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## LITTLE LONDON IS SAD.

### Thirty Citizens Killed and Many Injured by Collapse of Old City Hall.

### Two Hundred Precipitated to Floor Below and Crushed Beneath Tons of Iron.

### Terrible Ending to an Election Meeting—List of the Victims.

(Special to the Colonist.)

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 3.—A third very terrible tragedy was added to the city's record of disasters to-night, by the collapse of the city hall, causing deaths to the number of 29 or 30, with probably many more to die from injuries received.

It was a gathering to listen to successful and unsuccessful municipal candidates. The hall was old but supposed to be sound, though it has not been used for dancing lately. It is supposed the stamping of the candidates had loosened the beams, and at 9 o'clock part of the floor over the city engineer's office gave way, and a couple of hundred people were precipitated into the room below, while on these fell large beams and, worse than all, the massive iron safe and steam coil, which crushed and pinned scores of unfortunate.

At the time of writing the number reported dead is 29, and it is estimated that the number of injured is at least 150; many of them are hurt fatally.

The scene in the hall was indescribable. People went half mad trying to get out. The cry of fire started and the police and firemen were quickly on the spot, and as soon as the horrible situation was realized the services of both were used in carrying the dead and wounded to hospitals. Large crowds gathered in the streets, where the confusion and excitement were terrible, nobody knowing who might not be among the dead or injured, who were not all secured for two hours.

The following are the names of the dead so far recovered:

W. T. Smith, ex-street car conductor.  
L. W. Burke, insurance agent.  
Noble Carrothers, nephew of Ald. Carrothers.  
Crawford Beckett, contractor.  
Ex-Ald. John Turner, carriage maker.  
Ed. Luxton, Centralist.  
Fred. Heaman, son of ex-Ald. Heaman.

W. H. Della, baker, West London.  
R. S. Leigh, plumber.  
A. E. Phillips, drug dealer.  
B. J. Nash, carriage maker.  
Wm. Edward Talbot, aged 13.  
Ben Jacques, cabman.  
W. J. Borland.  
Stewart Harrison, aged 51.  
Steve Williams.  
James Hallis.  
Frank Robinson.  
Jack Fellows.  
W. Burridge.  
George Smith.  
Boy named McLean.

At 1 a. m. the deaths numbered 30, and the list was likely to be even larger.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—London is in mourning to-day. It is in a way as if the angel of death had passed over the city last night, visiting numerous homes. The scene in the wrecked building immediately after the floor gave way was like pandemonium. With the first swaying of the floor there was a rush of excited men towards the doors. Fortunately there were many exits, but even so many of the weaker men and boys were crushed down and trampled on by those fighting for freedom and safety. A couple of small boys reached safety by deliberately clambering upon the heads of the thickly massed crowd and running over it to the doors.

Within twenty seconds the hall was cleared, and when the few white-faced spectators who had not rushed to the streets straggled back into the building and gazed down into the abyss, the sight was a terrible one. Men cursed and prayed, wept and laughed in delirium of terror, all the while struggling to free themselves from the network of beams and girders which surrounded them and crushed them to their doom. Cries for help were mingled with frantic appeals to those above for aid.

R. Van Wyck, one of the men who fell with the floor, but luckily came off with a scalp wound, told this story: I was standing in front of the platform just as the crowd called for Totho. Ald. Carrothers stepped to the front and was apparently calling for order. Then it seemed as if the platform on which the mayor and others sat was being pushed over. The next moment the floor gave way and I found myself among a heap of broken timbers. I struggled to my feet and seized a projecting column, by means of which I climbed towards the

floor above. Half way up somebody from above grasped my arms and I was dragged out. Those who were standing around me had disappeared.

J. S. Minnhinick, jr., was among those in the hall near the scene of the disaster. He told his experience as follows: "When I saw the speakers on the platform plunge forward I started for the rear door, from which I was distant about ten feet. The next moment the floor of the hall almost where I stood a minute before was gone, and those behind me were pressing madly for the entrance. Only one-half of the door was open, leaving a space of only about three feet, and no one seemed to care to open the door completely to let the crowd out. Once someone ran over my head, and in the crush at the door my back was severely hurt. Someone fell down but we could not stop. Those behind were pushing us on.

