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Progress Of Inquiry

Royal Commission Continues Investigation of Charges By Mr. Curtis.

Messrs Wells, Eberts and Todd Among the Witnesses Heard.

Mr. Bond Will Not Apologise to Mr. Greenshields So Court Does So.

The royal commission investigating the Curtis charges against Premier Dunsmuir and his ministers, resumed its labors at the Court house yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. Curtis was present, his counsel, Mr. Bond, also the Hon. D. M. Eberts, Hon. W. C. Wells, Hon. J. D. Prentice, Mr. Greenshields and Mr. Cassidy.

Mr. Bond began by asking for the original contract, of which a copy had been put in when Mr. Greenshields was in the witness box, together with Mr. Greenshields' telegram advising that the contract had been signed, the application of the Edmonton & Yukon railway for a subsidy and all the correspondence existing between Mr. Dunsmuir and the Pacific Improvement.

Mr. Cassidy raised the point that the original contract which had been signed and sealed and was in the possession of the government, was a document of state, and as such could not be put in as an exhibit amongst the evidence. Mr. Bond already, however, had the printed copy which had been brought down amongst the returns of the legislature.

His Lordship added that Mr. Bond had the right to see the original, whereupon Mr. Greenshields offered to bring his duplicate copy over, and very soon the document was brought before the court.

Charles Fox Todd was then called to give evidence, and on his being sworn, Mr. Bond was warned that his client would not be allowed to assist in the examination of the witness, as his interference had a disturbing effect generally.

Mr. Todd then proceeding, identified the letter which had been signed by himself and Messrs. McQuade and Munsie. He had gone over with Col. Prior to the parliament buildings, and in consequence of what had been heard, he had signed the letter. He believed that the substance of the letter was true. At the time he had been quite satisfied with the genuineness of the project. The letter was probably a political one, but in asking business men to go over with him, he had only looked for business men, and not for supporters of the Colonel. The letter referred to them in their private capacity as citizens, because it was as such that they had gone across the Bay and not as the members of a partizan committee.

Cross-examined by Mr. Bond—The witness admitted that Col. Prior had said that he would stand on the genuineness of the contract, and so their endorsing him was a political affair. They had gone to Mr. Wells' room, where there were Messrs. Wells, Dunsmuir, Eberts, Pooley, Munsie, McQuade, Col. Prior and himself. They spent two hours together. He had then seen some telegrams (those already referred to and published). Mr. Greenshields and the members of the cabinet explained the position. That in effect was that they wanted the road to be built and that the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway should be sold. Between these and the contract with Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann he considered that he had been quite justified in signing the open letter. These things had made him think that the Esquimalt & Nanaimo railway would be sold. Mr. Dunsmuir had said that he expected the sale would go through. When he signed the letter he had expected Col. Prior to use it.

Mr. Todd then stepped down, and His Lordship said that he thought that witnesses should be called to clear the stigma cast upon the reputation of Mr. Greenshields, who was practically charged with representing both parties, for which a solicitor would rightly be struck off the rolls. Mr. Bond held that no charge was made against Mr. Greenshields.

Mr. Greenshields was then re-called for cross-examination by Mr. Bond, and strongly re-asserted that he had acted all along as agent for Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann, and for them alone. He had distinctly informed Mr. Wells of this, and in the railway negotiations had always acted at arm's length. He had never had any letters from Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann about this business of theirs. On his way out here he might have had a telegram from them, and he might have sent a wire or two to Mr. Wells here, but only regarding the political situation. That had been a very important matter in Mr. Maun's eyes, and because of the unsettled state of things in British Columbia, his firm had fought shy of the province.

In reply to His Lordship the witness complained of the serious position in which these charges placed him. By acting for both parties he would have made himself liable to be disbarred in his province of Quebec.

His Lordship also emphasized the serious way in which Mr. Greenshields' professional reputation was attacked through these charges.

