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WEATHER
Moderate to fresh, west to northwest winds. Fair today and on Friday. Not much change in temperature.

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ROOSEVELT AND DIAZ TAKE JOINT ACTION

To Put an End to War in Central America.

The Little Republics Politely Requested to Attend a Conference in Washington and Come to Terms.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 29—President Roosevelt and President Diaz simultaneously have telegraphed notes to the presidents of the five republics of Central America, offering the good offices of the United States and Mexico in bringing about a conference of the republics for a discussion of plans to maintain peace. The announcement that this action had been taken was made today by Acting Secretary Adee of the state department.

Mr. Adee late today received Minister Goderi, charge d'affaires of the Mexican embassy, and they conferred at length concerning the steps taken looking to the settlement of Central American disputes and ending the almost incessant warfare between the republics. Neither would admit that the Central American republics had been invited to hold the conference at Washington, but Senor Corea, the Nicaraguan minister, is authority for the statement that such an invitation soon will be extended. In fact he telegraphed President Zelaya to that effect.

In diplomatic circles here it is said that none of the Central American republics can afford to decline to accept the proffers of mediation made by the United States and Mexico, and that this means that permanent peace practically is assured.

NEW SULTAN OF MOROCCO

Issues Proclamation Stating He Will Enter Into Good Relations With France and Other Powers.

PARIS, Aug. 29—A despatch to the Matin from Casablanca confirms the report that Mulai Haifig, the newly proclaimed Sultan of Morocco, had issued a proclamation at Mazagan, pointing out that the policy of Sultan Abdul Aziz had been ruinous to Morocco, and stating that he proposed to satisfy the French demands and enter into good relations with France and all the other powers. The proclamation is regarded as being of the utmost importance, as it implies that Mulai Haifig has the support of all the principal tribes of the southern part of Morocco.

The Tangier correspondent of the Matin telegraphs that special couriers have arrived at Tangier from Fez, bearing orders form Sultan Abdul Aziz to the Moroccan War Minister Gabbas to immediately send two caids with troops to join General El Marina, and go with them to Fez. If this order is carried out, the correspondent adds, Tangier will be depleted of troops and be at the mercy of Raisuli, who is described as being much encouraged by his victory over General El Marina.

NEW BAPTIST COLLEGE

With Prof. E. N. Sawyer of Acadia University as the Principal.

The Baptists of British Columbia are establishing a new college at Summerland, in the famous Okanagan valley. A beautiful campus of twenty acres overlooking the town has been donated by two wealthy fruitgrowers, brothers, named Ritchie, who are also at their own expense erecting the first of a series of fine college buildings. Professor E. W. Sawyer, of Acadia University, Wolfville, N. S., and a distinguished graduate of Harvard, has been called to the principalship and is to be assisted by a strong faculty.

WELLMAN IS STILL WHISTLING FOR WIND

CHRISTIANIA, Aug. 29—A communication received by steamer from Hammerfest, reports that Walter Wellman, of the Wellman-Chicago Record-Herald Arctic expedition, had planned to start for the pole August 20, but was prevented by the wind, which stopped all of his trials of the balloon for several days. The communication adds that Mr. Wellman has decided to make no attempt to reach the pole after September 6.

UNCLE JOE CANNON IS ON A HOLIDAY

MONTREAL, Aug. 29 — (Special)—"Uncle Joe" Cannon was in Montreal for a few hours today on his way to spend a few days as the guest of Congressman Sibley in the Thousand Islands. The veteran politician looks remarkably hale and hearty, and smilingly refused to be drawn concerning the presidential bee which is reporting to be buzzing in his bonnet.

HAIL STORMS IN SASKATCHEWAN

REGINA, Aug. 29—(Special)—From a list of claims in respect to hail storms filed with the provincial treasurer it appears that agriculture has suffered unusually in this way during the year. The proportion of policy holders in excess of the total number in 1906 is fifty per cent, and a considerable number have preferred claims.

LATE NEWS FROM SOUTH AFRICA

An Enormous Drink Bill--Boer Girls Like Britons--A Garden Country.

PRETORIA, Aug. 28—According to Dr. William Hosken, of the Transvaal legislative assembly, $13,750,000, or $45 per head of the population, was spent in the colony on drink alone during the last administrative year.

