ways dry pick. Pick w avoid tearing. The come off with a twist—s will (set) them. Dres when dry picked, alway command better prices lots, as the appearance and more attractive. market all old and heavy fore January 1st, as af days the demand is sm turkeys only, old toms b discount to canners.

Ducks and Ge

should be scalded in th perature of water as for of poultry, but it requir for the water to penetra the feathers. Some pa after scalding, to wrap blanket for the purpose but they must not be lef dition long enough to co Do not undertake to dr and ducks just before k purpose of saving the fe causes the skin to becom inflamed and is a great sale. Do not pick the the head; leave the fe two or three inches on th not scald the body for of removing any down o heat from the flame wil an oily and unsightly After they are picked should be held in sca after ten seconds, for th plumping, and then rin clean, cold water. Fat, is always preferred.

Cool Thorough

Before packing and sh try should be thoroughly but not frozen—the should be entirely cut pack in boxes or barre that packages are clean with manilla or straw holding 100 to 200 are p pack snugly; stretching and legs, so that they w very much bent and tw shape; fill the packages possible to prevent movi the way; barrels answe chickens and ducks than or geese when conve putting more than one package and mark shi tions plainly on the cove

How to Dress Ca

First be sure and not b til crops are empty, an are fat. A thin capon is as an ordinary chicken. b large or a proper capon wanted as capons or cha Leave feathers on the neck Down two-thirds of the shoulders. Leave feath joints of wings. Leave tail and half way up the feathers on legs from ha thirds up the hips. A the feathers come o that are removed shoul and will sell if kept dr Be careful and keep the Wrap paper around hee ances add to the sale, a price.

DECIDE AGAINST

Vatican Declines to Gra of Marriag

Rome, Dec. 29—The declined to grant Cou Castellane an annulmen riage with Anna Gould, the Duchess of Talleran Countess de Castellane divorce from her husba the custody of their thre November 14, 1909. Abo Count Boni appealed to for annulment of the m Count Boni came to December 20 for the pur all possible influence to ject. In this he was no the Duchess of Talleran

Sentenced for Se

Chatham, Dec. 29—A refusal to say where he p Robert Dolman, an Indi enced to three months Hitherto the offence he ished with a fine.