

PARCEL POST IN CANADA THIS YEAR

To Try the System on Limited Scale

Postmaster-General to Introduce Bill in Near Future

Will Likely Apply Only to Thickly Populated Districts at First—Government to Try for Cheaper Cable Rates Throughout the Empire.

Special to The Telegraph.

Ottawa, March 31.—A beginning, at least, on a parcel post system for Canada is to be made this year. The cabinet committee has endorsed the principle of a parcel post system and the postmaster general has been authorized to go ahead with a bill giving effect to this decision. Hon. Mr. Pelletier is now working out the details. Meanwhile he has already given notice of a bill entitled "An act relating to parcel post."

It is understood that the new system will be based on that recently introduced in the United States but a gradual development at first is contemplated owing to the difficulties of introducing parcel post in some of the more sparsely settled districts where transportation facilities are inadequate.

It is not improbable that specific zones may be first selected for trying out the service in the more thickly settled districts and these may be enlarged from time to time by departmental action as circumstances warrant, thus following out the line of development now obtaining in regard to rural mail delivery. At present, however, Mr. Pelletier says he is not in a position to discuss in detail what the plan will be.

The postmaster general has also given notice of another bill "to provide for more advantageous conditions for telegraphic communications between Canada, the United States and other parts of the British Empire."

Mr. Pelletier has been endeavoring for some time to work out in conjunction with the British postmaster general, Hon. Mr. Sandells, an imperial scheme of cheap telegraphic communication. It is understood that of which notice is now given empowers the governor in council to enter into an agreement with the imperial government as to the terms of such a scheme and to submit with a view to securing lower cable rates.

Mr. Pelletier, however, will not make the scheme public until it is announced in the house.

murderer Pleads Guilty

There was a pitiful scene in the supreme court for Somerset county in Skowhegan, Maine, when Michael Shannon, of that town, who has been on trial for the murder of John H. Blackwell, of Lewiston, which occurred at Shawabou last January, retracted his plea of guilty and pleaded not guilty. The trial had been in progress all one day when the respondent announced that Shannon was ready to retract, and asked a court order to that effect. Shannon is 37 years of age and the maximum sentence of twenty years for a murder means virtually a life term for him, his counsel and the state prosecutor Shannon pleaded guilty and then broke down and wept audibly. He was remanded to jail for his sentence. Shannon was in the court room to the jail to be sent to a weakened condition.

To use liquid bluing to best advantage, get a quill in the centre of the cork, allowing it to extend above and below the ink.

THE LINIMENT

For Coughs, colds, rheuma, muscular bruises, etc.

50c everywhere

C. Boston, Mass.

COACHMAN'S BOARD OF MANAGEMENT IS DOOMED TO GO

M. G. Siddall Tells Moncton Conservative Club That Change is Coming Very Soon.

TWO CANDIDATES IN MONCTON CIVIC BYE-ELECTION

Moncton, N. B., March 31.—(Special.)—Messrs A. F. Fry and J. A. McCann were nominated today to contest Ward 2 for the vacancy at the council board caused by the resignation of ex-Ed. Fry. A protest against Fry's nomination being received was served on City Clerk Magee by Patrick Gallagher, leader of Ward 2. The protest takes the ground that Fry is disqualified from sitting as a councillor by reason of being interested in E. A. Fryer Co., which has a stall in the city market leased from the city. The nominations were both accepted by the clerk.

FLOODS INUNDATE MANY INDIANA TOWNS

Terrible Outlook in Many Places

Nearly 5,000 Houses in One City Under Water But Little Loss of Life is Expected

Ohio Able to Go It Alone Now, Says Governor in Message Thanking All Who Sent Relief.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 31.—While northern and central cities today were rehabilitating their flood devastated districts, the waters disappearing there were lighting their disastrous touch on southern regions.

The government relief board under the direction of Col. High, U. S. A., is sending a large load of provisions into Lawrenceburg today to find but forty of 5,000 houses there not under water. When the boat proceeded to Aurora, conditions were found almost as bad, with but 500 houses free from the reach of the waters.

Governor Harrison on the appeal of Missouri, Vermont citizens, ordered on the company of militia stationed there to patrol its own town. Leavenworth sent a ringing cry for help. New Harmon, and Evansville reported increased suffering from rising waters, but the Mayor of Vincennes telephoned that the water there is falling, and although the property loss is heavy and many flooded portions are regarded by swift currents, it is believed no lives have been lost. People of southern Indiana heeded flood warnings quickly through the first created by reports from flood-stricken districts of the central state region.