Daughters of Boer farmers in the Transvaal and Orange River Colony make no secret of their preference for British suitors. Members of the South African Constabulary especially stand very high in the favor of Boer maidens, and an old burgher who was asked recently if he would like to see the force abolished exclaimed: "Abolish them! Why, they're all engaged to our girls!"

The new railroad between the Rand and Zeerust, which was recently opened by Lord Selborne, will open up the Marico Valley, the richest and most fertile part in the Transvaal, to the markets of South Africa, and eventually of Europe. During this season 5,000,000 oranges have been sent by the Marico farmers to Johannesburg and other centres.

LONGSHOREMEN MAY RAISE RATES

Nothing Decided Yet About Rates for the Coming Winter's Business.

The Longshoremen's Association has not yet considered the question of rates for the coming winter season. Talking with members of the association this morning they said the matter would likely not come up until the latter part of October. So far as could be learned the feeling seemed to be that the rates charged last winter would be asked again this year though some are said to be in favor of a higher rate, owing to the increase in living expenses.

KILLED IN A RUNAWAY

David Taylor, Who Passed Through Two Northwest Rebellions, the Victim.

BRESAYLER, Sask., Aug. 29 (Special)—David Taydor, a well known figure all over the west, was killed in a runaway here yesterday. Taylor passed through two northwest rebellions, having been taken prisoner by Riel along with Thos. Scott, who was shot by the rebels at Fort Garry in 1870. In 1885 he was a member of the Battleford home guard and lost all his property at the hands of the rebels.

SEWER ON SPRING ST. NEEDS ATTENTION

No action has yet been taken by the water and sewerage department to move the sewer at the head of Spring street further down the street as was ordered by the board some time ago. The present condition of affairs is characterized as a disgrace by the residents of the neighborhood. Sewage flows from a pipe into the gutter just at a point where the walk starts that leads to Burpee avenue, and people passing that way are complaining of the unsanitary conditions. It is also necessary to have the sewer moved so that the street department can continue their work of raising the grade of the street.

THE KING'S SPEECH AND THE CONFERENCE

MONTREAL, Aug. 29—A Canadian Associated Press cable says that the king's speech at the prorogation of parliament said that the meeting of the prime ministers and other leading statesmen of the dominions beyond the seas, with the representatives of the imperial government, "was a source of deep satisfaction to me and I note with gratification the arrangement for future meetings at fixed intervals under the title of the Imperial conference for free discussion of questions of common concern."

FISH PLENTIFUL IN BAY OF FUNDY

(St. Andrew's Beacon.)

Cruiser Curlew, Capt. Robinson, returned on Monday from a cruise along the shore. She took Prof. Penhallow, of the biological station, to The Ripplings, and the professor was greatly impressed with the locality as a collecting ground. Capt. Robinson reports fish plentiful all along the shore. The fishermen of Digby have had a good season of hake and pollock, and so also have the fishermen of Grand Manan and Campobello. The price of fish has been very high. Hake sounds sold in one quarter last week for 99 cents per pound, the largest, with one exception, they have ever been known to reach.

INDICTMENT AGAINST FOUR BUCKET SHOPS

WASHINGTON, D. C. Aug. 28—Indictments were returned by the grand jury today against five proprietors of brokerage offices which are alleged by the authorities to be conducted as "bucket shops." The indictments allege that the defendants "did set up and keep a place for the purpose of gaming in violation of the laws of the District of Columbia."

THEY PLEADED NOT GUILTY

Mary Brady, John Francis and Mary Degan Will Stand Trial on Tuesday Next.

The criminal docket was taken up at this morning's session of the county court, which opened at the court house at ten o'clock, Judge Forbes presiding. The prisoners, Mary Brady—alias Ferrish; John Francis and Mary Degan, were brought into court and on motion of Hon. H. A. McKeown, arraigned. Daniel Mullin, K. C., counsel for the three prisoners, stated that the prisoners should have been called before his honor prior to going before the grand jury to elect whether they would be tried by jury or under the Speedy Trials Act.

By his honor's instructions the county court was adjourned from 10.20 until 10.30 o'clock. Mr. Mullin said he intended to consult with John Francis, his client, but Judge Forbes told him he could not do so. Mr. Mullin insisted and Judge Forbes told him that he (Mr. Mullin) had had the court at his mercy.

His honor then asked John Francis to stand up and read over the charge to him, and the prisoner elected to be tried by jury. Francis pleaded not guilty.

