

FRANCO-CANADIAN
TREATY DENOUNCEDBoth France and Canada Take
Measures to End Old Com-
mercial Arrangement.

Ottawa, April 24.—It is understood that the commercial convention signed between France and Canada in 1907, and ratified in 1910, by which certain Canadian imports into France have the advantage of the minimum tariff and in exchange certain French imports into Canada enjoyed some-what similar privileges, has now been denounced by both countries, Canada having given the three months' notice required about the middle of March. France announced her intention of denouncing it some time ago, but during the last session of the Canadian parliament an arrangement was made by which it was extended three months, which expired in March. Canada will therefore return to the maximum treaty with France unless some new arrangements are made. Owing to the rise in price of all commodities the French Government, in order to maintain the same percentage of duties to values, has since the armistice increased the previous duties by a coefficient which varies from 1½ to 3 in order to offset the disadvantages of the exchange situation.

The opinion is expressed here among trade officials that this action of denouncing the treaties is merely to clear the decks for a new arrangement. At the peace conference it was understood that all the old commercial treaties were to go out of existence and new ones to be negotiated in the light of new conditions created by the war. Under the treaty now being de-

CHURCH CENSUS OF
WINNIPEG TAKEN

Winnipeg, Man., April 24.—Figures resulting from the compilation of the recent church census of Winnipeg, while not complete, inasmuch as a large area of the city largely populated by foreigners was not included in the enumeration, throw an interesting light on the religious elements of the city's life. Owing to the lack of organization, this first census is not accepted as being exact in any sense. The total number of families enumerated was 31,828, including 56,232 adults and 16,714 children. Of this number, 1,249 families, including 2,322 adults, reported as not being allied with any church. Of those acknowledging adherence to a particular religious body, 11,092 reported that they had no preference as to which church of their faith they attended.

SOVIET EXPERIMENT.

Milan, April 24.—The Italian Socialist national council yesterday decided to make an experiment with the soviet form of government in all large Italian cities where the proletariat is well organized.

announced the chief advantage has accrued to Japan, under the "most favored nation" clause. When the war broke out many manufactured lines which we used to get from France, such as silks, fancy goods and so forth, could no longer be supplied and Japan went after this trade hard. The imports from Japan increased very heavily while those from France fell off. Our total trade with France fell off. Our total trade with France for the year ending February was as follows: Imports, \$8,515,000; exports, \$6,525,100.

CARPENTIER WILL
APPEAR AT CIRCUSFrench Champion Makes Con-
tract that Will Net Him
About \$100,000.

Toronto, April 24.—A Toronto Globe special from New York says that for \$2,000 a day, according to the circus publicity agents, Georges Carpentier, the French champion, will mingle with elephants and clowns in one of the rings of the Sells-Floto circus. Announcement of a contract that will net the boxer \$100,000 was made today. Carpentier will make his first appearance with the circus in Washington, May 10. His next appearance will be deferred until May 20 in Cleveland in order that he may keep previously made engagements in the meantime. He will make a seventy-day tour, giving two exhibitions a day. The French boxer's contract was secured through a syndicate headed by Jack Curley.

JAP BANKS SUSPEND.

Washington, April 24.—Only two banks in Japan have suspended payment as the result of financial troubles in that country, the Department of Commerce was advised yesterday by its representative in Tokyo.

COST OF JUSTICE.

Washington, April 24.—Attorney General Palmer yesterday asked congress for \$50,000 for prosecuting and detecting crime, in addition to \$2,600,000 already appropriated for the current year.

True Knights of Faith

(Continued.) It was but a hundred paces, and yet ere he had crossed it every bowman was ready at his horse's head, and the group of knights were out and listening intently to the ominous sound.

"It is a great body of horse," said Sir William Felton, "and they are riding very swiftly hitherwards."

"Yet they must be from the prince's army," remarked Sir Richard Causton, "for they came from the north."

"Nay," said the Earl of Angus, "it is not so certain; for the peasant with whom we spoke last night said that it was rumored that Don Tello, the Spanish king's brother, had ridden with six thousand chosen men to beat up the prince's camp. It may be that on their backward road they have come this way."

