

of Dominion Tables Giving the of Canada's Broad Acres.

Mr Wilfrid Laurier in Delays Opening of Parliament.

Warship From Halifax Is Being Ordered to Venezuela.

Dec. 23.—The census volume prepared by James White, showing the areas of land and the total land area is given as 971 acres and lakes are placed as 107 acres. The total area of territory being 3,774,741. All these are excluded from calculations upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier's return to the parliament until the last of February.

Ross, chief clerk of the Finance department, resigned to accept a position as assistant to the Mayor of the Metropolitan Bank.

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Wainwright and Morse, of the main trunk, passed through here in the morning, returning to Montreal for the coast.

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FINBRAKE FOR STEAMERS

Montreal Engineer's Invention Practically Tried and Proved on Government Vessel.

An experiment of much importance to navigation, but one the extent of the successful result of which it is impossible at present to estimate, was tried on the St. Lawrence at Montreal on November 23.

The immediate result, however, was to prove conclusively that by the use of a "fin-brake" the pair of fins were opened out from the side of a vessel to offer resistance to the water—a certain class of vessels may be brought to a sudden stop in a mere fraction of the time and space required to obtain the same effect by reversing the engines.

The Montreal "Star" says: "The idea has been generally considered impracticable by marine authorities. Conventional engineers have considered the force of the water would be such that when the fins were opened out at right angles to the vessel's hull, they would be ripped from their hinges or the sides of the vessel would be torn out; while experienced sailors did not hesitate to protest that if neither of the other two things happened, the impact would do so great the vessel would be lifted from the water and hurled from their feet by the shock."

It has remained for a Canadian and a Montrealer, Louis Lacoste, a son of Sir Alexandre Lacoste, to prove that such a thing as a fin-brake is possible, and that it does not involve any of the dire mishaps predicted.

Mr. Lacoste entered upon the solution of this problem about four years ago. Upon investigating the causes of failure in previous experiments, he found that the vessels were made to extend quite a distance out from the ship and were thrown suddenly back upon their supports by the rush of water, they were either broken or they were torn to pieces.

This defect he remedied in two ways—first by decreasing the width of the fins and extending the hinges to the level of the water line, and secondly by equipping it with hydraulic cylinders, acting in the same way as doors from slamming.

VILJOEN'S BOOK ON THE WAR

He Gives Some Lively Opinions on the British Army Boer Cowardice.

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An English Country Doctor

(From London Daily Mail)

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To Protect The Foreshore

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DYNAMITERS Wreck Cathedral in Geneva.

Switzerland, Dec. 23.—A dynamite explosion at the cathedral in Geneva, Switzerland, last night. The cathedral was damaged, but not seriously.

Person Wins North Victoria

Over Robertson by a Majority of Forty Three.

Electoral results in North Victoria. The return of Mr. Paterson was contested, and he was elected by a majority of forty three.

THE RESULT.

Table showing election results for various constituencies: PENDER ISLAND, MAYNE ISLAND, BELL ISLAND, BERTHOLD ISLAND, BURGEOYNE BAY, GANGES HARBOR, SLENDER BAY, SYDNEY, PATTERSON, PATTERSON, PATTERSON, PATTERSON, PATTERSON.

WILL BE SHOT IN Utah.

Utah, Dec. 23.—District Judge Jay refused a new trial in the case of the two men sentenced to be hanged on February 20 next.

FINCH BOOT-MAKERS Prices Has Been Raised.

Dec. 23.—The Association of Boot-Makers of France has raised the price of its goods.

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