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PROBS—Strong winds and gales; easterly milder. LEGISLATURE TO TACKLE LAW REFORM

May Be Feature of Session—Other Matters That Will Be Brought Up. Law reform, after all, may be the novel feature of the fourth session of the 11th parliament of Ontario, which is to be opened at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

In connection with this the work of the commission on the revision of the statutes will probably be given effect so far as progress has been made in a number of acts. Redistribution has already been fore-shadowed and will undoubtedly be mentioned in the speech.

Important Reports. Reports are due from the departments in charge of the treatment of the insane and of prisons and prison labor. Traveling commissions have been appointed in these matters, and it is expected that they will receive some notice.

WHERE CANADA ERRED. Conformation With Policy of 1897 Would Have Prevented Trouble. (Canadian Associated Press Cable.) LONDON, Feb. 4.—The London Post, dealing with the Asiatic immigration question, criticizes the Dominion government and says that had Canada conformed to the policy adopted at the conference of 1897, her national development would be larger than to-day and her immigration laws would be uncharacterized by racial discriminations, so that the recent troubles in British Columbia need never have arisen.

A Blizzard Due To-Day

Coming From Chicago-way—Yesterday the Coldest in Toronto for Years. Now it's a big snowstorm that is headed for Toronto!

On Monday it began operations in California. Last night its centre was in the State of Kansas, but it spread as far as Chicago with a flank movement into Manitoba. At the present rate of progress it will arrive in Toronto to-day, probably towards evening. It will probably equal last Friday's fall, and will be about as general throughout the province.

The snowstorm is bringing with it a gale of wind and higher temperature. In Chicago last night the wind was blowing fresh from the southeast, but the temperature was 24 above zero. The cold wave Toronto has been under is making way for the snowstorm by travelling eastward. Therefore, as the temperature rises in this locality it will be falling in the east. Kingston and the Ottawa Valley were the coldest sections of Ontario last night. At Kingston it was 22 below; and at Rockcliffe, in the Ottawa Valley, 30 below. In Toronto it was 9 below at 10 o'clock. At Parry Sound it was 12 below; Ottawa, 12 below; Montreal, 16 below; Quebec, 10 below; and Halifax, 4 below.

The following figures show the lowest official registrations in various places yesterday: Cullingwood, 18 below; Fenelon Falls, 23 below; Bobcaygeon, 22 below; Huntsville, 22 below; Bracebridge, 24 below; Midland, 20 below; Tara, 24 below; Owen Sound, 15 below; North Bay, 24 below; Georgetown, 30 below; Peterborough, 20 below; Cannington, 25 below; Belleville, 25 below; Lindsay, 29 below; St. Thomas, 6 below; Owen Sound, 1 below; St. Catharines, 7 below; Kingston, 23 below; Newmarket, 23 below; Chatham, 1 below; Hamilton, 12 below; Montreal, 15 below; Saratoga, N.Y., 24 below.

