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THE GAELIC LEAGUE.

Mr. J. J. McGee, clerk of the privy council at Ottawa, is an enthusiastic Gaelic man, and is a warm supporter of the Gaelic league, a society that has for its object the union of Irishmen of all classes in a bond of mutual endeavor to support the best traditions of their race. Mr. McGee, in his recent trip to British Columbia to swear in Lieutenant Governor Dunsin, he called a few of the leading Irishmen of the province for the purpose of organizing a local branch of the Gaelic league. The meeting was held at the house of Mr. Walter W. Walsh, the legal firm of Messrs. Williams, W & Walsh, and preliminary steps for the formation of a branch of the league were taken, but it was found that it could not be carried out there then for several reasons. One of the chief was the want of Gaelic literature, or anyone with a knowledge of Gaelic language, and it was decided before any further action was taken to wait the arrival of a supply of Gaelic literature which is to be sent from the East. There were about 15 present at the meeting and Mr. McGee, in a short address, which was highly appreciated. He explained that while in Victoria he had started a branch of the league, and was to return to his way back.

The Gaelic league is an entirely national society, non-political and non-religious, its only aim being to bring Irishmen of the world over a greater and prouder for their mother country.

HYDRAULICKING IN YUKON.

Recent demands are being made by the Dominion government for agents in expensive schemes of hydraulic mining in the Yukon. The government is going to work hydraulically the auriferous benches gravels found in the banks of the Yukon. A recent bulletin from the geological survey, these water propositions are all "in millions" and great care will be taken to test the feasibility of the scheme before the country is committed to any such project.

The minister of the interior, who takes the Yukon last summer, takes interest in this matter, and is to arrive at a proper understanding of the problem is going out on a party from the geological survey, with instructions to make as close estimate as possible of the volume of the gold-bearing high-level gravels remaining in the banks of creeks.

Mr. McConnell, who has had several years' experience in the Klondike, will be in charge of the party and will be assisted by Messrs. Keele, MacLaren, O'Farrell. They will make accurate surveys of the banks by cross-sections and by digging test pits and at close intervals along the course of the river. The work will be done in a systematic manner, and the results will be reported to the minister of the interior.

On reaching the chamber of deputies the procession came in sight of the church, which was magnificently adorned for the ceremony. Over the entrance was suspended an immense canopy of red and yellow velvet embroidered with

THE ROYAL WEDDING AND ITS TRAGEDY

Brilliant Spectacle Presented by the Streets of Spanish Capital

A GORGEOUS DISPLAY OF EQUIPAGES

Alphonso Embraces His Bride and Mother and Crowds Cheer.

Madrid, May 31.—The tragic event and the narrow escape of King Alfonso and the new Queen of Spain has caused the brilliant of the royal wedding to be temporarily forgotten. King Alfonso reached the altar long before the Princess. The European courts were represented by princely and noble throngs, while France, America and the Central American republics stood out with plain garb. General Delstein's uniform paled before the trappings of the Princess. As the ceremony closed, King Alfonso embraced his bride and his mother, and the crowd's domestic tenderness as well as the democratic touch given by the presence of many people in the gallery at the Queen's request, made the scene a happy one.

The city awoke today under a cloudless sky and sunshine adding its glories to the bewildering mass of colors in which the streets were enveloped. From an early hour the street presented an aspect of extreme animation. The entire night had been passed amid the din of fireworks, singing and dancing, and thousands of provincials unable to secure shelter during the night in cafes and in the streets.

Preparing for Procession
At 8 o'clock crowds, densely packed the main thoroughfares, and the troops took up their positions, stopping all traffic, and the whole city took on an air of feverish expectancy. The esplanade in front of the royal palace was occupied by regiments of the royal guards in full uniforms with glittering breast plates and helmets. The regiments of the palace, guarding the approaches to the palace from the crowds, eager to gain points of vantage. The massive outlines of the palace, with its towers and turrets, were visible above the sea of heads. A regiment of halberdiers with quaint costumes, stood with rifles crossed at the Princess gate leading to the palace courtyard.