Constable Williams, with a view to expediting the removal of some of the bodies, called upon Dr. J. R. Flock to hold an inquest and he had the requisite number of citizens summoned to meet to-day to inquire into the cause of the terrible catastrophe.

The list of dead and wounded shows that the workmen of the city were the greatest sufferers. There have been no deaths reported since morning, but the death roll is expected to be added to to-night. There were about 100 people injured, but only three or four are in a precarious condition. The injuries consist chiefly of broken limbs.

The cause of the disaster was the giving way of a beam which ran from the north to the south of the hall, about 20 feet from the northern end, and directly under the raised stage used as the speakers' platform. The beam had rotted from the fastenings, and when it fell there was no support for some 400 square feet of space. This gave way, the flooring parting at a space about ten feet in front of the platform.

(Press Despatch.)  
LONDON, Ont., Jan. 4.—Harry Passmore, an Alderman reporter, who went down in the crash, thus describes the scene last night's disaster: "Suddenly there was an ominous crackling as of smashing timber. Back slid the reporters' chairs, but there was no time to move a limb before there was a tremendous crash and the end of us all seemed to have come. There were three reporters writing at a table when the crash came and carried the floor, platform and hundreds of citizens down with it. There was no warning. I never heard more earnest or more heartrending cries in all my life than those of the dying and wounded, as they lay all around me and beneath me. The prayers, groans and entreaties seemed to continue for ages, while willing hands set about rescuing us—so slowly does the time pass when one is in extremity. My chair was completely turned over. The legs were straight up and I found myself protected by it from being crushed by the table at which we had been writing, and which also was completely turned over. From above me the blood from those killed and wounded began to trickle down, and that, with the cries from the dying, made an impression on me which I shall never forget.

Fighting and struggling in the pit, frantic men beat down those weaker, and made their bodies stepping-stones to attempt their own safety. A couple of the cooler headed among them, old Henry Carrothers, a giant in stature, and another, endeavored to restrain the frantic crowd. Bleeding from scalp wounds, his clothes torn and hanging from his back, Carrothers shouted for room, and refused to move himself until the bodies of those who lay in front of him had been saved.

Ald. Neil Cooper, who had been on the platform, was dragged upwards by an improvised rescue corps, and with high cries and a gasp of terror, he was conveyed to an ante-chamber, where they were awaited upon.

Among the injured are the following: John Whitaker, slightly injured.  
Henry Whitaker, New York Mail and Express, slightly injured; was visiting the city and went to the hall with his brother John.

Henry Brant, eye badly cut.  
James Herriot, G.T.R. carshops office, injuries slight.  
A. E. Burwell, legs bruised.  
Water Beesley, face cut.  
Thomas Lang, face out and teeth knocked out.

John McPherson, scalp wound.  
W. Taylor, scalp wound.  
L. Towse, son of Edward, Towse, badly hurt.

Fifteen-year-old son of John Essex, head bruised.  
Wm. Elwood, chest hurt.  
Charles Kinder, right leg sprained and back hurt.

Wm. Gray, hurt about nose and head.  
John Bartlett, bruised and back hurt.  
D. Sweeney, left arm and ribs broken.  
G. W. Yates, arm broken.

Ald. Carrothers, slightly hurt.  
Ald. Carrothers, gisant in stature, head and face cut.  
George McNeill, jr., slightly scratched.  
George Brett, severely cut in wrist and hand.

Edmund Grant, son of assessment commissioner Grant, knee hurt.  
W. Blake, badly bruised.  
Jacob Harris, injured slightly.  
Frederick Mackay, badly bruised, but not seriously.

Richard Graham, bruised leg.  
D. C. McNamara, leg broken.  
Wm. Fox, hurt internally.  
Joseph Murray, badly bruised: hurt internally.  
Glendenning, left leg broken.  
Ed. Marshall, right arm broken; head cut.

Wm. McKenzie, one bone broken in left arm.  
John Thompson, head cut and other injuries.  
Eight McBride, aged 17, head cut.  
Thos. Robinson, head cut and bruised.  
Albert Joyce, chest smashed in.  
Wm. Stone, badly injured internally.  
George Mackay, son of Hugh McKay, slightly injured.

