

CANADA'S TRADE IMPROVING NOW

Shown in Customs Collections

Total Collections for the Month Amounted to \$4,113,647

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—The customs collections are responding to the betterment in business throughout Canada. For some time the collections have been running behind the record of last year. During February, however, collections were not only equal, but a little better than those of the previous February, the total amount collected for the month being \$4,113,647, which is a betterment of \$28,912.

For the eleven months of the fiscal year the collections totalled \$42,630,700, which is \$10,879,821 less than the customs returns for the same period the year before.

Uncle Sam's Collections

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The monthly statement of the collections of internal revenue shows the total receipts for January were \$13,386,651, which is a loss, as compared with January 1908, of \$1,482,455.

For the seven months of the present fiscal year the results were \$76,833,834, a decrease as compared with the corresponding period in 1908, of \$7,518,474.

By far the heaviest decrease for February was in spirits, which amounted to \$1,105,240. Tobacco shows an increase of nearly \$300,000.

BABY'S OWN TABLETS WILL CURE YOUR BABY

If your little ones are subject to colic, indigestion, constipation, worms, simple fevers, or the other minor ailments of childhood, give them Baby's Own Tablets and see how quickly the trouble will disappear. But better still, an occasional dose of Tablets given to well children will keep these troubles away.

Dr. J. C. Williams, M.D., says: "My baby suffered greatly from constipation and stomachic trouble and Baby's Own Tablets cured him in the home now." Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

DEATHS

MISS LOTTIE VANDINE. FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 23.—Miss Lottie Vandine, a prominent member of the York Street School teaching staff, died at the Richards Hospital Saturday afternoon after some weeks' agony for internal trouble.

MRS. GEORGE HARRIET LUDLOW. Mrs. George Harriet Ludlow, widow of Dr. Jasper Nugent Murphy, of Fredericton, died at her home at 1000 St. John's street, Fredericton, N. B., on Friday, aged 87 years.

MRS. SARAH FRITES. MONTON, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Sarah Frites, widow of the late Mr. John Frites, died at her home at 1000 St. John's street, Fredericton, N. B., on Friday, aged 87 years.

More Apples More Peaches more fruit of every kind when you spray the trees with V-1 FLUID The Winter Spray Kills the spores of Fungi—destroys Plant Pests—removes loose bark—keeps trees bright healthy condition—prevents the growth—produces more and better fruit. Sprays harmless to vegetables, silver and hogs may feed under quite trees without fear of injury. One gallon of V-1 Fluid makes 100 gallons of spray mixture.

Agents Wanted. Wm. Cooper & McPherson, Toronto.

SURPRISE COOPER CASE

Governor Patterson Testifies

BEFORE TRAGEDY Failure of Defence to Cross-Examine Governor is Inexplicable

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 27.—Two facts stood out strongly today in the trial of Col. Duncan H. Cooper, his son Robin and John D. Sharpe, charged with the murder of former Senator Carmack. One was the calling by the defence of Governor M. R. Patterson. The other was the failure of the state to cross-examine him. It had generally been conceded that Patterson was behind the killing of Carmack. The defence, however, had begun with Patterson's election as governor did not end until the morning of the tragedy.

So the defence called the governor today, reluctantly some say, gladly say others. At all events the governor testified before the court and after cross-examination by the state. Col. Cooper testified that the governor sought and found him three hours before the shooting.

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RACE ROW STARTED OVER APPOINTMENT

WINDSOR, Feb. 28.—Because the school trustees named a colored teacher to succeed the late Mr. W. H. Weston, a small settlement between here and Amherstburg, nearly all the white children have been withdrawn and the village is torn into two conflicting factions. The hostility is about equally divided between whites and blacks, and has been the scene of the same kind of trouble several times before.

ONE BODY DISCOVERED

MARSEILLES, Feb. 28.—The steamer in collision with the Ville d'Alger near this port yesterday was the Oriana and not the Nymeria, as first reported. The Ville d'Alger sank before reaching her dock and divers were sent down today to examine the wreck. They found in the cabin the body of one of the passengers who had been wounded at the time of the collision and who was unable to make his escape.

AN EXCLAMATION AND A CONFESSOR

The dear girl—He had the impudence to ask me for a kiss! Her dear friend—The ideal! What cheek. The dear girl (blushing)—He wasn't particular which.

Widow of Major J. MacGregor Grant, occurred at her residence, 123 King St. east, early yesterday morning. Mrs. Grant was ill at the time of her husband's death a few weeks ago, and gradually sank until the end came yesterday. She was a sister of the late John W. Nicholson and leaves two sons and two daughters. The funeral will be private.

