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MORE SIBERIAN RAILWAY BLOWN UP

BETWEEN HARBIN AND VLADIVOSTOCK

POINTS SOUTH OF MUKDEN FORTIFIED

Reports Received in London of a Fracas Between Russians and Japanese Bandits.

REFUGEES SUFFER GREATLY

London, March 3.—It now seems clear that the story of the bombardment of Port Arthur by the Japanese on Feb. 29 is a re-echo of previous attacks.

From Yinkow comes an unconfirmed report that 500 bandits, armed with modern rifles, have attacked a Russian post to the west of Haicheng (32 miles east by north of Newchwang). There was severe fighting and both sides lost heavily. This report is discredited at Yinkow, but if it is true it indicates that a serious danger is confronting Russia in these well-armed bands. According to The Daily Mail's account of this affair, six Japanese found among the bandits were killed. This would tend to show that the Japanese are organizing the bands.

Reports from Tokio declare that Japan has granted permission for 53 foreign newspaper correspondents to accompany the Japanese forces.

Seventeen of these correspondents are American. The date of their departure has not been fixed.

A MILE AND A QUARTER OF THE SIBERIAN RAILWAY, ACCORDING TO THE TOKIO REPORTS, HAS BEEN DESTROYED IN THE NINGUTA DISTRICT BETWEEN VLADIVOSTOCK AND HARBIN.

The Tientsin correspondent of The Standard cables that the Russians are strongly fortifying points south of Mukden. Thousands of coolies, who are working day and night on the ramparts and entrenchments of Haicheng, are compelled to labor without pay.

Heartrending stories are appearing in the English newspapers of the suffering of refugees from Port Arthur on the train journey to European Russia. It is bitterly cold and there is scarcity of food and water. Several children have been suffocated under the rugs and shawls with which they were covered in attempts to keep them warm. Owing to exposure and exhaustion an epidemic of influenza has broken out among the refugees.

RUSSIAN VOLUNTEER FLEET.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—The volunteer fleet steamer Kazan has been transferred to the Red Cross Society (the Kazan was reported at Port Arthur Feb. 17, when she was said to have been slightly injured during a Japanese attack). The volunteer fleet steamer Ekaterinoslav, which was captured by the Japanese, is lying in the harbor of Sasebo, Japan. Despatches received here say that her officers and crew are well, and deny that the Japanese are using her for transport purposes. The volunteer fleet steamer Voronej has reached Colombo, on her way to Odessa, where the Nijni-Novgorod of the same fleet arrived to-day.

CARS DRAWN BY HORSES.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—Lieut. Newton A. McCully, U.S.N., who has obtained permission to observe the Russian fleet operations, may go to Port Arthur from London, via Suez. Siberian gold miners have petitioned the government to permit the transportation of their equipment over the Trans-Siberian Railroad and to let off the railroad employes who have been conscripted into the army, declaring that otherwise the entire gold mining industry will be ruined. The cars on the ice railroad over Lake Baikal are now drawn by horses, a locomotive which performed the service having broken thru the ice.

INCREASE THE TAXES.

Tokio, March 2.—The parliamentary elections have passed quietly, but full returns will not be in for several days.

The cabinet met and discussed war taxation measures in extra session to-day. It is now planned to increase by seventy million yen the amount to be raised by taxation. The income tax on land probably will be doubled, the taxes on spirits and tobacco increased and some new taxes created.

The emperor late to-day issued a rescript, countersigned by the minister of state, summoning the diet to meet in special session on March 13. It is not believed that the session will last over ten days.

RUSSIA IN A BAD WAY.

New York, March 2.—The position of the Russians at Port Arthur, says a cable to The World from Berlin, is described by the St. Petersburg correspondent of The Schlesische Zeitung as desperate.

"The damaged Retvizan," he states, "blocks the narrow entrance to the harbor against other battleships.

"She can neither be repaired nor moved. All the other battleships are land locked.

"Scarcely anything is heard of the torpedo boats. It is assumed that they are without ammunition. There are consequently still only the three cruisers, the Bayan, the patched-up Novik and the Askold."

According to accounts recently published, the Novik and the Askold have been put out of action.

CHINESE SIGNALED JAPS.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—According to a special despatch from Port Arthur twenty Chinese have been arrested there for signaling to the Japanese ships from the shore with flashlights and lanterns. A warning has been issued that similar offenders will hereafter be treated as spies and shot.