Mary Brady—alias Ferrish, charged with robbing William Lounsberry of $400 in her house, Sheffield street, on July 31st last, elected to be tried by jury and pleaded not guilty.

Mary Degan, charged with having committed perjury on the 19th instant, during the preliminary examination of the Ferrish woman, elected to be tried by jury and, like the other prisoners, pleaded not guilty.

His honor then announced that further procedure in the criminal cases would be adjourned until Tuesday morning next at ten o'clock, and discharged the petit jurors until then.

His honor also announced that on Tuesday next the circuit court would open at the Court House at 11 a. m., and arrangements would be made to continue the county court down stairs. The speedy trials court was then adjourned and the county court reopened.

The case of the Vaughan Electric Light Company, Ltd., vs. the Hampstead Steamship Company, Ltd., was resumed, and L. A. Currey, K. C., manager of the defendant company took the stand, being the first witnes for the defence.

Mr. Currey stated that the Hampstead Steamship Company, Limited, of which he is a director, owns two steamers, the Elaine and Hampstead. He had often made trips on the Elaine, and never, while he was aboard had he known anything to go wrong with the electric lights. The former manager of the company, Captain Fred Mabee, had informed him (Mr. Currey) that work had been done on the Elaine's lights by the electricians. Witness said that Mr. Vaughan had called upon him and spoken relative to repairs to the Elaine's electric plant. Mr. Currey denied having telephoned to Mr. Vaughan to come to his office, neither did he summon him there at all. Later, after examining the Elaine's electrical apparatus, Mr. Vaughan said, in the presence of the witness, Capt. Peatman and Geo. R. Vincent, at a meeting, that the steamer's wiring should be replaced, as it was old, and estimated that it would cost $125, and agreed that it would not exceed $200, although it might possibly reach $150. Mr. Vaughan agreed to do the work satisfactorily and promised the witness that he would call again at Mr. Currey's office and draw up a contract, but witness heard nothing further of Mr. Vaughan until the bill was rendered. Witness stated further that he was aware that the plaintiff company's workmen did not arrive at work till after nine o'clock in the morning, on several occasions. As the men were employed by the day they should have been on hand at seven o'clock in the morning.

Mr. Currey added that he had engaged W. & J. Myers to do work on the Elaine, and their men are now at work aboard the boat.

Witness called up Mr. Vaughan when he got his bill, and reminded him that cost of the work was not to exceed $200. Subsequently Mr. Vaughan called upon witness and was told that the lights were not working and the search light in particular was practically useless.

Capt. Peatman, of the Elaine, was next sworn, and after stating that as a master mariner he had been in charge of the steamers David Weston, Springfield, Monticello, Beatrice E. Waring and Elaine, he practically corroborated Mr. Currey's statements.

C. S. Hanington asked a question from which it might be inferred that the Elaine was running on Sunday. It was stated, however, that the date was mistaken, and this was not the case. Judge Forbes saw the humorous side of the question, and said to Mr. Hanington, "I know what you're after, you're looking after the Lord's Day Alliance."

G. R. Vincent, also of the defendant company, was next examined, and stated that he had been secretary-treasurer of the Hampstead Steamship Company Ltd, since December last. Witness practically corroborated the statements made by Mr. Currey and Capt. Peatman, and adjournment was made till 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Charles F. Dorman, of the Missoula Mercantile Co., Missoula, Mont., arrived this afternoon to visit his father, F. W. Dorman. Mr. Dorman left St. John 21 years ago.

NORMAL SCHOOL REOPENS NEXT WEEK

Two New Instructors Added to the Staff

DUCK SHOOTING

Season Opens on Monday Next---Fredericton Firemen Preparing for the Big Tournament Here on Labor Day

FREDERICTON, N B Aug. 29—(Special)—The marriage of W. B. Clements, of Peekskill, N. Y. and Miss Violet Marsh, daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Kingdon, will be solemnized at the bride's home here on Tuesday next.

Fredericton firemen are looking forward with great interest to their trip to St. John on Labor Day. It is likely that a large number of people in addition to the firemen will spend the day at the winter port.

The season for duck shooting opens on Monday and a number of local sportsmen are planning to spend the day on Sheffield and Sunpoke marshes. Ducks are reported very plentiful this year but the pot hunters have already been getting in their work and there will be very little doing for the hunters who observe the law.

