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SENATE P O

Whitby Citizens Want Exclusive Franchise Proposal Thoroly Explained to Electors, so That Danger May Be Realized.

Whitby, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Ten days ago it was the avowed intention of the town council to rush the sale of the electric franchise to the Toronto and York Radial Railway, but within the past week so much opposition to the proposed agreement has been shown, and virtues of municipal rights have been so well presented by The World and The Globe that the original intention has given way to better second thought, by which the ratepayers will be permitted to vote next Monday on a bylaw granting an exclusive and perpetual franchise to the Toronto and York Radial Railway Company. The best opinion in the town stamps this giving away of the town's birthright to all eternity as bad, and it is believed that the opposition to the obnoxious clause in the agreement will become so strong that the bylaw will be defeated, tho the organization of the town by the representatives of the company is pretty complete, and will be more comprehensive before the vote is taken.

John Ball Dow, B.A., LL.B., recognized as the town's ablest lawyer, today commended The World for its stand in favor of municipal rights in regard to the proposed agreement between Whitby and the Toronto and York Radial Railway. As a general proposition, he thought no municipality should legislate for posterity. Legislation for the present generation was the limit. The conditions of to-day would not be the conditions of 25 years hence, and no municipality to-day should saddle the ratepayers of a quarter of a century to come with burdens that might prove onerous, if not appressive. He believed in a 21-year lease, renewable at the discretion of the municipality, for the Toronto and York Radial Railway.

He considered that the town council had been too hasty. As he viewed the proposal, it was presented by the trained representatives of the railway, seized with the nice points of contract law, and bent on achieving a certain purpose, regardless of the rights of the people. Against them was pitted the town solicitor, who, no matter how honored and able in his profession, was admittedly no match for men whoses peculiarity was agreements with municipalities for electric franchises. Why not spend $100 to get expert opinion, so that the rights of the citizens may be safeguarded?

Will Ask Expert Advice.

What Mr. Dow says so well, Dr. Waugh, school inspector; A. F. Lawlor, merchant; George Rice, merchant; A. M. Ross, ex-mayor, and others voice, and they are of those who will make their views felt on Monday next.

The suggestion made by Mr. Dow has taken root, and The World was told to-day that Corporation Counsel Fullerton of Toronto, or some other equally well-versed gentleman in the cause of municipal rights, will be asked to come to Whitby before next Monday and tell the citizens what it means to give a perpetual franchise to the Toronto and York Radial Railway Company. Mayor Blow is the only member of the town council who appreciates the importance of the surrender, and has won many friends by his advocacy of municipal rights.

The nomination for municipal election to-night was largely attended, owing, no doubt, to the interest being taken in the two bylaws upon which the citizens are to cast their votes next Monday, viz., the foundry bylaw and the bylaw granting an exclusive and perpetual franchise to the Toronto and York Radial Railway Company to run over the town's streets. The speakers were all representative men, and every man expressed the hope that the foundry bylaw would carry.

Mayor Blow Opposes.

Mayor Blow was the only man who came out openly and flatfooted in his opposition to the surrender to the Radial Company. The whole tenor of the speeches of those in favor of the Radial Company bylaw was to ridicule and resent the Toronto papers for venturing to tender advice.

Ex-Mayor Rutledge implored the ratepayers not to be stampeded by the Toronto papers, and to-day's article in The Globe he described as the fag end of one of the reverend editor's sermons. He quoted Oshawa and their electric company as a satisfactory bargain for the citizens of that town.

Town Solicitor Farewell tickled the risibilities of his audience by a witty speech on a serious topic. Had the vote to be taken when the colonel concluded there is no doubt his views would have prevailed. The colonel is a great joker. He made it clear that the town had not swallowed whole the first agreement offered by the company, and maintained the odd proposition that the railway could for five or six thousand dollars purchase a right of way and then they could put the station where they pleased, charge what they liked and give what service they saw fit. He pointed out several concessions granted by the company, and stated that the town council had sought to have inserted the following clause, which had been insisted on by York Township as a substitute for the proposed perpetual franchise clause of the company:

A Necessary Clause.

