

CANADIAN NOTES.

Presbyterian Commissioner Favors Retention of Queen's University—Two Explosions.

Quebec, Feb. 11.—A telegram from Georgia, says Ernest Paul, former proprietor of Le Soleil, is very ill and not expected to recover.

Engine House Demolished. Parkhill, Ont., Feb. 11.—The boiler at the Harrison estate roller mill exploded last night, the crash shaking every building in town and putting the electric lights out. No one was killed or injured, but most of the glass on Main and King streets was broken. The west end of the mill was blown out. The engine house was completely demolished and the wooden mills, adjoining, were badly wrecked. Pieces of wreckage were scattered all over town.

Gunpowder Explodes. North Bay, Ont., Feb. 11.—Thirty tons of dynamite and ten tons of gunpowder exploded at noon Sunday last at a large construction camp on New Fernis, Barring and North Bay, Ontario, railway, seventy-five miles north of here. It being Sunday, all men were dining in a shack a hundred and fifty yards from the magazine. The roof of this building was blown off and some fifteen men injured, fortunately only one at all seriously, Neil Donovan, son of one of the contractors, who was sent to Montreal in a precarious condition, which was one of terrific force, is unknown. A large number of horses were so badly injured that they had to be killed.

M. P. H. Toronto, Feb. 11.—W. R. Brock, M. P., head of the wholesale grocery firm of W. R. Brock Company, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Home Missionary Society. Toronto, Feb. 11.—The first annual meeting of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church in Canada was held in the lecture room of St. Andrew's church yesterday. The following officers were elected: Hon. president, Mrs. Mortimer Clark; president, Mrs. B. S. Smellie; vice-presidents, Mrs. W. C. Cochran, Mrs. M. F. McCurdy, Mrs. H. M. Parsons, Mrs. J. H. Thom, Mrs. Lindsay; recording secretary, Miss Inglis; corresponding secretaries, Mrs. W. E. Long and Mrs. B. S. Scott.

Will Intervene Legislature. Toronto District Labor Council tonight passed a resolution that the legislative committee of this council interview the Ontario government and call upon them to exercise such authority as will guarantee justice and fair play to members of trade unions who have the misfortune to be arraigned before Police Magistrate Denison, of Toronto.

Committed For Trial. Michael J. O'Neill, foreman of the coroner's jury, was committed for trial to-day for soliciting a bribe from Mr. McCurdy, C. P. R. counsel. The jury met to-night and protested against the implication that they were open to bribery.

Queen's University. Kingston, Feb. 11.—The commission of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada regarding the retention of Queen's University by the church, concluded its labors this afternoon by adopting a report recommending the general assembly to provide adequate endowment for Queen's University so as to retain the college for the church. St. Andrew's Fleming has given the university one-tenth interest in a coal mine near the Rocky mountains. He has handed the trustees a cheque for \$800 and the first instalment of \$200,000. The trustees will consider the appeal of the medical faculty for stronger support.

Winnipeg Clearings. Winnipeg, Feb. 11.—The following are the Winnipeg clearing house returns for the week ending February 11th, with comparisons: Week ending February 11th, 1904, \$4,282,468; corresponding week in 1903, \$3,620,285; corresponding week, 1902, \$2,535,750.

LIBERAL UNOPPOSED. E. Lapointe Returned by Acclamation For Kamouraska—Blind Lady Kuroki Rescued.

Kamouraska, Feb. 12.—The election in Kamouraska, Quebec to-day to fill the vacancy in the Commons caused by the appointment of Hon. H. G. Carroli, resulted in the Liberal party winning the election of Ernest Lapointe, Liberal, by acclamation.

The scrutiny of the ballots and canvass of electors in connection with the municipal franchise in Toronto have been stopped for want of funds. The Bertie Pastime Club, Fort Erie, was granted a charter last Saturday and the charter was revoked by order of the council of the Ontario government to-day. The promoters claimed that their object was legitimate sport, but they ordered a special writ put in made arrangements to run a regular poolroom. Miss Stewart, a blind lady living with Steven Autee at St. Catharines, rushed into the breakfast room this morning enveloped in flames. It is supposed her clothing caught fire from an oil stove in her room. She died this afternoon.

