

The Redistribution Bill Will Be Introduced Next Week by Premier Borden

Fire Marshal for Ontario— Iceboat Accident on Toronto Bay— Inquiry Into Lakes Disasters— Quebec Scandal— War in Mexico

CURRENT PLAYED HAVOC WITH STEAMERS

Mysterious Body of Water in Lake Huron Swept Vessels From Their Course— Inquiry Into Wrecks of Last November Shows That It Was Impossible to Take Soundings.

That a mysterious current setting from southwest from Thunder Bay in the direction of Saginaw played havoc with the steamer Acadia, wrecked on Thunder Bay Island during the terrific storm of Nov. 9 last, was the evidence of Capt. John D. Persons, lighthouse keeper and captain of the life-saving crew, yesterday in the wreck enquiry being conducted by Capt. St. George Lindsay at the city hall. Capt. Persons stated that he sighted the Acadia laboring heavily in the afternoon. He knew of the current, which was so treacherous that it could not be charted because it varied with the weather. He had known vessels to try to approach in bad weather and find themselves three or four miles outside shelter when their captains thought they were inside.

Capt. Stevens of the Kaministiquia, the only Canadian vessel to weather the great storm, stated that on this occasion wind and weather were so heavy that he was driven 17 miles out of his course. In response to a question as to why soundings had not been taken in order to ascertain his position, he said that it was impossible to do so because any man who tried it would have been swept into the lake.

Capt. Hagen of the steamer Howard M. Hanna, which ran aground and became a total loss on the west shore, told his efforts to withstand the storm. Altho he had a full head of steam, he could make no progress against it, and finally his vessel fell into the trough of the sea and ran aground. He had kept his engines going all night in an endeavor to make her stay on the reef.

Capt. McIntyre of the Acadia told how he had tried to get in behind Thunder Bay Island for shelter, hauling his ship north by northwest, but it was of no avail. She struck and began to take water. The pumps were started, but he saw that they could not take the water out so the vessel was allowed to fill.

REDISTRIBUTION BILL TO COME BEFORE COMMONS NEXT WEEK BORDEN GAVE FORMAL NOTICE

Legislation Providing for Additional Senate Representation to Be Pressed— Lord Strathcona's Successor Not Chosen— Hon. Sam Hughes Target for Opposition.

(Special to The Toronto World) OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—In the house today Mr. Borden gave notice that on Tuesday next he would proceed with the legislation providing for additional senators for the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. The prime minister also filed a formal notice with the clerk of the house tonight, respecting the bill which the government will bring down next week, redistributing the representation of the various provinces in the house of commons.

The greater part of the day was spent in committee of supply, civil government, and estimates were taken up, and thus nearly every department came under review. The Liberals were evidently in training for an assault upon the militia department, and made merry at the expense of the naval affairs department, which possessed everything except a navy.

There was some discussion respecting Lord Strathcona's successor and the Aldwych site, but little definite information was elicited, either as to who would be the next big commissioner or as to the location of the Canadian office. Politicians on Cutler. Mr. Carroll (St. Cape Breton) read an article from The Sydney Record to show that the revenue cutter Alert had recently carried Conservative politicians including the candidate from Sydney in Victoria County, where a provincial by-election is imminent, and also some liquor, presumably for distribution in that dry constituency.

The prime minister said in reply that he had no information on the subject. He remembered, however, quite distinctly that government vessels had been used for such purposes during the lifetime of the late government.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier: "And there has been no improvement since then."

Mr. Borden: "I hope so, and there certainly should be."

P.E.I. Railway Loss. Mr. Hughes (King's, P.E.I.) complained that freight rates had been increased on the Prince Edward Island railway 30 per cent, and some divisions as much as 100 per cent. He also complained that some men had been discharged.

Hon. Frank Cochrane said that even with the advanced freight rates the road was losing \$100,000 a year. Some men were laid off to his regret, but all railway were laying off men at this time. He submitted that the true loss was allowed to fill.

