

### WILMINGTON FARMING IS NEEDED TO DEVELOP CANADIAN WEST

#### Sir James Outram Says "It Is Safer and a Better Money Maker Than Wheat Raising"—Sounds a Warning Note Against Western Land Manipulators—More British Immigrants Coming.

"You should be as careful of western real estate as you are of a rattlesnake. An investment in a western subdivision lot will prove a loss in 90 times out of 100, if not 99 out of 100. Beyond all question of doubt the placing of unwarranted subdivisions on the market has done more to hurt the west than anything else."

Sir James Outram of Vermillion, Ala., the Englishman who is the leading spirit in the development of the farming section in Vermillion district, comprising more than 2,000 acres, is on the warpath against western land sharks, and spoke on the matter in no uncertain terms when seen by The World at the King Edward Hotel last night.

Not only did Sir James see the evil very distinctly, but he also had a remedy that he believes would put a stop to further sharp practices. This, he states, would be to put restrictions on the distance from town in which subdivisions could be started, this to be determined according to the population of the town. In addition to this, all western towns should be vested with authority empowering them to pass upon all projected subdivisions before they could be placed on the market.

#### More Immigrants.

Sir James stated that the near future would see a large increase in the number of English men of the upper class locating in western Canada. Their numbers were growing greater in the west, and it was a good thing both for them and the country. He considered that the future would see more of these men in the middle west.

In regard to British immigration to Canada Sir James stated that British workers in the building trades would do well to come to the west, especially in the west, did not come anywhere near the demand. In fact, in some portions of the west it was practically impossible to obtain them. Business clerks and men

of similar callings would not better themselves in the regard in Canada, although, of course, there was room for shop clerks. "Canada is a splendid place for the Britisher who has a little bit of capital," he said.

#### Mixed Farming.

He took a strong stand in favor of mixed farming in the west over wheat raising. Not only was it better for the country, but the men themselves can make more and surer money by it. If it is a bad year for wheat the grain grower loses heavily. With the mixed farming he has a heavy crop. He knew of one man who had fed his frozen wheat to his horse, and it was in this way worth a dollar a bushel to him.

#### The Right Policy.

While Sir James did not wish to assume the responsibility of voicing an opinion on sentiment of the west on the navy question, he stated that as far as he was personally concerned the policy as outlined in recent speeches of W. F. Maclean, M.P., was, in his opinion, the right one. He thought, however, that the British navy should be adopted.

The raising of several million dollars in England to be used in the development of mixed farming in the west is the object of Sir James' trip east, and he is leaving for England via New York. He has already organized one investment company for the development of the Vermillion district, and has grown to such an extent that he has decided to form an additional company while in England. He is also obtaining British capital to start a bank and loan company in the west, which will loan money to the farmers of that district. Another project for which he is obtaining capital is for the organization of a produce distributing company, which will gather in the produce of the Vermillion district, taking in everything from grain to cattle.

### BONAR CHURCH IS 23 YEARS OLD

#### Special Services Marked the Anniversary Which Was Celebrated Sunday.

Twenty-three years ago the Bonar Presbyterian church, at the corner of College street and Lansdowne avenue, was founded with a membership of 46. Today it has 320 members. On the first anniversary of the church its Sabbath school enrolment was 77 young people. Today its enrolment is 118. These figures show the growth and progress of the west and the church in the morning. The church is now exceedingly prosperous. The value of the church property is \$75,000, and last year the church received \$11,000. One fact that stands out in high relief is that the Sunday school of the church is supporting a foreign missionary and his wife in Formosa.

There were three services on the occasion of the church's 23rd anniversary yesterday. In the morning the Rev. H. A. MacPherson preached a sermon the subject of which was "The Mission of the Church as a Watchman and as a Leader." He dressed the Sabbath school in the afternoon. His subject was "Growth." In the evening Dr. Geis spoke of "The Prominent Value of Religion in the Home." All three services were appreciated by large congregations. Every seat in the church was occupied. The condition of the church and church members showed the thoroughness of the training it has received from M. C. MacIntyre, the capable choir leader. "The excellent music of the church has given me the greatest satisfaction," said the pastor last night, "and especially the condition of the Sabbath school is very gratifying to me."