The provincial normal school re-opens on Wednesday next and indications point to a very large atendance of student teachers. Two new instructors have been added to the staff, Dr. D. W. Hamilton and Miss Maragaret Lynds. The latter is succeeding Miss Alice Clark who was recently superannuated. Prof. Roberts who has been spending his vacation here returns to New York on Saturday.

COMMERCIAL

(Furnished by D. C. Clinch, Banker & Broker, 92 Prince William Street).

SUMMARY.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29. Consols ⅛ below last night's closing at 82 3-16 for both money and account. Bank of England's rate unchanged at 4½ per cent. Americans firm ⅛ to ⅜ above parity.

LONDON, 12.30 p. m.—Cs 168¼, money on call 2¼ a 2½, discount short bills 4½ for 3 months bills 4¼ a ⅜ per cent.

LIVERPOOL—Spot cotton fair demand, prices barely steady; Middlings off 3; Futures opened quiet 4½ to 7 off at 12.30 p. m., steady 4½ to 6 off from previous closing.

The New York Stock Exchange will be closed Saturday and Monday.

J. J. Hill says he does not see how prices can go much lower but what we need most now is a clear head in charge of the nation's affairs.

The Times says that receivership was sugged at yesterday's meeting of Interboro-Metropolitan directors.

Application will at once be made by Erie to Public Service Commision for authority to issue dividend warrants bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum, such warrants to be issued to stock holders of record entitled thereto on the given dates as soon as necessary authority can be obtained.

Erie earnings for year ended June 30th. 1907: Net income, $1,617,990; surplus income, $1,171,958.

Canadian Pacific July net income: $135,042.

LONDON, 2 p. m.—Exchange 4.86.70, Anc, 46¼; Ac, 71; Atch, 87¼; Bo, 89⅞; Co, 33⅝; Gw, 9⅝; Ca, 168¼; Erie, 29¼; Et, 46⅝ Ills, 194⅝; Kt, 34¼; Ln, 106; Np, 120⅝; N, 69⅛; Cen, 104; Ow, 32⅝; Pa, 117⅞; Rg, 93½; Ri, 19½; Sr, 15½; Sp, 84⅝; St, 120⅛; Up, 128; Us, 31½; Ux,94¾.

LONDON, 2.35 p. m.—Confidence on the part of the financial community is unabated and the settlement is being concluded smoothly. Early strength has been followed by irregularity due to profit-taking but business is light. Home rails have shaded somewhat from the highest figures which showed gains of ½ to 1½ per cent. In the American department the movement is narrow but firm. The action regarding Erie pfd. dividends has apparently been well taken. There is continued strength in Peruvian issues but the best figures have been shaded. There is a see-saw movement in the copper stocks. Bank of England proportion of reserve to liability is now 49.90 against 48.20 per cent last week. Return reserve 26,943,000 against 26,015,000 bullion 37,665,000 against 36,834,000.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29—Yesterday's market presented no new features. There was a complete cessation of liquidation on the one hand and a commensurate absence of outside participation on the other. The day's operations perhaps served to reduce the outstanding short interest somewhat but otherwise the situation remains the same. Stocks are too low to sell short while on the other hand the spirits of the streets are too depressed to permit of any enthusiasm upon the constructive side of prices. It will take strong initiative from bigger people before Wall Street will turn confidently to the other side.

Laidlaw & Co.

I copy the following from the Wall Street Journal:

"Harriman Pacifics will make new high records to Jan. 1st. Both roads to earn more than full year's dividends in the current six months. E. H. Harriman says enough new business is in sight for the next four months to make heaviest earnings in the road's history. Union Pacific promises to earn 10½ per cent in six months to Jan. 1st. or at the rate of 20 per cent per annum.

The Y. M. A. of Exmouth street church meets this evening at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to attend.

JIM HILL IS PESSIMISTIC

Does Not Look for Restoration of Confidence in Business World Under Present Policy.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28—James J. Hill came east today on one of his frequent and unannounced visits to this city. While reluctant to talk, Mr. Hill let it be known that he was in a pessimistic mood. The country at large, he thought, will not recover from the present state of financial uncertainty and there will be no restoration of confidence on the part of people who have money to invest, he said, until greater trust can be placed in the government's general policy toward corporations and the business world. Out in the west, he said, he had noted signs of caution on the part of business men.