"By St. Paul!" cried Sir Nigel, "I think that it is even as you say, for that same peasant had a sour face and a shifting eye, as one who bore us little good will. I doubt not that he has brought these cavaliers upon us."

"But the mist covers us," said Sir Simon Burley. "We have yet time to ride through the further end of the pass."

"Were we a troop of mountain goats we might do so," answered Sir William Felton, "but it is not to be passed by a company of horsemen. If these be indeed Don Tello and his men, then we must bide where we are, and do what we can to make them rue the day that they found us in their path."

"Well spoken, William," cried Sir Nigel, "I have no space for them, and if we do our own work we shall have horses and to spare when this day's work is done. Nay, keep your eyes, my fair sirs, for we may have work for them. Aylward, Johnson, let you men form a harrow on either side of the ridge. Sir Oliver and you, my Lord Angus, I give you the right wing, and the left to you, Sir Simon, and to you, Sir Richard Causton, and Sir William Felton will hold the centre with our men-at-arms. Now order the ranks, and fling wide the banners, for our souls are God's and our bodies the king's, and our swords for Saint George and for England!"

Sir Nigel scarcely spoken when the mist seemed to thin in the valley, and to shred away into long ragged clouds which trailed from the edges in the cliffs. The gorge in which they had camped was a mere wedge-shaped cleft among the hills, three-quarters of a mile deep, with the small rugged rising upon which they stood at the further end, and the brown crags walling it in on three sides. As the mist parted, and the sun broke through it gleamed and shimmered with dazzling brightness upon the armor and headpieces of a vast body of horsemen who stretched across the distance from one cliff to the other, and extended backwards until their rear-guard were far out upon the plain beyond. Line after line, and rank after rank, they checked the neck of the valley with a long vista of tossing pennons, twinkling lances, waving plumes, and streaming banners, while the curvets and gambades of the chargers lent a constant motion and shimmer to the glittering, many-colored masses. A yell of exultation, and a forest of waving steel through the length and breadth of their column, announced that they could at last see their entrapped enemies, while the swelling notes of a hundred bugles and drums, mixed with the clash of Morish cymbals, broke forth into a grand peal of martial triumph.

Strange it was to these gallant and sparkling cavaliers of Spain to look upon this handful of men upon the hill, the thin lines of bowmen, the knots of knights and men-at-arms with armor rusted and discolored from long service, and to learn that these were indeed the soldiers whose fame and prowess had been the campfire talk of every army in Christendom. Very still and silent they stood, leaning upon their bows, while their leaders took counsel together in front of them. No clang of bugle rose from their stern ranks, but in the centre, where the leopards of England, on the right the ensign of their Company with the roses of Loring, and on the left, over three score of Welsh bowmen, there floated the red banner of Merlin with the boar's-heads of the Butesthorns. Gravely and sedately they stood beneath the morning sun waiting for the onslaught of their foe.

"By Saint Paul!" said Sir Nigel, gazing with puckered eye down the valley, "there appear to be some very worthy people among them. What is this golden banner which waves upon the left?"

"It is the ensign of the Knights of Calatrava," answered Felton.

"And the other upon to the right?"

"It marks the Knights of Santiago, and I see by this flag that their grand-master rides at their head. There too is the banner of Castile amid yonder sparkling squadron which heads the main battle. There are six thousand men-at-arms with ten squadrons of slingers as far as I may judge their numbers."

"There are Frenchmen among them, my fair lord," remarked Black Simon. "I can see the pennons of De Couvette, De Brioux, Saint Pol, and many others who struck in against us for Charles of Blois."

"You are right," said Sir William. "For I can also see them. There is much Spanish blood also, if I could but read it. Don Diego, you know the arms of your own land. Who are they who have done us this honor?"

The Spanish prisoner looked with exultant eyes upon the deep and serious ranks of his countrymen.

"By Saint James," said Sir Nigel, "if I fall this day I fall by no mean hands, for the flower of the knight-hood of Castile ride under the banner of Don Tello, with six chivalry of Asturias, Toledo, Leon, Cordova, Galicia, and Seville. I see the guidons of Albornoz, Caceria, Rodriguez, Tavora, with the two great orders, and the knights of France and of Aragon. If you will take my word you will come to a composition with them, for they will give you such terms as you have given me."