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TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

O. S. A. exhibition at home, 3.10 p.m.
Spring Stallion Show, Grand's Repository, all day.
Lenten service, St. James' Cathedral, 12.30 noon.
Hon. Mrs. Brodeur at Empire Club, Webb's, 1 p.m.
Mining Institute convention, King Edward Hotel, 3 p.m.
Navy League, illustrated address, free, Conservatory of Music, 8 p.m.
Rehoboam Masonic Lodge at home, Temple Building, 8 p.m.
Board of education, city hall, 8 p.m.
I.C.C.D.S. debate, St. Basil's at St. Mary's, 8 p.m.
Princess, "Nancy Brown," 8 p.m.
Grand, "My Aunt Bridget," 8 p.m.
Majestic, "Two Little Waifs," 2 and 8 p.m.
Shea's, vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.
Star, burlesque, 2 and 8 p.m.

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IN DISTRESS.

JAPANESE BANDITS BUSY BOTHER RUSSIAN POSTS

Conflict Precipitated Wednesday in District Round Newchwang and After Fierce Fight Russians Came Off Victorious.

YINHOW, near Newchwang, Manchuria, March 3.—Many Japanese are actively engaged thruout the district round Newchwang in fomenting raids on the Russian posts along the line of the Manchurian Railroad. The country swarms with bandits and scarcely a day passes without a determined attack on some one or other of the numerous Russian outposts. An unusually severe combat took place in this neighborhood yesterday between a mixed force of Japanese and natives and a strong Russian detachment. The fighting was fierce while it lasted, and the Muscovites finally succeeded in repelling the attack, but not till many on both sides had been killed or wounded.

SHANGHAI, March 3.—The Japanese force that landed at Possiet Bay on Feb. 26 has penetrated inland and is reported to have gained possession of the telegraph line between Vladivostock and Harbin. A strong patrol, moving rapidly towards the latter point, has destroyed the railroad near Harbin. The main body is believed to be marching on Vladivostock, acting in co-operation with the fleet reported to be hovering around the northern fortress. News of the complete investment of Vladivostock by sea and land is expected within the next few days.

LONDON, March 2.—Orders were issued to-day to despatch 2000 troops to reinforce the British garrison at Malta. It is believed that this movement is made to facilitate the reinforcing of the stations in China should necessity arise.

LONDON, March 2.—Count Benckendorff, Russian ambassador to Great Britain, arrived here to-night from St. Petersburg.

LONDON, March 2.—A rumor was circulated in the lobby of the house of commons this afternoon that Port Arthur had fallen. The origin of the rumor could not be traced and no confirmation whatever was obtainable.

Yalu Main Defence Line

Russians Seize Telegraph Offices

Main Force at Liao Yang

Japanese Troops Mass in Vicinity of Vladivostock to Attack Hunchun, Manchuria.

Tokio, March 2.—It has been learned that the Russians have occupied the telegraph offices at Anju and Yongpyon, north of Pingyang. They have imprisoned the district governor and have confiscated official papers. The Russian force near Anju numbers only about forty men. The main Russian force is concentrated at Liaoyang, a station on the Manchurian railroad nearly midway between Newchwang and Mukden. The Russians near Antung aggregate 2000. No important engagement is expected south of the Yalu River, which it is believed the Russians will make their main line of defence.

HOVERING ABOUT VLADISVOSTOCK.

St. Petersburg, March 2.—A despatch from Vladivostock, dated to-day, says that according to private reports there three Japanese detachments of 500 men each, recently landed at Chiungchan, Korea, about 130 miles north of Wonsan (Gensan), with the supposed object of reaching the valley of the Tumen River and threatening Hunchun, Manchuria (nine miles north of the Korean boundary and near Vladivostock). A fleet of ten Japanese warships was recently sighted on the horizon off Vladivostock. They were believed to be reserve vessels, not powerful enough to blockade Vladivostock or endanger the Russian first-class cruisers whose base is that port.

IMPORTANT ARRESTS.

Robert Hayes, a cattle dealer, was robbed of $780 in a lane off Adelaide-street last Friday night. Last night Constables Sockett and Archibald arrested two men, who they think are responsible for turning the trick. Robert Morrison, 17 Brant-street, and William Maxwell, 10 Widmer-street, will appear in police court this morning to answer to the charge of the theft of the wad.

