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COMMISSION IS OFF.

Canadians Leave for Home To-Day or To-Morrow.

FAREWELL TO McKINLEY.

Officially It Is an Adjournment and Not a Failure.

Illness of Baron Herschell and Mr. Foster Given Out as One Reason —Canadians Have to Come Home to Meet Parliament is Another — The Alaska Boundary is a Sticking Point—Canadians Will Leave Washington at Once—Commission to Reassemble in Quebec.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Special.)—The High Commission is at an end for the present. This afternoon Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the other Canadian Commissioners took formal farewell of the President, and the afternoon session, beginning at 3 o'clock, was the final one for the present, and an indefinite adjournment was taken. Officially it is given out that the reason of the adjournment is the illness of Baron Herschell and Mr. Foster, the necessity of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues being at Ottawa to prepare for the meeting of Parliament, and the desire of the Commissioners on both sides to have the matters in dispute discussed by their Governments. It is understood that the point on which the Commissioners have been unable to agree is the Alaska boundary, and the President is said to have expressed himself in favor of arbitration on conditions which the Canadians peremptorily decline to entertain. The proposal of the President is said to be: Three arbitrators for each country, with no independent umpire, and with a proviso that any territory now occupied by the United States, ceded by the Board of Arbitration to the Dominion, be renounced by the latter!

The Canadian Commissioners are expected to leave Washington to-day or to-morrow, and it is said that on their suggestion the Commission will re-convene in Quebec next August. It is also reported that even if the Alaska boundary be not settled, a treaty of some sort will be signed.

THE GAME IS UP.

It Is Pretty Certain That the Canadians Will Not Return to Washington.

Montreal, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—That the Joint Commission has failed is believed here by both supporters of the Government and Opposition alike, and what is more, the friends of the Ottawa Ministry say the Canadian Ministers will never again return to Washington. As a matter of fact, a member of the Commission, in a letter to friends in Montreal, says: "Grinding along, and I would not predict when we will be through, and whether our efforts will ultimately be a failure or a success." In connection with the above The Star's special correspondent wires the following:

"Washington, Feb. 20.—The Anglo-American Commission will make a formal adjournment before the day ends. It is not known how long the adjournment will be. That is not yet settled. It will undoubtedly be for several months. The commission will meet again at the call of a chairman to be appointed. The adjournment is occasioned by the inability of the Joint Commission to settle on some agreement concerning the Alaskan boundary controversy. The Americans made a proposition a few days ago to settle this question by the provision that the thirty miles boundary line would follow the sinuosities of the coast, and by the cession to Canada of a port on the Lynn Canal. This agreement they withdrew within two days. Since that time the Commission has been debating and wrangling over some other compromise. They have been able to reach no other agreement. The Canadians were willing to settle on the basis of the previous award, which has been under discussion for some years, but this the Americans refused to accept. The Canadians would listen to no other settlement and the commission consequently came to a standstill.

Will Leave for Home Soon.

"The Canadian Commissioners will leave for home within the next two days. The Joint Commission met for a few months this morning. They adjourned shortly after 12 and the Canadian members visited the White House to say good-bye to the President. They were in consultation with the President for some time. The President expressed sorrow at the failure to agree, and grat solicitude that the Commission would be able to complete the treaty when called together again.

"There will be another meeting of the Joint Commission at 3 this afternoon, and probably another later in the day to take a formal adjournment. After the visit to the President, the Canadian Commissioners said the Commission would undoubtedly meet again at some future day. They could wait no longer, they said, or further postpone the meeting of their Parliament. The boundary question would probably be settled by the nations interested by correspondence before the Commission again met, and the completion of the treaty at that time would be plain sailing. It is proposed that the Commission shall meet in Quebec again in August next."

AT QUEBEC, AUGUST 2,

The High Commissioners Will Meet if the Suggestions of the Canadians Carry.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Feb. 20.—On behalf of their respective commissions Senator Fairbanks, the chairman of the American body, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, acting chairman in the absence of Lord Herschell of the Canadian body, made the following published statement respecting the action taken today: "The Commission adjourned to meet at Quebec Aug. 2, unless the chairmen of the respective Commissions shall agree upon another date.

"The Commission has made very substantial progress in the settlement and adjustment of many of the questions upon which it has been earnestly engaged. But it has been unable to agree upon the settlement of the Alaskan boundary. The problem has been a complicated and difficult one, but the Commissioners, acting in the utmost friendliness and cordiality, have been unable to agree upon a satisfactory

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THE RO[illegible]DING IRISHMAN

Lord Charles Beresford Banqueted by the Merchants' Exchange in Buffalo.