"The rights and privileges conferred by this agreement shall extend over a period of twenty years from the date of these presents, which said period shall be renewed or extended for a further period of ten years, in the event of legislation being obtained enabling this to be done, and the township hereby agreed upon the request of the said company to forthwith aid in procuring such legislation.

"Upon the expiration of the term of 30 years, granted by this agreement, or at such other time as this agreement may be terminated, the township shall grant to the company a renewed agreement for a further term of 20 years upon such terms and conditions as shall be mutually agreed upon by the company and the township, and so on at each end of 20 years, provided, however, if at the expiration of any one of such terms the company or the township is unwilling to renew the terms determined upon by arbitration the township may at its option take over the railway and all the real and personal property necessarily used in connection with the working of the said railway at a value to be determined by agree-

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G.T.R. AND ELECTRIC RY. UNITE TO CUT OUT C.P.R.

Extra Charges on Freight Between Oshawa Junction and Town End on Jan. 1

Oshawa, Dec. 26.—(Staff Special.)—This town has a street railway. It acts as the cartage agent for townsmen from the junction to the town. All freight that comes into town by rail comes by G.T.R. Into town from the east and the west the G.T.R. has no competitor. The freight rates, not to say the passenger rates, are high. The manufacturers and the townsfolk generally have continuously complained and agitated for competition, going so far as to send deputations to Montreal to see the officials of the C.P.R. with the aim of having them build a line from Campbellford west to Toronto, passing thru Bowmanville, Oshawa and Whitby.

The C.P.R. have consented to meet the town's wishes, and as an earnest of their intentions have caused to be printed in The Canada Gazette notice announcing that incorporation will be sought for "The Georgian Bay and Seaboard Railway Company," with power to construct and operate a railway from a point on Georgian Bay between Port Severn and Penetanguishene, in a southeasterly direction thru the Counties of Simcoe, Ontario, Victoria, Peterboro, Hastings, Lennox and Addington, Frontenac and Lanark, or any of them, to a point of connection with the Ontario and Quebec Railway between Cavanville and Moberly, with such powers as are usually given to railway companies incorporated by the parliament of Canada, and that the said works be declared to be for the general advantage of Canada.

This has frightened the G.T.R. It was made known to-day that the Oshawa Electric Railway and the G.T.R. had entered into an exclusive contract by means of which the freight rate for goods shipped via G.T.R. from Toronto to any residence, store or factory in Oshawa will be the same as it has been from Toronto to Oshawa Junction. This means that Oshawa citizens will have nothing to pay for cartage of goods from Oshawa Junction on the main line of the G.T.R. to the place of delivery in Oshawa Town. This will hit the C.P.R. right now and in days to come. At present Oshawa citizens' receive goods from Toronto via the C.P.R. to Myrtle, and haul them in drays from Myrtle to Oshawa, and declare they can do it at a profit, compared with what they have to pay the G.T.R. But with the new contract that the Oshawa Street Railway has made with the G.T.R. this C.P.R. competition will be killed. Then again when the C.P.R. will have built their line from Campbellford west, passing thru Oshawa, they will still have to meet the free cartage of goods that this new contract provides for. And it is not possible for them to enter into the same contract with the Oshawa Street Railway. The new contract goes into effect on Jan. 1.

HOLIDAY TRAFFIC WELL HANDLED

Thousands of Citizens Take Short Vacation and Trains Run on Time

The incoming trains last night were laden with thousands of Torontonians returning from their out-of-town holiday trips. Despite the rush the railway service was only demoralized to the extent of most of the night trains being delayed in arrival at the Union Station for periods ranging from 15 minutes to an hour.

The C.P.R. trains from Owen Sound and Teeswater were each half an hour behind time, the train from Buffalo 20 minutes, while the two sections of the Chicago flyer were 15 and 30 minutes late respectively. The Montreal train, due at 7.30 p.m., arrived at 8.30 p.m. On the Grand Trunk trains from North Bay, Detroit and Montreal ran 30 minutes behind schedule, while that from Chicago was 45 minutes late.

