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A SIGNIFICANT SILENCE.

The report of the Department of Public Works for the fiscal year ending last June, just down, deals with the enormous expenditure of \$9,347,527. The Deputy Minister speaks proudly of "the great expansion of our branch of the Administration, inasmuch as the expenditure during the year has reached a total of nearly ten millions, while ten years ago the expenditure was barely two millions." Mr. Gobeil says that the "progression" has been more than a million a year during the last three years, and that the increase is most marked "in the construction of the public buildings."

Undoubtedly this is so. The Government is lavish in erecting buildings, some of which fall down before they are finished, many of which are not needed at all, while all appear to be constructed without much regard to business principles.

Turning to the report of the Chief Architect one naturally looks to see what he has to say about the Laurier tower and the western block extension of which it forms a part. We find in the Architect's statement of Ottawa work how many coat hooks were put up in each building, how many desks were oiled in each establishment. We learn that nine chairs were repaired in the census office, that two window sashes were placed in the Privy Council building, that three step ladders were supplied to the Auditor-General, "that a cushion each was supplied to the Auditor-General's and Secretary of State's department," that three shades for lamps were furnished to the department of Interior, that eight doors were covered with cloth, several articles of furniture were oiled, with much more of the same detailed information.

But concerning the structure whereon \$57,000 was paid last year, which fell down when nearly completed, and was investigated by a Commission of Architects who reported astonishing negligence, carelessness and ignorance on the part of the public officers there are only three lines. The report merely observes that: "This work, which was described in my report of last year is now nearly completed. Plans, etc., prepared and work supervised by this department. Contractor George Goodwin."

This report is dated Dec. 1st, but the fall of the Laurier tower occurred last spring, and the investigation was completed long before the end of the fiscal year. The report of the commission showed that a costly structure, built within a few yards of the architect's office, under the eye of his own staff, and daily seen by the Minister of Public Works, was constructed of wretched material, badly put together, neither the stones, nor the rubble, nor any part of the work such as the contract called for, and in fact so badly built that it did not stand until the job was finished. One might suppose that a department, which gives minute reports of repairs to a chair, could find something to say about such a job as that.

SALE OF HORSES

Mr. E. B. Tole, of Blenheim, has sold since January 1st his 2-year-old brown stallion colt Royal Crown 41793 sired by Royal Rysdyk 228 1-4 (sire of the Canadian Champion race horse Gallagher 203 1-2) dam Minnie Crown by Antevolo 219 1-2, second dam Nelly Crown by Rooker 7415, third dam Gypsy Maid 236 1-2, dam of Royal Rysdyk 228 1-4 by Crown Imperiel 10131 2nd 1-2 to Mr. E. M. Fear, of Cleveland, for \$1,000, and reserved the privilege of keeping him until after the breeding season. This is a grand colt, extra speedy, just two years and six months old, and weighs 1060 pounds. He also sold to the same man his 5-year-old driving mare Coronation Queen, color bay, by Royal Rysdyk 228 1-4, dam Kitty Stanton, sister to Henry R. 225 1-2 by General Stanton 2545 for \$500. This is a promising mare without any special driving, showed 230 speed and won first prize as single driver last fall at Chatham and at Blenheim fall fairs. He also sold the 4-year-old bay mare Beauty of Kent by Royal Rysdyk, dam Fanny F., dam of Bob Rysdyk 216 1-4, by Rooker 7415, to Dr. Shotwell, of Mt. Clemens, Mich., for \$300, and he sold a bay yearling colt, John Smollett 4459, by Dr. Smollett 3693, dam Nelly Crown by Rooker 7415, second dam Gypsy Maid 236 1-2, by Crown Imperiel 227 1-2, Mr. Harrington H. Brown, of Winchester, for \$250.

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CLEMENTS ON COLD STORAGE

Active Young Member Advocates A Popular Policy in the House

TO ENCOURAGE INDUSTRY

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—The House today had one of the best working days of the session, three Government measures, one of them, that to encourage the establishment of cold storage warehouses, being of primary importance. Both sides of the House were agreed as to the necessity of this measure with regard to the preservation of perishable products, but there was considerable criticism as to the details of the bill. Moreover, several members, including Messrs. Clements (Kent), Wright (Renfrew), Porter (West Hastings), Armstrong (Lambton), and Marshall (West Elgin), pointed out that cold storage plants have already been established in their constituencies through the enterprise of private individuals, and that some consideration should be had for the investment of private capital. Mr. Fisher, however, would not recognize the claims. He said the Government bonus would only apply to places where no cold storage warehouses existed, and he proposed to confine the bonus to plants which possessed mechanical refrigeration only.