Reports of fatalities where the flood struck unexpectedly but now is gone, still are conflicting. Perry's citizens, however, promise to shrink somewhat, but with these figures still standing, Indiana's loss stands at \$5. Three bodies of the drowned were found in West of Indianapolis, one remaining unidentified. Four refugees have been victims of the accident.

Parkersburg's Worst Disaster

Parkersburg, W. Va., March 31.—This city started to recover from the ravages of the Ohio river. The river is falling, but slowly, the stage here now being fifty-three feet, the worst stage which has been known since 1853, six feet higher than the 1884 flood. A burg has been cut off from the outside world by rail since Thursday and the first train is not expected until before tomorrow. It will go east.

For four days the city has been without water, supply, street cars, electric lights, newspapers, or mail. There is but one known casualty this far, the death of a woman in the city. The general opinion that the receding waters will dislodge the bodies of people caught in their homes by the rapidly rising water. The water will not be clear of the business district until tomorrow, and until then it will be impossible to estimate the local losses, but it is believed they will run from a half a million to a million dollars. In Parkersburg, Bolivar and Wood county towns upward of 3,000 people homeless.

TRAGIC DEATH OF SPRINGHILL COUNCILLOR

Alexander Embree Shot Himself Through the Head Yesterday, Dying Instantly.

Springhill, March 31.—The sudden and tragic death of Councillor Alexander Embree today has cast a gloom over the town. Mr. Embree paid a visit to the store of A. R. Jenkins, on the Hermit Road, shortly after 1 o'clock and spent some minutes chatting cheerfully with Mr. Jenkins. He then left the store and went to the rear of a four shed that stands immediately behind it. Twenty or thirty minutes were spent in the shed, and when he emerged he was found lying on the ground. A ghastly wound on the side of his head and a revolver lying in close proximity told the sad story of the unfortunate man's untimely end.

Embree was a man of about 36 years of age. He had been in Springhill for some years. He was elected to the town council about a year ago. He had many friends in Springhill who are mystified as to the cause of his death. He is survived by a wife and five children, also by an aged mother living in Oxford, three brothers and two sisters. Coroner Murray viewed the body this afternoon but no inquest has yet been held and it may not be deemed necessary to hold one.

DAMAGE AT CINCINNATI HEAVY

Cincinnati, March 31.—When the Ohio river here reaches a stage of 60.7, which is expected about midnight, the crest of the flood at this point will have been reached. Late today the stage was 60.5. The river rises less rapidly today than at any time since the flood began its course of destruction.

At points east of here the river already has begun to recede, while to the west there is an apparent accession to the stage and reports from along the river are replete with stories of destruction and desolation.

The direct and indirect damage caused by the flooding of the river from sections and the following residential places will be great. An estimate of the indirect loss never has been made, but the direct loss is estimated at more than \$2,000,000. Relief work locally and also in the nearby inundated territory is more than adequate and a statement was made today by Mayor Hunt to the effect that no more supplies were required here and that a surplus existed that is being turned over to the Red Cross authorities for distribution.

Across the river from here in the several Kentucky cities and towns that practically form one large city, conditions still are deplorable. All of them are without lights, the gas and electric lighting plants having been compelled to cease operating when the flood waters encroached upon their premises.

OHIO THANKFUL FOR HELP

Columbus, Ohio, March 31.—"Refreshed by the tears of the American people, Ohio stands ready from today to meet the crisis alone."

Such was the statement issued by Gov. Cox early this evening, shortly before he left the executive office for home and the first full night's rest he has had in more than a week.

"Ohio has risen from the floods," said a pitiful blow from nature as we sustained, would have wiped out society and destroyed governments in other days. We cannot speak our gratitude to President Wilson, for federal aid; to the Red Cross, to states, to municipalities, trade organizations and individuals, that sent funds and supplies. They will never know their contributions to humanity.

"The relief situation so far as food and clothing are concerned is in hand. Thankful for the friends who succored her, Ohio faces tomorrow serene and confident."

As the flood waters of Ohio continued to recede and while property owners were beginning the cleaning out and rebuilding of their wrecked homes, Governor

HALIFAX STREET RAILWAY OFFERS CITY BETTER DEAL

President Roberts to Pay Into Civic Treasury Five Per Cent. of Gross Earnings of Tramway and Lighting and Reduce Charges on Litter if Council Will Consent to Company's Bill in Legislature Passing.

Special to The Telegraph.

Halifax, March 31.—E. A. Roberts, of Montreal, president of the Halifax Electric Tramway Company, met a committee of the city council tonight. The conference took place at the suggestion of the chairman of the house of assembly's committee on railways and municipalities to see if the city and company could come together, each having bills before the legislature diametrically opposed. The city practically asks for municipalization of the tramway and the Tramway Company is requesting greater power and larger capital.