After a slight passage the Judge asked if Mr. Bond had finished with Mr. Greenshields as a witness, and on receiving an answer in the affirmative, suggested that an apology was due to the latter, as the slur cast upon him had apparently been wholly unfounded. This, however, Mr. Bond absolutely refused to offer. So the Judge was obliged himself to do so for him, and expressed his regrets to Mr. Greenshields for the slur cast upon him, and from which the commission considered that he should be wholly absolved. He thought that Mr. Greenshields had been very badly treated.

Hon. Mr. Wells then came up for cross-examination. He produced the original contract with the Edmonton & Yukon Railway company, also the following telegram:

Toronto, March 1, 1902.

Hon. W. C. Wells, Victoria:

Leaving Monday night with signed contract. Some alteration from original draft.

(Sd.) J. N. GREENSHIELDS.

Mr. Bond then proceeded to cross-examine the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works upon the differences be-

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Referendum In Manitoba

Country Districts Will Likely Vote In Favor of Prohibition In Manitoba.

Bad Effects of Too Much Water Are Evident In Brandon.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Winnipeg, Man., March 29.—There will be a heavy vote cast in Winnipeg on Wednesday next, when the referendum will be taken on the Manitoba Liquor Act, restricting the sale of liquor within the province. In Winnipeg it is safe to predict that a large majority will be rolled up against the act, but the country districts are likely to go strongly for prohibition.

A Brandon despatch says the high water still continues. The Assiniboine has risen two inches since yesterday, and if the ice should jam, it will cause serious injury to roads and bridges.

Miss Younghusband, of Portage la Prairie, and Miss Annie Murray of this city, have been notified of their selection as teachers to go to South Africa.

Mr. J. G. Sullivan, formerly chief engineer of construction for the C. P. R. in British Columbia, with headquarters at Trail, arrived in the city this week to enter on his new duties as chief engineer of construction for the Winnipeg division. He succeeds A. O. Dennis, who has been appointed engineer for reduction of grades in the mountains.

William Brydon, insurance valuator of Winnipeg, had a narrow escape from being killed at Garland, where he had gone to report on the Northern Lumber company's burned mill at Fish creek. He fell from a platform 150 feet high, in the dark, and was badly bruised.

AN EXPORT DUTY ON GOLD

Mr. Sifton May Adopt This Course Instead of Continuing Royalty.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 29.—Plans for the Canadian branch of the royal mint are expected from England this week, when tenders will immediately be called for the building.

Hon. Clifford Sifton is said to be coming round to the idea of an export duty on gold instead of royalty.

It is practically settled that the Bisley team will take part in the coronation procession.

Another case of enteric fever has been reported from South Africa to the Department of Militia. Wm. White of St. John, N. B., is the victim.

POPE'S ENCYCLICAL.

Makes an Appeal to Man to Return to Rome.

Rome, March 29.—The Pope today published a long encyclical letter, the tone of which suggests testamentary recommendations. After thanking God for prolonging his life, His Holiness reiterates once more the teachings he has always promulgated to the Roman Catholic world. He deplores the renewed attacks on the church and the recent errors of humanity, instancing divorce, and pictures the present condition of society as having drifted into a state of anarchy. He entreats the people to return to Christ and to the Roman pontiff, as the only sources whence the world can hope to obtain peace and salvation.

IMPERIAL REVENUE.

Quarter Shows an Increase Due to Income Tax.

London, March 29.—The revenue of the United Kingdom for the quarter ending March 31, shows an increase of £4,618,918, due entirely to the additional two pences placed on the income tax.

ROSSLAND OUTPUT.

Le Roi Mines Will Make a Record This Month.

Rossland, March 29.—The ore production of the Rossland camp for the week ending tonight shows another increase. The growth from the previous week is not large, but is sufficient to indicate progress towards the former standard for the camp. The Le Roi mines' shipments are growing steadily and figures for the present month will show an increase over the best previous month's record that will be more substantial than was expected. In May, 1901, a record of 22,793 tons was established, and this has already been passed during the present month. Sunday's and Monday's shipments will bring the record for this month a couple of thousand tons over the old record. During the week the Le Roi increased its output to 6,200 tons, the Le Roi No. 2 sent out 1,250 tons, the Centre Star 720 tons, and the Rossland Great Western 450 tons.

MALCOLM ISLAND.

Mr. Kurikka Pleased With Prospect for Settlers.