EMIGRANT ARRESTED. Taken Into Custody at Liverpool With Eighteen Pounds of Dynamite in His Possession. Liverpool, Feb. 12.—The customs officials found eighteen pounds of dynamite and 3,360 detonators in the possession of an American emigrant on board the steamer Majestic, which arrived here yesterday from New York.

Worked in Pennsylvania. Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 12.—Ivan Lymanovic, who was arrested in Liverpool upon the arrival of the steamer Majestic for having dynamite concealed in his trunk, was a former mill worker in this city. In company with Ivan Brozovic he bought a ticket from Pittsburg to Karlsruhe, Croatia, on January 30th, each paying \$50 for his ticket. The men had been in the country two and a half years and neither could speak much English. Previous to working in the Pennsylvania mills they worked at some coal mines in Pittsburg district. The police authorities know nothing of the men.

MUSCULAR RHEUMATISM produced by exposure if neglected develops into the chronic form with almost incredible rapidity. South American Rheumatic Cure is a quick-acting, safe, simple and lasting cure, acts directly on the system, not a stimulant to temporarily deaden pain. An internal treatment that will absolutely cure most acute forms in from three to three days. Sold by Jackson & Co., and Hall & Co.—114.

UNITED STATES NAVY.

Building of Several Cruisers Is Recommended—Would Cost Over Twenty-Nine Million Dollars.

Washington, Feb. 11.—The report of the naval appropriation bill was made to the House to-day by Chairman Fow of the naval affairs committee. It says: "The committee recommends the construction of more than the usual number of cruisers, in view of the fact that last year we provided for five larger battle-ships. This will give a better proportion to our navy. If we judge public sentiment right, it is in favor of the construction of this policy of building up our navy. If stopped now we would be left behind the leading countries of the world."

Foremost and above all must stand considerations of the national defence, maintaining of our foreign policies and the protection of American citizens everywhere. The American people are not willing to lessen their influence on this hemisphere, nor forsake their interests on the other."

To complete all the ships authorized upon the present time will cost \$22,718,659. Of this \$31,820,800 is appropriated in this bill, which leaves a balance of \$9,002,199 to be appropriated hereafter.

The ships authorized are one first class battleship of 16,000 tons, cost \$7,775,000; two first class armored cruisers, of 14,500 tons, cost (each) \$6,505,000; three second class armored cruisers, of 10,000 tons, cost (each) \$2,200,000; two colliers, cost (each) \$1,250,000. The total cost of the above programme will be \$28,838,000.

It is left within the discretion of the secretary of the navy to build any or all of these ships in government yards in case the shipbuilding concerns have entered into any combination or understanding. An increase of 3,000 men is provided for, and a training station on the Great Lakes is recommended.

WATER RECEDING. But Danger of Floods in Wilkesbarre District of Pennsylvania Is Not Yet Over.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 11.—The flood is gradually receding here owing to the continued cold weather, but the danger is not yet over. The lowlands are covered with ice and water. The dams at Bloomsburg and Nanticoke are solid, and show no signs of breaking. The principal danger is now caused by the water backing up from these dams, and towns below the dams are apprehensive. If they break great destruction will follow. The Pennsylvania railroad has managed to get trains through from Sunbury, The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Railway Company is making every effort to open its Bloomsburg branch.

E. M. SCHWAB'S TRIP. Acting on Physician's Advice He Has Gone to Europe.

New York, Feb. 11.—Charles M. Schwab sailed to-day for France on the steamer Loraine. Upon inquiry at Mr. Schwab's office, it was stated that it had been Mr. Schwab's intention for many weeks to go to Europe for his health under the advice of his physician.