MONCTON, Feb. 28.—Mrs. Williams yesterday received word of the death of her mother Mrs. Sarah Frites, which occurred in Vancouver, B. C., Friday night. Deceased was seventy-four years of age and was a native of Moncton.

HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF AT WASHINGTON

Taft Will on That Day be Made the Chief Magistrate of the United States—Washington to Large Extent Devised Plan of President's Inauguration

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 28.—History again will repeat itself next Thursday when William Howard Taft bows his head over the Holy Bible and takes the solemn obligation which shall make him, for a stated period, the chief magistrate of the United States.

The ceremony of the induction of a president into office is a distinctive American. It is a simple, but a heart of the nation's fathers, while they yet were in the throes of a great revolution, it is grand in its motive—its simplicity, its grandeur, its beauty and beautiful accompaniments, in recent years, have become notable features of this most important of American functions.

On the contrary the day on which McKinley was inducted into office the first time was one of the most beautiful that ever dawned. In a carriage drawn by four black horses, he rode to the Capitol, accompanied by Mr. Cleveland, Ohio's famous Black Horse Cavalry. The demonstration throughout the day and night felt to the serious discomfiture of all who participated in the ceremony.

Washington was inducted into office at New York. At the time of notification of his election, he was reading at his beautiful country home "Mount Vernon." He proceeded to the seat of government on horseback, in coaches and in eight-wheeled barges. No such scenes of enthusiasm ever had been witnessed in this country as attended his progress. The country people gave him hearty welcomes by the roadside, in the villages and in the cities. He was met by the members of the President-elect's cabinet and about thirty others. Assuming the presidency in the shadow of a great national tragedy, no spectacular features were permitted by Mr. Roosevelt. He came to Washington on a special train and quietly assumed the duties of his high office.

Later, in 1805, elected to the presidency in his own right by an overwhelming majority, Roosevelt again took the oath of office, this time in the presence of a throng of quite one hundred thousand people on the east front of the Capitol. He was met by the members of the President-elect's cabinet and about thirty others. Assuming the presidency in the shadow of a great national tragedy, no spectacular features were permitted by Mr. Roosevelt. He came to Washington on a special train and quietly assumed the duties of his high office.

SECRETARY REID GIVES EVIDENCE

Tells of Confession After Robbery OTHER WITNESSES Seven in All Testify in the Downie Case on Saturday

Thomas E. Rogers was the first witness in the Downie case at a preliminary hearing held at the factory of Messrs. A. S. Simms & Co. factory. Witness had just returned to work when he heard of the trouble in the office. He went to the office and saw the door open and a man in a dark coat and hat entering the office and registered about a quarter of one o'clock, but saw no person enter the office and saw the door locked or not.

Walter Peters, shipping clerk with A. S. Simms and Co., was the second witness. He told of leaving the shipping room at noon to go for his dinner and returning at 1:10. When he entered the office he was met by Mr. Anderson who said there had been a robbery. He was then met by Mr. Downie who said he had been choked and his money was gone. The witness then entered the office and found Downie lying on the floor with a number of peo-

IS PLEASED WITH RESULT

Roosevelt Gives Report to Congress

CONSERVATION PLAN President Declares Conference Will Result in Mutual Benefits

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The "Declaration of Principles" adopted by the North American Conservation Conference which has just concluded its work here, in which certain recommendations are made for conservation of the natural resources of the United States, Canada and Mexico, was today transmitted by President Roosevelt to Congress.

In his letter of transmittal the President declares that the conference "will unquestionably, as the declaration recites, result in mutual benefits, and tend to draw still closer the bonds of existing good will, confidence and respect." It is pointed out that "natural resources are not confined by the boundary lines that separate nations. We agree that no nation acting alone can adequately conserve them, and we recommend the adoption of concurrent measures for conserving the material foundations of the welfare of all the nations concerned, and for ascertaining their location and extent."

Notably in the history of inauguration ceremonies has the weather ever been so favorable. The weather on Cleveland's second induction into office, Pennsylvania avenue was inches deep in slush and practically impassable. The weather on the day of the second inauguration, rain fell heavily and many were the prophesies that the inauguration would be a "white wash."

Joseph W. Scraggs was the next witness and told of being with Carroll on Union street and meeting Mr. Brown and Mr. Anderson on Union street. He did not see any person in the office when he passed through. Witness did not know anything further about the matter.

SWALLOW'S LAUDANUM; WALKS THE STREETS

TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 28.—The Galt professional hockey team, winners of the Ontario championship have disbanded. They were expected to have gone after the Stanley cup, but that is out of the question now. Most of the players have signed for next season.

