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COLLEGE STREET STORE FOR SALE We are offering this desirable brick store and dwelling, including business stock, for the small sum of \$5500. The owner must sell. Excellent opportunity. H. H. WILLIAMS & CO., 26 Victoria Street, Toronto.

PROBS: Moderate winds, mostly northwesterly; fair and cool.

DECLINED OFFER OF 50 MILLIONS

English Syndicate Said to Have Bought Control of C. N. R. by Purchase of Common Stock.

MONTREAL, May 25.—(Special).—It is stated here among financial men that William Mackenzie and Dan Mann have just refused 50 millions hard cash for their common stock of the Canadian Northern, which would, of course, entail the control of the road. Financiers have always known that the president and vice-president have from the start kept the common stock of the company safely hid away in their stockings, and that not even a dollar of common stock has ever been pledged, either here or in England, in the many financial deals put thru by William Mackenzie.

SAW THE COMET

Tail and All Was Visible in Toronto Last Night. The comet was visible last evening and thousands who didn't see the celestial visitor in the early mornings gazed at it with, perhaps, some feeling of disappointment. Indeed, more than a few in Toronto saw it last night. The comet was seen by a large number of people down-town about 10 p.m. from the flight thru the sky of a fire balloon that was not a few feet above the comet's tail.

"GOLDEN RULE" CHIEF HIT

Policeman Roosevelt Praised As Habitual Drunkard. CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 25.—Fred Kohler, chief of the Cleveland police, has been hit by Theodore Roosevelt as "the country's best police chief." He has been made defendant before Mayor Baer on charges of habitual drunkenness, gross immorality, incompetence and failure to obey orders of his superior officers.

HOW TO IMPROVE THE KING'S PLATE AND RACING.

The Handries have the best grip on the conditions of racing in Ontario, and therefore they deserve their good fortune. They know that the last place to train a King's plate is the Woodbine in early spring, and there fore they go to Windsor, where there is a light and airy and earlier track. They did this last year and this year, in consequence they swoop down on the Woodbine from Windsor with three or more entries and grab the guineas and everything else in the plate. These horses were all fit and few knew it.

JAPANESE NAVAL EXPANSION

Newspapers There Call for Increased Armament. VICTORIA, B.C., May 25.—Japanese newspapers received here by the steamer Inaba Maru continue to devote much space to the argument for naval expansion. The Asahi of Tokyo completing a series of articles in which the necessity of renewing many of Japan's fighting ships and the disparity of Japan's navy compared with other powers is dealt with quotes a naval official as stating that in order to equal the western powers, excluding Great Britain, the construction of 35 fighting units during the next few years, an outlay of over \$200,000,000 is necessary.

ROMANCE IN HIS LIFE

But Now He's Charged With Trying to Kill His Wife. BRANTFORD, May 25.—(Special).—Antonius Steinbock, a Russian, was charged by his wife with attempted murder here to-day. The evidence brought out an interesting romance. Steinbock was a guard at Warsaw, and secured life imprisonment for allowing a state prisoner to escape. He fled and later escaped from the asylum to Canada. His wife followed him. Recently quarrels developed. The prisoner was remanded.

ENTHRONED AS ARCHBISHOP.

VANCOUVER, May 25.—With the ornate ritual of the Church of Rome, Most Rev. Dr. Neil McNeil was enthroned to-day as Archbishop of the Metropolitan See of Vancouver, in the Church of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, which was crowded.

To Join Capitals By Water Route

Government to Survey Between Winnipeg and Edmonton in Hope of Finding Feasible Possibilities.

OTTAWA, May 25.—The government has decided to make an immediate survey, with the idea of ascertaining the possibility of establishing a navigable water route between Winnipeg and Edmonton and the North Saskatchewan River and Lake Winnipeg. It is believed that a six or eight foot route can be established at a moderate cost.

CUSHING WROTE OLIVER LETTER NEVER DELIVERED

Secretary Returned it Long While Afterwards, Saying He Had Forgotten It.