DICTATORSHIP. Action of President of Honduras to Frustrate a Plot.

New York, Feb. 11.—President Bonill is reported to have issued a dictatorship in Honduras, and dissolved the court to frustrate a plot, says a Herald dispatch. The deputies have been arrested. Honduras is quiet and the people approve of the government's conduct.

TURKEY AND BULGARIA. Trouble May Occur During the War Between Japan and Russia.

Constantinople, Feb. 11.—In diplomatic circles here the fear is that Turkey and Bulgaria will take advantage of the Russia's preoccupation in the Far East to settle their differences.

SENATOR HANNA. His Condition To-Day Is Critical—Fails to Respond to Stimulants.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Senator Hanna's condition is alarming. His temperature has risen rapidly, and he fails to respond to stimulants. Messengers have been hurriedly sent for oxygen.

COLLIER RANMED. Was Run Into by the United States Gunboat Concord.

San Francisco, Feb. 12.—The mail steamer San Jose, which has just arrived from South America ports, brought the information that the United States navy collier Nero had been rammed by the gunboat Concord in the harbor of Panama.

Mobilization of the army has been affected without a hitch. The transportation of soldiers and supplies by trains of the railroads is quiet and the coast guard cutter Concord in the harbor of Panama.

CLUBMEN HELD UP. Placed Against Wall and Relieved of Money and Valuables—Robbers Secured Nearly \$10,000.

San Francisco, Feb. 13.—Five men entered the Colonial club, frequented by leading sporting men, in this city last night. While one remained on guard the others broke into the clubroom and rounded up the inmates, who were lined up against the wall. They were then relieved of money and valuables to the extent of \$3,000. The keys of the bank were then secured, and the robbers got \$5,500 in gold coin. The victims were men bound hand and foot, and laid face downward upon the floor. The robbers being left in charge of them until the rest of the band had sufficient time to get away in safety. They then extinguished the lights and made good their escape. No trace of the thieves has been so far obtained.

Away With Catarrh! IT'S LOATHSOME, IT'S DISGUSTING! Instant Relief and Permanent Cure Secured by the Use of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder.

Here's strong evidence of the quickness and sureness of that wonderful remedy, Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal powder: "For years I was a victim of Chronic Catarrh—and many remedies but no cure was effected until I had procured and used Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. First application gave me instant relief, and in an incredibly short while I was absolutely cured."—James Hendley, Dundee, N. Y. Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure relieves in 30 minutes.



A TRIUMPH IN MARINE ENGINEERING.

In magnitude of the character of the work and also in the method pursued to carry out the repairs, the contract recently completed by the B. C. Marine Railway Company furnishes abundant proof, if such were needed, of the skill of Victoria shipbuilders and the facilities here provided for important marine engineering. Under the circumstances, preventing the steamer remaining in the dry dock, it had been generally thought that the Canadian-Australian liner would have to proceed to the Sound for accommodation, as vessels have frequently had to come under similar conditions, but the plan adopted worked admirably, and the contract was carried out in good time. The stern post of the steamer had been broken and the rudder post had been badly twisted. A big five-ton steel forging had to be provided and fitted in place. The rudder had to be stripped and straightened, and the gudgeons re-bored and brushed. The steering gear had to be all gone over. A filler was forged and shrunk onto the rudder post and other repairs effected, the importance and difficulty of which, to a vessel of Monne's tonnage, can only be fully realized by nautical men.

The audience demanding an encore. The "Staccato Etude" (Rubenstein), has been rendered many times in this city, but certainly never in a more masterly manner than last evening by Mr. Watkins. The last club number, "To the Genius of Music" (Mozart), with soprano solo by Mrs. Green, was the most ambitious of the evening's selections, and proved a fine finale to a very high class concert. The introduction of the soprano solo was a most pleasing variation from strictly club music. E. H. Russell conductor, has certainly good reasons with feeling which programme was executed and the audience have but one complaint, not in respect to the concert, but in regard to the dark exit from the hall.