Nanaimo, March 29.—(Special)—Matti Kurikka, president of the Kalevan Kansa Colonization company, who has toured the Eastern and Middle States in the interests of the Finnish colony for Malcolm island, is well pleased with the results of his trip. In many cases those who became interested in the scheme have money locked up in other enterprises, but will transfer to this as soon as possible. At present 20 men are there doing preliminary work in building houses and clearing land.

Mr. Kurikka intends shortly leaving for Victoria to interview the management, which holds pulp land concessions on the island, with a view to ascertaining whether work is to be pushed forward. If the company will make contracts for taking out pulp timber, woodmen will be given first place in the settlement. If the company are not going to do this, other branches will have to be given attention, such as fisheries. In Astoria a considerable number who are well up on salmon fishing have intimated their readiness to locate on Malcolm island as soon as their present contracts expire.

A Lively Pursuit

Exciting Chase to Head Off the Boer Army Close to Klerksdorp.

Horses So Weary That Men Dismounted and Raced Forward on Foot.

Fight of Five Plucky Canucks One Dies Rather han Surrender.

Pretoria, Transvaal Colony, March 28.—About 1,500 Boers under Delarey, Liebenberg, Kemp and Wolmarans, were within the area of Lord Kitchener's last movement, but although surprised by the rapidity displayed by the British troops, gaps in the latter's lines enabled most of the burghers to escape. The Boer prisoners totalled 179 men, including Commander H. Kruger and ex-Landrost Neethling, of Klerksdorp.

From the first prisoners captured it was learned that Gen. Delarey himself was outside the actual cordon, having slept some distance westward, but Liebenberg, Kemp and other Boer commanders were inside the column of troops.

The first body, consisting of about 500 Boers, sighted at 10 o'clock in the morning of March 24, retreated at full speed, making for a gap between the British columns. A race for the opening ensued.

British mounted infantry, which had already ridden upwards of 50 miles, pressed their tired horses until they gave out, when the men jumped off and raced forward on foot.

Some of the mounted men, however, were able to gallop right into the gap just ahead of the Boers, whom they met with a warm fire.

These troops also succeeded in driving back another body of 300 Boers, who were forced to desert the guns they had captured from the convoy in February.

The Boers tried to get through several openings, but on each occasion were forced to double back until they ultimately found a gap and passed out of the British lines within sight of Klerksdorp. Night fell before the pursuing columns could overtake the Boers.

Five Canadians who fell out of their Column and tried to work their way back, were surrounded by a Boer force and made a splendid defence. But, finally, seeing their case was hopeless, four of the Canadians surrendered.

The fifth, however, indignantly refused to throw down his arms, and continued a single-handed fight until he was killed. This was regarded as one of the interesting incidents of the day.

An instance of the resourcefulness of the Boers was given by Liebenberg and several hundred men. Taking advantage of the confusion of the drive, he and his followers assumed a formation similar to that of a British column, and moving close to one of the numerous gaps in the British lines, succeeded in reaching this opening before their ruse was detected, and got safely away.

The guns captured from Von Donop's convoy were brilliantly recaptured by the Scottish Horse, who charged up to the muzzles of the artillery and rode the Boer gunners off their feet before the latter had a chance to fire.

TROOPS AT HALIFAX.

New Arrangements for Imperial Forces Staff.

Halifax, March 28.—(Special)—The new staff of the Imperial forces in Canada, with headquarters at Halifax, is arranged as follows: Col. Sir Charles Parsons, colonel in command; Col. Booth, deputy assistant adjutant-general; Major Semine, deputy assistant quartermaster-general.

Col. Parsons will sail from England on April 10, for Halifax. Col. Booth comes from Barbadoes.

BOUNDARY OUTPUT.

Mines Have Made Another Record For the Week.

Phoenix, B. C., March 28.—(Special.)—Boundary mines have established a new record again this week for ore shipments, the total being 10,409 tons as follows:

Granby mines, 7,741 tons; Mother Lode, 2,968 tons; Golden Crown, 90 tons; Jewel, 210 tons; total for 1902, 98,866 tons. Boundary smelters have treated for the past week 8,060 tons, as follows: Granby smelter, 5,050 tons; Mother Lode smelter, 3,010 tons; total for 1902, 97,564 tons. The fourth furnace of the Granby smelter will be blown in on Monday.