(To be continued.)

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BIG PROFITS NOW
FOR FUR HUNTERS

Victoria, B. C., April 24.—Profits to be earned in the north by trappers are shown by the experience of Guncnut the Klapox Indian who was acquitted from a charge of double murder at the assizes last fall. He recently returned from six weeks' trapping with furs which sold to dealers for \$870. Before facing trial last year he trapped over four furs weeks and made \$1,285 to keep his family while he interviewed the judge and jury.

MARRIED IN CHICAGO.

Daughter of A. R. Gould, of Presque Isle, Married Recently in Chicago.

William Henry Wilkes, formerly of Skowhegan, and Miss Marie Y. Gould, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Gould, of Presque Isle, were married at Chicago, April 7. Rev. Mr. O'Donnell, a personal friend of the groom, who was chaplain of the regiment in which Mr. Wilkes was a captain overseas, officiated. Miss Elizabeth Haynes, of Bangor, who was in Chicago to attend the wedding, has returned home. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkes will make their home in Chicago where Mr. Wilkes is engaged in the bond business.

LOWER HAINESVILLE, N. B.

Lower Hainesville, N. B., April 22.—The weather for the past few days has been very pleasant and springlike.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Whitehead, of Springfield, spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Sterling Whitehead, of this place.

Our school, which has been closed for the winter, started after Easter vacation under the skilful management of Mrs. Eddie Jones.

Sherman Jones, of Nashwaak, spent a few days last week visiting relatives in this place.

Rev. Mr. Lawson, preacher of the Methodist church, will hold services here next Sunday afternoon.

Randolph Morgan, of Patton, Me., is visiting his niece, Mrs. Roy Johnson.

The W. M. A. S. was entertained at the home of Mrs. Sterling Whitehead on Wednesday last.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Brown made a flying trip to Fredericton on Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morgan were visiting Charles Tucker, of Upper Hainesville, one day this week.

The Sunday school which was closed for the winter, reopened on Sunday last for the summer.

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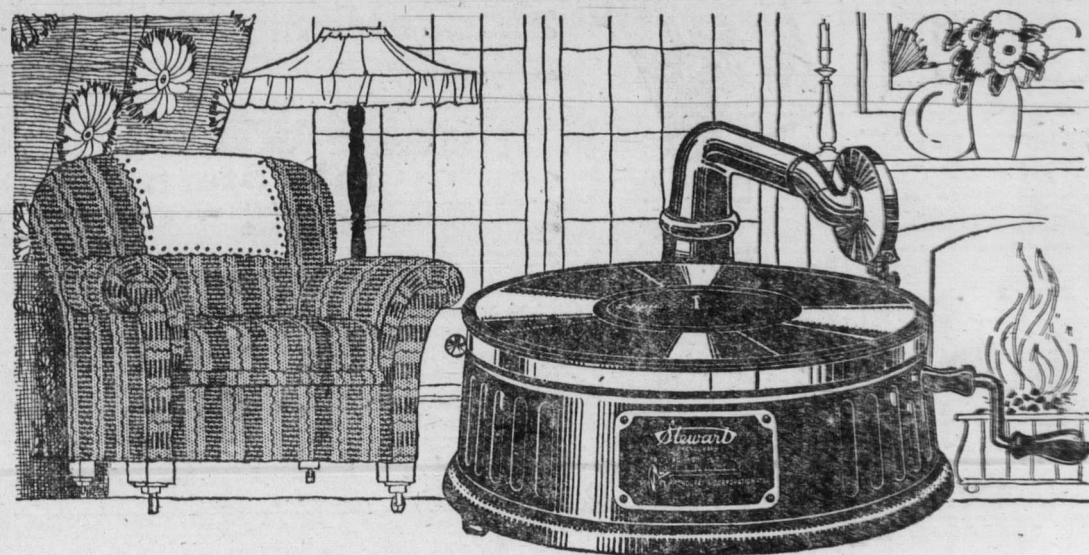
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