Officials were more than pleased with the general smoothness with which the extra traffic of the festive season has been handled thus far, the absence of any awkwardness having been noted.

To-day will mark the expiration of the special rate limit allowed, and will of course practically wind up the holiday rush. That of New Year's will not, of course, be nearly so large.

Englishman Out in First Round.

Salem, Mass., Dec. 26.—Tommy Walsh of Boston knocked out Harry Brodigan of London, England, after two minutes and thirty seconds of fighting, in the Apollo A. C. The men met for a 10-round bout. Walsh broke loose, and after a few exchanges caught Brodigan on the jaw with a terrific right-hander. The Englishman collapsed and was counted out.

Get him a box of Union Label Cigars.

WARNED.

Tangier, Dec. 26.—The German legation has warned German subjects to prepare to leave at a moment's notice.

Try "Lowe Inlet" Canned Salmon Always Reliable.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—C. Berkely Powell has sent a letter to W. D. Hogg, president of the Conservative Association, declining the nomination for the legislature. It is likely Mayor Ellis, if re-elected, will be the candidate, altho A. E. Fripp, barrister, is making a bid for it.

Broderick's Business Suits—$18.50—113 King street.

The arbitration proceedings between the G. T. R. and its telegraphers will be resumed to-day.

Frank Russill, manager of the Russill Hardware Co., East King-street, had a pleasant surprise Christmas eve, when the employes of the company presented him with an address and a handsome gold watch, suitably engraved, as an evidence of the appreciation in which he is held by the entire staff. Mr. Roland Walters delivered the address on behalf of the employees, to which Mr. Russill fittingly replied.

THEY ASK FOR YOUR VOTES BUT MANY WILL GO UNDER

Nomination Day in the Province and a Busy Week is Ahead for Some People.

Yesterday was nomination day thruout the province, and thousands of men who have a willingness to serve their fellow-citizens in some capacity in municipal councils are now cast upon the mercies of an electorate which may yield either to blandishment, "pull," or an intelligent appeal on record of duty well don in the past, as deserving continued support and influence. In several places some of the honors have gone by acclamation, but Brockville stands alone in having an entire council of size returned without a contest. It is owing to an arrangement between the two political parties, made last January. At Peterboro, Ald. Best, after serving in council since 1892, is unanimously honored with the mayoralty.

Ottawa's fight between Mayor Ellis and ex-Mayor Morris is expected to prove very bitter.

At Hamilton, Ald. Findlay and Biggar will fight it out. There are 47 nominations for council.

CITIES.

OTTAWA—Mayor, J. A. Ellis, ex-Mayor W. D. Morris. Aldermen—Victoria, J. C. Enright, John Armstrong, W. E. Brown, Samuel Rosenthal; Dalhousie, Moise Plouffe, Thos. Cleary, Wm. Farmer, George R. Ross, Wm Hill, Freeman Young; Wellington, Jas. Davidson, W. J. Campbell, A. E. Sanderson, W. G. Black, John Macfarlane; Central, Fred Journeaux, Dan Storey, Chas. Pepper, J. R. Borthwick, T. A. Shore; St. Georges, Robt. Hasley, Walter Cunningham, E. G. Laverdure, Michael O'Leary; By Ward, Alf W. Desjardin, Thomas Payment, G. L. Julien, Charles Lapierre, John Gleeson, A. E. Spenard; Ottawa Ward, C. S. O. Boudreault, J. M. Levois, Emary Lapointe, Nap Champagne, Edmond Gauthier; Rideau Ward, John Askwith, J. C. Grant, O. E. Ouibert, Breary Slinn.