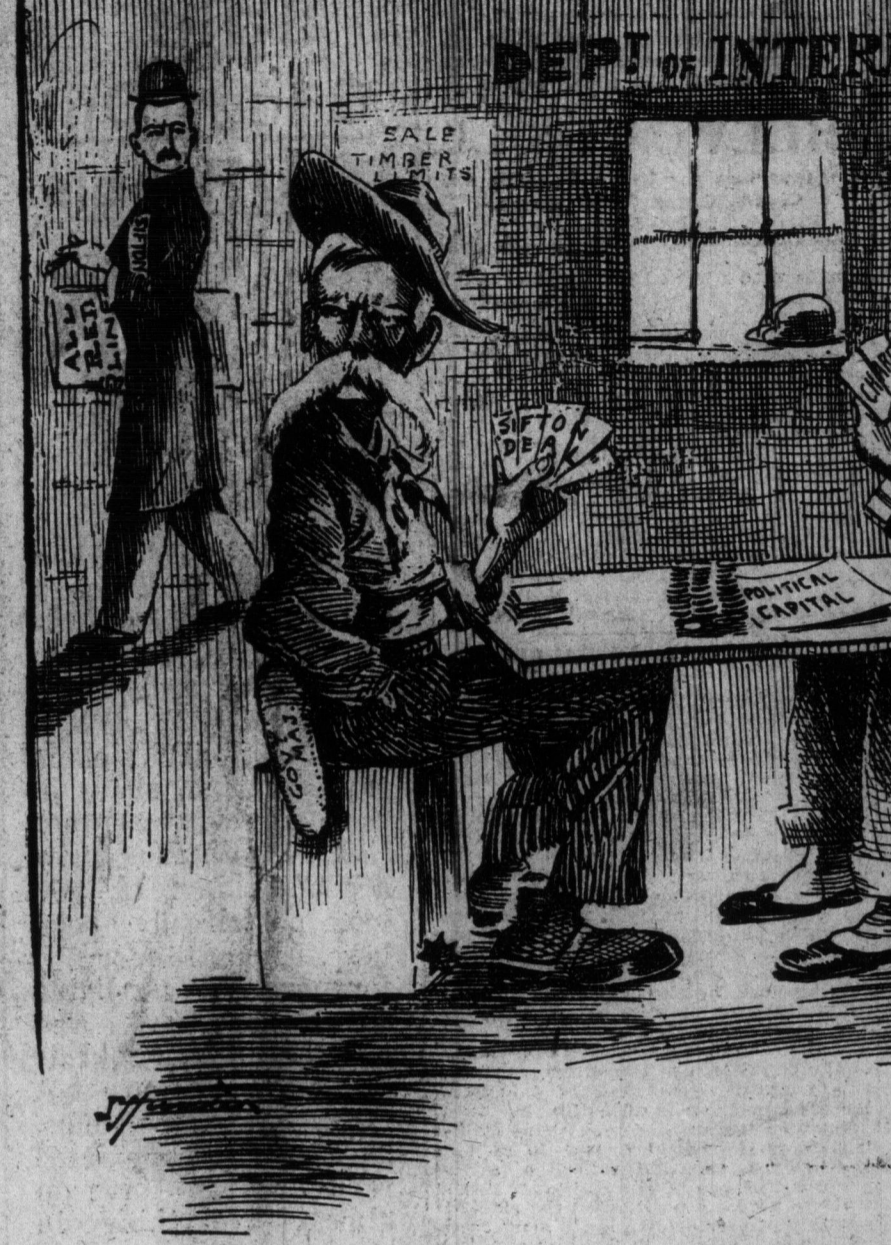
DIAMONDS AND JEWELRY. New York Looks to See the Prices of 1907 Cut in Two. NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The inflated values which have characterized the diamond trade in the United States and Canada has come to an end. Diamonds are a drug on the market here, and notwithstanding the strenuous efforts of the London dealers to save the situation, all the indications point to a great reduction in the price of diamonds. It is probable that the absence of buying is due, not only to those who want diamonds except to be able to get them at half the prices quoted in 1907, within a few weeks. A sudden end has also come to the enormous profits made by the houses here, and all over the continent on jewelry, plate, fancy goods and objects of art, a great deal of which was of base metal, that represented and others of it faked up in the way of bric-a-brac. The widespread abuse of buying is due, not only to the desire to demoralize the so-called silver trade.

COUNTY ORANGE LODGE. Jos. Thompson Re-Elected Master With Wm. Bush as Deputy. At the annual meeting last night of the County Orange Lodge, Jos. E. Thompson was re-elected county master. Owing to illness, Deputy County Master Frank Lynch retired, and in a contest among five, Wm. Bush was elected to the vacancy. Wm. Crawford and Dave Spence giving him a good run. Other elections were: Chaplain, D. M. Dixon; secretary, Wm. Lee; financial secretary, A. A. Gray; treasurer, Thos. Self; director of ceremonies, Jas. Morton. D. M. Jermyn of Warton conducted the elections. The attendance was large, about 300, and the meeting enthusiastic.

MISTAKE MAN FOR DEER. E. A. Lewis, M.P., Would Make Penalty Two Years. OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—E. A. Lewis (Huron) has given notice of a bill to provide for punishment by two years imprisonment of a hunter killing a human being in mistake for a deer, if the object aimed at was the human being.

MILITIA STORES FOR THE NEEDY. A suggestion was made to The World last evening that the Dominion Government, having brought so many immigrants to Canada who are in want, it would be a thoughtful and charitable act to distribute among them the hundreds of blankets, coats and other things that are each year sold at the old fort by auction by the militia department.

AN INHERITED HANDICAP



"BRONCHO" OLIVER: It was that maverick, Sifton's "deal," and he's left me to bluff it out and make good on a hand like that.