In deference to the wishes of many members, Mr. Fisher made an important change with regard to the payment of Government assistance. To meet cost of buildings and site, the first payment will be 15 per cent. on completion, and then for four years payments on the scale of 7, 4, 2 and 2 per cent., covering four years, or 30 per cent. in all, this being the total amount of bonus which can be given under the bill. The Minister announced, that, in view of this change, he would have to ask Parliament for a larger appropriation this session. The sum of \$100,000 appears in the estimates, but the addition of 5 per cent. will necessitate a larger grant. The bill passed all its remaining stages and was sent up to the Senate. Two other Government measures of lesser importance also received their third readings. Altogether it was a busy day.

Mr. Fisher, in moving the second reading of his bill to encourage the establishment of cold storage warehouses, admitted that there were perhaps one or two clauses which would require more careful consideration. If there were during the discussion any suggestions thrown out which would enable the bill to be put in better form he would be glad to accept the changes.

Mr. Beauparlant (St. Hyacinthe) warmly supported the bill. Mr. Clements (Kent) said while he approved of the system of cold storage through Canada, he did not agree altogether with this bill in its entirety. He understood from Mr. Fisher that the 30 per cent. bonus could only be applied to new buildings. He regretted that the Minister took that view, because it seemed to him that a great many people throughout the Province of Ontario would not get the benefit of the measure. He cited the case of the city of Chatham, where some enterprising business men had set up an ice storage plant. If the Minister would allow the 30 per cent. for improvements on a building such as that the people of the district would get the benefit of it.

Mr. Clements laid down in the bill, however, it would be a very hard matter to get sufficient capital to raise a plant to go into competition with the existing one. Moreover, it seemed to him that the proposal to grant 10 per cent. on the completion of a building and 5 per cent. for the remaining four years was not sufficient. The building at Chatham to which he had referred could with some assistance such as he suggested, be made to meet the requirements of the locality. If the bill did not provide for the modernizing of such a plant he was afraid it would be some years before they could get there an up-to-date plant from start to finish, such as was contemplated by the measure. It was well known that the apples in that locality matured three weeks sooner than in other parts of Ontario, and for that reason they required a cold storage system in order to take care of the fruit grown in that section of the country. He sincerely hoped that the Minister would see his way after a fair inspection of the building in the city of Chatham—and he might mention others—to give them some assistance.



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THE STAGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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At the Brisco Opera House—
Morris Moving Pictures—All week.
The Village Parson—Feb. 7.

The moving pictures and vaudeville at the Brisco Opera House matinee and night every day are becoming very popular. For the matinee on Saturday over eleven hundred people paid admission. Miss Laura Fairbanks got the prize doll and Freddie Zink the pair of hockey skates. The evening performance was also well patronized.

The vaudeville bill is changed each week. This week the Millens in their famous Chinese mysterious act have been engaged and will make their first appearance this afternoon. Remember the five cent four o'clock

matinee and ten cents to all at night.

"THE VILLAGE PARSON."
"The Village Parson," a domestic drama in four acts, will be given at the Brisco Opera House on Thursday, Feb. 7th.

The play has been constructed in a most thorough manner, the plot being strong and exceptionally well conceived. The characters are in the most of an exacting kind, and calls for clever dramatic work from the members of the company. The piece is a fitting companion to that beautiful drama "Human Hearts," both being under the same ownership. In "The Village Parson" the most natural scenes and situations take place, and the story is so good and pure, that it leaves a lasting and favorable remembrance. Completely staged with scenery, absolutely unique in its arrangement, a thoroughly enjoyable performance may be looked forward to.



Village Parson

FIGHTING BULLS.

They Are Easily Managed When They Are Massed Together.

In Spain accidents to bullfighters are of frequent occurrence, and it is interesting to see the hero of many fights swing into the chapel attached to the bull ring and kneel before the effigy of the Virgin Mary before entering the arena.

Bullfighting is the national pastime. Boys play at it in the gutters, and there are bullfights for amateurs all over the country at which only two-year-old bulls are used and young and old descend into the arena. Astonishing is the enthusiasm. Interesting, too, is the psychology of bulls. When herded together they are docile enough, and it is a picturesque sight to see the bulls brought into the paddock prior to the fight through the streets of the city when all are sleeping. A cow trained to the business, with a bell around her neck, is all that is necessary, and the bulls follow quietly behind her.

In the plains where the bulls are reared men on horses manage them quite easily so long as they are massed together. Three bulls in the ring together would be useless for a fight, but each bull separately will fight to the death.

Bulls literally see red. Were it not that a bull will always dash at anything red the men in the ring would have no chance whatever. Occasionally bulls have what is called the evil eye and remain indifferent to the red caps extended to them, and then the list of casualties is generally high.