REBELLIOUS PRIEST.

Chicago Archbishop Issues Sweeping Order Against Father Crowley.

Chicago, Ill., March 28.—In an official letter sent to the Catholic priests in Chicago today, Archbishop Feehan issued a sweeping order in the controversy of the Rev. Jermiah J. Crowley and his friends, with the diocesian authorities. The letter reads:

"We hereby notify you that Rev. Jermeish J. Crowley, whose public acts and utterances have given grave scandal to the detriment of religion, is in open rebellion to legitimate ecclesiastical authority; therefore any priest of the diocese of Chicago who assists him by moral or financial aid, or offers him encouragement of any kind whatsoever, is ipso facto suspended."

BANK CLEARINGS.

Weekly Report of the Principal Canadian Cities.

New York, March 28.—The following are some of the weekly clearings as compiled by Bradstreets for the week ending March 27, with percentages of increase and decrease for the comparison with the week last year:

Montreal, $18,925,227; increase 10.2 per cent. Toronto, $15,361,507; increase 39.8 per cent. Winnipeg, $2,600,902; increase 52.2 per cent. Halifax, $1,562,117; increase 17.9 per cent. Vancouver, $760,789; increase 4.8 per cent. Hamilton, $846,266; increase 30.9 per cent. St. John, N. B., $541,470; decrease 12.4 per cent. Victoria, $521,637; increase 27 per cent. Quebec, $1,101,788. Ottawa, $1,708,022.

STAMPEDE NEAR KASLO.

Kaslo, March 28.—(Special.)—There is a placer gold excitement on Cooper creek, 20 miles from Kaslo.

The creek has been staked for a distance of three miles, a company has been formed and a dam and flume are being constructed. The company already has a force of men at work on blue claims. Gravel from the river has gone as high as twenty-five cents to the pan in coarse gold.

Lumber and supplies are being shipped from Kaslo. For years it has been known that gold existed on the creek, but never before has it been found in such large quantities.

VANCOUVER SPORTS.

Nanaimo Beats Y. M. C. A. Team at Basketball.

Vancouver, B. C., March 28.—(Special.)—In the annual Good Friday road race today around the park, Bert Wood made the best time, 27.30, or two minutes behind the record. A. Olsen came in first and G. Haddon second.

Nanaimo beat the Y. M. C. A. basketball team again today by a score of 22 to 20. The beating was a great disappointment for the home team, as they considered themselves superior to any club in the league outside of Seattle. The combination of the home team was very good indeed, far better than that of the visitors. But the hardy Nanaimo boys noted in every sport for their endurance, wore out the local team. They set a fast pace, and kept it up, and in the second half the Vancouver's lost ground rapidly until the gong counted them out by two points.

SUDDEN DEATHS.

Farmer Blows Out the Gas—Lawyer Has Heart Failure.

Owen Sound, March 28.—(Special)—John Linley, a farmer from Maxwell, was found dead in bed at the Seldon house this morning, asphyxiated.

Chatham, Ont., March 28.—(Special)—Wm. Douglas, K. C., county crown attorney, of Kent, died suddenly today of heart failure.

WESTMINSTER BRIDGE CONTRACT

Report That Vancouver Firm Is Successful—Fergus Laidlaw Dead.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Westminster, March 29.—Engineer Waddell, who is now in Victoria consulting the government regarding the contract for the substructure of the Fraser river bridge, will, it is understood, recommend the tender of Armstrong, Morrison & Balfour, of Vancouver.

Word was received here today of the death at Whatcom of Fergus A. Laidlaw, a well known salmon canner on the Fraser river, and for years manager of one of the Victoria Canning company's plants at Ladner. Deceased was aged 51 years, and was not robust of late years. He had just gone to take charge of the Carlisle Packing company's canery at Whatcom. He was a native of Ontario, and unmarried. The remains arrived tonight for burial by the Masons on Monday.