### THREE NEW MEN IN LEGISLATURE

#### Two Make First Appearance Tomorrow and George Neely Comes Back.

When the Ontario Legislature opens tomorrow three new men will appear upon Queen's Park and take up seats on the Conservative side of the house. E. H. Armstrong of Muskoka will have the seat vacated by Charles Mahaffy when he was appointed to a county judgeship, while C. H. Mills of North York will have the seat vacated by the death of the late Robert Sutherland, M.L.A., who died while riding in a trolley car. Mr. Neely's first appearance in the house.

### NO MAN CAN EVER LEARN TOO MUCH

#### Rev. John McNeill Advised Students to Work Hard at College.

"Good bye religion. I'll be back next Sunday!" That's what a great many churchgoers say as they file out of God's temple after Sunday evening service, declared Rev. John McNeill of Cooke's Church at Convocation Hall last night. The preacher was condemning false pride and mistaken dignity as so-called Christians sometimes exhibit it.

"I have often faced big congregations where every face had a long, wise look, intended to be fitting to the solemnity of the occasion. To me the wisest expression of common sense and humility was to see worshippers suggest vacancy. Frequently those wearing it are at the same time wearing for the benediction and their next meal," said he.

#### Meek and Humble.

That preacher who thinks he is any more than a God's messenger, toys, as a former principal had told him in his undergraduate days, is up a little above his right position. Meekness and humility are the essential attributes of good Christians. The man who knows the most, should be the least of the knowledge. If properly appreciated, tends to man's humiliation. In the connection Mr. McNeill advised Toronto University students to study with might and main while they are at college. He said he often wished he had worked hard in the school which he had attended over in Toronto.

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### ALBERTA RICH IN TAR SAND DEPOSIT

#### Sir James Grant Gives Picture of Wealth North of Edmonton.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Sir James Grant, K.C.M.G., and former member of parliament, is at the Murray Hill Hotel after having made a 500-mile trip through Canada from Ottawa to Victoria and return. Sir James is a former president of the Tuberculosis Association of Canada and physician to the Princess Louise, sister of the Duke of Connaught, Governor-General of Canada. He has made a study of the possibilities and opportunities awaiting the coming of the oil.

#### Tar Sand Deposits.

"These tar sand deposits are on the Athabasca River, 280 miles north of Edmonton. The outcrop runs for more than 100 miles. The thickness of the deposit is said to vary from 25 to 225 feet. These deposits are reached by rail to Athabasca Landing as far from Edmonton, and thence by river to Athabasca. A railway has been projected from Athabasca Landing as far as the coast. The construction has not been commenced. The percentage of bitumen in these deposits varies from 12 to 20 per cent. They should supply large quantities of paving material and possibly have other uses. The deposits were discovered through the building of the new Transcontinental Railroad. At the present time Edmonton is paving some of its streets with asphalt brought all the way from Trinidad.

"This entire area is held by the Canadian Government and is ready for investigation and sale. The discovery of coal is a recent one. The fields lie 100 miles from Edmonton and three-quarters of a mile from the Grand Trunk Pacific upon a road line, and the coal is said to be worth \$1 a ton. The discovery came thru a man who obtained a land grant. He was digging a vein. It is estimated by engineers that the area containing the deposit is 800 acres and contains more than 25,000,000 tons of coal."

#### Await Capitalists.

"Mr. Hudson, mining engineer, and his partner, who are in possession of Canada, has examined the deposits and has made a report upon the properties to the government. He said that from the spot and tubing to Edmonton, it would be possible to supply all the light, heat and power for the city. "This property is held mostly by poor people, those who have come into the west for fortune, while they are waiting the arrival of capitalists to take over the property and pay the bills of the country."

#### Big Iron Fields.

"What I can tell you," he said, "will give only a glimpse into the great possibilities that are awaiting development in Canada. Take the Korthorn fields. About 1000 people are working there and are within four miles of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, and within eight miles of Ottawa. The iron ore there is no guess work, for they have been examined by Prof. Chapman of the Toronto University. He gave it as his opinion that 100 tons of ore could be taken from the mine every day for 100 years, and then the supply would not be exhausted."

#### Ice Was Black With People Who Had Fine Skating All Day Sunday.

Grenadier Pond was at its best for skating purposes yesterday. The pond on one end to the other presented a smooth, glossy appearance, telling of the fine skating opportunities afforded. It was a real treat for those who had the opportunity that 7000 people journeyed westward.