Five children, all sons have been born to them, one dying in infancy. The others were the late Dr. J. March, Ernest C. W. Squires, Cecil S. B. of St. John, and Ralph March, of Hampton. There are many grandchildren and one great grandchild, all of whom it is expected will join in the quiet family reunion which the half century milestone he marked on the twenty-second of March. Mr. March is now alone in the seventies.

Archdeacon Raymond HERE FOR 25 YEARS The regular monthly meeting of Evangelical Alliance took place in Andrew's church yesterday morning. The members present were: Rev. James Chapp, A. B. Cohoe, M. Fletcher, C. R. Flinders, Charles C. Wain, Wellington Camp, Gleason S. C. W. Squires, H. R. Road, Archdeacon Raymond, J. C. B. Appel and Mr. Gerson.

POWERS HOPE AND BELIEVE THAT WAR WILL BE AVERTED

But Solution of the Balkan Difficulty is Far From Easy—Grey in Daily Conference With Cambon

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The powers are not so sure that Russia has consented to the proposal that Serbia should be approached by the powers. What Russia has in common with Great Britain is an agreement to an effort to relieve the Austro-Hungarian-Serbian tension has not yet been agreed upon.

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Witness' office and asked that, under the circumstances would it be right for him to come back in the evening and finish up his work. Witness told him there was no objection and asked him if he saw anybody else in the office. He said he saw nobody else. Witness then remarked that it was strange that the watchman was gone as Brown was sure that he had put it away. Defendants said that they saw Brown putting the watch away. The firm gave instruction to Brown to ask Downie to give up the key of the office.

RHEUMATISM MEANS KIDNEY TROUBLE

If you are subject to Rheumatism, don't rely on "blood purifiers" to help you, because they can't. Lintiments and plasters won't do any permanent good, either, because the kidneys are responsible for Rheumatism, and you must cure the sick kidneys with GIN PILLS to get rid of the pain.

GIN PILLS FOR THE KIDNEYS. You can see for yourself that the only way to cure Rheumatism is to take GIN PILLS because they cure the Kidneys. GIN PILLS cost you nothing unless they cure you. Take them according to directions, and if they fail to help you, simply return the empty boxes to the dealer and get your money. We will take your word for it.

EXPLOSION KILLS

ONE, HURTS OTHERS

Frightful Accident

Foreston, N.B.

DYNAMITE EXPLOD

Shack Blown to Pieces—

Dead—Others Are Injured

At noon on Saturday while a bar of workmen on the Murdoch tion of the Grand Trunk Pacific Foreston, N. B., were preparing meals and getting dynamite ready for the afternoon work, a stick of dynamite exploded, as he was setting the cap. Gellager's arm flew off and his legs were badly injured.

A man who was standing close to Gellager at the time had his legs fractured, while four or five workmen received minor injuries. Dr. McIntosh, the G. T. P. physician was called from Hartland and attended to the injured men. Dr. McNeil returned to Hartland last night the two men who were the most seriously injured and they are the best of attention.

Gellager is not expected to recover and the other man who is so injured about the legs, and who was native of Scotland, is also in a critical condition.

Gellager is said to be a member good family in Holland. All the six injured were foreigners.

WILL CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. John March Have Been Married Fifty Years ANNIVERSARY 22ND

Three weeks from yesterday Mr. Mrs. John March of Hampton will serve their golden wedding anniversary. Both are in excellent health and look forward to many more years of happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. March were married the Baptist parsonage in Geo. on March 22nd, 1859. The bride of years ago was Miss Mary E. Buckner daughter of the late Barnabas C. B. of Fenwick. The groom was a son of the late Mr. J. B. of Fenwick.

After their marriage the young couple came to St. John to live with the late Mr. J. B. of Fenwick. Mr. March engaged in commercial pursuits and held responsible positions in the city. He was for a quarter of a century superintendent and secretary of the board of trustees and has the honor of inaugurating the free school system in St. John. He spent 25 years in journalism, and was also a line engaged in commercial pursuits, conducted business as a photographer and Mrs. March removed in to Hampton where they have since lived.

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The reports of the different committees in regard to the religious services lately held were received. The majority of the clergymen report that they had secured a large number of families by means of the census. Dr. Flinders' paper on the need of a society for the protection of men and children was postponed until next month. Mr. Gerson's paper on "The Ministry of Healing" was discussed by Revs. A. B. Cohoe, W. Camp, C. W. Squires, C. R. Flinders, H. R. Road, Archdeacon Raymond, J. C. B. Appel and Mr. Gerson.