Another well known resident died yesterday in the person of R. B. Alexander, formerly a large farmer in Boundary Bay, now the favorite summer resort.

WITH MASONIC RITES.

Carnegie Library in Vancouver Laid in Due Form.

Vancouver, March 29.—(Special)—The construction of the Carnegie library was formally initiated today with all the honors of Ancient Freemasonry. Appropriate addresses were delivered by Grand Master Young and Rev. L. Norman Tucker, master of Cascade lodge. The Grand lodge was opened by Grand Master F. McB. Young at the Masonic Temple, where the procession was formed. There were fully 500 Masons in line and thousands of citizens turned out to see the ceremony of the laying of the corner stone. The Uniformed Knight Templars brightened up the procession, and made a very favorable impression by their smart appearance. In the cavity of the corner stone was laid away Canadian coin, Canadian postage stamps, Rev. L. Norman Tucker's oration, the names of the first council of Vancouver and all public bodies of today in Vancouver, with a copy of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia. In the evening the officers of the Grand Lodge were entertained at a banquet at the Hotel Vancouver, where fully 250 guests were seated around the table. Today was a red letter day for Masonry in Vancouver, as brethern were present from every city in British Columbia.

A Chinese school is to be started in Vancouver by the Chinese Reform association. It will be sustained by the association. There are 200 Chinese school children in Vancouver, and all will attend. The school is similar to one in Victoria and is for the purpose of teaching Chinese children how to read, write and figure in Chinese. The teaching will be done by a new method introduced by the Reform association.

BRITISH HOSPITALITY.

Colonial Premiers Will Be Royally Entertained in England.

The British Empire league is organizing, with the approval of His Majesty's government, a tour which will enable the distinguished representatives of the colonies to view some of the leading provincial cities, as well as making provision for taking part in their reception and entertainment in London during their stay in this country on the occasion of the coronation.

For these purposes special donations are being invited, and the following amounts have already been received or promised: The Duke of Devonshire, £52 10s.; the Earl of Derby, £52 10s.; the Earl of Aberdeen, £10 10s.; Lord Avebury, £25; Lord Brassey, £52 10s.; Lord Rothschild, £52 10s.; Lord Strathcona, £52 10s.; the Cordwainers' Company, per the Right Hon. J. Chamberlain, M.P., £100; Sir Robert Herbert, £10 10s.; Sir James Blyth, £52 10s.; Mr. W. Herbert Daw, £10 10s.; Hon. E. R. Bellhos, £52 10s.

Mr. Youngthing—How in the world did you come to deposit that money in the bank instead of buying that automobile coat you wanted?

Mrs. Youngthing (triumphantly)—Why, I read in this morning's paper that the interest had been reduced from 4 per cent to 3! —Puck.

For His Country

Cecil Rhodes Leaves the Bulk of His Fortune For Magnificent Scheme.

Fortune Will Promote a Vast Imperial Plan of Education.

Gun Carriage of "Long Cecil" Will Bear His Body In Capetown.

London, March 29.—The Daily Mail says it is in a position to assert that Cecil Rhodes left the bulk of his fortune, outside of some personal and family bequests, to the promotion of his vast imperial plan of education. The project embraces every land where the Union Jack flies.

The Daily Mail adds that this idea of better fitting younger Britain to cope sufficiently with rival nationalities, was long a dominant scheme with Cecil Rhodes, but that even his closest friends little imagined the absorbing hold it had obtained on him until disclosed by the terms of the will.

Details of this plan of education will be made public in a few days.

Capetown, March 28.—The coffin containing the body of Cecil Rhodes will be conveyed to the parliament buildings here during the morning of April 3, and will lie in state in the vestibule till 3 in the afternoon, when it will be removed to the Anglican cathedral, where the first portion of the burial service will be read. The funeral procession will afterwards traverse the principal streets of Capetown to the railway station. Thence the coffin will be taken by special train to Buluwayo, stopping for a short time at Kimberley. Only a few intimate friends will accompany the body to Buluwayo.

The coffin during the funeral procession at Capetown will be carried on the gun carriage of "Long Cecil," the famous gun used at the siege of Kimberley.