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SEE BENEFIT TO AUSTRALIA.

Melbourne, Australia, March 2.—Lord Northcote, in opening the federal parliament, declared that preferential trade would secure for Australia an immense market, and his advisers were pleased to note the cordiality with which a preferential tariff was regarded thruout Australia, and he was confident the feeling would be strengthened on Mr. Chamberlain's arrival.

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IS THIS FRED'S AIM?

Ottawa, March 2.—The Free Press to-night publishes a story alleging that ex-Mayor Fred Cook is after the English-speaking Conservative nomination for the house of commons.

Five shine tickets for 25c, at Watts'.

Smallpox Near Belleville.

Belleville, March 2.—Smallpox is reported at Canifton. Two families are affected.

IN DE EBENIN' BY DE BRIGHT LIGHT!

It was a pretty Milliner from Uptodateton gay,
Was toddling from the Union by the York to King-street way,
In such a frock and such a hat as you might dream upon,
She paused to note the SICHE GAS at Number Eighty-one,

In de ebenin'—in de ebenin' by de BRIGHT LIGHT,
Where Commonsense lights SICHE in de ebenin'.

She marked the "Captive Sunlight" as it flooded all the street,
And framed her like Aurora in a halo, smiling sweet,
Displaying well each tint and shade of her recherche hat;
Quoth she: "I never saw a LIGHT before, to equal that!"

In de ebinin'—in de ebenin' by de WHITE LIGHT,
Where Saveyourdibs lights SICHE in de evenin'.

She left her order on the spot—her Uptodaton Store—
Now keeps each night till after Ten, with customers galore:
All matching Feathers, Flowers, Silks, in finest shades exact,
While Mistress Millie takes the CASH, to her a cheering fact,

In de ebenin'—in de ebenin' by de RIGHT LIGHT,
Where Uptodate lights SICHE in de ebenin'.

The Kahn Knot.

25c Briar Pipes for 10c. Alive Bollard.

Saturday in Ottawa.

"Saturday may be a quiet day in the Capital around the hotels," said the managing director of The Free Press, "but The Ottawa Free Press sells 2500 more papers on that day than on any other day. I know you will find The Free Press in 95 per cent. of the homes of Ottawa on a Saturday evening. We publish a 20-page paper, with colored supplement."

SKYSCRAPER COLLAPSED WHILE WORKERS WROUGHT

Fourteen Believed to Have Been Killed, But Only Five Bodies Yet Recovered.

New York, March 2.—Fourteen persons are known to have been killed, about a score injured, and 8 or 10, all of whom are believed to be dead, are missing, thru the collapse, this afternoon, of the steel skeleton of the Hotel Darlington, a thirteen storey apartment in course of erection at 57 West Forty-Sixth-street.

The steel framework had been erected as far as the eleventh floor, and the structure was swarming with iron workers, masons and laborers, when, without an instant's warning, the upper floor sagged and collapsed, and the whole structure fell with a crash that was heard for blocks, and which shook all the buildings in the vicinity.

A portion of steel frame fell upon the rear of the Hotel Patterson, on West Forty-Seventh-street, crashing in the wall of the dining-room, and killing Mrs. Ella Lacey Storrs, the wife of Frank Storrs, a wealthy resident of Rye, Westchester County, as she was sitting at luncheon with the wife of Rev. Dr. Minot Savage. Mrs. Savage escaped injury.

The cause of the disaster was the overloading of the floors.

Foreman James Halpin, in charge of the iron workers, stated that there was a large quantity of cement and other building material on the fifth floor, and that on the ninth floor were eighty-three beams, which were to have been used in constructing the remaining floors of the building.

Apparently criminal carelessness is chargeable to somebody, as the building department had placed repeated "violations" against the building, the last one being filed to-day, because "the side walls were more than two storeys in advance of the front walls, and the floor beams were not properly bolted and tied."

FIRE IN A CHURCH.

A slight blaze was discovered in the Yonge-street Methodist Church at about 11.20 last night. It appears that the fire commenced with an overheated stove, the heat of which ignited a nearby seat. The blaze was communicated to the cushions, and was making rapid headway when discovered. The damage is estimated at about $200.