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Forty Drowned When Steamer Sank BRAVERY SHOWN BY CREW AND PASSENGERS

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NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—(Can. Press.)—The presence of mind of crew and passengers alike was responsible for the saving of many lives from the Old Dominion liner Monroe, which sank off Hog Island early today, according to a statement issued here tonight by H. B. Walker, president and general manager of the Old Dominion Steamship Line, thru James Leyland, superintendent of the line.

Mr. Walker says that Captain E. B. Johnson, master of the Monroe, launched lifeboat No. 7 with the aid of eight volunteers and then picked up twenty-seven persons who had jumped into the water just before the liner went under, making the total saved by the boat thirty-five. Equally good work was done by First Officer Guy Horsley, who, after launching boat No. 5 with ten passengers, rescued twenty-four persons who had jumped from

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Chief Inspector Dead

John T. Whittam, chief inspector city architects department, died yesterday at the Weston Sanitarium. He had been a civic employe for three years.

BODY OF UNKNOWN MAN FOUND IN RIVER THAMES

May Be That of Prof. Lavelle Who Was Thought to Have Been Seen in Vicinity.

(Special to The Toronto World) CHATHAM, Jan. 30.—The body of an unknown man was found floating down the river about 4 o'clock this afternoon. It was frozen to a cake of ice and had the appearance of having been in the water for some time. The man was probably 45 years of age, fairly well dressed, short and stocky.

It is thought that the man may be either Professor Lavelle or Mr. Channing, both of whom have been missing for some time, and who were said to have been in this locality.

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A FIRE MARSHAL FOR ONTARIO IS NEEDED

Delegates From Various Municipalities Asked the Government Immediately to Adopt a Bill Giving New Officer Wide Powers in Order to Prevent Fire Waste.

Ontario is seeking the appointment of a fire marshal. Since the government bill of last session, favoring such an officer, was introduced tentatively in the house, public opinion in all parts of the province has been stirred into discussion, and now the demand for legislation comes very strongly. The Ontario Fire Prevention Association, in collaboration with the associated boards of trade, Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Association of Architects, of fire chiefs, of employers and of credit men assembled before the attorney-general yesterday afternoon to pledge their united support to the spirit of the bill, and to urge its immediate adoption when the legislature meets.

A host of delegates from Ontario municipalities, combining all interests in any way concerned with the annual fire losses, brought their appreciation of the bill and proffered suggestions. The most radical of the latter invited the marshal with the right to enter any house and see that proper care is taken to prevent combustion, to hold fire inquiries on destroyed buildings as a corollary to cause insurance companies to withhold, and to order precautions under penalty

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Where the De Lesseps Iceboat Went Thru the Ice



The World's staff photographer took this picture a few seconds after the accident on the bay yesterday. Notice the men hustling Miss Mackenzie to the clubhouse in order to prevent her from catching cold.

ON ALERT FOR TRAMWAY BILL

Lorne McGibbon Financed Laying of Trap; Beck Testified— Will Protect Witnesses.

QUEBEC, Jan. 30.—(Special.)—Appreciable progress was made this afternoon and tonight with the legislature's investigation into the charges of The Montreal Daily Mail that money had been accepted by J. Octave Mousseau, formerly member for Soulanges, and chairman of the private bills committee of the legislative assembly, for his support to the decoy bill of the Montreal Fair Association. By a resolution adopted at a meeting of the legislative assembly this afternoon safe conduct and freedom from arrest was accorded to the witnesses. The Daily Mail will call in support of its charges, namely to Edward Beck, G. B. Biddinger, S. C. Malone, E. D. Keyes, G. F. Mart, Alex. Appleby and Miss Margaret E. Bailey, all except Mr. Beck being of the Burns detective agency, New York.

Premier Gouin proposed this resolution in order, he said, that no person might say that Quebec province, which occupies a unique position in the Dominion, was afraid of an enquiry.

McGibbon Foot 4 Bill. Edward Beck, formerly editor-in-chief of The Montreal Herald, was the chief witness heard before the committee. He related that it was at his instigation that detectives were en-

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NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING

Miss Mackenzie, Mrs. Bickford and Frank McCarthy Thrown Into the Bay When Iceboats Upset.

