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### UNITED STATES FARMERS COMING TO CANADA

Large Increase in Number of Letters Carried Last Year—Gifts for Railway Official.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—The annual report of the postmaster-general, issued to-day, shows that 13,375,500 more letters were carried during last year than the year previous.

#### Fatal Fall.

Joseph Belanger, 18 years old, whose father is fireman in the public works department, fell from a window in Wellington street and broke his neck. Death was instantaneous.

#### Caught in Ice Floe.

River au Loup, Que., Dec. 5.—A 15-year-old boy, Richard, lightkeeper at Grand Falls, and his assistant, attempted to cross from the island to the mainland yesterday. Their boat was caught in an ice floe and sank. The boy was rescued, but the other was killed.

#### Boy Drowned.

Winnipeg, Dec. 5.—Willie Muldoon, the year-old son of a tenant, was drowned today in the Red river. He fell into a hole while playing on the ice. The body has not been recovered.

#### Death of Dean O'Meara.

Rev. Dean O'Meara died at 3 o'clock this morning.

#### The Arnold Memorial.

All Saints' church this afternoon the scene of an impressive and interesting ceremony when a memorial window was unveiled to the memory of Major Arnold, who fell in South Africa.

#### Coming to Canada.

An exceptionally large party of settlers from Iowa arrived to-day on the Great Northern train from the south. J. F. Tennant, Manitoba immigration agent, is in charge of the party which consisted of about 60 persons in a special car. Some of the party are settlers who have already purchased land in the Canadian west and others are prospectors who expect to purchase land in Iowa and will investigate for themselves before making purchases. These gentlemen all state that there is a great interest manifested in Manitoba among the Iowa farmers and a large influx of these desirable settlers is confidently looked for next spring.

#### Rescued by Teacher.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 5.—William Walker, Charles Grant and Harold Gege, of Verona, were skating on Rock Lake when they ventured out too far, broke through and went down. They were struggling in the water when Mr. Brown, their school teacher, gallantly risked his life and rescued them.

#### Prohibition.

Toronto, Dec. 5.—Temperance circles were excited this morning upon learning that the License Association had suggested to the Ontario government to submit the question of prohibition to the referendum, the same not to be submitted until three months after the provincial election, and that the result of the referendum shall be dependent upon a clear majority of registered voters on the issue. This, it is said, would mean that the issue would be counted as being opposed to prohibition.

#### Price of News Prints.

At a meeting of the Canadian Paper Makers' Association here to-day, it was decided in view of an increase of 85 per cent in cost of pulp to increase the price of news print 1/4 cent per pound.

#### Fire at Hamilton.

Hamilton, Dec. 5.—A fire yesterday destroyed \$20,000 damage to the stock and plant of the Dunham Lithograph Co. The insurance is \$17,000. This is the second time the company has suffered from fire within a year.

#### Royal Gifts.

Montreal, Dec. 5.—That pleasant memory of their interesting tour through Canada still linger in the hearts of the party, as evidenced by the arrival yesterday of two mysterious boxes at the head office of the Canadian Pacific Railway company here. They were addressed to Mr. W. R. Baker, assistant to the secretary, vice-president, who accompanied the Royal Highnesses on their journey across the continent to Victoria, B. C., and return. In one of the boxes—a heavy oak one—was a massive silver jardiniere, a handsome ebony case, a magnificent specimen of the silversmith's art. The other royal gifts, and following description: "To W. R. Baker, Esq., from the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York, in remembrance of their journey across Canada by the Canadian Pacific railway, 1901." In the other box was a large silver cigarette box, sent by the ladies and gentlemen of the Royal party, all of whose autographs, including that of Prince Alexander of Teck, were inscribed on the lid, whilst the following pleasant greeting was engraved on the front: "To our friend, W. R. Baker, in remembrance of many happy days spent on the C. P. R. in September and October, 1901." With these gifts were letters expressing their appreciation of the services of the "Royal Highnesses" and the suite's thorough appreciation of Mr. Baker's unceasing attention and forethought, and their gratitude for efficient service, on that memorable occasion.