WAR NOTES.

Port Said, Egypt, March 2.—The Russian cruiser Aurora, recently in the Red Sea, left here this afternoon for Candia, Island of Crete. One of the five Russian torpedo boat destroyers which left here yesterday for Algiers, has returned.

Libau, Russia, March 2.—The cruiser Almaz, presented by the czar to Viceroy Alexieff for use as a private yacht, returned here yesterday.

Kolpino, Russia, March 2.—Two companies of pontoon miners and sappers were embarked here on trains to-day bound for the front.

Suez, March 2.—The Russian armored cruiser Dimitri Donske, which applied for permission to remain here for repairs, has been allowed five days in which to complete the necessary work.

TO INTRODUCE FACTORY ACT.

Fredericton, N.B., March 2.—The New Brunswick legislature will be opened to-morrow afternoon. In the speech from the throne, it is probable that the introduction of a factory act will be promised.

Try the decanter at Thomas.

BIRTHS.

COURSEY—At Peterporo, on Feb. 29th, the wife of Patrick Coursey, a son.
CUNNINGHAM—At Bracebridge, on Feb. 29th, to the wife of Timothy Cunningham, a daughter.
DILLING—At Bowmanville, on Feb. 29, the wife of Herbert H. Dilling, a son.
FITZGERALD—At 230 St. Clarens-avenue, Toronto, on Feb. 19, the wife of F. Fitzgerald, a son.
GRANT—At Simcoe, on Feb. 29th, to the wife of David Grant, a daughter.
GALLAGHER—At Penetang, on Feb. 29, the wife of William Gallagher, a son.
GRAHAM—At St. Mary's, on Feb. 29, to the wife of James W. Graham, a son.
HUGHES—At Balderson, Lanark County, on Feb. 29, to the wife of Elijah Hughes, a daughter.
HINES—At Glanford, on Feb. 29 to the wife of Thomas Hines a daughter.
KRIEGHOFF—At Essex, on Feb. 29th, to the wife of C. Krieghoff, a son.
MIDDLETON—At Warsaw, Peterboro County, on Feb. 29, to the wife of James Middleton, a daughter.
McAULEY—At Hamilton, on Feb. 29, to the wife of Daniel McAuley, 93 Stevenson-street, a son.
POLE—On Wednesday, March 2nd, 1904, at Grace Hospital, the wife of F. Pole, a daughter.
ROBINSON—At 403 Spadina-avenue, Toronto, on Feb. 29, to the wife of R. T. Robinson, a daughter.
SHOWERS—At Ayr, on Feb. 29th, to the wife of Henry Showers, a son.
SHEELER—At Morpeth, on Feb. 29, to the wife of William Sheeler a son.
TARLIN—At Streetsville, on Feb. 29, to the wife of Fred W. Tarlin, a son.
WELLS—At Guelph, on Feb. 29, to the wife of Wm. G. Wells, a son.

DEATHS.

CARTER—On Wednesday, March 2, 1904, at Nassau, N.B., Barbara, Edward T. Carter, in his 57th year.
Funeral notice later.
HUMPHREY—On Wednesday, March 2nd, 1904, Edmund Humphrey, sr., in his 79th year. Remains at his son's, E. J. Humphrey, 407 Queen-street west, until Friday, 11 a.m.
Funeral service 12 o'clock noon Friday, March 4th, at Queen-street Methodist Church. Burial at Port Whitby, on arrival of train leaving Toronto at 2 p.m.
MACNAMARA—V.J.H., third son of M. J. MacNamara, Osgoode Hall, died of pneumonia on Tuesday, at Winnipeg.
Body to be brought to Toronto. Funeral notice later.
PHILPOTT—Josephine Mary Monahan, wife of Vaughan Philpott, Esq., of Fergus, died on Wednesday morning at the residence of her mother, Mrs. J. Stepaen Monahan, 93 Broadelbane-street. R.I.P.
Funeral notice later. Please send no flowers. Dublin, Ireland, papers please copy.
WALTON—At Belleville D. and D. Institute, on Wednesday, March 2nd, Allan, eldest son of Wm. W. Walton, Wexford, Scarboro, in his 18th year.
Funeral Friday, 2 p.m., from his father's residence, to Zion Presbyterian Church.

Nothing but the best at Thomas'.