WINDSOR—Mayor, E S Wigle, J H Shepherd, J W Drake; aldermen, E Mooney, Joe Martin, J H Charlton, Albert Cronk, B G Davis, P M Keough, F Bridges, Roy Wigle, A J Wilkinson, D H Bedford, J J Foster, A Moir, F H Mann, J Lassaline, H Zibert, J A Smith, A Warren, J E Banwell, R Barr, sr., A E Watson, H Trumbull, G English, M A Brian, A D Bowlby, R L Dunn, Cecil Jackson, T Porter, J E Reynolds, George Haugh, W Riddel, A J E Belleperch, A D Leroyd, W A Pond, Walter Bug, W J McKee, N J Clinton, H Guppy, R S Foster, Isaac Watt.

WOODSTOCK—Mayor, John White, James Scarff, John Butler, John A McKenzie; water commissioners, Alexander McIntosh, John White, John A McKay; councillors, St. George's Ward, Dr. John Mears, H Irving, C Kemp, M Dawes; St. John's Ward, John Butler, George McPherson, W Gardner, Alex. McDonald; St. David's Ward, R G Sawtell, Henry Vogan, E Hersee, Geo Phillips, Thomas Athoe, Alex McPherson; St. Patrick's Ward, C Rapson and S Hurst, both elected by acclamation; St. Andrew's Ward, John Long, W J Beattie, Jos Brass, Ed Chambers, J B Bastedo.

BELLEVILLE—The civic nominations here passed off very quietly. Two candidates are in the field for the mayoralty, W W Chown, mayor, and C N Sulman, a popular alderman. The fight is likely to be warm. Two of the

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MOBILIZATION CAUSES DISORDERS

At Bakhouk, 6000 Conscripts Pillaged Some Houses.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—While the new mobilization is proceeding quietly in most places, disorders are reported to have occurred in Poland.

The most serious disturbance was at Razon yesterday, where one colonel was killed and a gendarme wounded.

There has also been considerable rioting at Bagbonk, where 6000 conscripts pillaged a few houses and fruit stalls.

No one, however, was killed.

GALLERY SAGGED SEVEN INCHES

Almost Disaster and Panic at Collegiate Institute Closing.

Bowmanville, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The closing exercises of the Collegiate Institute were held in the new town hall on Friday night. The students presented a program. Everything was free. The hall was crowded to overflowing.

In the midst of the proceedings the gallery broke away from its supports and sagged seven inches. A panic was on the eve of breaking, but Chief Jarvis arose to the occasion and cleared the gallery before those in other parts of the hall were aware of the trouble. The hall was taken over from the contractor, and the architect about one year ago, and the flaw in the gallery went unnoticed.

It is likely that an investigation will be held by the council to fix the blame for the faulty construction.

Merrymakers Meet Mishap.

James Pearson of 5 Trinity-place was found insensible at the foot of Bay-street yesterday noon. A slight cut over his left eye was dressed at the Emergency Hospital, and he went home.

John Dryden, an employe of St. Michael's Hospital, was brought to the Emergency with his leg broken, but was unable to explain how it happened. Hugh Downey of 28 Elizabeth-street fell at King and Victoria-streets, suffering a compound fracture of his left arm. Both got temporary relief at the Emergency and were sent over to the General Hospital.

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TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

G.T.R. telegraphers' arbitration board, 10.
East York Conservative convention, Markham, train leaves Union Station 12.30.
City council, 3.
Moral reform committee, Wesley buildings, 4.
Astronomical Society, Canadian Institute, 8.
Goderham mayoralty meeting, Dingman's Hall, 8.
Fifth Ward Conservatives, Euclid-avenue Hall, 8.
Third Ward Conservatives, St. Paul's Hall, 8.
Second Ward Conservatives, Victoria Hall, 8.
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PREFONTAINE IS OFF TO NEW YORK FROM LAURIER TO SEE DANSEREAU

Something Doing as Result of Conference at Windsor—Turgeon to Succeed Parent.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier arrived at noon to-day and went to the Windsor Hotel, where he was met by a large body of politicians. Among the first to be received was Hon. R. Prefontaine, who was closeted for some time with his chief, and then left, apparently on a serious mission. He went out and lunched with W. Blumehart, ex-proprietor of La Presse, and a particular friend of Sir Wilfrid's.

