

PROVINCIAL NEWS

REBELS AGAINST THE KING OF KINGS; REVOLUTIONISTS V ROYALISTS IN PERSIA

BRITAIN BLOCKS AMERICA'S EFFORT

YOU have to buy hats on faith, at best. Seems wisest, to buy a make that affixes all the faith you can show. That is the label like this:

WAKEFIELD LONDON

ALLAN & CO., LTD., TORONTO



At a higher price for our product if we get a higher price it is obvious that the British must pay the higher price. In advocating the preferential tariff we are simply urging that the consumer should voluntarily pay his bread and butter and meat in order to give a premium to our wheat growers.

It is admitted that this would be a good thing for Canada. But is it good for Britain? Canada earned the right to ask public to make any further contribution in her behalf? The Sun's position on the question—that it is a question for the British elector, in which Canada cannot interfere without selfish impertinence—is all we are prepared and able to give. Britain adequate compensation preference we give. Great as much in our own interests. It reduces the price of goods to our consumers. If we tariff still more in preference to our consumers profit. But to give up a preference must increase the price of Canada to her people—otherwise preference would be of no advantage. Where does the mutual advantage come in? From the Brit point it seems a question of a win, talks you lose.

AN WOMAN TABS COMPATRIOT

OOD, Mass., May 25.—Some in the vicinity of this town, dead by this time, is Frank 19 years old, who was last seen in a boat on the water in his stomach. He was this morning by Mrs. Marie who conducts a lodging house. Bertuccio was an inmate. A man had entered the woman, according to the story the police, and had asked her way with him and to take her husband's money. He bent, she said, and attempted his demands at the point of a knife. Mrs. Pugitoni says she a stillate which chance to near and stabbed Bertuccio stomach.

ICE BLOCKADE STILL CONTINUES

HNS, N. F., May 25.—The ice continues tonight, and no have entered or left the harbor. The Furness line Algonquin and Durango and other boats are still in clear is probable that they will tomorrow before deciding.

TING A SCHOOL



nder the care of the same inmates, a Santiago journal, has had the treatment of the which Mrs. Tugley calls her.

NEWCASTLE, N. B., May 21.—Harry B. Anslow and Chas. W. Anslow of Campbellton, T. Herbert Whalen and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. McNeil of Newcastle have applied for incorporation as the Advocate Publishing Company, Ltd., to take over and continue the Union Advocate and its printing business here. H. B. Anslow, T. H. Whalen and W. J. McNeil are provisional directors.

A prominent, well-known and much respected resident passed away last night in the person of John Cassidy, a native of Bonaventure county, but for most of his life a resident of this town. Deceased was 67 years of age, and although he had been in failing health for over six months, he was out last Sunday, and did not permanently take to his bed until Monday. When a young man he served his apprenticeship here as ship blacksmith. For fourteen years he served as policeman here, and for the next eight years as a deputy sheriff. He resigned the latter office because of failing strength, and for the last twelve years had been a grocery store, also serving the public as constable and occasional tax collector. He was a prominent Free Mason and Orangeman. He was buried at 2 o'clock under Presbyterian and Masonic auspices on Sunday afternoon. Deceased leaves a widow, formerly Miss Flora of Bonaventure, P. Q., and the following children: Mrs. D. S. Sinclair, Chatham Head; Mrs. J. A. Stevens, Campbellton; Mrs. A. C. Allan, Mrs. Geo. Cassidy, Robert Howard and Thomas, Newcastle; William, Robert Cassidy of Bangor are brothers of deceased, and Mrs. Jas. Cantwell of Campbellton, a sister.

No Surrender L. O. A. asked to be exempted from taxes on Opera House on grounds that the town was deriving a very large revenue from the building in light dues and licenses, and that the building was mortgaged for \$10,000, the expenses being more than the receipts. The hall is open to all kinds of public entertainments, and should not be taxed to death means of providing more revenue were discussed. It was proposed to reduce discount on electric light from 33 1/3 to 20 per cent, making the net cost to the consumer 10 per cent, and to raise water rates from 20 to 60 per cent on all classes of consumers. A single tap is to henceforth cost \$8 a year instead of \$5. Sewerage fees are to be raised, and extra license fees imposed upon all outsiders doing business here.