Veterans Will Dine.

The veterans of the Hart's River engagement will commemorate the second anniversary of that fight by a banquet on the night of March 31.

20 COUNTIES HEARD FROM.

There are at least 20 counties in Ontario with leap-year babies in their midst. Toronto seems to have done all the figuring for York County, and leads the list with 13—6 boys and 7 girls. Peterboro County has two, both boys. Wentworth has two, a boy and a girl. Welland has a boy and a girl. There are other proud parents, in Ontario, Middlesex, Hastings, Halton, Brant, Muskoka, Lanark, Simcoe, Durham, Norfolk, Essex, Waterloo, Wellington, Peel, Kent and Perth counties.

In all, there are 35 leap-year babies reported. It was expected—and even hoped—that The World might be called upon to furnish at least a hundred mugs. But there's lots of time yet. The storm's delays to trains carrying the Monday morning Worlds to all parts of the province, and the hindrance to His Majesty's mails from the same causes, have no doubt delayed in transmission a good many applications.

A good many have left it to the doctors to send the coupon. Here's one letter from a physician

"Enclosed please find particulars of the birth of one of our latest citizens. It has already a mug of its own; not a plain one, either; so the mother says; yet a silver mug will be most acceptable. The mother and boy are doing well, and the father as well as can be expected, especially seeing that this is the third ordinary baby, and they wanted a girl so badly.

"But what about the poor country doctor, who trudged out in that awful storm to lend help to the needy? It was a beautiful child. He had no mark. Surely there should be some reward for the doctor!"

Fire at the Legislature

Lightning Strikes Telegraph Wire

Causes $500.00 Damage

Started at the Operator's Desk and Made Some Headway in the Second Storey—Smoke Gets Into the Chamber.

The magnificent pile in Queen's Park, the pride of the Ontario legislature, had the narrowest possible escape from destruction early this morning, as a result of the heavy thunderstorm which broke over the city shortly after midnight.

At 1.15 Night Watchman D. R. Lucas first discerned the incipient conflagration. A blaze of flame leaped up the wires running from the telegraph station at the east corner of the great rotunda, and ascended to the second storey. It is believed that an electric discharge from the storm had affected the ground wire in the telegraph room. Lucas and the second watchman, Sam Dunbar, at once gave the alarm to the engine room and had the fire pump turned on. Two hose from the main corridor leading east from the rotunda were got out and a couple of streams of water were brought to play upon the blaze.

The fire department having also been alarmed, the engines soon arrived, and the efforts of the watchman having checked the flame, the fire was soon extinguished. An hour altogether was consumed in making everything safe.

The rotunda and main corridors were flooded with water, and several holes in the ceiling demonstrate the danger to which the building was subjected. The floor above is burned away in several places, and just at the head of the main stairs the most serious damage occurred.

Smoke penetrated to the chamber, but no harm has been done to the rich decorations. The sum of $500 will probably cover the actual damage sustained. Several of the ministers of the crown assembled as soon as they heard of the fire, and, when all was over, congratulated each other heartily on the slight damage and fortunate escape. There will be no interference with business to-day.

Many Cellars Are Flooded

Result of the Heavy Rain

And Heavy Losses Possible

Electrical Element Also Contributes to Damage of Last Night's Rain.

It is quite probable that many thousands of dollars damage was done in the city by last night's heavy downpour. The rain fell in torrents, and the lightning display was as vivid as during a midsummer shower. The sidewalks and gutters already overflowing with water from the melting snow of the steady thaw that has been in progress since the big snow storm of Monday were converted into lakes and rivers from the sheets of rain that fell for over two hours. The water got its outlet in hundreds of cases via the area grating and basement windows. In the wholesale district the rush of water over the sidewalk was tremendous, and scores of business men will find their cellars flooded this morning. In many of the thorofores there were no gullies whatever along the sides; in the lanes, deep with slush, the water had its due effect also.

The police and nightwatchmen patrolling in this district reported that in scores of places they could hear water gushing down the window areas, and in those places where goods are stored in the lower parts of the buildings, loss must inevitably ensue to a more or less serious extent.

What the Lightning Did.