All along the route of the cortege heralds were stationed. Troops lined both sides of the streets in solid ranks for miles. The scene from the Puerta del Sol to the Puerta de Alcala was a magnificent sight. All the buildings were resplendent with the yellow and red colors of Spain. The windows were crowded with people, and the balconies were filled with flowers. The streets were filled with people, and the air was filled with the sound of music and the sight of flags and banners.

Princess Ena Arrives
Princess Victoria Eugenie came from the Puerta de Alcala early in the morning, accompanied by her mother, Princess Henry of Battenberg, and her father, King George of Greece. The princess was dressed in a white gown with a blue sash, and she was surrounded by a large escort of troops. The crowd was immense, and the princess was greeted with great enthusiasm as she entered the city.

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RE THE JOINT HIGH COMMISSION

Expresses the Hope For Early Re-assembling and Successful Issue.

AMERICAN CARRION PACKERS.

Chicago Meat Embalmers Make Grand Stand Play.
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STEAMER CAPSIZED.

Riga, May 30.—The excursion steamer Yima capsized off her pier here last night in consequence of overloading. Fifteen persons are believed to have perished. Eleven bodies were recovered from below the decks of the steamer when she was raised today.

ADMIRAL'S TRIAL

Russian Inset Commander Liable to Death Penalty.

St. Petersburg, May 30.—The trials by court-martial of Admiral Nebogatoff, Grigoroff and Summoff and subordinate unwounded naval officers for surrendering to the Japanese in the battle of the sea of Japan will begin in June. The accused officers are liable to the death penalty.

VIENNA, May 30.—There is absolutely no foundation for the rumors current here today that Emperor Francis Joseph has resolved to abdicate as the result of ill-health. His majesty participated this morning in military parades, and surprised the crowds who cheered him enthusiastically for his fine and almost youthful appearance on horseback.

SHORTAGE OF RICE.

Shanghai, May 30.—The abnormal prices of rice are causing acute distress, resulting in frequent food riots in the Yangtze valley. Merchants are holding their stocks, despite the heavy demands from the badly flooded areas in Hunan province. The viceroy of Nankin has accordingly memorialized the throne for special authority to prohibit the exportation of rice.

CANADIAN EXHIBIT FOR NEW ZEALAND

An international exhibition is to be held at Christchurch, New Zealand, Canterbury, New Zealand, from November, 1906, to the month of March, 1907, inclusive, in which the nations of the world have been invited to participate. The object of the exhibition is educational, and it is intended to demonstrate the resources and possibilities of New Zealand as one of the world's food producing factors, its mineral resources, etc.

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CANADIAN TRADE WITH THE ORIENT

Commercial Agent at Yokohama Submits an Interesting Report.

In a recent report, Mr. Alex. MacLean, Canadian commercial agent at Yokohama, makes note of several lines of trade of the Orient of interest to exporters and importers of the Dominion. His communication, in part, is as follows:

Fish.—Inquiries from the Pacific coast of Canada are prompted by the idea that there should be a market for such fish as soft-shell clippers, soft cured bladders, dressed frozen salmon, and dressed frozen halibut. It is said that these goods find market in China of which evidence is afforded. The "does not appear why there should not be a market in Japan."

The answer may be in substance what I have reported with regard to many things which people think should find a market here. These goods and such as these from China are being consigned to the market. The market is abundantly supplied, partly by the Japanese fishery, and partly by business connections with foreign countries. There is, therefore, no need felt to go to Canada; but interested parties here would be glad to consider Canadian offers, and it is implied that a Canadian agency and samples should be here present.

With regard to China, the leading Chinese ports are larger, and have a much larger foreign population than those of Japan, and therefore a corresponding larger consumption of foreign goods. Then large as the population of Japan is, that of China is ten times greater. So that the market for goods of foreign origin may be taken to be much larger in China. Japan being wholly insular, is more of a maritime country than any of her continental neighbors. Next to rice, fish is the food of the masses. Not only are there vast fishery facilities, but there is, ever present, the incentive to make the most of them.