EDMONTON, Alb., May 25.—(Special).—Hon. Mr. Cushing was on the stand before the royal commission investigating the Waterways Railway deal all day. He testified to writing a letter to Premier Rutherford objecting to the specifications of the Waterways Railway on Sept. 14. The only letter on file to this effect was dated Oct. 7, but Hon. Mr. Cushing set the date by the fact that he, at the time, wrote to Hon. Frank Oliver, who was then in Edmonton, asking the minister of the interior to see that Hon. Mr. Graham did not commit the federal government to the subsidy for the Waterways Railway, as there had been unable to deliver it, and had forgotten it, and had carried it in his coat pocket until then. At the mention of Crowbridge, Bennett interposed the word "yes."

EARL GREY TO HUDSON BAY

Governor-General Contemplates Long Trip This Summer.

OTTAWA, May 25.—Earl Grey, who last year visited the Yukon, is contemplating a journey overland to Hudson Bay. If the present plans are carried out, the governor-general will leave Ottawa in July for Winnipeg, where he will be taken by a party of the Northwest Mounted Police over the route of the Hudson Bay Railroad to Hudson Bay. At Fort Nelson or Churchill, or Hudson Bay, the governor-general will be met by the government steamer Earl Grey, and will journey thru Hudson Bay and Hudson Straits, landing at Quebec.

FORMAL VERDICT

Inquest Into Peterboro Shooting Affair Concluded.

PETERBORO, May 25.—(Special).—The inquest into the death of Mrs. Gorham, killed by her son when he was shooting P. C. Mehart, was completed to-night. Coroner Grey presiding. The jury rendered a formal verdict, to the effect that deceased "came to her death from a bullet from a revolver in the hands of Jas. Gorham, P. C. Mehart's son, who was committed to the prison, testified. The strain of the terrible affair has quite evidently been a severe nervous shock to the girl, but she has recovered without breaking down. Gorham gets his preliminary hearing to-morrow, when he will be arraigned on the charge of murder, and likely committed for trial. G. N. Gordon is defending Gorham and County Crown Attorney Wood is conducting the prosecution.

NO DISCRIMINATION

Railway Board Declares Grain Rates Must Not Favor Lake Ports.

OTTAWA, May 25.—(Special).—The Board of Railway Commissioners has ordered that the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways give the same rates to ex-lake western grain from Montreal to points in Ontario and Quebec on the same mileage basis as that in force on the same commodities from Georgian Bay elevator points. Montreal shippers have been complaining about west-bound rates for a couple of years, but the railway declined to equalize charges as between Montreal and the lake ports. Finally, the matter was brought to the attention of the board of railway commissioners, which has decided that there must be no discrimination in favor of lake ports and against Montreal shippers.

VAN HORNE FOR AUSTRALIA?

MONTREAL, May 25.—The report is current that Sir William Van Horne will shortly leave on a trip to Australia to advise the commonwealth with regard to the construction of a railway across the continent.

ARRANGING FOR TOUR THRU WEST

Premier and Hon. G. P. Graham in Conference Here—Minister of Railways to Visit the Pas Mission.

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier's western tour will begin about July 7 or July 8, when the party will leave Ottawa. The plans contemplate spending 60 days west of Port William and the trip will take in Prince Rupert, which will be the furthest western point."

"It is too early as yet to talk of details of the trip," said Hon. Mr. Graham. "I believe a committee of the western members is attending to that. The trip will be such that it will be necessary in a great many instances to go by special train, as in the limited time and with the ground to be covered, it could not be carried out otherwise."

The minister said that he expected the party would include Mr. Pardee, Lieut.-Col. E. N. Macdonald, M.P. for Nova Scotia, Senator Gibson and himself, and that they would be joined by Hon. Mr. Oliver in the western provinces of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan and British Columbia. They would spend a day in Port Arthur or Port Willam and would visit, of course, such centres as Edmonton, Calgary and Calgary, after a stay in Winnipeg.

"I intend myself to visit Pas Mission, the point where the Hudson Bay Railway will start," said Mr. Graham. "We are letting a contract to construct a bridge across the Saskatchewan River at that point. We intend to make a trip over the Grand Trunk Pacific from Winnipeg to Port William, either going or coming, using the Canadian Northern the other way, so as to get an idea for ourselves of these two lines into Winnipeg. We are going to devote particular attention to the terminals of the Transcontinental. I am especially interested in what the railway is doing at Winnipeg and St. Boniface."