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### SUDDEN WEALTH BRINGS DANGER

#### Mouths Even of Ministers Are Stopped Up, Says Mr. Stauffer.

In a sermon in Bond Street Congregational Church last night on the subject, "The Blight of Church Snobbery," Rev. Byron Stauffer took issue with those who express their regret that in the modern city rich and poor cannot live upon the same street. After quoting an incident by Elbert Hubbard, entitled, "The Exclusive Set," in which the East Aurora genius satirically ridiculed the impetuous son of earth, who having secured a legacy straightway makes his haste to move his household to the other side of town, Mr. Stauffer said: "Elbert Hubbard is wrong in this, that we cannot avoid divisions in that way. We can avoid them in this way, that when we move out to these localities we should remember those left behind, and so let these two communities dovetail into each other by social intercourse."

#### Sudden Wealth.

Sudden wealth in Mr. Stauffer's opinion brought man dangers to his character. He said that the temptation to neglect the manifest duty of Christian service. "It's so easy," said Mr. Stauffer, "for a man when he gets well off to blame other folks for not getting well off, when as a matter of fact his success may have been clear matter of degree. He then counselled his hearers to be sociable with their inferiors as well as with their superiors. "Speak words of praise upon the poor, and thank you," he said, "so that you can warm up to them."

#### There are ministers in Toronto," said the speaker, "whose sermons on big dividends and low wages would have done more good than any other. Other excerpts are as follows: "A smile and a handshake without love is like putting a bouquet in cold storage."

#### THREE MILLION LEFT TO MUSEUM

James B. Hammond, Aged Typewriter Inventor, Bequeathed Estate to Art.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The will of James Bartlett Hammond, the aged typewriter inventor and manufacturer, made public yesterday, leaves his estate of Art. He died last Monday at August 10, 1908. The estate, consisting of Mr. Hammond's typewriter factory and business, is not unlikely, it is said, to be appraised in excess of \$3,000,000. A coroner's inquest was expected, and it is said the Metropolitan Museum may have a long legal fight on its hands. Mr. Hammond had no children so far as any of his friends in this city know. He was married early in life, but was divorced many years ago. A fight over the will if it comes, will be made, it is said, by some person other than the divorced wife. She has never figured in any litigation with Mr. Hammond since the court separated the couple. He leaves two brothers and two sisters.

#### TOWING "MEXICO" TO PORT.

HALIFAX, N.S., Feb. 2.—(Can. Press.)—The Mexico, in tow of the Dev'nan, is not expected in port before late Monday night or Tuesday morning. The vessel was received today from the captain of the Mexico, in which he said: "Weather very bad all day yesterday. Sea high and rough, holding on well." At that time the Mexico was 200 miles from Halifax.

#### BEATING C.P.R. TO IT.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—(C.A.P.)—The Times Vienna telegram says: "The Austro-American Steamship Company, which is financed mainly by the Deutsche Bank thru the Wiener Bankverein, announces it will institute monthly sailings from Trieste to Canada from March onwards. The destination will be St. John in winter and Montreal in the summer."

### THE UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S CLUB

On Saturday evening, the University Women's Club met at Annesley Hall and had the privilege of listening to Miss Alice Raper Hill, who has been so cordially received in Toronto. The members of the club were discussed and illustrated. The characteristics of a nation are universally reflected in its toys, and a striking relationship found to exist between the numbers of toys and the people's art, ideals and heroic qualities. There is a strong appeal in the jingle to the child's innate sense of rhythm, and many early lessons are learned from the apparently frivolous words of nursery rhymes. The speaker urged a deeper interest in the normal child, in health rather than in deviations from health, and in furnishing a worthy and suitable outlet for the natural, healthful play-instinct in children.

### ONE MAN KILLED AND MANY HURT IN ACCIDENTS OF TWO DAYS

#### James Mitchell Fatally Crushed While Coupling Cars at Mimico—Mrs. Sarah Redding Struck by Motor Car—David Flynn Thrown From Auto and Had Narrow Escape—Minor Accidents.

Caught between two freight cars while making a coupling in a train at Mimico yards, Saturday afternoon, James Mitchell was so seriously injured that he died on the way to Grace Hospital. The man was about 55 years of age, and lived with his wife and family at 232 River street. Mitchell was by rating a conductor, but for some time past had been working as a brakeman. He was employed on the transfer train and when additional cars were to be picked up on one of the sidings in the yards he ran along the track to open the coupler on the first car.