THE GATHERING WAS VERY LARGE

And the British Rear-Admiral Told of What He Found on His Trip to China.

Buffalo, Feb. 20.—Rear-Admiral Lord Charles Beresford, Conservative member of Parliament for the city of York, who is distinguished as a statesman, but who is famous as one of the most daring Irishmen who ever fought under the British flag, arrived in Buffalo this morning. With him came his secretary, Robin Grey, and Capt. R. M. Melville of Toronto, who, like Lord Beresford, is a Waterford man, and his life-long personal friend. The personal appearance of the gallant sea fighter, who fought a machine gun at Abu Klea until the British dead were piled up around him and until the Moslem dead were piled up before him, and who ran the armed steamer Safia past the Nile forts on her way to Khartoum—the personal appearance of this dashing British sailor is very interesting. He is a well-preserved man of 50 years, about 5 feet 8 inches high, well built and sturdy. His hair is frosted with grey, but there are no signs of the encroachment of age in his ruddy, smoothly shaven face. His expression is frank and open in the extreme, and his blue eyes constantly light up with humor.

Lord Beresford was met at the Terrace Station by John G. Milburn, Harry Hamlin and Harry Parry, the latter representing the New York Central Railroad.

The party proceeded to the Iroquois Hotel. A committee of Buffalo business men met the distinguished visitor at the Iroquois and arranged plans for his entertainment during his short stay in Buffalo.

Banqueted by Merchants.

One of the largest meetings of the Buffalo Merchants' Exchange ever held was that at noon to-day, when Lord Charles Beresford addressed the members and business men of Buffalo. The big meeting room was jammed to its fullest capacity at 12 o'clock and 15 minutes later a long line of people were standing in the corridors.

Lord Beresford arrived at 12.05 and was given an enthusiastic reception.

President Haines of the Merchants' Exchange introduced him in a brief speech. He said it gave him great pleasure to introduce such a distinguished visitor, who would talk on trade relations in the far East.

Lord Beresford prefaced his remarks with an allusion to the courtesy and kindness with which he had been received by the people of this country, saying that the memory of his experiences would be very pleasant. He said that he had been asked to make many addresses. In reality he had come here to learn something, not to be asked questions.

Reasons for His Visit.

The speaker outlined the reasons for his visit to this and other countries. He stated that he had been sent by the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Great Britain to learn whether there were any chances of furthering commercial interests in China, what security there was for invested capital and what opportunities lay in the future. As a result of his observations he had found, because trade in China had increased during the past year, that there was no security for the development of trade and commerce, that there was no security offered for capital by the police and Government systems now in vogue.

"I find," said the speaker, "from consultation with representatives of the United States, Germany and Japan, that trade with China is confined to those three countries, together with my own. If some guarantee can be brought about by those four nations, there is a future. I omit France and Russia from the list out of no lack of courtesy or respect for them. But their interests are not now what the interests of the four are.

China is Wealthy.

"I find that the country of China is wealthy. The surface has not been scratched. It has a poor Government, but good land. The people are industrious and thrifty. From the banking interests and the merchants I hear that the Chinese are honest traders, and their word is as good as their bond. But the people are easily led. When properly led, clothed and fed, they make excellent citizens.

"I believe that your views are the same as ours in England. Because the trade and commerce of the two great nations are interested in China, the whole interests of the two countries are involved. The two great nations must take the initiative.

"Now, the 'open door' policy expresses simply a wish to ensure matters for the future, as they now are under the present treaty—a fair and free field for all. It is no policy to maintain territorial rights. The 'open door' policy in China is impossible unless China is kept in its integrity. The first step to be taken is to put the Chinese army on a firm footing. It is no question whether China will fall to pieces from outside interference; the question is whether she will fall to pieces through her own effeteness. I have suggested that the four countries have a right, because of the vested capital of their citizens, to demand that the Chinese army be put in condition, and we can say that we can help her by sending her some of our commissioned and non-commissioned officers. Russia may say to us that we aim at domination—that England aims at dominion. But we deny that. If England aimed at dominion, would be here inviting three other great and powerful nations to go in with us for developing the future trade and commerce of China? All we want is an army of sufficient discipline to preserve China's integrity.