The electrical element in the storm also played havoc. It is blamed for the fire which was discovered about 1 o'clock this morning in the telegraph station in the parliament buildings. It burned out many of the wires of the Electric Light Company, and caused short circuits and darkness in many quarters of the town. The Street Railway Company also expect to have a good many cars in the repair shops this morning, as the accumulation of water that coursed down the tracks was splashed into the motor works, and in this way they are badly injured.

Harry Webb's Flooded.

Harry Webb's cellar became a tank receptacle for the overflow from Melinda-street, the water sluicing in thru a grated window. A sink in the front cellar relieved the pressure and gradually carried off the water.

Colborne-street, near West Market, on the south side, and near Yonge, on the north side, was under water at the height of the grain and warehouses at these points with open basement windows suffered. The Esplanade was in better shape than on the occasion of the last big storm-flood, and the gutters along Front-street were well opened up. No serious damage appeared likely to occur in this district.

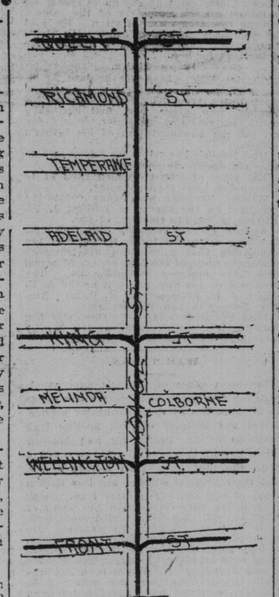
Found a Water-Trap.

In Court-street, on the south side, opposite the police station, the accumulated snow formed a water-trap, and held the flood well up to the basement windows and ground level thresholds.

The car tracks everywhere were so deeply sunken in canyons of packed snow and ice that the rain torrent had little opportunity to escape until it overflowed these banks and found a vent towards the sewers.

Tolton, McKay's Cellar.

Along West King-street, from Yonge to York-streets, the cellars were not so seriously affected as in most of the other down-town districts. Altho rivers were running on both sides of the car-tracks, and level with the street, the only cellar that the water got into in any large quantities was that under the store of Tolton McKay's, gentlemen's furnishers. Here a steady stream poured thru the iron grating for hours. It was impossible to discover to what extent damage was done, owing to the amount of goods stored there. A member of the firm was telephoned for shortly after midnight and advised that his cellar was being flooded with several feet of water. Cellars on York-street, below King, also suffered, but to what extent it was impossible to discover. A majority of the stores in that neighborhood have open iron gratings, which afforded the water easy access.



Section of City Flooded.

Custom House a Victim.

Among other places where loss by water is expected, are the Ontario Neckwear Company at Wellington and Bay-streets, where the sidewalk was completely flooded and the water rushing down thru a basement window. The Canadian Leather Co. on Melinda-street was experiencing similar conditions. At the custom house so great was the inrush of water that the engineer got outside assistance to prevent the flood from reaching the boilers.

King Edward Suffered.

The King Edward Hotel received their portion of the water that had no place to go. The new boilerroom under Victoria-street was badly flooded. The water spread to other portions of the basement, but not to any extent. The National Club, on Bay-street, also had the uncomfortable experience of wrestling with the waters.

Sewers Were Strong Enough.

It was feared that the sudden extra demand on the sewers, especially those leading into the Yonge-street main, might be a cause of damage. At the waterworks repair station it was stated that no complaints had been received up to 3 o'clock this morning, and it was considered that the sewers were quite able to handle the water, in spite of the amount of water that was rushed into them.

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DANGER TO FALL WHEAT.

Farmers are becoming very anxious about the effect which this weather is having on the fall wheat. They say that if it continues a little longer the crop may be smothered or drowned.

Go to Watts' Cigar Store for shines.

Yankee Coins O.K.

St. John, N.B., March 2.—At a meeting of the St. John clearing house directors this afternoon, it was decided to accept American currency at the face value in all the cities.

WILL PERMIT NO HOLD-UP BY TEXT BOOK PUBLISHER

Government Promises Dr. Nesbitt That It Will Secure Rights to Use of Extracts for Readers.

