

MAY INCREASE POWERS OF RY. COMMISSION

Legislation to This Effect Likely to Be Asked.

On Account of Large Amount of Public Business Government Has No Time to Deal With Them.

A BUILDING BOOM COMING IN MONTREAL

Many Large Construction Schemes Projected and A Record Year is Looked For.

Excavation work is expected shortly to begin for the station and terminal buildings of the C. N. R. at the city end of the tunnel under Mount Royal and the erection of at least a temporary depot for the handling of passengers is under way.

INTRODUCES BILL TO BAR ASIATICS

E. N. Lewis Wants Immigration Restricted as Much as Possible to Producing Classes of Northern Europe.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—Mr. E. N. Lewis, West Huron, has given notice of a resolution in the House of Commons declaring for the restriction of immigration to the "producing classes of the northern European countries and barring as far as possible, all Asiatics and all natives of the south of Europe of the slave countries."

SEE SERIOUS PRECEDENT IN DEPORTATION

Liberal Press in England Supports Government on South Africa Affair.

BELIEVE MUST BE SOME GROUND FOR DISCONTENT

Manchester Guardian Says Indemnity Bill Affects Imperial Interests Because Excludes British Subjects.

MCDUGALL AND COWAN TO HAVE PRIVATE WIRE FROM COAST TO COAST

Will Give Immediate Contact With All Canadian and American Markets—An Exclusive Service.

Montreal, Feb. 13.—An event that is taken to indicate the optimism prevailing in Canadian financial circles is the action of Messrs. McDugall & Cowan, members of the Montreal Stock Exchange, in arranging for a private transcontinental wire service exclusively for their business.

WESTERN CANADA TRUST CO. CHANGES ITS NAME

Known Now as Equitable Trust of London—Increased Capital to £700,000.

London, Feb. 14.—An extraordinary general meeting of the Western Canada Trust, Ltd., was held yesterday for the purpose of passing a resolution increasing the capital of the company to £700,000 by the creation of £20,000 new shares at £1 each, and also to change the name of the company to the Equitable Trust of London, Ltd.

MR. OLIVER LEARNS THAT HONESTY IS BEST POLICY

Attempts to Repudiate Speech Made While Minister of the Interior.

REBUKE ADMINISTERED BY HON. MR. ROGERS.

Ex-Minister Thinking He Was on Safe Ground Tried to Bluff, But the Fall Came Unexpectedly.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of public works, and Hon. Frank Oliver, ex-minister of the interior, clashed in the Commons today, and as a result the reputation of Mr. Oliver will suffer considerably in the estimation of the House and the country.

JUDICIAL PROBE INTO LAND DEAL IN MONTREAL BEGUN

Mayor Lavelle Says He Was Mistaken in Purchase But Request to Withdraw Refused, He Had Land Donated to City—Ald. Emard Claims Credit for Gift.

Montreal, Feb. 13.—A tale of two cities was told today by Mayor Lavelle before Judge Fortin at the judicial probe into city land purchases and instalments were added by other civic representatives. The purchase in question was that in connection with the aqueduct boulevard scheme, which has been one of the most expensive hobbies taken up by the municipality in years.

PREMIER GOULIN CALLS GRAFT CASE CONSPIRACY TO DEFEAT LIBERALS

Conspirators Dared Not Go To Him But Tempted These Around in Effort to Reach Him—But He Came Through the Fire Unscathed.

Quebec, Feb. 13.—Premier Goulin tonight took up the question of the graft committee reports and defended his administration in vigorous terms. The government, he said, had hid itself behind no veil nor mantle when the opposition summoned Messrs. Nichols and MacNab to the bar.

TAFI TO LECTURE AT UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Will Give Opening Series in Newly Established Marfleet Foundation.

Dr. Jose Vincente Concha Columbia's New President



The Presidential election was held recently in Bogota, Colombia, and resulted in the election of Dr. Jose Vincente Concha, the son of the celebrated and liberal scholar, Don Nicholas Restrepo, the choice of the intelligentsia.

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FIRST COURT OF THE SEASON AT BUCKINGHAM

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PROMPT ACTION OF GOVERNMENT APPRECIATED

Lost No Time in Undertaking Development of New Welland Canal.

WATERWAYS UNION EXECUTIVE MEETS.

Resolution Adopted Calling for Delegation to Present Message of Appreciation for Quick Work.

Berlin, Ont. Feb. 13.—The executive of the Great Waterways' Union of Canada, at its meeting here this afternoon discussed the proposed international negotiations for the development of a deep waterway for ocean-going vessels over the entire route from the head of the Upper Lakes to the sea.

LIVELY DEBATE ON BILL FOR SIX VICE-ADMIRALS

Senator O'Gorman Says Pride or Honor of Republic Demands That States be on Par With Others.

Washington, Feb. 13.—How a British naval commander in Mexican waters might assume command over American forces by virtue of his seniority or rank was discussed in animated fashion in the senate today during debate on the bill for six American vice-admirals. Senator Thomas could not understand why an American rear-admiral should surrender command of his forces to a foreigner.

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ENGLISHMEN JUST AS GOOD AS AMERICANS

G. H. Dent Says He Don't Consider Americans Superior in Railway Work.

PLENTY OF MEN FOR RESPONSIBLE POSTS.

Facts Show that There is Not a Lack of Efficient Men for Big Jobs.

London, Feb. 14.—The pessimism of Lord Claud Hamilton, chairman of the Great Britain eastern Railway, over the lack of suitable men for responsible positions does not appear to be supported by the facts in the light of existing and past appointments in the administration of British and colonial railways. As a matter of fact the railways have always afforded the best examples of men working from the lowest to the highest grades.

CANADIAN BAR ASSOCIATION IS FORMED

Organization Effected at Distinguished Gathering of Lawyers in Ottawa Last Night.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—A distinguished gathering of Canadian lawyers met at dinner in the Chateau Laurier tonight as the guests of J. A. M. Ikenes, K. C., M. P., to discuss the forming of a Canadian Bar Association. The gathering of about sixty included Premier Borden, Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice, Hon. L. P. Pelletier, K. C., M. P.; Hon. J. D. Thompson, K. C. and other parliamentarians.

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