Chinese Obey Authority.

"Then, we must re-arrange the government. People will tell me that the present order of things would be difficult to upset. I say that it would be easy. In China there is no religious fanaticism. The Chinese obey authority. Let them have good authority. They are almost idolatrous in their respect for authority. We shall have no use for the open door unless the room on the other side of the door has been put in order. When the Chinese army has been put in order for the benefit of the Chinese, we shall insist on the great resources of the country being opened to the world. The riches of some of the provinces through which I passed are marvelous. Gold lies on the surface. The Chinese do not

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To-Day's Program.

"Cyrano de Bergerac," at the Princess, 1.45 and 7.45 p.m.

"Way Down East," at the Grand, 8 p.m.

"Devil's Island," at the Toronto, 2 and 8 p.m.

Concert in St. Paul's Church, Power-street, 8 p.m.

Annual meeting of the Industrial Fair Board at City Hall, 3 p.m.

Lecture to teachers at Guild Hall, 8 p.m.

Florists and Gardeners meet in St. George's Hall, 8 p.m.

Legislature, at 3 p.m.

THE GRIP OF STANDARD OIL

Inside Information of Agreement Between the Octopus and the Railways.

PLAN OF THE GAME DISCLOSED.

Big Discrimination in Rates and a Rebate All in Favor of the American Trust.

The World obtained some inside information last night regarding the operation of the Standard Oil octopus in Canada, and it came from sources which can be relied upon. There is absolute truth in the story that an agreement exists between the Standard Oil Company and the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways with regard to freight rates. It has for a long time been known among those interested in the oil business that the big American trust had obtained control of the Petrolea oil interests.

Some time early last year the Standard Oil Company submitted a proposal to the two Canadian railroads in reference to freight rates charged on American oil shipped into Canada, and distributed from points in Canada. The Standard Oil Company prefaced their proposition to the Canadian railways with the claim that they were able by vessel, if they so desired, to handle 200,000 barrels of their Petrolea product and 70,000 barrels of their American product without using rails as a means of transportation. They suggested that, if the railways would come to their terms, the Standard Oil Company would limit their shipments by water to two points—Montreal in the east and Fort William or Port Arthur in the west. They also claimed that the shipments to these two points would absorb about one-third of their total possible shipments by water. In consideration of this restriction of carriage by water, they suggested to the railways the following rates on the rail shipments: That the rates from American to Canadian points be increased by 100 per cent. for carriage of oil in tank cars, and that the rates from Canadian points to other Canadian points be increased 50 per cent. on shipments of less than carload lots. The company also demanded a rebate of 33 1-3 per cent. on these rates and that no other shipper should have the rebate.

This proposal, or demand, was concurred in by the railways, and an agreement was entered into between the Standard Oil Company and the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Companies, and signed on Oct. 1, 1898.

The increase, as far as shipment from an American point to a Canadian point of 100 per cent. in the rates is concerned, went into effect immediately, while the 50 per cent. advance on less than carload lots from one Canadian point to another went into operation on Jan. 6, 1899, when the Grand Trunk Railway Company published and distributed the schedule to those interested in the trade. The C.P.R. did not issue a schedule, but concurred in the advanced rates which are now being charged.

The Michigan Central R. R., having no competition by water, refused to enter into the deal and allow a rebate to the Standard Oil trust.

The Standard Oil Company would not agree to any increase in the rates on the Canadian product, because they had got full control of oil produced in Canada.

DIED AT 103 YEARS.

Mrs. Margaret Munroe of Woodstock Was 23 Years Old When the Queen Was Born.

Woodstock, Feb. 20.—The oldest resident of Oxford County passed away here this morning in the person of Mrs. Margaret Munroe. She was 103 years and two months old. Mrs. Munroe could remember events occurring in the reign of George III., including the battle of Waterloo and the war of 1812. She was 23 years old when Queen Victoria was born, and 41 when her Majesty ascended the throne. She had seen the wonderful progress of the present century, and in her later years took pleasure in discussing the progress of motive power and electricity with her friends. Mrs. Munroe was born in Sutherlandshire, Scotland, in 1796. Her husband, the late Alexander Munroe, died 20 years ago.

Agoncillo in New York.

New York, Feb. 20.—Senor Agoncillo, the Filipino delegate, arrived here to-day from Montreal. He was accompanied by his compatriot, Senor Marti. Agoncillo expects to sail for England on Wednesday next. He was asked whether he intended to continue his mission in England, and answered that perhaps he would do so, but that he did not care to say much on the subject.