Sometimes a bull which has shown prodigious power and fight is pardoned by the populace. A cow, kept for the purpose, is then sent into the arena, and at sight of her the bull forgets man and the fury of the battle and generally trots behind to the paddock as meek as any heifer.

Many are the curiosities about bulls, which sometimes refuse to attack a particular horse and when a man is down, motionless, disdain even to paw him. Some bulls make instinctively for one man and will chase him all around the ring, leaping the barrier if he vaults over it, and if he falls will kneel upon his body and gore him to shreds. There is no mercy in bulls, and none is shown to them.—Nineteenth Century.

PASSWORDS AT THE BANKS.

A Secret Sign Given Those Who Cannot Write Their Names.

The banks give secret passwords to depositors who cannot read or write. When one of these depositors goes to draw out money the cashier leans forward and whispers:

"What's your password?"

The depositor whispers an answer, and if the correct password is given the money is paid out.

In a bank the other day a negro woman sat upon a bench, her face indicating intense application of mind. The cashier nodded toward her and said:

"She's forgotten her password and is trying to think of it. She came to the window awhile ago and wanted to get some money. She only wanted a small amount. But she can't write. She's one of quite a number of our depositors who are given passwords when they open an account. When she came in I asked her to give her name and address. She answered right up. 'What's your password?' I asked her."

"'M-m,' she exclaimed, pursing her lips, 'let me see. Ain't dat peculiar! Hlt done 'scaped mah mind now.'"

"'Can't you think of it?' I said. 'You know I can't pay the money until you give me the password?'"

"'Lord, honey,' she exclaimed, 'Ah's mighty nigh dat money! But Ah jes' can't 'member hit now.'"

"'Well, sit down and think it over,' I suggested to her. 'It may come to you.'"

In a few minutes the old woman arose with a happy look upon her face and went up to the cashier's window. She put her face as far inside the narrow window as she could and whispered:

"'Abraham Liukun.'"

"'Correct,' answered the cashier, and he paid her the money she was after."

"'Ah jes' couldn't place dat man's name at first,' she said as she went out.—Kansas City Star.

DISTRICT

WALLACEBURG

Wallaceburg, Feb. 2.—Wm. Drader and Gordon Louder, of Chatham, were in town on business yesterday.

Mr. A. D. Brander has returned from a visit with her son Gordon at Brantford.

D. La Favour and Chas. Houston are suffering from an attack of la grippe.

It is expected that the Jessie MacLachlan Canning Company will be in town this evening.

Mr. Cochrane, of St. Thomas, was in town on business yesterday.

Alex. Clarke, from near London, has been in town the past few days buying horses.

Geo. McLean, of Thamesville, is the guest of his father, Thomas McLean, Sombra Township.

THAMESVILLE

Thamesville, Feb. 2.—Miss Eva Shane, of Kent Bridge, is the guest of Miss Jean McGeachy.

Mrs. Thomas Clinch has returned home after spending a few days with friends in Wyoming.

Miss Jean Bloom, of Toronto, is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Philip Switzer is the guest of her son, Mr. R. Switzer, of Detroit.

Miss Sharpnell left on Monday for Toronto, where she will attend the millinery course.

Mr. Straghan, of Oakland, Wash., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Wm. Mayhew, this week.

The Art Culture Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Thos. Clinch tomorrow afternoon.

N. K. Cornwall and Dr. Coates arrived home to-day from Chicago, where they have been exhibiting their buff and white leghorn chickens.

Mrs. J. P. Stephens, of Lorne Park, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Albertson.

A large number have taken advantage of the skating in the rink during the past week.

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Regular up to \$15, sale price \$7.90.

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COLD STORAGE WAREHOUSES.

Amendment Made In Bill Introduced by Hon. Sydney Fisher

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—The House had under consideration at yesterday's sitting the bill of the Minister of Agriculture to encourage the establishment of cold storage warehouses. As introduced the bill provided for a grant, not exceeding 30 per cent. of the cost of approved buildings, the payment to be made in installments 10 per cent. upon completion of the building, and five per cent. a year for four years.

Thanks, mainly to the effort of Opposition members, Mr. Fisher amended the measure so that the 30 per cent. subsidy should be paid as follows: Seven per cent. at the end of the first year, 4 per cent. at the end of the second year, and 2 per cent. at the end of the third and fourth years respectively.

Mr. Fisher gave an estimate that the payment of 15 per cent. as the first year's installment would mean a disbursement of \$150,000.

A provision was inserted in the bill that a maximum fine of \$50 be fixed for infractions of the act.

The bill then was read a third time.

Canada's World's Fair.