In the way of fish canning, Japan has aspirations on her own account, and is indulging them with results as follows:

Exported. Value yen.
1902 283
1903 384,500
1904 633,700
1905 1,069,700

The assumption that is not apparent here. The species included in these canning operations are cod, salt, shell-fish, etc. These exports are from China, and from Hong Kong, the Philippines, Hawaii, Canada, Australia and southern islands. Chip and Straw Branch.—There is a large demand for certain class of goods for the European and American markets. It is said to be greater than Japan can at present supply.

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AMERICAN COMPANY TO PRINT CANADA'S NOTES

Foreign Company Secures Four Years Extension of Their Contract.

Ottawa, May 31.—(Special).—The contract with the American Bank Note Company for the printing of the Dominion notes, postage stamps, post and letter cards, post bonds and certain inland revenue stamps has been extended for five years from October 1, 1907.

The agreement between the Yukon council and "Rainmaker" Hatfield of Los Angeles was brought down today and is one of the most important documents ever submitted to parliament. A "rainmaking" board of seven Dawsonites was to be constituted and they were to be the trustees of the localities in which Hatfield should exercise his wonderful powers. Hatfield and his assistant were to be paid \$10,000 a month, and if in the opinion of the majority of the board Hatfield made rain as ordered, he was to be paid only his traveling and living expenses.

The House again was engaged all day discussing the proposal for a committee to investigate the administration of the interior department. Mr. Borden spoke for two hours and delivered an address which was met with a display of argument, invective and eloquence. The debate will be continued tomorrow.

ATLIN IS OPEN.

First Steamer Starts on the Northern Route—No Freight Congestion.

Navigation has opened on Lake Atlin and the steamer, "The Yukon," left Caribou Wednesday night, according to advices received by J. H. Rogers, traffic manager of the White Pass & Yukon route. The first boat of the season leaves White Horse for Dawson and Mr. Rogers says that fully 2,000 tons of freight has accumulated there for shipment to the interior.

The first steamer of the season, for Dawson will be the "Cascadia" sailing June 1st. The "Selkirk" will depart June 2nd for the White Horse. June 4th and the Dawson June 5th. The vessels will have all the freight and passengers they can take, as the steamers Humboldt and Jefferson, which recently sailed from Seattle, will land their passengers at Skagway in time to make connection at White Horse.

Following the latter part of next week will be the steamers Canadian, Columbian, Victorian and Bonanza and the last four vessels will carry low barges loaded with freight. The first run of steamers out of White Horse will be the "The Yukon," which will leave on Friday the 1st of this month, and it is in the opinion of the majority of the board Hatfield made rain as ordered, he was to be paid only his traveling and living expenses.

LIFE INSURANCE PAYMENTS.

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The Insurance Press of New York has issued its annual statement of the amounts paid by life insurance companies in the United States and Canada, in 1905. These figures are as follows: Total amount paid to policyholders in the form of death claims, maturing endowments or other benefits under the policies of life premium companies or the certificates of assessment orders. It does not include the sums paid by the regular companies in dividends to policyholders, cash surrenders, values, claims paid in foreign countries or payments to annuitants.

The total payments in Canada were \$17,408,178, and this sum was exceeded only in the great commonwealth of New York, where \$22,478,353 were paid; Pennsylvania, where \$31,241,000 were paid; and Massachusetts, where \$20,773,947 were paid.

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FOR VITICULTURAL STATION.

San Francisco, May 31.—By the terms of the will of the late Theo. Kearey, the noted raisin grower, Fresno, who died suddenly several days ago on the steamship Caronia, while en route from New York to Queenstown, his entire estate, valued at \$750,000, is bequeathed to the University of California for the establishment of a viticultural station at Fresno. The will was made by a man who had been in the raisin business for many years.

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