The Imperial Copyright Act and the question of the selection of extracts for school readers were discussed in the legislature yesterday, on a motion of Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, who asked the house to affirm the principle that the act should be so amended as to permit selections from an author to be used in the authorized public school text books in any part of the empire. The motion, after discussion, was withdrawn, the doctor being assured by the premier that when the next series of readers is published the government will have secured the right to publish the extracts at a reasonable figure before the publishers are asked to bid on the work. Dr. Nesbitt called attention to the difficulty that has existed in the past of publishers securing the copyright on selections and then combining to hold up the government. He referred particularly to the occasion in which three publishers secured certain rights, shutting out other firms from the privilege of competition; but the Morang Publishing Company bought up the rights on other selections used in the readers, which the combination had overlooked, and were able to force recognition. The doctor charged that the publishers had been able to dictate terms to the government.

On the question of authors' rights generally, considerable valuable information was elicited. The minister of education and the premier, too, took strong ground that an author is entitled to the profits from his literary efforts, and that it would be piracy to appropriate selections without his consent. The premier made it plain that in future publications care would be taken to effect an arrangement with the holders of copyrights, so that the mistakes and difficulties of the past would not be repeated. He said it would be the object of the government to secure the right to publish the best selections, paying a reasonable price for the privilege.

Another matter that provoked considerable discussion was the loss sustained by many fruit growers in Essex and Lincoln Counties by the wholesale destruction of orchards in the vain effort to eradicate the pest known as the San Jose Scale. It was introduced by John Lee, who asked for information detailing the amounts paid by the government to inspectors and fruitgrowers for that purpose. Mr. Lee took the position that the fruit growers had not been adequately compensated for their losses. He assailed his friends, the government, for failing to re-imburse the farmers after it had been found that the destruction of infected orchards was the wrong method to adopt.

In reply to Dr. Jessop, the minister of agriculture said it was not the intention of the government to establish an experimental fruit farm in the County of Lincoln, as there are already three experimental fruit stations in the district.

Dr. Nesbitt's Motion.

Dr. Beattie Nesbitt moved the following resolution:

That in the opinion of this house the Imperial Copyright Act should be amended, so as to permit selections from an author to be used in the authorized public school text books in any part of the empire.

The doctor briefly gave the house his reasons for asking for the adoption of the motion. When the government authorized a series of text books for use in the schools it found that some of the extracts were protected by copyright.

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JACOB HEADS FOR JERUSALEM.

Truro, N.S., March 2.—Rev. Jacob Layton left here to-day for Jerusalem, via New York. He is one of the Nova Scotia representatives to the Sunday School convention, to be held in that city.

TO SUCCEED M'CORKILL.

Montreal, March 2.—It is understood that S. T. de Varennes, notary, of Waterloo will be appointed to the legislative council, in place of Hon. J. C. McCorkill, who resigned to contest Brome for the assembly.

FOR THE PUBLIC.

Paris, March 2.—The Official Journal has published a decree which places the wireless telegraph system established by the department of marine at the service of the general public.

Metal Ceilings, Skylights and Roofing. A. B. Ormsby & Co., cor. Queen and George Sts. Telephone M. 1726.

Ladies' New York Hats.
The season may be backward as far as weather is concerned, but the Dineen Company is right on the spot with the best and most complete assortment of ladies' New York and Paris hats yet brought to Canada. They're of exclusive style and absolute quality. The opening is now on; do not forget to call in when you are down town.

RAIN AND SNOWFALLS.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, March 2.—(8 p.m.)—The weather has been fair and mild to-day from the lake region to the Maritime Provinces and fine and decidedly cold in the Territories and Manitoba. A severe storm now centred over Lake Michigan promises stormy conditions in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, followed by a return to cold weather.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 28—40; Prince Albert, 28 below—zero; Qu'Appelle, 14 below—zero; Winnipeg, 8 below—zero; Port Arthur, zero—6; Parry Sound, 24—40; Toronto, 26—42; Ottawa, 24—40; Montreal, 24—38; Quebec, 18—34; Halifax, 20—34.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Strong winds and gales, shifting to westerly and northwesterly; rain at first, turning to light snowfalls; becoming decidedly colder by night. Friday—fair and decidedly cold.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence—Strong winds and gales, gradually shifting to westerly and northwesterly; mild to-day, with occasional rain, turning decidedly cold and occasional rain, turning decidedly cold again during the night or on Friday, with some light snowfalls.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Winds increasing to strong breezes and gales; sleet or rain towards evening or during the night, turning colder again on Friday.

Maritime—Southerly to southwesterly winds, increasing to strong breezes and gales by night; fair and mild to-day, followed by rain.

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