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FIFTIETH YEAR

CANADIAN DELEGATES ARE FOR STATE-OWNED CABLES

CONFERENCE TO INSURE OF PRESS IMPERIAL OPENS

At Big Banquet Attended by Leading Journalists of Isles Empire Delegates Are Welcomed to Britain

ROSEBERY MAKES AN ELOQUENT SPEECH

Sir Hugh Graham, of Montreal, Replying Refers to Empire Defence—Canadians Will Advocate State Cables

London, June 7.—All the leading journalists, with few exceptions, in Great Britain, were present at a banquet at the International exhibition, Sheppard Bush, Saturday night, to welcome the delegates to the Imperial Press Conference.

After the loyal toasts Lord Rosebery, who presided, in welcoming the guests, said that the response to the invitation had exceeded the most sanguine expectations. "These, it seems to me," he said, "are men who, from the Greater Britain beyond the seas stretch forth their hands to us in fervent expectations (which, I hope, by God may never be disappointed) that we shall grasp with all our strength in a grip of loyal and lasting friendship."

Lord Rosebery, orator of empire, and master of eloquence, humor, satire, and impassioned invocation, was greeted most enthusiastically when he arose to propose the toast of "Our Guests."

"There have been conferences before," said Lord Rosebery, "of great importance, at which prime minister and minister of empire have met to consult on great matters of policy concerning the empire, but the Imperial Press Conference is more important than these."

He had dreamt, Lord Rosebery went on, of a dream of an empire trip, Parliament should vote for the two years and pack itself up in three or four warships and take a trip, and find out something about the Empire. Go to Newfoundland, where even our legislators would be able to find some constitutional problems solved which had been solved nowhere else; then on to Canada, where they might see many things new to them, and they would see there that even under the most advanced democracy of the world.

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These Are Some of the Jockeys Who Are Figuring in the Races at the Willows



STRUGGLE ON NIAGARA'S BRINK

Husband in Vain Endeavors to Save His Young Wife From Leaping to Death in the Falls

WOMAN DIES OF EXHAUSTION

Police Rescue Man After His Strength Failed and He Let His Wife's Body Go Down Stream

Niagara Falls, N. Y., June 7.—Aaron Cohen, of Buffalo, saw his young wife leap into the swirling river between Second and Third Sisters Islands yesterday, only 150 feet above the brink of the cataract. Without a moment's hesitation he followed her, caught her hand, and struggled desperately to save her.

Mrs. Cohen probably died in her husband's arms. Before it was possible to bring efficient help an hour had passed, during all of which time Cohen was making frantic attempts to reach the shore. But the struggle against the current—at this point it is about twenty miles an hour—was too much for him.

Three times they threw a rope 15 feet within Cohen's grasp. When he did catch it he was too weak to tie it about his own or his wife's waist. The two were twenty feet away from shore, and it was extremely difficult owing to the precarious nature of the footing, to make a good cast. Flimed against the tree stump by the terrific rush of water, all the strength had gone out of Cohen and he had been unable to keep his wife's face out of water.

Once Cohen had hold of the rope the men ashore began to pull, and Martin, who was in the front, slipped and fell into the stream, but quickly regained his feet. When within fifteen feet of the shore Cohen lost his grip on his wife's body, and it was carried down stream. Cohen was so far gone when the rescuers got him on shore that he could not speak for ten minutes.

His first words were: "She is out there. Go and get her. She is dead. She died in my arms." Superintendent Perry and Chief Shoebright skirted the boat island shore for the body, but could see nothing of it.

William Barnett and Hugh Brown saw the body after long search. It was held fast by a rock about 100 feet above the brink. Without ropes, Brown and Barnett waded out into the stream, and moving carefully over the slippery rocks, reached the body. Cohen's body was lost to view when the body was landed. Life was extinct.

Cohen says that worry over the fact that she was unable to nurse her infant depressed his wife greatly, and probably caused her desire for death. She, being a robust man, quickly recovered from the shock.

Board's Award Accepted. Ottawa, June 7.—A. G. Gibeault, president of the Dominion Textile Workers, Montreal, notified the department of labor that the employees of the Dominion Textile Company who were concerned in the recent injury before the conciliation board have accepted the award of the board.

Algerine in Dock. H. M. S. Algerine went into the drydock at Esquimaux this morning to be overhauled.

Spring Salmon Expected. More schoolings of spring salmon are expected today, being due this afternoon at both the Wesley and San Juan Fishing Company's plants.

From Logging Camp. The tug Beatrice returned to port this morning with a boom of logs from Jordan River. The logs were stored at Sooke, where the company shelters its booms. The Beatrice brought news that the locomotive recently taken to the West Coast logging camp is being converted into an oil burner and is expected to start work on the logging railroad in a few days.

Mrs. Annie Wilson died at the rest home of her late husband, Mrs. C. A. Coe, at Craigflower road, on Saturday evening. She was a native of Germany and had lived in Victoria for three years, prior to that having had her home at San Francisco, Cal.