TO HIS BROTHER.

Colonel Rhodes Gets the Dalham Hall Estate.

London, March 29.—Cecil Rhodes left the Dalham hall estate at Newmarket to his brother, Colonel Francis W. Rhodes. This estate was purchased by Cecil Rhodes last December.

SPRING AT TORONTO.

Warmer Weather and Opening of Navigation.

Toronto, March 28.—(Special)—Local navigation was practically opened today. The weather was so fine and warm that 105 passengers came over from St. Catharines.

ASPHYXIATED.

Henry Newcombe of Toronto Accidentally Killed by Gas.

Toronto, March 28.—Henry Newcombe, aged 72, one of the partners of Newcombe & Co., piano manufacturers, was found dead in his bed this morning. He had been asphyxiated by gas. In turning it off last night on retiring, Mr. Newcombe accidentally opened the cock beside the lighting tap and used for connecting a small gas heater.

TURKISH ARMY.

Mobilization Apparently Due to Troubles in Macedonia.

Constantinople, March 28.—The Turkish government has decided to call to the colors 10,000 irregular troops, in batches of 40 battalions, each batch aggregating about 2,000 men. This mobilization is ostensibly for the annual manoeuvres, but in view of the conditions in Macedonia, considerable significance is attached to the movement.

FAST SAILERS.

Schooners Race Across the Pacific.

Port Townsend, March 28.—A marine race of more than ordinary importance owing to the fact that both vessels broke all previous records, was terminated yesterday by the arrival of the schooners Fearless and Salona from Shanghai. The Salona's trip to Flattery was 23 days, and that of the Fearless, 23 and a half days, the former vessel making the fastest sailing time across the Pacific. The Fearless had her foretop mast carried away during a gale.

COLONEL GRIMM.

Officer Charged With Betraying Secrets Not Executed.

St. Petersburg, March 28.—Col. Grimm, the Russian officer who is charged with revealing Russian military secrets to Germany, has been brought here and placed in close confinement. The statements emanating from Vienna that Col. Grimm has already been tried and sentenced to death upon these charges by a court martial at Warsaw, are incorrect. He will soon be tried on charges here. In any case Col. Grimm cannot be executed, because in Russia the betrayal of military secrets is not a capital offence unless that betrayal be made to a power with which Russia is at war.

MANCHURIA

Pekin Correspondent Says Russo-Chinese Agreement Will Soon Be Signed.

London, March 29.—The Pekin correspondent of the Times cables that Paul Lessar, the Russian minister to China, and Prince Ching, president of the Chinese foreign office, have agreed upon the main conditions of the Manchurian convention, and that the early signing of the agreement is expected. The evacuation of the three provinces is to be carried out in three successive periods of 6 months from the signing of the convention. Various vague conditions such as "if the state of the country permits," are to be excluded from the agreement. It is stipulated that the convention be ratified within three months from the day it is signed.

The Times correspondent says further that China is inclined to agree to Germany's demand for the extension of the railway from Tsian-tu, Shang-tung province, across the grand canal at Te-ihau to China-ting, on the Pekin-Hankow line.

INVASION OF PING-PONG.

It is expected that the J. B. A. A. will be able to make records in the aquatic world this coming summer for the oarsmen are getting up their muscle daily at the "ping-pong" table. The strenuous game has even supplanted whist at the club, and the athletes are now in training with the vellum covered racquets and the celluloid balls for the coming season's sport. "Ping-pong beats tag all hollow," said Harry A-st-n after a fierce contest over the net on the club tables with D-n O'S-ll-v-n, "but I'm afraid it over developes the muscles for rowing and I'll have to give it up when we get the shells out." Every member plays the gentle game when he wishes to reduce flesh and takes a sponge bath and rub down afterwards to keep his arm and wrist in trim. The game of ping-pong has taken a firm hold on the J. B. A. A. and lacrosse, and other less ladylike sports may go "way-back and sit down." N. H-rd-e has set himself up as a teacher of the game, and while teaching H. D-n-lds-n the finer points of the ping and the pong a few days ago, he said: "Instead of using an upper cut, you must handle the racket in a singerly manner. Do not swear audibly when the ball leaves the table, or fails to jump the net—it is unladylike." It is rumored that some of the oarsmen have dislocated their shoulders while endeavoring to return the ball over the net, and some of the spectators are getting cross-eyed by watching the backward and forward trend of the celluloid spheroids. Truly ping-pong has invaded the J. B. A. A.