It is usually the custom for the brakeman to open the clasp and then step back until the top parts of the train meet. Instead of doing this Mitchell must have become a little careless or failed to notice that the train was rapidly backing into the cars. A short time after the train was connected the crew found Mitchell on the track which he had fallen after being caught in the couplers. The injured man was rushed to Toronto on a special train. When the train arrived at Bathurst street the police ambulance was in waiting. A few minutes after reaching Grace Hospital Mitchell was pronounced dead by the doctors.

#### Struck by Motor Car.

While crossing the road on Jarvis street, just below Wellesley, on Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Sarah Redding, aged 45, was struck by a motor car and seriously injured. A passing auto took the woman to St. Michael's Hospital, where her condition was reported as critical. The woman was S. F. Pool, 20 Scarth road, was driving south on Jarvis, and there was another car proceeding north. The woman was evidently stopped from behind the car going north right in front of the one driven by Mr. Pool.

#### Shot in Leg.

Before he could get to the hospital, the car had struck the woman. The auto traveling north returned and conveyed Mrs. Redding to the hospital. The police had considerable difficulty in learning the identity of the woman, but it is thought she lived at 41 Hayden street.

### HOTEL BURNED

#### GUESTS ESCAPE

Cash and Jewelry Are Abandoned to Flames at Aiken, S.C.

AIKEN, S.C., Feb. 2.—(Can. Press.)—Park-in-the-Pines, a large hotel, was destroyed by fire at noon today. So rapidly did the flames spread that few of the forty-four guests had time to save any of their personal effects. All prominent couples without injury. Col. E. Dick, manager of the hotel, was overcome by smoke and carried from the building. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. Numbers shut off from escape went down fire escapes.

#### Fireman Fatally Hurt.

ERIE, Pa., Feb. 2.—(Can. Press.)—Fire tonight destroyed a building of the Erie Forge Co. causing a loss of \$100,000. A fireman was probably fatally injured.

#### Carl Burkhardt, alias Weber, was arrested on description Saturday by Constable Weatherup (57), charged with the theft of a horse and buggy from W. C. Cross, 77 East King street.

### BELMONT'S BRIDE WANTS DIVORCE

#### Ethel Loraine, Actress, Lived With Millionaire just Two Weeks.

#### CHARGES NON-SUPPORT

Elopement Resulted in Protest by Raymond Belmont's Angry Father.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The romance of Ethel Loraine and Raymond Belmont, who eloped and married in Jersey City last November, is about over after various interruptions by the bridegroom's angry father, August Belmont.

The former actress is suing on the grounds of desertion and non-support. The plea will include a demand for large alimony. After the marriage the young couple lived in the Gosford Apartments for two weeks and then he suddenly disappeared.

Efforts extending several days to serve Raymond Belmont with a summons in the case have failed and today vacation in South Carolina. Application will be made to the supreme court next week for permission to serve him by publication.

Mrs. Belmont, who continued her residence in the Gosford apartments under the name of Ethel Loraine, left that address last week without giving any indication of her new address. Her lawyers say they are aware of her present address, but decline to give it out at her request.

Offers Them a Home. Albert Loraine, father of Mrs. Belmont, reiterated his offer today to provide a home for the pair in case they ever come together. "As far as I can see it," he said, "it is only the young man's father who stands between them, and if he could be brought around to agree to their happiness, I would do everything that I could for them. They are quite welcome any time to take up their abode at my home."

#### New York Excursion, February 18.

A great many Torontonians have been looking for a special excursion to New York, and will be pleased to hear that the popular Lackawanna Railroad has arranged for an excursion on Thursday, Feb. 14. "The Boy and Anthracite," which is exclusively patronized by "Miss Phoebe Snow," the young lady of another railroad excursion, will know Toronto travelers. The special round trip tickets will cost \$14.25 from Toronto, will be valid for 14 days, and will include C. P. R. trains of Feb. 13, and good for turning to reach Toronto any time to Feb. 22, inclusive. These special excursion tickets will be sold at all Grand Trunk and C. P. R. offices in Toronto, and at Grand Trunk and T. & E. R. offices in Hamilton. Arrangements have been made to sell the round trip tickets at rate of \$12.25 from Hamilton.

#### The Lackawanna City Office, located at 75 Yonge street, has diagrams for the sleeping cars from Buffalo, thus enabling patrons to make their reservations and Pullman tickets in advance. This office will be pleased to furnish all desired information regarding time of trains, assist in arranging for hotel accommodation in New York and look after all details of the trip, in fact, just call up Main 4700, and the information will be forthcoming at once.

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