PRESIDENT DIAZ HAS PLEDGED AID

W. R. Findlay, Who Has Returned From Mexico, Found Ruler of Republic in an Urbane Mood

A two months' tour of Mexico, the itinerary of which embraced the principal cities of the republic, has been the experience of W. R. Findlay, of this city, who returned yesterday.

During his stay in the south Mr. Findlay sought and obtained a personal interview with President Diaz. The latter he found most urbane, quite willing to listen to Mr. Findlay's representations of what the Pacific Government Lands and Concessions Corporation Limited, contemplates doing for the country, and exceedingly appreciative of what they had in view to assist in the development of Mexico.

Mr. Findlay explained that the colonization scheme his company had organized would result in the settlement of thousands of acres of what at present was poorly cultivated agricultural lands, hitherto kept in the dust of servitude by the Spanish merchants, would be given an opportunity to purchase and on easy terms and make homes for themselves. The advantages of this to the nation, Mr. Findlay thought, the president would understand and the latter did not take long to express his favor in the most emphatic and practical manner.

In behalf of the company Mr. Findlay made two requests, one the president's agreement to grant the assistance in the irrigating of certain portions of the territory they are purchasing, and also some help in the establishment of an experimental farm in order that the ignorant Mexicans might have an opportunity to learn how to make a profitable livelihood from the soil.

Both these petitions were well received. President Diaz, after giving the matter his consideration, promised that \$5,000,000 would be given towards the irrigation of the property, while a grant of \$25,000 a year would be allowed for the farm.

Mr. Findlay was much impressed by the personality of the man who has done more to bring the little Southern republic to the front than any other ruler. He considers Diaz a statesman of the highest order, a man of character, of striking ability, and of marked judgment. A man who could take hold of the country at a time when the highways were haunted by bandits, when Mexico's name was a by-word in civilization, and when life and liberty were in constant danger within its borders and bring perfect peace and industry from out the chaos Mr. Findlay declares must be a nation builder of a rare type.

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FLOOD DANGER IS OVER FOR THE YEAR

The First Trainload of Mail and Passengers to Come in for Three Days Reached Nelson Yesterday

Nelson, June 7.—The first trainload of mail and passengers to reach Nelson for three days, arrived here on the Coast early Sunday morning.

The Great Northern has reached Vair with its reconstruction gang and four day's mail is expected to reach the city this evening. Nelson is short of fruit, which comes from the South, but that has been the chief inconvenience.

The last four nights have been chilly and streams which caused the trouble last week are away back to normal. It will be fully a fortnight yet before the temporary repairs on the C. P. R. and G. N. railways are made, but general delay owing to necessary transfers. The flood danger for this year is regarded as over here.

MONEY IS REQUIRED FOR THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Bylaw Must Be Submitted to Raise \$15,000 to Overhaul and Repair Buildings—Some of the Items

That all the old public schools of Victoria will have to be thoroughly overhauled and repaired, that the expenditure involved will amount to at least \$15,000, and that a money loan bylaw will have to be laid before the ratemakers to obtain authority to procure that sum, is the effect of a statement made by one of the Victoria trustees this morning.

The trustee said that a new ventilation plant was essential at South Park school, that at present doing service being no good. The North Ward school was in such bad shape throughout that it was safe to say that in a few months it would have to be practically rebuilt.

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WILL PARKS BOARD BE APPOINTED AGAIN?

Various Opinions Are Held by Solons As to Need of Otherwise of the Recalcitrant Members

Will Victoria have a Parks Board? There is none at present. The officers and members of the old body resigned because they considered that their duties were being interfered with by the City Council. Subsequently it has been formally declared defunct.

What is to be done? That is the question and it will come up at the regular meeting of the civic solons tonight when it is expected a heated argument will be precipitated. Some favor the idea of appointing a new board, contending that the regular representatives have enough to attend to and that if the work of beautifying the city systematically is to be continued it must be under the control of some distinctive responsible body.

Others take the position that a committee of the council could handle the affairs quite well, that the appointment of outsiders is unnecessary and that, besides, citizens not responsible to the ratemakers should not be entrusted with heavy expenditures of public money.

That is the way matters stand. The dissenting views will be fully aired tonight and those who hope to see the good work of increasing Victoria's natural attractiveness go forward, hope that the atmosphere will be cleared and some definite policy attained.

PREPARING TRANSIT FOR HUNTING CRUISE

Two of Party From Vienna Reach Vancouver Make Ready for Voyage

Dr. Hans von Kadiich and Leo Mahler of Vienna reached Vancouver this morning to prepare the steamer Transit, which has been chartered by Rudolph von Gutsmann, a wealthy dealer of Vienna, for a four months' hunting expedition to Alaska and Siberia.

The party will leave for the north on July 1. The other members of the party, which will contain 10 people, are still in Vienna.

The purpose of the expedition is to secure new specimens for Herr von Gutsmann's private museum. Where duplicates are secured they will be given to the Smithsonian institution and if a third specimen is secured it will be given to the New York Zoological Society. The Transit is a 2,000 ton steamer.