FENIAN'S FATE.

Buffalo, March 28.—The Express published this morning a story to the effect that Carl Dalman, one of the three men sentenced to life imprisonment in the Kingston penitentiary for attempting to blow up a lock in the Welland canal on April 21, 1900, is no other than Luke Dillon, the Irish National leader, and famous as a close friend of Dr. Cronin, who was murdered in Chicago, and high in the councils of the Clan-na-Gael. Two years ago Dillon was teller of the Dime Savings bank of Philadelphia. It was then that the bank turned over its accounts to the Trust society Guaranty company, and the announcement made to Dillon's friends that he had gone to Europe. A year later a report was circulated that he had been drowned in Ireland.

The Kilties At New York

The Toronto Highland Regiment Takes Part In the Military Tournament.

Hon. F. W. Borden Minister of Militia, Reviews the Troops By Invitation.

New York, March 28.—This was Canadian night at the military tournament, and the troops were reviewed by the Hon. F. W. Borden, Canadian minister of militia and defence.

When the minister arrived at Madison Square Garden, he walked down the centre aisle, accompanied by his staff, and preceded by a detachment of the 48th Highlanders, and their pipers. The box of honor was decorated with British flags. The house rose en masse as the band played "God Save the King."

The programme included the 48th Highlanders' exhibition drill, rough riding by troop "C," N. G., N. Y.; the landing drill, and battle exercises by the First Battalion of naval militia; music by the second cavalry; drill and driving exhibition by the Fourth battery field artillery U. S. A., and the popular exhibition of pontoon bridge building.

The exhibition musical drill of the Canadian militiamen received great applause. Before coming to the Garden, the legislative officers of the Military Athletic League, entertained the Canadian visitors at the Lawyers' club. The guests included Adjutant-General Lord Aylmer, Capt. Maude, Colonel Pellat, Col. Charles E. Turner, and Major Robertson.

This party, including Dr. Borden's wife, and General McLeer, Col. Barnes, of the 23rd regiment, and Lieutenant-Colonel Brady, of the same regiment, sat in the reviewing box. The results of the athletic events were:

YUKON TO BE REPRESENTED

Likely Partial Measure Will Be Adopted In This Year's Session.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 28.—The Yukon district will likely be given partial representation this session.

It is likely the government will be asked to make the 24th of May the day for the official observance of the King's birthday in Canada.

E. V. Bodwell is here en route to New York.

Arthur Lindsay, chief clerk of the contracts branch of the Postoffice department, has been missing for over a week, and his friends are anxious about him.

Quebec will be selected as the point of mobilization and departure of the fourth contingent.

ONTARIO PLUMBERS.

Provincial Association Elects Officers at Toronto Meeting.

Toronto, March 28.—(Special)—At a meeting of the master plumbers of the province today, Wm. Mansell, Toronto, was elected president, and W. N. Meredith, Toronto, secretary. The wages of workmen plumbers were not discussed, but a disposition was shown in favor of employers treating such questions on a uniform basis.

NEW RAILWAY.

Road to Be Built from Denver to New Orleans.

Guthrie, Okla., March 28.—The general solicitor of the Denver, Kansas & Atlantic Railroad company announced today that active construction of the line from Denver to New Orleans will begin at once. This road is financed by Chicago capitalists and will pass diagonally through Oklahama from northwest to southeast.

Wireless Telegraphy

German Inventors Want International Conference to Regulate the Subject.

And Complain That Marconi Will Not Reciprocate With Them.

Great Inventor Explains What Is His Position In the Matter.