Portugal is Tranquil New Cabinet Promises To Restore Confidence

The Situation. Another new cabinet formed with Admiral de Amara as premier, who is committed to a reversal of the Franco policy. The ex-premier has fled the country, and is said to be on board a British cruiser. The situation through Portugal is authoritatively declared to be quiet, but Lisbon is practically under martial law. The Portuguese minister to Great Britain has left Lisbon for London. Some believe Britain advised Franco's retirement, but an official note published in Paris denies this and says the powers will allow Portugal to settle its own affairs.

desperate band, except the three men killed, escaped in the confusion. The identification of these three thieves but little light upon their connections. While it is believed by some that they were involved in the conspiracy which were unstarred in the latter part of January, it is possible that the regime was planned and executed on the spur of the moment by a small group of militant revolutionists, or anarchist-socialists, who may have

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OLIVER BLOCKS THE BRITISH INQUIRY

Declares There Were No Favorites and That the Awarding of the Tenders was not at all Dishonest. OTTAWA, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Another full day was taken up with the discussion of the resolution of Mr. Lake (Qu'Appelle) asking for an enquiry into the administration of the lands branch of the interior department. Mr. Oliver defended the system of alienating lands, urging that for twenty-five years the policy of the two governments had been to encourage the manufacture of lumber without respect to the revenue derived from timber lands. The present government continued that policy because it was a good one, but the fault was in the administration and in this respect the Conservative administration was "rotten."

Mr. Oliver claimed there was nothing in Mr. Lake's statements but insinuations, and he feared that the object of the opposition was merely to malign fellow citizens. Mr. Boyce (Algonia) practically accused Mr. Turfitt of collusion with parties outside the department in respect to the Moore Lake lands, and the opposition pressed strongly for an investigation, but this was as strongly resisted. Mr. Boyce was the last speaker, and to-morrow Mr. Sifton, who was minister when the transactions spoken of were put thru, will speak. Mr. Boyce Resumes Debate. The debate on Mr. Lake's amendment to motion to go into supply, asking for committee to probe the lands branch of the interior department, was resumed by Mr. Boyce (Conservative, Algonia). He laid down three main principles: (1) There should be an enquiry by the department as to the value of the timber limit, the amount of timber accessible, and the present and future accessibility. (2) The administration should decide first if it is necessary to dispose of timber. (3) The administration should protect the country from collusion and dishonest tendering. Mr. Boyce proceeded to give some instances of apparent collusion in tendering for limits. Many cases were mentioned to show that limits had been prematurely sold by tender, and that the excess of the second bid was no wonder, said Mr. Boyce, that the present minister of the interior had taken little interest in the present cases.

REPORT TO LONDON NEWS AGENCY TELLS OF A SANGUINARY FIGHT IN MOROCCO. LONDON, Feb. 4.—A London news agency publishes a despatch from Tangier, saying there has been a battle between the French and the Moors near Settat, Morocco, in which 10,000 Moors were killed or wounded, and in which the French losses amounted to 150 men, including four officers. The Moors, with intrepid bravery, charged right up to the mouths of the guns until their corpses lay in great piles on the ground. It was charged that there was dishonesty in opening tenders, and that a spurious tender was put in, and that these tenders came under the supervision of Mr. Turfitt when he was commissioner of Dominion lands, and when such grave reflections were cast upon his (Turfitt) in parliament all the reply he had to make was: "Stop making insinuations. Did the fact that Mr. Turfitt had a seat in parliament now exonerate him from blame? Mr. Lake had made definite and distinct charges. No one has seen papers brought, but the speaker fell to come to the same conclusion as Mr. Lake, namely, that one of the tenders was a spurious and improper one. Did the man who opened tenders know it was a spurious tender? was asked. "We say yes," said Mr. Boyce, "that these documents contained on their face

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REVOLTING BEYOND CREEDENCE Woman Disembowelled by Her Insane Husband. LONDON, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—The murder of old Mrs. Hartwick at Cobblehill by her insane husband, James Hartwick, who is now in London Jail, was revolting almost beyond credence. No weapon was used, but the unfortunate woman was disembowelled by her assailant's hand in a manner which cannot be stated in print. The jury looked at the body to-day. Dr. Ford of Thorndale was appointed to make the post-mortem, and the inquest was adjourned to meet at Thorndale on Thursday.

Asks Death Sentence As Stoesselet's Fate Judge - Advocate Includes Two Other Generals as Fitted to Die For Dishonouring Russian Arms. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 4.—The final session of the Stoesselet court-martial was held to-day. Lieut-Gen. Stoesselet, together with Gen. Fock and Gen. Reiss, are being tried for the surrender of the Port Arthur fortress to the Japanese. In his summing up to-day, the judge advocate demanded that the court impose the death sentence upon Stoesselet, Fock and Reiss upon Stoesselet as the responsible actor for the shameful surrender of the fortress and the cowardly sending of its glorious defenders, and upon Arthur had no fear of such an occurrence. The passions of the early days of the siege had given place, he said, to a quiet fulfillment of duty by Russians and Japanese alike. Counsel for the defendants will make their answers to-morrow. M. Stryanoff speaking first on behalf of Gen. Stoesselet.



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