## C. P. R. AND MR. HEINZE

### An Anonymous "Liberal" States the Company's Case With Minute Detail.

### Connection With Roseland Delayed Pending Government Approval of the Plans.

### MONTEAL, Jan. 4.—The Star gives great prominence to a six-column interview with a prominent Ontario Liberal who makes a general survey of the political situation since January, 1896. He deals with the tariff and says it must come down further, and also mentions trade relations with the United States. He considers Mr. Tarte a plucky, clever man to whom the Liberal party owe much, and takes no stock in the Quebec Liberals' revolt. He considers Sir Richard Cartwright a power who would smash the government before he would countenance a fraud, theft or iniquity in any other form, and he pays the highest tribute to Laurier, Davies, Mills, Sifton, Fielding, etc. He refers to the Western situation as follows:

"The Crow's Nest road was called for by the development of the Southern British Columbia mines. Fortunately, it was not made a government road. Mr. Blair favored government construction. We have escaped that nightmare chiefly through the exertions of the Toronto Globe, which has thereby incurred the anger of the contracting fraternity, who reckoned on being able to rob the taxpayer in the usual way.

"But the government's policy is in danger of being made ridiculous. Roseland wants connection as soon as possible with the Crow's Nest road, and in the meantime with the road from Robson to Nelson, which is part of the Canadian Pacific system. Roseland's object is to get rid of the monopoly of Mr. Heinze's road and of Mr. Heinze's smelter, which hinders the development of the mines, and to deal directly with the markets of Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec.

"At present the trade is going to Spokane and Tacoma by the Red Mountain line, a standard gauge, running south. The Canadian Pacific is ready to build from Robson to Roseland at once, without any bonus from Ottawa or elsewhere. But Mr. Blair will not give his official sanction to the plans and specifications of the company, and without that sanction the company cannot expropriate the right of way. As I understand it, the Canadian Pacific is willing to buy out Mr. Heinze, and has offered him \$250,000 more than his smelting and railway property is worth. Mr. Heinze demands more than \$250,000 of a gratuity. His Roseland paper says in substance that if he does not get more he will see that Roseland is not delivered from his double-barrelled monopoly. That there shall be no line constructed from there to Robson, that the War Eagle and all the other mines shall, in consequence, be stopped from earning dividends, the suggestion being that this gentleman from Montana controls the situation.

"The Canadian Pacific railway must be inconvenienced, to say the least, by this hold-up. For one thing, it is unable to fulfil the promise it made to the people of Roseland months ago, and is being attacked right and left on the subject of breach of faith, when in reality it would be constructing the road now had it got fair play at Ottawa; yet Sir William Van Horne and Mr. Shaughnessy have kept quiet under this provocation, not wishing to embarrass the government, as I know myself they decline to discuss the subject even privately, preferring to wait till time and events bring relief.

"Other interests, however, are not going to be so considerate of Mr. Blair's feelings. The Toronto owners of Roseland mining properties, along with the merchants of Montreal, Toronto, and Eastern Canada generally, are about to speak out in a way Mr. Blair cannot misunderstand. A few days ago, as you are aware, the Canadian Pacific made reductions on its merchandise rates from Manitoba and all Eastern points to British Columbia, in accordance with the agreement embodied in the Crow's Nest contract. The new rates are bound to give an impetus to trade with British Columbia, and they are a truly valuable New Year's gift to the merchants and manufacturers of this part of the Dominion.

"But observe how trade with Roseland is absolutely cut off by the 'arbitrary' rates that have to be paid over Mr. Heinze's road from Trail to Roseland. The new rate from Montreal to Trail, a distance of 2,700 miles, is \$1.26 per hundred pounds. But from Trail to Roseland, a distance of only 14 miles, he has actually to pay 22 cents per hundred pounds to Mr. Heinze, making the total rate \$1.49. And so with other commodities. The Heinze arbitrary rate for 14 miles is such a monstrous charge relatively to the charge of the Canadian Pacific for 2,700 miles, that it is cheaper for the Roseland people to buy in the States and pay the duty rather than buy in Montreal or Toronto, or Sherbrooke or Hamilton. Winnipeg, like ourselves, would like to trade with Roseland, but while under the new rates a Winnipeg merchant can ship cast-iron piping to Trail for 49 cents per hundred, the distance from Winnipeg to Trail being 1,200 miles or thereabouts, he has to pay no less than 21 cents per hundred to get the shipment from Trail to Roseland.