JUNE SITTING OF THE FULL COURT OPENS

Work of Settling List of Cases Put Off Until This Afternoon Owing to Illness of Chief Justice

The June sitting of the Full Court opened this morning at the court house with Justice Irving, Morrison and Clement present. Judge Irving, as senior judge present, announced that the work of settling the list of cases would not begin this afternoon owing to the absence of Chief Justice Hunter, who was ill at his country home at Shawinigan Lake. He had had a telephone message from the chief justice the night before, stating that he would be unable to be in court that morning, but leaving it doubtful whether or not he would be able to reach Victoria today by the noon train.

Accordingly the sitting was adjourned until this afternoon at 2.30, by which time it will be seen whether the plaintiff at the trial of the action, the senior judge present, announced that the work of settling the list of cases would not begin this afternoon owing to the absence of Chief Justice Hunter, who was ill at his country home at Shawinigan Lake. He had had a telephone message from the chief justice the night before, stating that he would be unable to be in court that morning, but leaving it doubtful whether or not he would be able to reach Victoria today by the noon train.

Before rising Mr. Justice Clement read the judgment of the court in Coulthard vs. Sinclair, granting the appeal, and overruling Mr. Justice Morrison, who gave judgment for the plaintiff at the trial of the action. This was a dispute over a quarry on the Pitt River, and it was held that the plaintiff was not entitled to the interest of the expenses incurred in asserting and proving the title to the property.

CAPT. GARLICH WILL REMAIN IN COMMAND

Shipmaster Well-Known Here Retains Charge of Improved Dock Facilities

Capt. Thomas W. Garlich, who commanded the American steamer Tremont for a number of years while she operated in the freight and passenger service between Puget Sound and Manila, has been appointed to continue as master of the vessel. With her sister steamer Shawmut, the Tremont was recently taken over by the United States Government for the use of the Isthmian Canal Commission.

On account of the impending injury of these steamers into service, it is understood that orders have been issued from Washington to improve the docking facilities at Cristobal at once, in order to accommodate the big vessels. It will also be necessary to do some dredging over the coral reef at Cristobal Point to permit them to enter the harbor. The channel to the docks at Cristobal must be deepened to 27.1-2 feet.

Including the cost of improvements at Cristobal, it is figured that the Shawmut and Tremont will cost the Government as much as they originally cost the first owners. However, it is stated that were Cristobal harbor not improved at present, the work would have to be done in any event at a later date. Those familiar with the harbor at the Atlantic port of the canal state that it will be a delicate task to handle the Tremont and Shawmut in the difficult channel into Cristobal.

Anthony Pearson Nicholson, who for many years was watchman and who was brought down from the North by the steamer Guadalupe died at St. Joseph's hospital this morning. The body has been removed to the Victoria Undertaking Parlor, Yates street, and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

STORY IS TOO GOOD TO BE WHOLLY TRUE

Ottawa Denies Montreal Story That Canada Is Rushing Into Building of an Auxiliary Navy

Ottawa, June 7.—The announcement in a Montreal paper on Saturday to the effect that the Canadian Government has rushed into an arrangement with the Hawthorne Leslie and Coote Co., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, for the immediate construction of a number of vessels for the proposed Canadian auxiliary navy is on the face of it, absurd.

MADAME STOESEL NOW UNDER CLOUD

Deficit of \$47,000 in Accounts of Society Under Her Presidency Discovered

St. Petersburg, June 7.—The Port Arthur Benevolent Society held a meeting here today and as a result of an investigation found a deficit conference is held in July no contracts will be let, nor is it likely that the real character of Canada's navy will be known until the conference is over.

GOT TWENTY-THREE AT PROSPECT LAKE

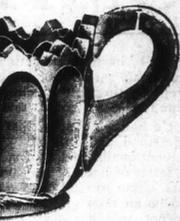
Prospect Lake is furnishing anglers with good sport these days. Ernest Steele was out yesterday and trowled for two hours. He landed twenty-three magnificent trout, the largest being over a foot in length. These fish are exhibited at the Victoria Sporting Goods Co., Douglas street.

Oliver Leaves for England

Ottawa, June 7.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier is leaving for England at the end of the week on business connected with his department. On his return he will go West to spend some time and will visit the Seattle exhibition.

Sir Wilfrid Goes to Quebec

Ottawa, June 7.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has gone to Quebec in connection with the terminal of the Atlantic Transcontinental Railway. He returns to Ottawa on Wednesday to attend the funeral of Archbishop Duhamel.



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Friday Bargains in Ladies' Linen Suits at \$8.50

Another shipment of the much-desired and popular Linen or Tub Suits just received and will be placed on Sale Friday. These are made of fine Linen in colors of blue, brown, mauve and grey, with white stripes, also, in plain colors of white blue and mauve, lace-trimmed, 34-length coat, semi-fitting skirt circular cut, with stitched folds. Special \$8.50

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