To-night Hon. Mr. Prefontaine went to New York, in company with Thos. Cote, late of La Presse, and Dunn, the Montreal broker and ex-partner of J. N. Greenshields. C. A. Dansereau, who was to arrive in Montreal this mornin, was held in New York to meet those gentlemen on neutral grounds. Dansereau will not come back to Montreal before Friday next.

Nothing has transpired of the real object of those ministerial errands, but there is no doubt about its relation to The La Presse deal.

Sir Wilfrid also met Hon. Messrs. Gouin and Turgeon and all the local M.L.A.'s for the district to-day at the Windsor and talked over the Parent matter. It is understood that a compromise was reached whereby Premier Parent will stay till the end of next session, after which Hon. Mr. Turgeon will become leader.

Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier are expected to reach Quebec to-morrow morning. They will remain there a couple of days.

SPEND WINTER ON FLOUR AND FISH

Predicament Which Faced Stranded Light Keepers at Soo.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The tug Reid returned to-day from Caribou Island, having on board Light Keeper W. O. Demers and his helper, Fred Pelletier, who, after tugs had made three visits to the island and returned each time without having been able to land or get any sight of the men, had been almost given up for lost. The men themselves had come to the conclusion that they were to remain on the island for the winter, and were preparing to do their best towards subsisting upon a half-barrel of flour and large quantity of fish. They believed it too late for any boat to get out of the Soo. They were taken off the island on Saturday noon. The weather was calm and the men came out to the tug in their small boat.

Demers and Pelletier saw the Reid when she was at the island on the 17th, but failed to answer the tug's signal. Instead they went into the lighthouse to get ready to return to the Soo, and the tug seeing no sign of them concluded they had been picked up by some other boat, and so came on to the Soo. The tugs Reid and Boynton have been looking for them ever since the 18th. A large crowd of people was at the dock to greet the light keepers on their return.

The Reid will leave to-morrow for Sarnia, where she was bound when she first called at Caribou Island.

New Year's Gifts. Framed pictures at Gedge.', 431 Spadina.

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RISKS LIFE FOR CRUCIFIX WINNIPEG CHURCH GUTTED

Second Fire of Its Kind Within Few Days—Falling Stove Pipes Caused It.

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—On Friday the Icelandic Lutheran Church was destroyed by fire. To-day the German Lutheran Church shared the same fate. The fire started thru the falling of the stovepipes while the janitor was heating the building for the morning service, and the stove being filled with wood, the building was immediately a mass of flames.

For some minutes the janitor ran around telling of the fire and calling for assistance; then the fire alarm was turned in. When Chief Buchanan arrived he saw the building was doomed, but at once turned in a general alarm and put men to saving adjacent buildings.

During the fire John Zoller dashed into the burning building, an at the risk of his life, rescued the crucifix, which had been given to the church by the Ladies' Aid as a Christmas present.

To-night a meeting of the parishioners was held, and it was decided to at once rebuild a larger church. The loss to-day was $7500, one-third covered by insurance.

POWDER MILLS BLOW UP.

Several Houses Destroyed, But No Loss of Life.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 26.—An explosion at Acadia Powder Mills, 16 miles from Halifax, occurred this morning.

Several small houses were blown up. The shock was plainly felt here.

No loss of life is reported.

Resolution 1905—Smoke Blue Union Label Cigars.

Silver Wedding.

A happy event took place on Saturday evening, when Mr. and Mrs. William Laws of Close-avenue celebrated their silver wedding. A great many tokens of esteem were received by them from their many friends, and were acknowledged by them in their usual happy manner.

David Hoskins, F.C.A., Chartered Accountant, 27 Wellington St.E., Toronto

CZAR ISSUES HIS UKASE DOESN'T EXACTLY PLEDGE

Leaves Question of Constitutional Assembly Untouched and Jewish Religion Without Specific Mention

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—Nicholas' long expected ukase was issued to-night. The document deals, under eight heads, with practically all the subjects brought to the emperor's attention by the memorial of the congress of zemstvos's presidents held here last month, and while not specially pledging the government to carry out the various reforms in their entirety as demanded by the memorial, promised that each shall be referred to the council of ministers, with orders to report promptly on the fullest measures of relief which can be accorded on the various subjects.