The minister, asked concerning the reports that the trip foreshadowed an early appeal to the country, smilingly answered that he was not going to say anything about that. My wisdom is not long. Hon. Mr. Oliver said he was on the way to Edmonton, where he would leave for Port Smith, 500 miles to the northwest, and then undertake a 1000 mile trip into the Yukon, nearly 100 miles being by horse.

Premier at Woodbine. The premier's visit is a private one. He is here as the guest of Senator Malvin Jones, a prominent friend of the premier, who is attending the Woodbine races for awhile in the afternoon. He presented the Liverpool Cup to-day. Both with a few gracious remarks. It appears that outside of the talk over the western trip, matters of politics did not form any important part of the program, and his secretary, E. J. LeMaire, said last night that there was nothing to be said regarding Sir Wilfrid's movements to-day, except a few formal arrangements. It is expected that he will be a visitor at the Woodbine again this afternoon. He leaves to-night for Ottawa.

STABBED IN THE BACK

Harry Hardy is Seriously Injured in Free-for-all Fight.

Following a street fight, which began in a wrangle in West Queen-street and developed the proportions of a fight at Adelaide and Peterborough, Harry Hardy, 27 West Adelaide-street was stabbed in the back and head by a man whose name is unknown to him.

The row occurred among the men, all of whom had been drinking, because six persisted in following Hardy and a friend of his. At one time four pairs of men were engaged in vigorous fistfights.

FOR IMPERIAL HOUSE

Suggestion to Send Canadian Labor Man to British Parliament.

OTTAWA, May 25.—If a special British committee reports favorably on the idea suggested in to-day's Canadian Associated Press despatches to have a Canadian labor representative in the British parliament, the International Labor men of Canada will provide a constituency is opened, select a candidate, raise the money necessary, and send him to London.

Praise for Cadets.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., May 25.—(Special).—Lieut.-Col. Galloway inspected the Collegiate Cadets to-day. He complimented the corps, declaring it the best drilled he had ever inspected at the Falls.

BADLY NEEDED

Conservation Ass'n

Miss Canada gets a cat in the house.

Predicts War Between Japs and Americans

An Excursion to New York

Nicaraguans Search American Schooner

Seyler Acquitted of Murder of Jane Adams

Mays Landing, N.J., May 25.—Wm. Seyler, charged with the murder of Jane Adams on the million dollar pier at Atlantic City last February, was acquitted to-night. The jury was out a little more than five hours. When the verdict was announced there was a cheer, which was quickly silenced by Judge Trenchard.

San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua, May 25.—A report has just been received here from government sources of the complete defeat of the insurgents at Bluefields Bluff. The telegraph lines are working badly and details are lacking.

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THAT DREADFUL YONGE STREET

Has either the Acting Mayor or the City Engineer or the authorities of North Toronto to act to a couple of King drags on those disgraceful thoroughfares and fill in the ruts, smooth the road and put a slope to the surface?

It will not cost \$100 for a week's service and will do thousands of dollars' worth of good.

And Kingston-road is as bad as Yonge-street.

NEW REGULATION

Holdings That Railways Are Entitled to Discriminate as to Commutation Rates, Will Try to Lay Down Basis.

The efforts of Toronto and Brampton to secure a suburban railway service in and out of Toronto with commutation rate privileges have failed. Chairman Mabee of the Dominion Railway Board dismissed both applications yesterday afternoon.

He could not bring himself to believe other than that the railways were entitled to grant commutation privileges out of Montreal and not out of Toronto, inasmuch as the Railway Act gave them discretionary powers. Besides, if Toronto were put on the same basis as Montreal in this respect, would there not be discrimination against Hamilton, London, Kingston, Winnipeg and every other city in Canada? And why, again, stop at cities? Why not extend the privileges to towns, and then on to the villages? he said. At the last analysis it would come down to granting a six-tenths-cent-a-mile rate all over the country. So it resolved itself back to the question of what was fair and just.

Still There is Hope. Every vestige of hope was not shattered by the chairman's ruling. He announced, however, that the commission was now seized of the importance of the situation and would endeavor to frame a set of new regulations governing commutation rates generally.

"There is power," said he, "given to the board to make general regulations with regard to the words in the act, substantially similar circumstances and conditions, and it will probably be our duty as a matter of general policy, to find out what parliament meant by those words."

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