Society Made Money.

London, Feb. 20.—Reginald Ward of Clarke, Ward & Co. is proving the greatest benefactor English smart society has found in many years.

All the fashionable women are or were in the gamble in copper shares. Mrs. Ronalds cleared $250,000 on her deal. These women owe the information on which they have made their profits, some of them very large, to "Rexsy" Ward's good nature.

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Midnight Fire in New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 20.—A midnight fire originated in the linotype room of The German Gazette and Evening Telegram building and gutted the structure. The paper warehouse of C. Peter Camp and the Platt grocery were also damaged, mostly by water. The loss will reach $60,000, about half covered by insurance.

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A Blaze at Southampton.

Southampton, Ont., Feb. 20.—The fine residence of Mr. B. A. Relyea was totally destroyed by fire about 2 o'clock this morning, together with most of the contents. Loss on house, $3500; insurance on house, $2000; insurance and loss on contents not known at present, but will be heavy.

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SO TO SPEAK.

SIR CHARLES: Yes, of course it's too bad, but it only amounts to a slight "falling off."

THE BATTLE OF THE BOBS.

Excitement Continues at White Heat Overthe Contest in West Huron.

GODERICH AS AGAINST CLINTON

The Townships Will Go About Even and It All Depends on the Rival Towns.

Clinton, Ont., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The intense excitement that has prevailed here the past week over the West Huron election between the Clinton and the Goderich Bobs has not in the least moderated. The candidates are well matched and good runners, and it is a bitter fight to the end.

The result practically depends upon what Clinton and Goderich will do for their Bobs. The Conservatives concede that the Clinton Bob will have a small majority here, but claim that Goderich will give McLean a good majority, while the township will go about even, thus making the Goderich Bob the front Bob.

The mild weather here put the roads in bad shape, but owing to the electors being so thoroughly aroused by the speeches of Sir Charles Tupper, Hon. Messrs. Mulock, Tarte and others and the personal canvass of every voter by the candidates, it is expected that a big vote will be polled and the vote will be in favor of the Goderich Bob.

The Bloods of Fashion at Dineens'.

For nearly a half-century the 25th of February, every year, has been the occasion when Dunlap, America's greatest hatter, and Christy, one of the famous English designers, inaugurate the season for spring hats, with the newest styles of their celebrated creation. And for more than a quarter-century Dineens, the sole agents in Canada for hats of the best English and American makers, has been the establishment where the earliest authentic styles of the best hat fashioners for men are placed on exhibition in Toronto. The display next Saturday will be merely an informal introductory exhibition of new fashions, heralding the regular grand spring opening, which occurs at Dineens' just before Easter, when Henry Heath's matchless English fashions, and the newest models designed by Youman, Knox, Lincoln Co., Bennett Co., Woodrow, Carter, Buck, Young, Tress and other famous makers will be ready for the benign welcome of our swell dressers. After Dineens' introductory exhibition some of these styles will be seen in other stores, but the new Dunlap hats and the new Heath hats are reserved exclusively for Dineens' trade, and are never sold anywhere else but at Dineens'.

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MR. PREFONTAINE IS RIGHT

Americans Have Not Treated Canadians as We Had a Right to Expect.

RETALIATION SHOULD FOLLOW

A Duty on Pulp Wood Would Bring the Yankees to Time, So the Mayor Thinks.

Montreal, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Mayor Prefontaine made a very anti-American speech this evening before the Laurier Club. His Worship said it was evident that the Americans had not treated Canada as we had a right to expect. He did not know whether we would have to wait till next fall for details, or whether the veil would be lifted next session, but the Mayor said if Canadians are being treated in an ungenerous manner the sooner the Dominion knows it the better. How is it, His Worship asked, that the United States, rich was so proud to accept England's sympathy and moral support during her war with Spain, has assumed such an unjust and ungenerous policy towards Great Britain's leading colony? Mr. Prefontaine advocated retaliation all along the line, and predicted that if Canada placed an export duty on pulp wood one-third of the American factories would be closed up.

IN ALL FIVE DIED.

Three Were Drowned and Two Frozen—Nine Rescued.