C. P. R. WRECK NEAR HARTLAND

7 Cars Derailed—Brakeman's Nose Broken; He the Only One Hurt.

HARTLAND, N. B., Aug. 29—(Special)—Last evening at seven-thirty o'clock the through freight from Aroostook, in charge of Conductor Caldwell and Driver Foster, took to the fields at a point south of Peel Siding, four miles from Hartland. The third car from the engine, heavily loaded with lumber, went off the rails and was followed by six others, two of which overturned into the ditch.

The engine and two cars were brought to Hartland; the engine crew proceeded to Woodstock.

About midnight auxiliary crews arrived from Woodstock and McAdam, and by working all night the wreckage was cleared and the track repaired so that the first train today was but little delayed.

Except that brakeman Lutz received a broken nose, the crew escaped injury. The cause of the accident was a defective truck. An enquiry will be held by the officials. A similar accident occurred at this same point a few months ago.

C. M. B. A. LIKELY AGAINST CHANGE

MONTREAL, Aug. 29 (Special)—This morning's session of the C. M. B. A. was devoted to discussion of proposals for establishment of provincial and district councils. These bodies would meet biennially and annually, respectively, and provincial councils would send delegates to a tri-ennial convention for the Dominion.

The committee on laws opposed the change on the ground that it would diminish the number and consequently the prestige of the tri-ennial body. The discussion is still on at time of wiring, but the decision is expected to be adverse to the change.

TEACH MUSIC IN SCHOOLS AT CAPITAL

FREDERICTON, Aug. 29 (Special)—The board of school trustees have at last decided to have music taught in the schools of the city. Frank Harrison has been engaged to instruct the pupils of the first and second grades.

Sergt. Major Duncan of the Royal Regiment, has been granted ten weeks furlough and is planning a trip to his former home in Ireland.

McLEOD--LITTLEJOHN AFFAIR

FREDERICTON, N. B., Aug. 29, 1907. Sporting Editor Times, St. John, N. B.:

Sir:—In connection with your article yesterday regarding Dan Littlejohn and Beth McLeod meeting in this city, please state that I am in no way connected with either man. I know nothing of any prospect of the two men meeting here, and my business is not prize-fight promoting or managing pugilists.

DOUG. BLACK,
Sport Editor, The Gleaner

MONTREAL STOCKS

MONTREAL, Que., Aug. 29—The stock market this morning was generally steady in tone and transactions were pretty well divided among some dozen issues. There were several sales of Dominion Steel at 22 1-2, while Nova Scotia Steel registered at 65 1-2. Other active issues were Montreal Power, 91 1-2; Rio, 42 3-4, and Rio bonds, 71; Bank of Montreal 237; Detroit United 64; Twin City, 81.

WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Aug. 29—The market opened strong, stocks opened at moderate fractional advances over last night's level and the dealings were quite active and varied. Special stocks showed wide gains.

BANK OF ENGLAND

LONDON, Aug. 29—The rate of discount of the Bank of England remained unchanged today at 4 1-2 per cent.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

SOMEWHAT WORRIED.

There was considerable disquiet around City Hall this morning, due to the arrival of the British journalists.

There was, in the first place, much anxiety, not unmingled with dread, concerning the Ludlow. If she should break down at Westfield and make it necessary to hire a special train to bring the party into town, would the taxpayers stand for it?

Then there was the question of uniforms. Neither Admiral Glasgow nor Commander Ferris had anything more impressive than a red necktie. It was suggested that the famous mayor's robe might be utilised for the admiral, and that Commander Ferris might appear in flannels, and a yachting cap. Finally the two officers were instructed to go away and do their best.

Ald. Lewis wanted an extra boiler taken along for the Ludlow, but after considerable discussion, during which the alderman for Sydney ward struck four sounding blows on the board-room table, and roused Ald. Hamm from a pleasant nap, it was finally decided to have a tugboat within hailing distance, and a few more bottles of soda.

If the Ludlow is not signalled off Indiantown before six o'clock, Wun Gondy will be sent in search of her consort, and her old berth will be made ready in Rodney Hospital.

After having ridden through the streets this forenoon, one of the journalists, who is said to have climbed the Andes, asked to be introduced to the superintendent of streets, to thank him for an experience which made the Andes trip a mere holiday excursion. The superintendent was much gratified.

BRITISH NEWS MEN MUCH IMPRESSED

They Were Driven Around the City This Morning.

Good Words for the City and Canada in General---Very Enjoyable Luncheon at the Union Club.