SECOND CONCERT OF THE TWELFTH SEASON.

Arlon Club Score Another Success Last Night—Good Programme and Appreciative Audience.

The second concert of the twelfth season of the Arlon Club, was held on Thursday in Institute hall, and brought out a large audience in spite of most unpropitious weather. Those who attended were well repaid, and one and all felt gratified in realizing that there are in this city an organization of artists capable of rendering so varied a programme in so admirable a manner as was given. The soloists of the evening were Mrs. W. E. Green, soprano; Herbert Taylor, baritone; and Frank Watkins, pianist. The last named added not a little to a splendid programme by his faultless accompaniments.

The first number, "The Northman's Song" (Kueckel), a strong and stirring melody, was well rendered. In the "Two Grenadiers" Mr. Taylor's excellent enunciation was strikingly effective. Selection number three on the programme, "The Cradle Song" (Van Der Strucken), gave the club an opportunity to show what diligent practice will do—the shading in the passage, "the wind all the flowers do they gently sway," being especially pretty. The tenors particularly sang with much feeling. Mr. Watkins in Prelude, op. 3, No. 2, by Rachmaninoff, was most enthusiastically received, to which he responded in Chopin's waltz. Those who had previously heard the pianist as accompanist were only too glad of an opportunity to hear him in solo work. In "The Maiden" (Smart), with humming introduction and tenor solo by M. Reynolds, the club presented a very taking number, and was obliged to repeat what appeared to be the favorite of the evening. Mrs. W. E. Green appeared in her best in "Villanelle" (Eva dell'Acqua). She sang with delightful tone, and gave an exquisite encore.

In the selection "Hope" (Garrett), the club achieved another success, the accompaniment being especially good. The essay in "Commercial Geography" further established Mr. Winsby's reputation as an authority on this important subject. He advocated the incidental teaching of the work at first by a study of our own port, ascertaining the uses of steamships and railroads, and reviewing the goods transported, with the source from whence they came. This introduced the subject of products and industries, and as a result the establishment of cities. Local products, their sources, preparation, transportation and destination were carefully dealt with. "Later, the subject," Mr. Winsby continued, "can be taught in an extremely interesting manner, as a separate and distinct topic, full of life and practical interest to the child."

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TEACHERS' INSTITUTE. On Friday afternoon the Victoria Teachers' Institute held the most successful meeting in their history, having an attendance of over 60 members. Progress was reported in the preliminary work of forming an Island Institute. Inspector Netherby pointed out the local nature of the difficulties which the local union was endeavoring, most laudably, to overcome, in uniting all the Island teachers in one body. A motion was introduced by Mr. Gills, and unanimously adopted, favoring an amalgamation of the Island Institute, when formed, with the Lower Mainland Association, to form a union of all the teachers of the British Columbia coast. This plan will, in all probability, be carried to completion at an early date.

That portion of the session most enjoyed by all, was Miss J. McAlpine's solo, "Spring," which was so expertly rendered that the institute could not be satisfied without her return. Miss McAlpine's splendid voice and charming delivery were most delightful, and were enthusiastically received by the teachers. Mr. Russell's work as accompanist was highly pleasing.

J. A. Coates, of the Central school, read a short paper on the use of a relief map in the junior classes as a means of understanding an ordinary wall school map. The suggestions were in some respects novel, as they recommended the use of certain methods not being employed in public schools at the present time. The essay on "Commercial Geography" further established Mr. Winsby's reputation as an authority on this important subject. He advocated the incidental teaching of the work at first by a study of our own port, ascertaining the uses of steamships and railroads, and reviewing the goods transported, with the source from whence they came. This introduced the subject of products and industries, and as a result the establishment of cities. Local products, their sources, preparation, transportation and destination were carefully dealt with. "Later, the subject," Mr. Winsby continued, "can be taught in an extremely interesting manner, as a separate and distinct topic, full of life and practical interest to the child."

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