FREDERICTON, N. B., May 20.—That the New Brunswick Telephone Company has enjoyed a prosperous year was shown by a report submitted at the annual meeting of the stockholders here this evening. President S. H. White of Sussex presided and there was a large attendance. The directors submitted the following financial statement of earnings and expenses for eleven months ending March 31st, 1909, to meeting of stockholders:

Operating—Rentals and tolls, \$230,556.02. Expenses—Operating, maintenance and general expenses, \$198,514.13. Net earnings, \$32,041.89. Revenue account—By net earnings March 31st, 1909, \$32,041.89. To interest on debentures, \$4,953.32. To interest on loan, \$2,000.00. To interest on capital stock sold, \$11,000.00. To dividend Dec. 1, 1908, \$34,184.10; \$58,381.95. Gross surplus, \$83,728.90. From this sum a dividend of 2 1/2 per cent for five months ending March 31, 1909, will be paid amounting to \$22,890, leaving net surplus of \$60,838.90. Following is a statement of assets and liabilities:

Assets—Plant, \$1,225,028.88; real estate and buildings, \$64,557.28; miscellaneous equipment, \$5,067.43. Supplies, \$32,000.00. Cash in banks and on hand, \$8,663.95. Accounts receivable, \$11,966.92. Rentals and tolls outstanding, \$20,263.67. Total assets, \$1,389,508.93. Liabilities—Capital stock (paid up), of British North America, \$24,055.05. \$1,046,622. Debitures, \$10,000.00. Bank of British North America, \$20,566.05. Accounts payable, \$10,977.42. Interest accrued, \$1,250.00. \$136,282.47. Total liabilities, \$1,324,308.99. Gross surplus, \$65,199.94. Total, \$1,389,508.93. Report of President White was as follows:

The directors of the company beg to submit herewith the report and the financial statement of the company to March 31st, 1909, a period of eleven months. It will be recalled that the last annual meeting it was decided for the purpose of greater convenience to the company to change the fiscal year from April 30th to March 31st of each year, and this accordingly has been done, hence the statement for the period of eleven months. The statement submitted shows that the profit account of the company has been increased during the eleven months from \$1,154,309.97 to \$1,324,308.99, an addition thereto of \$170,999.02. This increase has been occasioned by new construction and development work necessarily undertaken by the company in the usual course of its business. The work of this nature is important and was prudently and properly undertaken; simply indicates the progress made by the company. The indebtedness to the bank it will be observed, has largely disappeared. This has been accomplished, it is true, by the issue of stock; at the same time the effect has been to place the company in a satisfactory position in respect to its financial affairs. In this connection the directors consider that the shareholders of the company may congratulate themselves upon the fact that the interest paid was to reduce the payment of the instalments due on stock. At the same time stockholders were paid a dividend on their stock and thus the interest paid was to reduce additional paid by the company over and above dividends. The directors have also charged up to revenue the sum of \$20,910.97, which was expended in restoring the original value to the property of the company, and is therefore an item of depreciation. At the same time rental charges being less than those charged by other similar companies doing business in Canada, and the balance carried to reserve for favorable disposal of the stock that your directors were able to make. Practically \$200,000 of stock was disposed of at a cost to the company of

GROSS EARNINGS.

The gross earnings of the company have grown from the sum of \$20,223.33 for the year 1908 to the sum of \$230,556.02 for the eleven months covered by the report and the number of telephones installed has been increased from 7,536 to 8,410, an increase of 874 phones for the eleven months. The net earnings of the company, however, should be considered to be entirely satisfactory. The statement shows, it is true, that the directors have appropriated out of revenue the sum of \$11,000 for commission on the sale of the company's stock and for this amount must also be added a considerable amount for the stockholders, who under the terms upon which the directors returned to Nova Scotia, the necessity of an increase in the rental charges is clearly demonstrated.