One question not touched by the ukase is that of the constitutional assembly. Neither is the Jewish religion specifically mentioned, tho freedom for all creeds or sects, whether Christian or otherwise, is among the subjects which will be dealt with.

Among those competent to express an opinion, it was considered to be a document, the ultimate value of which depended largely upon the interpretation given by the various committees as to the measure of liberty which it is possible to grant under the various heads named. It has not met the fullest wishes of the liberals, but on the other hand it is regarded by the reactionaries as promising entirely too much in the direction of liberal reforms.

KILLED ABOUT ONE HUNDRED.

Russians Have a Victory on Banks of the Shakhe.

Mukden, Dec. 26.—Volunteers who crossed the Shakhe River on Friday, surprised a force of the enemy, killing about 100 and taking 15 prisoners.

The Russian losses were trifling.

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Brunet's Barber Parlors, 17 Colborne st., is the place for gentlemen. 246

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Delegation Asks Premier To Increase Judges' Pay

'Twas an Influential Representation From Montreal Bar Which Urged That the Time Had Come, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier Acquiesced.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—An influential delegation of the Montreal bar waited upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier to-day at the Windsor, asking the government to increase the pay of the Canadian judges.

The deputation was composed of Justice Lamothe, batonnier; Senators Feique and Dandurand, Thomas C. Casgrain, G. Langelier, A. Geoffrion, W. J. White and Henry J. Gilchrist.

The deputation reminded Sir Wilfrid that the board of trade, the chamber of commerce and the Canadian Bankers' Association have all memorialized the government in this question, and it was held, they added, by all classes of the community that the judges were underpaid, and that the time had come for the government to act in the matter.

Sir Wilfrid told the deputation that he had always been of their opinion, and had expressed himself so when leader of the opposition. He would take the matter into consideration.

TOWNS CANNOT GET COAL SO CUT OFF WATER SUPPLY

CANADIAN WHEAT A MENACE TO THE YANKEE GROWERS

Biggest Wheat Farmer in the World Doesn't Like the New Ruling.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Oliver Dalrymple, proprietor of one of the great "bonanza wheat farms" of the Northwest, and single owner of a larger acreage devoted to the raising of wheat than any other man in the world, regards with apprehension the prospect of a ruling by Secretary Shaw regarding wheat drawbacks which, in Mr. Dalrymple's estimation, would prove a menace to the prosperity of the American farmer.

In explanation of this view Mr. Dalrymple has written the following letter:

Permit me to say to the grain growers of the country that Canadian statistical writers claim, with a reasonable showing of probability, that within 25 years Canada will produce more wheat than the United States and exceed a production of 700,000,000 bushels annually. This year Canada claims to have made a wheat production of over seventy million bushels and to have doubled her production of two years ago.

When the McKinley tariff law was enacted, one almost solitary benefit was accorded to the farmers of the grain growing states in the shape of a duty of 25 cents a bushel on imported wheat and a smaller duty on barley and other grain. Farmers took liberal views and acquiesced in high tariff on such manufactured articles as they purchase, hoping to partially recoup and make good by sharing in the general prosperity of the whole country.

Owing to the fact that wheat so far on the crop of 1904 has sold for from 20 to 25 cents a bushel more in the United States than in Canada, a vigorous effort is being made, in violation of the letter and spirit of the tariff law, by a combination of interests to circumvent, undermine and break down the floodgates now holding back many million bushels of Canadian wheat from submerging the farmers of the United States and breaking the price of wheat from 20 to 30 cents a bushel by the admission of Canadian wheat into the United States duty free.

Reciprocity a Delusion.