"Take woodenware, wire, furniture, coal oil, paint, glass or any other article in the schedule and you will see that the Heinze rate for the fourteen miles he controls with his narrow gauge is simply a fatal obstruction to trade between Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec on the one hand, and Roseland and the Roseland region on the other. It is nothing short of an outrage that this man should be permitted to frustrate the govern-

ment's policy and injure Canadian interests in this fashion.

"What I said a moment ago about certain Quebec Liberals is true of certain New Brunswick Liberals and non-descripts. They may as well give up trying to work the cabinet for their own ends. They will never succeed in getting past the big Ontario policemen inside."

### GENERAL LOCKHART CUT OFF.

His Indian Enemy Very Active and Inflicts Losses on the Expedition's Regiment.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 3.—The Zaka-Khele have blocked the road from Ali Mujid to Lundi Kotal, preventing the establishment of communication with General Sir Wm. Lockhart.

The enemy is every where, and has fired on the Oxfordshire Regiment which is engaged in convoy duty at Kherber Pass, wounding Col. Flendon and Lieut. Owen. Some of the men being hampered by the loss of removing the wounded, had difficulty in gaining shelter.

Three men were killed and twelve, including Captain Farr, were wounded in subsequent fighting. Finally they were joined by another company and retired into the walled enclosure, where they are awaiting reinforcements.

### BISMARCK VERY LOW.

The Stern Old Statesman Losing Courage Because of Gout and Other Infirmities.

HAMBURG, Jan. 3.—Prince Bismarck's feet were tapped to-day by Dr. Freeze, of this city.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily News says: "There is unfavorable news from Friedrichshagen. Although the recent alarming rumors were grossly exaggerated, the rigorous way in which the manor house has been closed to every body facilitates the circulation of unfounded reports."

Dr. Schweninger has expressed the opinion that Prince Bismarck's gout is taking its normal course and will soon pass over. It must not be forgotten, however, that his medical advisers are doing their utmost to prevent any unfavorable report from reaching Bismarck, who takes a very pessimistic view of his condition.

### "TRICKED BY THE RUSSIANS.

China Induced by False Pretences to Admit Them to Port Arthur.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The Russians tricked China into consenting to an occupation of Port Arthur by representing that the British fleet was coming to capture it. They also asked the Chinese to prohibit the English from landing. The latter request was refused, but any Englishman going ashore at Port Arthur is shadowed by the Russians."

### LIBRARIAN BOND DEAD.

Survived His New Year Honors But a Few Days—The Earl of Wilton Too.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Edward Augustus Bond, principal librarian of the British Museum from 1873 to 1888, and who was made a knight of the Order of the Bath at the recent distribution of New Year honors by the Queen, is dead.

### TORONTO MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

Great Vote for Abolishing Tax Exemptions—Ned Hanlan an Alderman.

TORONTO, Jan. 3.—(Special)—The elections here to-day resulted in the return of Mayor Shaw, by the vote of 12,629, and E. A. Macdonald, 6,416.

Edward Hanlan, the partisan, was elected alderman in Ward 4. The citizens voted on the question of abolishing tax exemptions, and decided to that effect by 11,331 to 1,175.

### CLEVER COUNTERFEITING.

Hundred Dollar Silver Certificates Retired in Consequence.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—United States Treasurer Roberts to-day sent the following telegram to assistant treasurers: "Discovery of dangerous counterfeit certificates compels retirement of all \$100 silver certificates. Forward all such notes to this office for destruction. Be cautious in receiving denomination and kind mentioned."

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 4.—There has been discovered in one of the large banks another counterfeit \$100 silver certificate, making in all six of these worthless notes which have been found in this city during the past six weeks. This latest discovery created quite a sensation among the cashiers and other banking officials here and there has been industrious search to bring to light all of the real and spurious notes.

### THE STATESMAN'S STANDARD.

Postmaster-General Mulock Charged by the Mail-Entrepreneur With Disgracing His Office.