The directors during the year have placed the company on a semi-annual dividend basis at the rate of six per cent per annum. Your directors felt that the shareholders were entitled to receive a dividend of at least six per cent on their investment and that the company could practically as well pay such a dividend half-yearly as annually. It only required that the company make its collections more promptly than it probably would otherwise make and this in itself is not an unkind evil.

UNIFORM TOLL RATE.

Your directors are pleased to report that during the year they have made uniform throughout the province the toll rate of the company. This step has resulted in not so much adding to the receipts of the company as benefiting its service to its patrons and in the better facility afforded in attending to the business of the company. At first it was supposed by the public that the rates were being unduly increased, but your directors are now pleased to observe that the public are satisfied that the change is actually one in their own interests.

The following directors were elected for the ensuing year:— S. P. White, Hon. E. P. Thompson, F. B. Black, F. B. Carvell, M.P., A. W. Emerson, R. O'Leary, J. D. Irving, R. B. Emerson, M. M. Robinson, W. H. Snowball, A. R. Ship, M.P.P., L. B. McFarlane, F. W. Sumner, H. P. Robinson, G. W. Ganong.

At subsequent meeting of the directors the following officers were elected:—

President, S. P. White; first vice president, Hon. P. P. Thompson; secretary-treasurer, A. W. Mackinnon; general manager, H. P. Robinson. L. B. McFarlane is representative of the Bell Telephone Company on the board of directors.

It was after midnight when the meeting adjourned.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., May 21.—Vice-President McNeil, Supt. Downie, General Manager Leonard, Supt. Burgess and other C. F. R. officials arrived here at 11.30 a. m. in a special car for the New Brunswick Southern. About an hour was spent here, then the party left over the C. F. R. bound north, where they were met by Mr. J. McNeil, McNeil in charge of the train.

MONCTON, May 21.—There seems but little prospect of Moncton having a team in the provincial baseball league. The matter came up last evening at a meeting of the M. A. A. executive, when the report of George Friggs, delegate from the association to the following league meeting at St. John's was received. It was considered and action deferred for a week, which practically means that the association will not enter a team in the organization. The coat is the main objection, there being doubts whether the provincial league games would draw sufficiently in opposition to the city league, which plays at a much cheaper price.

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The forces of the shah, the king of kings, have by no means had it all their own way at Tabriz. During the last two weeks the whole civilized world has been wrung with the story of street fighting in Constantinople.

passengers toward Windsor on the day in question. Clerk Burgess, who was held up, is by no means a country boy. He worked for some time as a carpenter in Truro, then spent a couple of years in Western Canada, in the ranching business, returning here about a year ago and obtained employment with the Canadian Express Company.

He has had experience sufficient to test his nerve in various ways, hence the wonder that he was so thoroughly cowed by the bandits. A brother who is engaged in engineering in western Canada recently returned to Nova Scotia to visit his parents in South Matting. He was in Truro yesterday, having come to town to get some information about the hold-up of his brother. He was in Truro on the day before the robbery and is said to have endeavored then to induce his brother to give up the express business and again to return to Truro on a special order to perform his duties in the express office as usual.

The declaration of Agent Linton that he looked the safe Wednesday at noon before going to the express office to perform his duties in the express office as usual.

The combination was turned against all corners, shortly the man appeared sitting on the express office door step, told the detectives today that he was quite awake all the time he sat there and was waiting and watching for a friend, who had come to get him a drink from a near by resort. He says he heard no voices on the other side of the door and saw nobody enter a team in the organization. The coat is the main objection, there being doubts whether the provincial league games would draw sufficiently in opposition to the city league, which plays at a much cheaper price.

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against the forces of wild Kurds which the shah has sent against them. All the streets and narrow alleys in this quarter were barricaded and held night and day, while the river dykes that divide the town to the north was the theatre of daily skirmishes between the ever-watchful riflemen. The fighting

continues month in and month out with varied success. Sometimes the revolutionists seize a point of vantage, sometimes the shah's troops. But neither seems able to make any decided way. The above represents the ravages of the revolutionists in the quarter of the Devachi quarter in Tabriz.