The British newspaper men arrived in the city this morning at 6.25 from Moncton on two special cars. They were later called upon by Mayor Sears, George Robertson, M. P. P. and Dr. Daniel, M. P., who welcomed them to St. John. In the party were B. McConkey, Belfast Telegraph; Councillor Rowley Elliston, L. L. B., East Anglican Daily Times; Ald. J. Cooke, J. P. Sheffield Independent; Councillor C. W. Stormer, Northern Echo, Darlington; David Cromb, Dundee Advocate and People's Journal; Wm. Longstaff, London correspondent Newcastle Advocate; W. Redwood, Western Daily Press, Bristol and H. J. Elliott, London Times' Washington correspondent. W. J. White publicity man Dominion Immigration Department; G. B. Smart, Inspector of children, also of the immigration department; Geo. H. Ham, of the C. P. R.; J. B. Lambkin, D. P. A., I. C. R. Halifax; W. L. Creighton, I. C. R. advertising man also were with the party. J. M. Atenborough, of the Manchester Guardian remained in Montreal on account of illness as did J. T. Dunsford, of the Bridgewater Mercury. Mr. White has been with the Britishers throughout their Canadian tour, the other dominion officials joining the party at Montreal.

The visitors were given a drive about the city this morning by the local newspaper men, two buckboards being taken at the Union station at about nine o'clock. Besides His Worship the Mayor, Geo. Robertson, M. P. P., Dr. Daniel, M. P. and H. B. Schofield, they were accompanied by representatives of the local papers. Before starting the Englishmen and party were photographed in front of their cars. Rockwood Park was first visited going by way of City Road and Stanley street. The visitors were delighted with the natural beauty of the park and were charmed with the drive about Lily Lake. A suggestion that a trip be made in the shoot-the-chutes did not meet with unanimous favor, some of the party recalling their experience in the Montreal shoot at Dominion Park, as not pleasant.

When told that the city's ice supply was largely derived from Lily Lake they expressed wonderment. After having it explained that the lake froze over as rapidly as the ice could be taken out, one visitor remarked that it must be an awfully cold country. The exit from the park was through Mount Pleasant down Cradle Hill and over Rockland Road. A stop was made at Fort Howe that a view of the harbor might be had. Admiration was expressed on all sides for the enterprise shown by the city in the erection of the winter port facilities. Many made enquiries regarding the port showing a keen interest. The falls were then visited by way of Main street, north end and Douglas Avenue.

As the tide was running out a good opportunity was afforded of seeing the falls. To them it was a phenomenon. The whirlpools they thought fine, one of the visitors saying that they were the most perfect he had ever seen. The return was by way of Lancaster, through Carleton to the ferry. A stop was made in the vicinity of the Provincial Hospital for a general view of the city, falls and bridges. The visitors were very much interested in the lumber mills, regarding which they asked many questions. They were also interested in Reed's Castle, which loomed up to great advantage on Mount Pleasant. They again referred to the grandeur of the falls as viewed from the Lancaster side. Crossing the harbor the party dispersed at City Hall.

The old country newspaper men were well pleased with what they had seen on the drive. This, with other parts of Canada which they had seen, enthused them. Speaking of their trip in general one of the party said that they were simply amazed at the immense resources of the country. The west they thought magnificent, something that the English people had no conception of. Of the maritime provinces they said they felt more at home, the country down this way reminded them more of the home land, especially the way the country was laid out. They were taken with the conditions in the manufacturing establishments they had visited. The workingmen were far better situated, they thought, than they were at home in this regard.

The visitors were dined at the Union Club at 12 o'clock by newspaper men, editors and managers of the different papers being present, together with Mayor Sears, Dr. Daniel, M. P., and George Robertson, M. P. P., and H. B. Schofield.

Senator Ellis presided, with Mr. McConkey, president of the visiting party, at his right hand and Mayor Sears and Dr. J. W. Daniel at his left; R. O'Brien was vice chairman. The table was nicely adorned with flowers and the menu disclosed a tempting list of edibles. The card was a very dainty affair, and included pictures of local scenes.

When the hour for adjournment was near, the health of the King was drunk with enthusiasm, and Senator Ellis then toasted the British journalists and bade them a hearty welcome.

Mr. McConkey replied. He said we in St. John sang Jolly Good Fellows with more vim than they had noticed elsewhere, and they felt very much at home here. He spoke of the beauty and general attractiveness of the maritime provinces and closed with an expression of thanks for the entertainment given them here.