Dr. Welsh of Huntingdon, Que., introduced in the House of Commons the following resolution: "Resolved, that, in the opinion of this House, it is expedient for this Government to organize a world's fair to properly celebrate the centennial of peace between the two great English-speaking nations of the western continent."

Private Bills Passed.

After recess the following private bills were read a third time and passed:

To incorporate the Saskatchewan Valley and Hudson Bay Railway Co.—Mr. McCreary.

Respecting the Brockville, Westport and Northwestern Railway Co.—Mr. Derbyshire.

Respecting the Athabasca Railway Co.—Mr. McIntyre (Strathcona).

Respecting the Canadian Northern Quebec Railway Co.—Mr. Dugas.

Respecting the Huron and Ontario Railway Co.—Mr. Ratz.

Respecting the St. Mary's and Western Ontario Railway Co.—Mr. McIntyre (Perth).

To incorporate the Women's Art Association of Canada.—Mr. Grant.

STORM SWEEP.

Fears Are Expressed as to Safety of Western Settlers.

Winnipeg, Feb. 2.—The west is again storm swept. Reports from Alberta and Saskatchewan say it is the worst yet, and cattle are perishing by thousands. Cattle seeking shelter from storm actually dropped dead from exhaustion, and starvation in the streets of Medicine Hat yesterday. Many ranchers are completely ruined.

The railways were just beginning to make some headway, but now it is feared they will be tied up completely. On many branch lines they have about given up the fight and the outlook is hopeless. Many towns are almost fuelless and provisions are running low.

It is feared that many isolated homesteaders will perish.

"The last of the commercial coal for Winnipeg, which was stored in our docks at Port Arthur, was shipped out yesterday," said E. A. James, manager of the Canadian Northern Railway.

"With the advent of such a terribly hard winter as we have experienced this year the consumption of coal on our lines has increased by 50 per cent. We are taking all precautions to husband our supply, so that towns and settlers on our lines will not suffer for lack of it, and we have decided to cut down the schedule of our passenger trains somewhat and commencing Monday we will run only three trains per week to Edmonton."

The C. P. R. have also decided to cut out one train a day of the transcontinental service.

EXECUTION IN INDIA.

How Sentence of Death Was Carried Out on Streets of Hyderabad.

The decision as to whether the murderer should be executed or imprisoned for life was, says The Civil and Military Gazette in describing an execution at Hyderabad of a Pathan who had shot his brother-in-law, as usual, left to the murdered man's relatives, and his widow, the sister of the murderer, voted for his death.

On the day for the execution there appeared in the streets a band of sweepers armed with leafy twigs, followed by a squad of the city Arab police with fixed bayonets. Then came the criminal, dressed in new white garments, with a new halter around his neck and new ropes attached to his arms. The ends of these ropes were held by policemen. The ordinary thing is for the condemned man to walk, but in this case he was so overcome that he had to be conveyed in a jukka.

On arriving at the fatal spot the murderer was made to alight and kneel down, while the policemen handed over charge of the cords to the executioner's attendants, one of whom, seizing the end of the halter, stood in front of the felon, while others held the cords pinning the arms behind. The executioner, brandishing a broad, heavy sword, keen as a razor, in a suggestive fashion, and prancing up towards his victim asked three times in a loud voice: "Who authorizes the execution?" The chief of the city police on duty thrice replied: "The Amir."

Then an attendant armed with a long needle pricked the condemned man in the back, causing him to start forward. At the same instant those holding the cords laid themselves back in opposite directions as in a tug-of-war contest, with the result that the wretch's neck was stretched; and, following the reply of the chief of police, the executioner's blade descended fair and true on the neck, severing the head completely.

Ontario Man Asphyxiated.

Winnipeg, Feb. 2.—Daniel E. Cummings, aged 22, was found dead in bed yesterday morning, asphyxiated, in a boarding-house on Assiniboine avenue. He came from Maxville, Ontario. Faulty connection of stovepipes caused coal gas to escape. Seven other roomers in the place suffered from the effects.

Questions For Conference.

London, Feb. 2.—C. A. P.—As announced here, the subjects for discussion at the colonial conference are preferential trade within the empire, the formation of an imperial council, and plans for co-operation of British colonial troops in the defence of the empire.

French Trawler Sunk.

Weymouth, Eng., Feb. 2.—The steamer Bitschin, bound from Hamburg for Havana, collided with and sank a French trawler Thursday night off Beachy Head. Seven of the crew of the trawler were drowned. The Bitschin proceeded on her voyage.

Bad Fire in Harrisburg, Pa.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 2.—Eight buildings in the centre of the business district of Harrisburg were either destroyed or badly damaged by a fire early yesterday morning, involving a loss estimated at \$250,000.

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