Mr. Roberts made a proposition to the city committee which he will hand in to the mayor tomorrow in writing. At present beyond the city tax on the company's real estate the company pays 4 per cent of the gross earnings of the tramway and 2 per cent on lighting. Mr. Roberts agrees to pay 5 per cent all round, an increase of \$12,000 a year. Besides, he promises a reduction in the charge to the citizens for light of \$35,000 a year after hydro-electric energy is brought in, which he says may be next year.

Mr. Roberts' offer will come before the city council on Thursday and the legislature will hear of it the next day.

CANADA'S TRADE A BILLION LAST YEAR

Imports \$300,000,000 More Than Exports—Budget Speech Will Show a Government Expenditure of \$154,000,000 for the Fiscal Year Just Ended.

Special to The Telegraph.

Ottawa, March 31.—Through official figures are not available, the Canadian financial year which ends tonight will culminate in a record of the country's prosperity. It is estimated that last figure will show trade aggregating about \$1,000,000,000, of which imports for domestic consumption will total about \$350,000,000 and exports of domestic produce, \$300,000,000. The trade increase is in the neighborhood of 30 per cent.

Government expenditure will total about \$154,000,000. It is understood that Hon. W. T. White's budget speech will show a substantial expansion of the revenue in many departments. The date of the speech depends on the passage of the West Indian trade agreement, as some tariff adjustment is necessitated by the agreement.

HUNGER STRIKERS IN JAIL NOT IN 'SERIOUS STATE'

Home Secretary McKenna Allays Anxiety of Window-Smashers' Friends—Boston Bars Militant Suffragette.

London, March 31.—Beatrice Harraden has sent the following cablegram to President Woodrow Wilson:

"Having just come back from America, where I learned from all sources that there is a strong feeling against the barbarity of forcible feeding, I venture with confidence to beg you to intervene in behalf of Miss Emerson, who is being forcibly fed in Holloway jail and is in a precarious condition."

Home Secretary McKenna, questioned today in the house of commons by James Kier Hadow, who urged the release of the suffragist prisoners now undergoing forcible feeding, said that their condition was not dangerous. One of the women he referred to must have been Miss Emerson.

Baron Von Horst said tonight that he was now working in conjunction with the leaders of the Women's Social and Political Union in the preparation of a strong protest to be presented to the American government against the refusal of the authorities at Boston to permit Miss Florence W. Ward, of Birmingham (Eng.), to land at that port. Miss Ward reached Boston Friday on the steamer Ivernia. She admitted having served a term in jail for taking part in a window-smashing episode in London, and for this reason she was debarred.

FLOODS EXCUSE OF MEAT TRUST IN BOOSTING PRICES

EARTHQUAKE RECORDED AT TWO UNIVERSITIES

New York, March 31.—The price of meat soared to the highest figures of the year today and indications are that it will go still higher tomorrow. Dealers say the shortage will soon become acute unless shipments checked by the Ohio and Indiana floods are hurried to the city.

Cox and members of the legislature today began an outline of reconstruction legislation which will be followed in all of the flood districts by the state. It practically was decided that the San Francisco relief plan will be placed in effect for the Ohio flood sufferers. Under this plan the relief will be based upon property loss and the amount of relief each person would receive would be paid out on a cash basis.

St. Louis, Mo., March 31.—The seismograph at St. Louis University recorded an earthquake of unusual violence last night. The shock, it is thought, was most severely felt in Behring Straits. It traveled southeast. Six main waves, the first of which was recorded at 9:51 p. m., were followed by three secondary waves, the last at 11:12 p. m.

The maximum vibration took place at 10 p. m. at Seattle, Wash., March 31.—A violent earthquake was recorded on the seismograph of the University of Washington, beginning at 7:48 o'clock last night. There was a tremor for an hour and a half. There were continuous shocks for forty-five minutes. Apparently the disturbance was in the Behring Sea, and it is believed a volcanic outbreak was responsible.

WALL ST. MORGAN'S DEATH

Banking Business to Continue

Son Has Been Training for Years to Take Father's Place

Body of Magnate to Rest in Family Mausoleum at Hartford—His Passing Away Had No Effect on Stock Market—Gave Many Millions to Harvard and New York Anglican Cathedral.

Special to The Telegraph.

New York, March 31.—John Pierpont Morgan's last resting place probably will be the Mausoleum in Cedar Hill cemetery, Hartford, Conn., which he had created some years ago in memory of his father and his mother. When the body of Mr. Morgan reaches here from Rome it is expected that the funeral services will be held in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, toward the construction of which Mr. Morgan was a large contributor.