Berlin, March 29.—Slaby's proposal for an international conference to regulate wireless telegraphy is already engaging the attention of Germany, the authorities of which country are now drawing a circular note to be presented to the United States, Great Britain and France, proposing a congress for the purpose of agreeing upon means to prevent a monopoly of wireless telegraphy on the high seas. According to statements printed here, the above step is a direct consequence of the reported refusal of the wireless station at Nantucket to receive a message from Prince Henry on board the Hamburg-American liner Deutschland. The statement cabled from Berlin to New York that Germany has addressed a protest to the British government against the Marconi people's boycott against ships equipped with the Slaby-Arco apparatus, is discredited here.

New York, March 29.—Signor Marconi issued a long statement tonight relative to the controversy between his wireless telegraphy companies and Dr. Slaby and Count Arco, referring particularly to the refusal of the Marconi company to allow communication between the Marconi land stations and ships equipped with any system purporting to be different from his system, unless by previous arrangement with the Marconi company. Marconi goes on to say:

"I wish to state that such refusal has been and will continue to be made. I cannot take the responsibility of advising my company, which during the last four years have expended large sums on the erection of land stations, to enter into an agreement such as that suggested, which would practically secure to Dr. Slaby and his coadjutors an advantage the cost of which they had borne no part, and to which they are in no way entitled so long as rights secured to inventors by patent law are respected in civilized countries.

"It should be remembered furthermore, that the disability to communicate with my stations by the so-called "Slaby-Arco" system of wireless telegraphy, which disability is now complained of by Dr. Slaby and his German supporters, is not limited to land stations under our immediate control, since by the terms of our contract with the corporation of Lloyds, such disability extends no less directly to every lighthouse and signal station controlled by that corporation throughout the world during the continuance of my contract, which has now 14 years to run."

SALMON SHIP.

Bark St. James Reaches New York from the Sound.

New York, March 28.—The American bark St. James arrived at quarantine tonight from Seattle via Blaine, Wash., after a vogage of 140 days, with a cargo of 62,500 cases of salmon, consigned to the Pacific Packing & Navigation company. This is the first cargo of salmon sent around the Horn to this city.

SUN ELECTRICITY.

Experiments to Secure Hertzian Waves Not a Success.

In a recent number of the London Electrician is an abstract of the report of C. Nordman on his experiments at the Mont Blanc observatory for the purpose of finding out whether the sun emits electro-magnetic rays, or, rather, whether such rays are capable of penetrating to the surface of the earth. Of course, it is reasonable to suppose that electro-magnetic waves of the Hertzian kind are actually sent out, but it is very doubtful whether they can reach any observatory on the earth. In order to obtain the best conditions, it is necessary to choose the highest possible elevation, so as to escape the absorbing action of the atmosphere and of aqueous vapor. The author, therefore, conducted the experiments at the station of Grands-Mulets, at an altitude of 3,100 metres. A spell of bad weather prevented him from conducting the experiments at the top of Mont Blanc itself. The receiver used consisted of a galvanometer circuit with coherer, and an antenna 175 metres long stretched over the Bossons Glacier, in such a position that at midday the sun's rays fell upon it vertically. This had the double advantage of protecting the wire from the electric waves emitted by the Chamonuix railway, and from the interference of waves which would have been reflected by the ground if the soil had been a conductor instead of a non-conducting glacier. The results of the experiments, made under a cloudless sky on September 10, were entirely negative. The sun, therefore, either does not send out waves of this order, or they are completely absorbed by the sun's atmosphere or by the upper strata of the earth's atmosphere. Such an absorption is exceedingly probable, as it is well known that Hertzian waves are largely absorbed by rarefied gases.

WAS FOUND OUT.

Taylor Tried to Secure Contract By Bribery.

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 28.—Henry A. Taylor the young eastern capitalist convicted of conspiracy to bribe a relative to a proposition to saddle upon this city a $4,000,000 water supply contract, was sentenced by Judge Newham in the Superior court today to pay a fine of $2,000, the maximum allowed by law without imprisonment.

FIGHT IN BULGARIA.

Turkish Troops Attack Post Near Saratsch.

Sofia, March 28.—One hundred and fifty Turkish troops attacked a Bulgarian post near Saratsch yesterday. One Bulgarian was killed and several were wounded. The Bulgarian garrison is being reinforced by two companies of soldiers.