Nassau, N.P., Feb. 20.—The Italian barque Barba Luigi, Captain Scotto, from Pensacola, Feb. 1, for Genoa, went ashore on Feb. 14 on the Little Bahama bank and proved a total loss. The captain and eight of the crew have arrived here. Three of the crew were drowned and two died as the result of exposure to the weather.

THE KHEDIVE IS HAPPY

Because the Khediva Has Presented Him With a Son and Heir.

Alexandria, Feb. 20.—The Khediva has given birth to a son at Montazet. There are general great rejoicings at the fact that the Khedive now has an heir to the throne.

This quotation from a letter received by R. Parker & Co., the well-known Dyers and Cleaners, from Mrs. (General) Montgomery-Moore, Halifax, N.S., speaks for itself: "Your glove cleaning I have found remarkably good, and the flannels which you have dyed for me have been most satisfactory."

Another Fire in Gotham.

New York, Feb. 20.—Fire to-day did damage estimated at $100,000 in the buildings at 455 and 457 Broadway, occupied by the spool silk manufacturing firm of Belding Bros. & Co., Hamberger & Hohman, cigars, the Postal Telegraph Co., Blum's Railroad ticket office and Gumbinger & Co., silk manufacturers.

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LOOKS A BIT THREATENING

British Cruiser Intrepid at Bluefields, Nicaragua, Has Some Work to Do.

GEN. REYES REFUSES A REQUEST

And the Captain of the Warship at0 nce Took Steps to Stop Supplies to Rebels.

Managua, Nicaragua, Feb .20.—A despatch from Bluefields, by way of Greytown, says that on the 15th the captain of the British cruiser Intrepid requested General Reyes, who is endeavoring to retain command of the Atlantic coast in the Department of Nicaragua by a display of force, to permit General Aureido Estrada, who was chosen by President Zelaya to succeed him, and other official refugees who were at the United States Consulate, to go aboard the Intrepid. General Reyes refused the request, and the captain of the warship thereupon issued a circular forbidding foreigners in Bluefields to sell supplies to the revolutionists, or to aid them in any way. President Zelaya's army has established headquarters at Acoyapa, Department of Chontales. No battle has yet occurred. The revolutionists occupy the mountain passes, and are occasionally seen to the westward at La Manga and other points.

Ran Scissors Into Her Eye.

St. Thomas, Feb. 20.—Miss Gertie Reiser, daughter of Charles Reiser, Locust-street, may lose the sight of an eye, the result of a peculiar accident. The young lady was picking stitches from a piece of cloth with a pair of scissors when the scissors slipped, and the point ran in the ball of her eye. Dr. Lipsey was called, and he may be able to save the sight.

Beaver Plug is the only "Gentleman's Chew."

The Mintos at the Falls.

Niagara Falls, N.Y., Feb. 20.—The Countess of Minto, Major L. G. Drummond and Mrs. Drummond, of Ottawa, arrived in the city to-day, and will remain long enough to visit every point about the Falls.

$20,000,000 Payment Authorized.

Washington, Feb. 20.—A separate bill, appropriating $20,000,000 for payment to Spain under the provisions of the Treaty of Paris, was passed to-day by the House, under suspension of the rules.

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MARRIAGES.

FRASER—CAMPBELL—On Saturday, Feb. 18, at the residence of F. J. Campbell, brother of the bride, by the Rev. Septimus Jones, Emily Ross Campbell of Toronto to Henry Fraser of New York.

DEATHS.

HANEY—On Feb. 18, at his residence, 31 Nassau-street, William Haney, in the 43rd year of his age.

Funeral Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 3 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation.

QUIGLEY—At 217 Beverley, on the 19th inst., Annie J., beloved wife of R. J. Quigley, in her 43rd year.

Funeral (private) on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at 2.30 p.m.

WEBB—On Monday, Feb. 20, 1899, of heart failure, Eva, widow of the late N. Webb.

Funeral private, on Wednesday morning, by Grand Trunk Railway, to St. Thomas, Ont.

HE HAS TO PAY TOLL

Lieut.-Gov. Jette Ordered a New Official Suit

FOR PARLIAMENT'S OPENING

When He Found He Would Have to Pay Duty He Kicked.

Hon. Mr. Paterson Could See Nothing But the Black-and-White Law and the Lieut.-Governor Declared He Would Wear His Old Clothes Rather Than Pay the Duty on the New Costume — And There You Are.