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### TOOK REFUGE ON ROOF OF PRISON AND THIRTY HOURS REFUSED TO SURRENDER.

London, Dec. 6.—A convict at the Pentonville prison, who managed to escape the warders, has established a sort of Fort Chamberlain on the roof of the institution, and for the last 30 hours has defied all attempts to dislodge him. Thousands of spectators are watching the show and the prisoners' timely warnings of the movements of the would-be captors. Large ladders placed against the wall are promptly thrown by the occupant of the roof, whose reckless movements and wild laughter at the futile efforts of the warders are thought to indicate insanity. The fugitive has collected a large pile of slates, which he gleefully throws at the heads of the officials who attempt to scale the wall by means of ladders until they are forced to retreat. At noon he was still holding the officials at bay.

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## THE PRINCE AND CANADA.

### REFERRED TO VISIT TO DOMINION DURING SPEECH AT RECEPTION IN LONDON.

London, Dec. 5.—The reception tendered by the city to the Prince and Princess of Wales at the Guildhall to-day was made the occasion of a demonstration in favor of the government and of the Mother Land and the colonies. Speaking as well as of emphasizing the loyalty of the colonies and their devotion to Great Britain. It was a purely family affair, no foreign diplomats being invited.

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#### "To Canada was borne the message already conveyed to Australia and New Zealand, of the Motherland's loving appreciation of the service rendered by its gallant sons. In the journey from ocean to ocean, marvellous in its comfort and organization, we were enabled to see something of its matchless scenery, the richness of its soil and the boundless possibilities of the vast and but partly explored territory. We saw, too, the success which has crowned the efforts to weld into one community the peoples of its two great races."

#### Mr. Chamberlain was accorded a tremendous reception when he rose to respond to Lord Rosbery's toast to the colonies, but neither he nor Lord Rosbery said anything of international importance.

#### Lord Salisbury alone referred to the topic of which everyone was thinking, namely, Britain's unpopularity abroad. He said: "No doubt it is true, just at this moment, that we have many enemies, who are not very reticent in expressing their opinion, but on the other hand, to-day's celebration, which is largely due to the action and co-operation of their Royal Highnesses, has shown that we possess in the support of our distant kinsmen an approval and sanction, which to us is worth infinitely more than all the contempt and all the sneers that we may receive from other nations."

#### This remark of the Premier was greeted with prolonged cheering, after which he continued, saying: "I cannot admit that they are judges of our conduct, or that we can modify our proceedings in deference to their opinion. What we look to are the opinions of our kinsmen, who belong to our own Empire. We have received from all portions of that Empire an indication that we have lost nothing in the opinion they held of the justice of our claim."

## RENEWED RUMORS OF PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

### Optimistic Feeling in London Regarding South African Situation—Major W. Sampson's Good Work.

New York, Dec. 7.—Not for a long time has there been such optimistic feeling with regard to the war, says a London dispatch to the tribune. For days past rumors of peace negotiations have been current in various quarters, and these have not been dispensed by Lord Kitchener's official confirmation of the report that a large number of Boers had been captured in the Transvaal.

#### "This most important halt seems to have been the work of Major Wools Sampson. This officer's admirable leadership of the troops at Brakenburg after Col. Benson was mortally wounded redounded very much to his credit, and his capture of the Boer leader south-west of Ermelo ought to make his production certain."

#### A Kitchener Story.

London, Dec. 7.—A letter just received from an officer in South Africa says that a subaltern drew a caricature of Lord Kitchener as Rip Van Winkle leading a centenarian soldier up a logpole. A staff officer showed it to Kitchener, and the chief gave one of his grim smiles and said: "It is an ugly prophecy; but if necessary, we will hang on here until we are that age. Our duty is to win, and we will."

#### The subaltern was paralyzed with terror until assured that Kitchener had not asked for the artist's name.

## VESSEL IN DISTRESS.

Collier Passed Large Ship Eighty Miles South of Cape Flattery.