TORONTO, Jan. 5.—The Mail-Entrepreneur again editorially calls upon Postmaster-General Mulock to resign from the government, owing to his connection with the Farmers' Loan Company failure, saying this course would have been adopted without suggestion by a British statesman. The Mail also again protests editorially against the United States' military expeditions to the Yukon being admitted within Canadian borders.

## NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

### Precautions to Lessen Possible Awarward Results of Postmaster-General's Blunder.

### Modern Equipment for the Militia—Ottawa Votes a Bonus—Municipal Campaign.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
OTTAWA, Jan. 3.—Instructions have been issued to city postmasters not to send to the dead letter office any letters for points within the Empire, which may be mailed short of postage under Mr. Mulock's cent per ounce proposal of a few weeks ago, since possibly some people may not have heard of the cancellation of the postmaster-general's widely announced proposal. For the present short paid letters will be sent forward to their destination, postmasters affixing the stamps necessary to make up the deficiency in postage.

A tender-in-kind has been passed adopting the Oliver accoutrements for the use of the Canadian infantry and artillery, the total weight of which exclusive of the kit bag is 86 ounces. The tender only is secured from Surgeon-General Oliver. Tenders will be called for the 35,000 or 40,000 necessary for a complete supply to the force.

A remarkable municipal campaign ended here to-day, showing a strong sentiment in favor of Canada for the Canadians. The aldermen who had voted a few months ago to purchase an American fire engine without giving a fair chance to Canadian manufacturers were completely snowed under, sixteen candidates who opposed the transaction being elected and only eight who endorsed it.

It is stated here positively that Judge Jette will be the next lieutenant-governor of Quebec, and that Mr. Langelier will succeed him on the bench.

The warden of Dominion penitentiaries held their first meeting here to-day, J. O. Whyte, of New Westminster being amongst those in attendance.

French, Mexican and American Rights There Involved in a Flag Incident.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—The Liberte asserts that Clipperton Island (over which the Mexican flag is reported to have been hoisted by marines from the gunboat Democra after the Stars and Stripes had been hauled down) really belongs to France, and adds: "Naturally the Americans have asked for the protection of the government, but France's duty is to re-establish order in that island and adjudicate between the Americans and Mexicans, and demonstrate our own rights," which have never been contested."

### PERISIA IN BAD SHAPE.

Misrule Has Reduced It to Desperate Poverty, and Revolt and Fratricide Imminent.

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—Advices received here from Persia show that the country is now on the brink of revolution. In the districts where Russian and British interests conflict, a dissolution of the central authority and the conversion of the provinces into independent states are anticipated. It is asserted that the Shah's rule has reduced the country to desperate poverty. The immense treasure accumulated by Nasr ed Din, the present Shah's father, has been dissipated, and the inhabitants of the country are heavily taxed.

The inhabitants of the province of Shiraz expelled the governor three months ago, and established an independent trimvirate of priests, who addressed an ultimatum to the Shah accusing him of incompetency and demanding the reforms that his father promised.

### MAITLAND-KERSEY PLANS.

Old World Royalty and New World Millions Interested in This Klondyke Scheme—The C.P.R. Steamers.

MONTEAL, Jan. 4.—(Special)—A London Star cable says: Mr. Maitland-Kersey is completing very extensive arrangements in connection with the Yukon in which Mr. Lester and Mr. McKay are concerned. It is even said that he has secured the active co-operation of attaches of royalty. He is sending ten steamers up the Coast via St. Michael's to carry on the regular passenger service next season, while from the end of the Teelin lake railway steamers will be provided to tow batteaux down the stream to Dawson.

The Canadian Pacific ocean steamers Athenian and Tartar are now at Southampton being fitted out. They will sail on February 1, carrying passengers to Vancouver for £30 per head. They are competent to carry 120 first-class and 600 intermediate passengers.

### KOOTENAY MINES SOLD.

Columbia & Kootenay and the Whitewater Reported Disposed Of at High Figures.

ROSSLAND, Jan. 3.—F. A. Heinze has thrown up his bond on the Columbia and Kootenay mine, after spending upwards of \$100,000 on the property. It is said that he finds it impossible to treat the product of this mine at a profit. There is good reason to believe that the British American Corporation has secured the property for \$200,000. Mr. C. H. Mackintosh, of the B. A. C., will be here in a few days.