Montreal, Feb. 20.—(Special.)—There is a conflict on between Spencerwood and Hon. William Paterson, the genial head of the Canadian customs, and it looks as if grave complications might follow. It appears that Lieut.-Governor Jette had ordered a new official costume, the same to be ready for the opening of the present session of the Quebec Legislature. Few people blamed our popular Governor for this, as all French Canada is desirous that the one occupant of gubernatorial halls in Canada speaking the French tongue shall look as well as possible when His Honor of Quebec comes down in state to open this little Parliament. The costume arrived all right, and Mr. Jette supposed that the Customs Department would allow the garments in free. However, Hon. Mr. Paterson could not see things in this light, and he intimated that the Lieut.-Governor would have to pay for his coat, just like an ordinary mortal who goes abroad for a new suit of clothes. His Honor replied that, if this were the case, he would open the Legislature in plain clothes as a protest against what he considered a small piece of business on the part of his Ottawa friends. This is what was done.

DECLINES THE INVITATION.

Rev. Dr. C. Ernest Smith of Baltimore Will Not Come to St. James Cathedral.

Baltimore, Feb. 20.—The Rev. Dr. C. Ernest Smith, rector of St. Michael's and All Angels' Protestant Episcopal Church, this city, has decided to decline the call extended him by the officials of St. James' Anglican Cathedral of Toronto. Dr. Smith to-day addressed a letter to the officials of the Cathedral to that effect. He gives as his reason that he prefers Baltimore. It was while Dr. Smith was visiting friends in Toronto about three weeks ago, that the call was extended to him, after having preached there by invitation.

THE SPANISH PARLIAMENT.

The Spanish Cortes met at Madrid yesterday, and there was a full representation in both Houses and great crowds in the galleries. The principal interest centred in the charges of Count De Almenas, who complained that Generals Primo de Rivera, Weyler and Blanco, Admiral Cervera and General Linares had proved failures. He said the Spanish army was an army of lions led by asses, and asked why the generals who capitulated had not been executed. General Primo de Rivera denounced Almenas as a calumniator. Senor Aunix added fuel to the flame by asserting that Premier Sagasta and Lieut.-General Correa had ordered Blanco to surrender Cuba, when Blanco was opposed to such a course. The session was very stormy, and nothing was accomplished.

The Pavonia is Safe.

Ponta del Gada, Azore Islands, Feb. 20.—The weather has become calm, and the Cunard Line steamer Pavonia, which became disabled while on the passage from Liverpool for Boston, and was towed into St. Michael's on Saturday by the steamer Wolviston, is now free of danger, and will enter the harbor to-day.

The Gaspesia Sighted.

Halifax, N.S., Feb. 20.—(Meat Cove, C.B.)—The steamer Gaspesia is reported eight miles north of Deadman and 13 miles from Etang du Nord, still fast in the ice. No smoke is to be seen coming from her funnels, which is taken as an indication that her coal supply is almost, if not entirely, exhausted.

Cretan Chambers Opened.

Canea, Island of Crete, Feb. 20.—The Cretan Chambers were opened to-day by Prince George, the High Commissioner of the Powers, who received a warm greeting. A bill embodying the Cretan constitution was submitted.

Pember's Turkish and Vapor Baths, 127 and 129 Yonge. Bath and Bed $1.00.

Fair and Mild.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Feb. 20.—(8 p.m.)—Pressure continues low throughout the greater portion of the continent, and the weather in Canada has been for the most part fair and mild. It is turning colder in Alberta to-night.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 40—44; Kamloops, 34—44; Calgary, 20—34; Qu'Appelle, 20—28; Winnipeg, 20—40; Port Arthur, 34—42; Parry Sound, 24—38; Toronto, 34—46; Ottawa, 22—42; Montreal, 26—40; Quebec, 22—30; Halifax, 26—42.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Generally fair and mild.

Ottawa Valley—Mostly fair and mild.

Upper and Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf.—Mostly fair and mild.

Maritime Provinces—Moderate to fresh westerly to southwesterly winds; mostly fair and mild.

Lake Superior—Cloudy to fair and comparatively mild; light local showers or snow or rain.

Manitoba—Turning a little colder to-day and still colder on Wednesday; light local snowfalls.

The new spring styles of Men's Overcoats at Oak Hall are attracting the attention they deserve. All the popular materials are shown, and, of course, the styles are correct in every detail of fashion's requirements.

Steamship Movements.

Feb. 20.	At	From
Patria	New York	Hamburg
Aug. Victoria	Alexandria	New York