In the first place, "reciprocity," which is a delusion which had its birthplace in Boston, practically says to the Canadian people: "Let into Canada our surplus manufactured goods duty free and we will reciprocate by taking down the bars and letting into the high markets of the United States hundreds of millions of bushels of your wheat, oats, barley and flax duty free."

During the years 1903 and 1904 the United States has furnished the new Canadian Northwest with nearly one hundred thousand settlers, has helped to raise her lands from $3 to $6 an acre and to double her grain production.

The Canadians see that if the "High Joints" are brought into successful action and negotiate a reciprocity treaty as above, the value of farm lands and the price of grain between Canada and the United States will be equalized to their great gain.

Reciprocity will cause a shrinkage of nearly $100,000,000 a year in the value of the American grain crops and $200,000,000 in the value of the grain farms of the United States, which shrinkage will increase with time. The value of our farms and grain will decline and theirs advance.

Wheat growers have sold good, merchantable wheat in the Chicago market several years of late on for 55 cents a bushel. When the duty is cut off and Canadian wheat pours in this 55-cent wheat will be seen again, and then farmers will plant their wheat lands to corn, and cause an overproduction of corn, and we will read again of farmers in the corn belt using corn for fuel, and the farms will be unprofitable and unsalable. Then where will be our merchants and manufacturers be?

Lose Track of It.

This year American millers are declaring much larger dividends than usual, but they are not entirely happy, and are unwilling to let well enough alone and content themselves with grinding our own wheat crop of 540,000,000 bushels. In their restless spirit of enterprise and push they are seeking, by employing workers in Washington, to influence the honorable secretary of the treasury and get rulings, in spite of the lawful 25 cents duty, allowing wheat to come in from Canada, to be ground in transit in bond on its way to Europe, the by-products (bran, shorts and middlings) to be retained and sold in the United States, and also allowing frosted wheat to come in under the name of feed. It is well known that

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DEATHS.

BRYANT—At 152 Sorauren-avenue, on Dec. 25, Ann Bryant, widow of John Bryant of 147 Bathurst-street, city.
Funeral on Tuesday, at 2 p.m., from 152 Sorauren-avenue to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

CAWTHRA—At Yeadon Hall, College-street, Toronto, on Sunday, the 25th of December, 1904, Henry Cawthra, in his 75th year.
Funeral (private) at 3 o'clock on Tuesday, the 27th. Interment in St. James' Cemetery.

HOGG—At 141 Broadview-avenue, Esther, beloved wife of James Hogg, on Dec. 24th, at 8 a.m.
Funeral on Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 1.30 p.m. to York Mills Cemetery.

PINKERTON—On Dec. 25th, at 58 Mansfield-avenue, Toronto, Jane Hutchinson, wife of Capt. James Pinkerton, late of Belfast, Ireland.
Funeral Wednesday, 28th Dec., at 2.30 p.m. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation. Belfast, Ireland, papers please copy.

RIORDON—At her residence, No. 1 Queen's Park, on Monday morning, Dec. 26th, Eliza Matilda Riordon, widow of the late John Riordon.

VICKERS—At 172 Adelaide-street West, Toronto, on Saturday, the 24th December, 1904, Catherine Mary Moodie, widow of John Joseph Vickers, in her 73rd year.
Funeral private, at 2 o'clock on Tuesday, the 27th.

Broderick's Business Suits. $22.50 113 King-street west.

Pere Marquette Railway Freight Trains Are Successfully Being Tied Up by Indignant Councillors.

Leamington, Dec. 26.—Because the Pere Marquette Railway has neglected, it is claimed, its local freight service, as a result of which the town is almost out of coal, the civic authorities cut off the railroad's water supply Saturday, causing a tie-up of four freight trains at this place.

The town has been borrowing coal to keep the waterworks in operation, and last week a car of the fuel arrived in Walkerville for the town, but it has lain there ever since, it is claimed, and all efforts to have it brought down have proven futile. Friday night the council ordered that the water supply to the road be cut off, excepting passenger trains, until the road gives better freight service.

The towns of Merlin, Kingsville and Wheatley have taken a similar step.