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KAISER CRITICISES MODERN FOLKSONGS

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Will Not Join Until Boxer Promises are Fulfilled

PÉKIN, May 24.—America's effort to promote an early conference of the powers to favorably consider China's desire to increase her tariff duties has been blocked by Britain's positive refusal to join. W. W. Rockhill, the United States Minister, has communicated to the Wai Wu Pu the British reply that so long as China has not fulfilled her reform promises regarding the Boxer treaties, Great Britain considers that China has no right to ask for tariff revision.

Recognizing that Great Britain is the largest commercial interest in China, America first made overtures to her. Her refusal is seemingly a most serious obstacle, since the European powers will probably hold it impossible to secure a conference in the face of this opposition. China's position, as explained in the Herald by the Wai Wu Pu, is that China recognizes the necessity for these reforms, but maintains that the evils complained are due to the central government's lack of income, resulting from the powers' restriction upon her natural taxing power and that before China can hope to effect the desired reforms she needs the definite assurance of the powers that they will permit a reasonable tariff increase.

Concerning the evils especially cited as a basis for the British opposition, China undertakes to abolish all the high taxes as soon as the powers enter into an agreement permitting a tariff increase. The indiscriminate stamping of copper coins will be restricted when the provinces are able to derive an increased income from the customs. Concerning paper money, China assumes the responsibility for note issues on all government banks, and the provincial governments assume responsibility for notes on banks operating under the provincial sanction. As regards the issues of unbankable private banks throughout the empire the government advises foreign merchants not to accept them. As soon as China is able to perfect her banking laws the government will force private banks to conform to them. The government is anxious also to reform the judicial system, trademarks and mining regulations, but is helpless until it is permitted a reasonable increase in the tariff, now wholly inadequate to the nation's needs.

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Baby's Own Tablets will promptly cure indigestion, colic, constipation, diarrhoea and teething troubles. They destroy worms, break up colds and thus prevent deadly croup. This medicine contains no poisonous opiate or narcotic, and may be given with absolute safety to a newborn child. Mrs. C. L. Manery, Lexington, Ont., says: "My baby suffered from colic and constipation so badly that we did not know what it was to get a good night's sleep. But since giving him Baby's Own Tablets the trouble has disappeared, and he now sleeps well. The action of the Tablets is gentle yet very effective." Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from "The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont."

OTTAWA LOYALLY OBSERVES HOLIDAY

OTTAWA, May 24.—Victoria Day in the capital was loyally observed as a complete public holiday. The day was marked by unusual weather and no untoward accident marred the enjoyment of the holiday crowds. The special attractions included tactical manoeuvres on the east side of the city by the local militia, and the annual spring meet of the Ontario Amateur Athletic Association. The fifteen mile marathon race was won by Robertson of Montreal in one hour and 34 minutes. The miniature Niagara at Chaudiere Falls, on account of record high water on Ottawa river, semi-annually swamped the village of Gaitheau Point, opposite Rockcliffe Park, attracting many thousands of sightseers. The about the same and it is expected that the water will gradually recede from now on.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley spent the day in Peterboro where he spoke at the formal opening of the new armories there.

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by destroying insect life wholesale, vastly increases the yield from every field and orchard. APTERTITE placed in the ground at ploughing, will absolutely kill wireworms and grubs, all ground larvae and soil insects, Woodlice, slugs, millipedes, etc. See your Bug Troubles and mention this paper. We will tell you how to do it. To do it, soil, trees and vines of all kinds. For sale by druggists and dealers generally or direct from 161 W. CHURCH & HENRY ST. TORONTO. FOR SALE BY CANADIAN DRUG CO. St. John, N. B.

Advertisement for Father Morrissey's "No. 11" Cures Stomach Troubles. Includes a portrait of Rev. Father Morrissey and text describing the medicine's benefits for various stomach ailments.