Nanaimo, Dec. 7.—The collier Maria arrived here this morning from Los Angeles. Early yesterday morning, about 80 miles south of Cape Flattery, she passed a large vessel in distress. The vessel passed, a four masted steel one, was badly listed at an angle of about 45 degrees, as though the ballast had shifted. The vessel was at anchor to prevent her running on a reef. Apparently all on board had deserted her. The Maria was light in ballast and unable to afford assistance, her propeller being nearly half out of the water. A coast schooner, came in sight about that time which Capt. Cecil, of the Maria, thinks may have given help.

#### The long distance telephone from Victoria is within half a mile of here.

Considering the weather, there is a good gathering of miners to discuss amalgamation at present in the city. There is probably 1,500 in attendance.

#### Jerusalem is now nothing but a shadow of the magnificent city of ancient times. It is almost entirely in ruins, and is situated on a rocky mountain.

## FATAL FALL FROM WEST BOUND TRAIN

### FIREMAN'S BODY FOUND EAST OF FORT WILLIAM

The Late Rev. Dean O'Meara, of Winnipeg—Presentation to Departing Passenger Agent.

Winnipeg, Dec. 6.—Some section men found the lifeless body of a man lying on the C. P. R. tracks east of Fort William. He was taken to that place and after several hours inquiry as to his identity, it was learned that the man was F. Parkman, who was on his way to the Kootenay division of the C. P. R., where he was to go on the road as fireman. He had evidently fallen off the west bound train. Parkman's identity was learned through his wife, who was accompanying him. Deceased came from London, Ont.

#### Presentation to Mr. Stitt.

Wm. Stitt, for years assistant general passenger agent and chief clerk of the C. P. R., with headquarters here, received yesterday afternoon the felicitations of a large deputation of gentlemen, representing the wholesale interests of Winnipeg, on his promotion to the important position of agent of the Canadian Pacific railway in Australia, accompanied by records of his departure, and a token of regard in the shape of a handsome pocketbook, with a monogram in gold letters, containing the sum of \$500. J. Whittle made the presentation and the president of a deputation of wholesalers, Mr. Stitt leaves for Australia on Monday.

#### The Late Dean O'Meara.

Rev. Dean O'Meara, who died this morning of typhoid fever, was the Demosthenes of the Church of England in the west. His matchless eloquence and kindly disposition have endeared him to the hearts of all with whom he has come in contact. He was a member of the Order of Free and Accepted Masons he was one of the most enthusiastic members, and at one time had the grand mastership of the Northwest, and at the time of his death was the prelate of the Knights Temple of this order. The name of the deceased a short time ago was frequently mentioned in ecclesiastical circles as the new Bishop of Keewatin, a lately erected missionary diocese in the tobacco-growing province of Canada. He leaves surviving his wife and his only son, Fred O'Meara, the latter being wired to come here at once.

#### The Intercolonial.

Halifax, Dec. 6.—The board of trade at a meeting held yesterday unanimously passed a resolution favoring the transfer of the management of the Intercolonial railway to the C. P. R. A resolution was also passed memorializing boards of trade throughout the Dominion to ask the Dominion government to favor the same, provided such arrangements could be made with the latter company as would, while retaining government ownership of the road, promote local traffic and lead to the extensive development of Canada in export and import business through Canada's Atlantic ports.

#### Loss of Life.

Much damage has been done along the Nova Scotia coast by the severe gale on Wednesday night. Shipping has suffered severely, and some loss of life has been reported.

#### Toronto Mayoralty.

Toronto, Dec. 6.—Mayor Howland will likely be re-elected to the mayoralty chair in January by acclamation.

#### Ontario Legislature.

The Ontario legislature has been called to meet on January 8th, 1902.

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#### Member Unseated.

Beauharnois, Dec. 6.—Geo. M. Lope, Liberal M. P. for Beauharnois, admitted to court to-day, and his seat is declared vacant.

#### Former Minister Dead.

Brantford, Dec. 5.—The death took place to-day in this city of Mr. James Preston, father of Mr. T. H. Preston, M. P. The deceased was a superannuated minister of the Methodist church.

#### Inhaled Coal Gas.

Pictou, Ont., Dec. 6.—Mrs. Martha McKibbin died from inhaling coal gas to-day.