VANCOUVER, Jan. 3.—(Special)—The Whitewater mine and adjoining claims in the Sloca have been sold to the London and British Columbia Gold Fields Company, Limited, for \$200,000.

### Baseball Team Sold.

St. Louis, Jan. 4.—The St. Louis baseball team has been sold to John T. Brush, president of the Indianapolis Baseball club, and others. The formal transfer was made to Mr. Bush to-day. It is said that Messrs. A. G. Spalding, C. G. Spink and A. C. Anson are among those interested in this purchase of the Browns.

## MR. GREENWAY'S RAILWAY.

### A Mystery Which When Revealed May Shock the Public.

### WINNIPEG, Jan. 4.—(Special)—It is said that when Premier Greenway makes a public announcement of his railway project, the ideas regarding its terminus at the lake front that people have been led to entertain through oft reiterated reports, will receive a rude shock. There is now some talk of an almost brand new scheme, to which the minister's prolonged stay in Toronto is alleged to be due.

### NO NORTHERN NEWS.

The "Resolute" From Skagway Has No Dawsonians Among Her Passengers.

UNION, Jan. 4.—(Special)—The tug Resolute arrived this forenoon from Skagway. She did not bring any news or passengers—no one coming out from Dawson. The Resolute reports bad weather at Skagway, raining and blowing very hard. After taking coal she will leave for Seattle.

### WHITE BRUTES AND BLACK.

Barbarous Treatment of Natives by French Expedition in Africa.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—A letter from an officer of the Marchand expedition says the French force consists of twenty-three whites and five hundred Senegalese riflemen. Describing the hardships endured, the writer says: "The native carriers gave much trouble. We seized them forcibly and they attempted to escape at every opportunity. We vainly shot or hanged those who were recaptured, but others continued to escape. We were obliged to enter villages and seize all the men and women. Sometimes the whole population fled. We then burned a few huts, which generally induced them to return. We seized the chief and compelled him to give us slaves to carry our loads. This is the only way to deal with these brutes, whom we have seen quarrel for the bodies of their shot comrades for food."

### CLIPPERTON ISLAND.

French, Mexican and American Rights There Involved in a Flag Incident.

OTTAWA, Jan. 5.—The Canadian Pacific Railway Company cannot secure from Hon. Mr. Blair the approval required by law of their plans for a proposed independent line from Robson to Roseland, hence Eastern merchants are crippled in their efforts to secure trade with Roseland. They say the Canadian Pacific railway rates are all right, but that the exorbitant rates charged by Heinze's railway from Trail to Roseland are simply paralyzing.

A serious fire occurred at Ottawa University this morning, as a result of which the eastern wing was badly gutted and the beautiful chapel greatly damaged; the total loss is in the vicinity of \$40,000, covered by insurance. Rev. Father Talion, the rector, says the fire will not affect the reopening of the college, which takes place on Friday.

The National Art Gallery, which is in charge of Hon. Mr. Tarte's department, was burglarized last night and a case of old coins of priceless value, presented to the government many years ago by Col. Falkland, was stolen. Some of the coins are over two thousand years old.

A deputation from Essex county and Detroit, acting in the interest of the Standard Oil Company, saw the government to-day and protested against the proposed export duty on natural gas.

Commissioners Dugas and Padley, who will investigate the complaints of workmen on the Crow's Nest railway, leave for the West next week.

The directors of the Commonwealth Syndicate of British Columbia were here to-day to secure Dominion recognition and aid. The cabinet was waited upon by at least 25 capitalists interested in the syndicate, formed to build a stage road and telegraph line from Edmonton across to Dawson City. They ask Dominion incorporation and government encouragement. Their route is laid out to the head waters of the Pelly river from Edmonton.

### NEWS OF THE CAPITAL.

Mounted Police Force Must Be Increased—More Immigration Agents—Canadian Paper.

OTTAWA, Jan. 4.—The despatch of 250 Mounted Police to the Yukon will necessitate an increase in force, and recruiting officers will be sent to leading points very shortly. A year ago the government was warned not to reduce the force and some experienced men have been lost in the meantime.