When the news of Mr. Morgan's death in Rome reached here today expressions of regret at his passing were heard on every hand. In the financial services stock exchange and the Consolidated exchange passed resolutions of respect to his memory and flags everywhere were dropped to half-mast.

The offices of J. P. Morgan & Company closed as soon as the news of the death of Mr. Morgan was received and little business was transacted by the members of the firm. The statement was made, however, that the business would be carried on by the surviving members of the firm.

The Morbid Out in Force.

Through the day expressions of various kinds drove up to the morgue and their occupants left out of condolence. The morbid were out in force in the vicinity of the morgue, home and at one time reached such proportions that it became necessary to request the police to disperse them.

The immediate effect on the machinery of Wall Street of Mr. Morgan's death was comparatively slight. On the stock exchange the news from Rome had largely spent its force within fifteen minutes after the opening of the market. Mr. Morgan's illness had prepared the financial district for the end and every precaution had been taken to guard against a serious break in prices. At the opening the prominent stocks declined a point or so, but they received prompt support and rallied quickly. Thereafter the market was dull.

Wall Street Mourns.

Wall Street's relations with the head of the house of Morgan had been of such a large consequence for so many years that the news of the passing of the senior partner made an enormous impression. From bankers, brokers, railroad and business men came tributes to the dead man.

Outside the Morgan offices there was a curious crowd for some time. The news was received. On the glass door of the building was a terse notice that the office would be closed for the day. Friends of Mr. Morgan pointed out another notice in addition to the warning given by his illness, why the financial district was not seriously disturbed. His career, they said, was rounded out. It had accomplished virtually all it had started out to achieve. For some time the Morgan firm had been under the management of Mr. Morgan's son, J. P. Morgan, Jr., who has been during the last year or two to safeguard the business and financial world against any possible misadventure of Mr. Morgan's.

Among the numerous appreciations of Mr. Morgan was one by Albert H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, the greatest of all the industries organized by Mr. Morgan.

"None of Mr. Morgan's business associates will mourn his death more than those who are connected with the United States Steel Corporation," said Mr. Gary. "His presence, his counsel, his efforts were always influential in the endeavor to establish and maintain a reputation for the steel industry. His death is a loss to the industry and to the nation."

Nothing is known as yet as to how Mr. Morgan in his will disposed of his vast estate. J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr., has been his father's understudy for years and is classed high in financial ability. He served apparently in the London House of Morgan, Grenfell & Company. He is in the forties and greatly resembles his father in facial detail, build and manner of walking. In the eyes of the world, he is quick at reaching a determination on big questions, brusque and intolerant of small details. His preparation to take his father's place in the business world has been thoroughly worked out.

Gave Away Many Millions.

The extent of Morgan's philanthropic gifts probably will never be known. He gave unostentatiously—impulsively rather than along the lines of a fixed campaign. Probably his largest gift was \$2,000,000 toward the building of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.

(Continued on page 8, seventh column.)

BOUGHT 350,000 MAIL PADLOCKS WITHOUT TENDER

Postmaster-General Says They Cost Canada \$350,000—Former Price Has Been 25 Cents Each—An Inquiry is Likely.

Special to The Telegraph.

Ottawa, March 31.—The leaders of the Canadian parliament today paid a tribute to the memory of Field Marshal Lord Wolseley who fought for the empire in all quarters of the world and in Canada among other places. Premier Burden and Sir Wilfrid Laurier paid testimony to his worth.

Perhaps the most interesting item was a statement by Postmaster General Pelletier that he had bought without public tender 350,000 padlocks for mail bags and had paid \$1 each, or \$350,000 for them. As there were never more than 9,000 such locks purchased previously in a year and it is estimated that they cost 25 cents each there is going to be some interesting discussion about them. The feeling tonight is that some one has made money out of the deal and it is not the people of Canada.

BRITAIN HAD SMALL SURPLUS IN PAST YEAR

London, March 31.—The treasury statement for the financial year was issued tonight. It shows:

Revenue, £188,801,696; expenditure, £188,821,530.

The revenue is £1,012,990 over the estimate, while the expenditures are £235,970 below the estimate.

NOVA SCOTIANS DEAD IN BOSTON

Boston, March 31.—(Special.)—James Sweeney, an old Bedford resident, died today. He was born in Newcastle (N. B.) 62 years ago.

Malcolm F. McDonald, contractor of the North End district, died last night. He was 84 years of age and a native of North Sydney.

The death of George T. Beaumont, of Waltham, formerly of Halifax, is announced. He was 55 years old.