Shortly after 1 o'clock the ferry steamer Ludlow was boarded for a trip around the harbor and up river. On their return the visitors will go direct to their cars and return this evening to Montreal.

FAMINE FOLLOWS FLOODS IN JAPAN

The Route of Tokio's Food Supply Obstructed---Epidemics Are Feared in Central Provinces.

TOKIO, Aug. 29—In Tokio alone 79,654 persons rendered homeless by the recent floods are being cared for by public relief. About the same number being cared for in the prefecture of Saitama. There is no doubt there are thousands of others homeless elsewhere. The entire town of Pukuchiyma, near Kiota, was submerged. Many persons are missing.

TOKIO, Aug. 29—Flood reports continue to be received. A number of railway tunnels have collapsed and many bridges have been damaged. Several days must elapse before traffic is restored to normal conditions. The route of Tokio's food supply is obstructed by water, and the fish supply is almost stopped.

The sanitary authorities of the central government are already busy with precautionary measures to prevent the outbreak of epidemics of cholera, dysentry and fever in the inundated regions, which cover an extensive area of Central Japan. Thousands of peasants are destitute and starving in the central provinces of Japan. The price of rice is higher than ever before, and the rice famine is widespread.

THREE DEATHS IN DROWNING ACCIDENT

Small Tug Swamped Near Cutler, Ont., While Towing Logs

SAULT STE MARIE, Ont., Aug. 29 (Special)—According to advices received from Cutler, a drowning accident, resulting in three deaths occurred at that place late on Tuesday afternoon. It appears the tug Seymour was towing another small tug, the Alert, behind which was attached to a raft of logs. The lines slackened for a moment and when they tightened the small tug was unable to stand the strain and was swamped, three of the five men who were on her being drowned. The names of the drowned men are:—Capt. Kennedy, of Thessalon; Engineer Joseph Smith, of Sudbury, and Boyer, a resident of Cutler.

BIG ENTRY LIST FOR FIREMEN'S MUSTER

Although the entry list for the sports in connection with the firemen's tournament is not fully complete, a large number of entries have been received.

Sixteen teams of ten men each have entered for the hose-reel race; thirty teams of two men each are booked for the hose-coupling contest, and fifteen teams of six men each are entered for the ladder races.

Entries for other events are largely filled in, and in the amateur contests for those outside the department, a large number of entries have been received.

All the visiting firemen have arranged for their accommodation during their stay in St. John.

POLICE MATTERS

In the police court this morning John Norris, arrested for being drunk on Bussels street was fined $4 or ten days in jail.

Peter Quinn forfeited a deposit of $8, also for drunkenness.

Edmund Allan has been reported by the police for lighting bonfires on the vacant lot at the entrance to the Cornwall cotton mill. A lad named Taylor and others are said to be implicated in the matter.

Patrolman London extinguished a bonfire that was started three or four times on Erin street.

Cacimiro Hermandey, a German sailor, 17 years of age was arrested this morning between 10 and 11 o'clock by Patrolman Joseph Scott, at the instance of Captain Don Fermin de Bengoa, of the Spanish steamer Telisford, on a charge of desertion. The Telisford is lying at Sand Point. The complaint was made this morning, and Patrolman Scott shortly after nabbed his man on Charlotte street. The youth can speak little or no English.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Wm. T. Rourke was held this afternoon from his late residence Princess street, at 2.30 o'clock. Service was conducted by Rev. R. E. Armstrong and interment was in the Church of England burying ground.

The funeral of Mrs. James McPartland, of Houlton, Me. took place this afternoon from the residence of Mrs. Annie Coady, St. James street, at 2.30 o'clock to St. John the Baptist church. Service was held by Rev. W. F. Chapman, V. G. and interment was in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Jane Tippetts was held this afternoon from the home of her son, George Tippetts, Fairville, at 2.30 o'clock. A short service was held at the house at 2 o'clock by Rev. Thos. Deinstadt. The sons of the deceased acted as pall bearers. Interment was in Cedar Hill cemetery.

LORD STRATHCON'S 151st ROUND TRIP

NEW YORK, Aug. 29—Lord Strathcona, High Commissioner of Canada, who has just started for England on the steamer Oceanic, is completing his 151st round trip across the Atlantic. This means that when he has finished his present trip he will have made 302 voyages across the ocean. Lord Strathcona is 80 years old, and made his first ocean voyage when a child.