Mr. Sifton is sending half a dozen or more immigration agents into the Western States.

Under the act passed last session for the registration of cheese factories and creameries, 379 establishments in Canada have taken out certificates. The act comes in force next season.

Geo. Mawson, a London, England, partner dealer, is here endeavoring to work up an export trade in Canadian papers. He thinks they will find a good market in England, as Canada is sending over considerable pulp.

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## POLITICAL CHANGES.

### How the Tarte Difficulty May Be Arranged—The Globe Editor's Prospects.

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—The World says that a Montreal man who was in the city yesterday outlined the coming political changes in the province of Quebec. Judge Jette will become governor. Francois Langelier will succeed Judge Jette on the bench. Sir Adolphe Caron will go to Washington as representative of the Dominion. Mr. Tarte will leave the cabinet and be Canadian commissioner to France in connection with the coming Universal Exposition, with a salary of \$15,000 a year for three years. Mr. Prefontaine, M. P., Montreal, is to become Minister of Public Works in succession to Mr. Tarte.

A Quebec Liberal organ, says that it had been decided that Editor Willison, of the Globe, would succeed Sir Oliver Mowat in the Senate, but the French Liberals kicked and he won't be appointed.

### C. P. R. STEAMERS.

Plans for the Ships Recently Acquired for the Klondyke Service.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The London manager of the Canadian Pacific railroad confirms the report that the company has bought from the Union Steamship Line the steamer Tartar and Athenian, formerly favorite liners in the South African mail service. It is believed they have been picked up cheap, and it is certain that they are adapted for their work, which will be the establishment of regular freight and passenger communication between Vancouver and Fort Wrangel at the mouth of the Stikine river. Each will do the trip within three days. They will start for Vancouver to the Cape of Good Hope in February, and in all probability will take out a fair number of passengers, as the company is arranging to boom them as the safest and cheapest means of getting to the Klondyke.

### SMALLER PAY FOR THOUSANDS.

Cotton Operatives of New England States Plunged Deeper into Poverty.

WHITINSVILLE, Mass., Jan. 4.—Whitin Bros. of this town, who operate cotton mills at North Uxbridge, Linwood, Saundersville and Whitinsville, have posted notices announcing that the wages of operatives will be reduced on January 10.

LEWISTON, Maine, Jan. 4.—The reduction of wages of the cotton mills of Lewiston, which goes into effect January 17, will amount to from 10 to 11.9 per cent, and the other mills in Maine, as far as known to-day, will adopt one or other of these rates. It is estimated that nearly 20,000 operatives will be affected in this state.

NASHUA, N.H., Dec. 4.—Notices of a reduction in wages were posted at the cotton mills of the Nashua and Jackson corporations here this morning. The new scale of prices will take effect January 17, and will affect 2,500 hands.

### GAME GROWS SCARCER.

Galiano Islanders Ask for Protective Measures, Especially for the Ground-Farmers' Institute Meeting.

GALIANO, Jan. 3.—A meeting in connection with Farmers' Institutes will be held at Mayne Island school on the 13th January, to be addressed by T. F. Patterson, B.S.A., assistant lecturer of the department of Biology, Ontario Agricultural College. The services of Mr. Patterson, who has had considerable experience in the working of Farmers' Institutes in Ontario, have been secured by the government for a limited period to address meetings throughout the province on the subject of Farmers' Institutes, in order that the public may be fully informed as to the benefits which will accrue to agriculturists by availing themselves of the provisions of the act recently passed. The islands will be represented and a full attendance of the farmers of the district is earnestly hoped for at the meeting.

Mr. Wm. Georgeon, son of the light-keeper at Active Pass, died on Thursday last after a lingering illness. The respect and sympathy of the community for the bereaved family was shown by the large congregation of friends who attended the funeral, taking place on New Year's day.

The close season for game of new in force and the law will take its course with all offenders under the game protection act. Deer and grouse are so scarce on the islands now, more especially the blue grouse, that it is hoped the legislature during the coming session will introduce and adopt strict measures for the more secure protection of the game, which is fast becoming extinct here, and thus prevent a repetition of the wholesale slaughter of the birds by both Indians and whites which took place last summer.