Four of the most prominent society people of Toronto had narrow escapes from drowning in the bay yesterday afternoon, when two iceboats in which they were sailing on the bay broke thru the ice.

Three boats were used by the party, which consisted of the Count and Countess De Lesseps, Miss Ethel Mackenzie and Miss Bertha Mackenzie, Mrs. H. Bickford, Mrs. James Elmsley, Sydney Fellowes, Frank McCarthy and Jack Cawthra.

The party went out on the bay at 4 o'clock and the boats had made several circuits of the bay and were coming towards the C.C.Y.C. club house, when the ice cracked and two of the boats went into the water thru the hole in the ice. Miss Mackenzie, Mrs. Bickford and Mr. McCarthy were thrown into the icy waters of the bay and were immersed up to their necks.

Crowds on the ice at once rushed to the rescue of the boats and their occupants, and it was only a short time before the ladies were pulled from the water and rushed to C.C.Y.C., where every precaution was taken to prevent any serious results. The boats were taken out of the water and the rescued people then were taken to their homes.

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GRAHAM CENSOR SAYS LE DEVOIR

Readers of Montreal Evening Papers, Published in English Language, Have No Choice.

OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—(Special.)—Le Devoir today publishes a long editorial signed by Omer Heroux. All the evening and Sunday newspapers published in the English language in Montreal, it says, are controlled by Sir Hugh Graham, and as the police bulk of the people read only these papers they are dependent entirely upon this one man for all their knowledge of current events. He can decide of what they shall be informed and of what they shall be kept in ignorance. He will decide what shall be told to the Conservative thru The Star, and what shall be handed out to the Liberal thru The Herald.

After complimenting Mr. Fielding on the position he has now taken, it quotes from his statement that he was assured when he accepted the editorship of The Telegraph that Sir Hugh Graham owned but a small interest, and that the control was vested in a well-known Liberal. The comment is made that Mr. Fielding does not give the name of this well-known Liberal, and the question is asked: "Does he refer to Mr. E. A. Robert, Liberal deputy for Beauharnois and president of the Montreal Tramways?"

If Mr. Robert is the person referred to by Mr. Fielding, Le Devoir thinks it is up to Mr. Robert to explain.

Le Patrie mentions the Fielding letter in a short editorial, giving the substance of the Fielding statement without comment.

The Herald-Telegraph tonight contains several editorials, all of them of a strongly Liberal character.

GRIFFITHS WILL NOT RESIGN SEAT AT ONCE

Does Not Intend to Contest Riding in Next General Election.

(Special to The Toronto World) OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—(Special.)—Griffiths, the English member of parliament who is reported by cable to be about to resign his seat in the British House, stated at the Chateau Laurier tonight that he did not intend to resign immediately. He was simply not fighting the next election. During the next two or three years Mr. Griffiths says he will be traveling constantly thru the countries of the British Empire. He considers that he can do better work in furthering the interests of the British Empire than by sitting in the house of commons. "Besides, when one is allied to a particular political party, he is apt to be suspected of serving his party more than his country," he said.

JOHN RICHARDS SAYS HE IS STILL ALIVE

According to a letter in the hands of the police from F. S. Robinson, at Lake Joseph P.O., the old couple found dead in a room in a dining room house on Jan. 21 were not Mr. and Mrs. John Richards, as was reported. Mr. Robinson makes the statement that he is in receipt of a letter from John Richards, who states he is still very much alive.

The matter is complicated by the fact that a will signed John Richards was found in the old couple's room, and how got there is a matter which is puzzling the police.

A marriage certificate of Thomas Ende and Mary Rose was also found in the room, and it is possible these may have been the correct names.

Photographs of the couple may be published to assist in establishing their identity.

Great Variety and Value in Hats at Dinsens'. This well-known house, at 140 Yonge street, has usually something special held in reserve for Saturday shoppers and today is no exception. Early spring shipments from Christy, priced at \$2 and \$3, and from the Henry Heath Co., priced \$4, are shown, and they are a really choice collection of the very latest in hat styles. As usual, the sale in the basement will run from 6 to 10 with some of the most conspicuous hat values ever presented to the men of Toronto.

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