Prosecution Threatened.

In a report to the railway commission at Ottawa, Inspector Lalonde, who has been investigating the complaints of shippers in Essex and Kent Counties, regarding the freight service provided by the Pere Marquette, declares that in order to boom their thru freight business it has been the custom of the company to daily cancel half a dozen of the eight or nine trains scheduled to run between important centres, and the others were run hours behind time. Hon. Mr. Bernier has wired the company from Ottawa, that this must be rectified or prosecution will follow.

Has Good Territory.

The Pere Marquette Railway in Canada runs thru a good farming country, and has several important junctions at Walkerville, Sarnia, Blenheim, Chatham and St. Thomas. The Sarnia branch of the system, formerly known as the old Erie & Huron Railway, extends from Sarnia to Rondeau, a distance of over 73 miles. The other branch, which used to be known as the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railroad, goes from Walkerville to St. Thomas, a distance of 127 miles, and the London branch from London to Port Stanley, a distance of over twenty-three miles, having its junction with the Lake Erie & Detroit River branch at St. Thomas. The Lake Erie & Detroit River branch makes a junction at Blenheim with the Sarnia branch.

A Bad Showing.

In nine days there were supposed to be nine mixed trains for local traffic daily or a total of 81. The number actually run was only 24, all more or less late, and 57 trains were canceled. During the same period of time 70 thru freights, drawing in all 1973 cars, passed over the two divisions. The chief train despatcher explained the frequent cancellation of trains by saying there was not enough motive power and that engines were set off for repairs.

OBJECT TO ORIENTAL DANCES

Church Kirmess Proposed at Bowmanville Criticized by Methodists

Bowmanville, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Next week the Anglican Church people, with the sanction of the Rev. Mr. Carroll, pastor, will hold a kirmess in aid of the church funds.

The manager of the churchale has resolved to have something unique and has introduced some oriental dances. All the young folk of the town have agreed to take part, but a cloud has appeared on the horizon. This town boasts of a ministerial association, consisting of all the town pastors, and at a recent meeting, to which the Rev. Mr. Carroll was invited, the kirmess was criticized.

The Methodist Church objects to dancing, and the Methodist pastor stated his position. The real outcome of the meeting is not known, but the kirmess will go on just the same. It is even said that it will result in adding to the membership of the church, to the loss of at least one other church.

Prepare for Winter.

Winter started in early this season with raw weather and this is only the introduction. Therefore, it will be wise for you to prepare for what is coming with warm clothing, such as fur jackets, etc. Money invested in fur garments is money well spent, because it saves you doctors' bills. Your house is probably well heated, but you need heavy outside garments when going into the cold air. The Dineen Co. have some splendid ready-to-wear garments left from Christmas trade which must be disposed of this week.

A STORM COMING.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Dec. 26.—(8 p.m.)—The weather continues extremely cold in the Northwest Territories and Manitoba, while in Ontario it has been somewhat milder, and rain is falling this evening in the southwestern portion. A storm of much energy is approaching the lake region and will probably pass rapidly to Eastern Canada.

Minimum and maximum temperature: Dawson, 36 below—24 below; Victoria, 34—42; Kamloops, 12—22; Calgary, 22 below—4 below; Qu'Appelle, 24 below—16 below; Winnipeg, 18 below—6 below; Parry Sound, 2—22; Toronto, 13—28; Ottawa, 2 below—8; Montreal, 6 below—8; Quebec 8 below—8; St. Joohn, zero—16; Halifax, zero—16.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Rain or sleet at first, followed by a rapid change to very cold weather with heavy northwest gales and local snowfalls.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Strong easterly winds, with snow or rain, followed to-night by westerly gales and a change to very cold.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Strong winds and gales from east and south; snow or sleet; colder again Wednesday.

Maritime—Winds, increasing to gales from east and south, milder with sleet or rain before night.

Superior—Strong northwesterly winds; decidedly cold, with light snowfalls.

Manitoba—Fine and extremely cold.

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