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WHEELER WILCOX.

ABOUT LOTTA.

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KATE JORDAN.

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MORE ABOUT SEALING.

The Issues Between the American Government and the N. A. Commercial Company.

Secretary Carlisle Demands the Rebate Allowed by His Republic Can Predecessors.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Representatives in this city of the North American Commercial Co. in advance of information from the chief officials at San Francisco, decline to discuss the demand of Secretary Carlisle upon the company for the full amount of the rental, bonus and tax, under the terms of the contract made by Secretary Windom, with the company in 1880, for the privilege of taking seals on the Pribiloff Islands. The law under which the contract and lease of 1880 was executed, was passed in 1874. By its terms the rental of the Islands was fixed at a minimum of \$50,000, and a tax of \$2 was laid upon each seal taken by the lessee. The annual catch was fixed at 100,000, and the secretary was given authority to change that number and with accompanying discretion to modify the rental as might be deemed proper. After the contract of 1880 had been executed in violation of the catch for the year ending May 1st, 1891, was fixed at 60,000 seals, the Secretary of the Treasury directed the Commercial company to cease taking seals after about 20,000 had been taken. In the settlement of accounts for that year, the company claimed that it was equitably entitled to a reduction of the rental in proportion to the catch of seals. It is estimated that the annual catch stipulated in the law of 1870, 100,000, was used as a basis and not the 60,000 which the contract for that year authorized. By this method the amount paid to the company for the rental was 100,000 of 60,000 (which the company had contracted to pay) and not 1, which was the proportion of the number allowed. The next year the company claimed a reduction, not only of the rental of the islands, but also of the tax (\$2 a head) and of the bonus which it had agreed to pay (\$7,624).

By relying upon an opinion rendered by ex-Solicitor-General Tappan, approved by Attorney-General Miller, to the effect that these items might be considered as coming within the general term "rental," the Treasury department allowed the claim of the company, and in 1892 it settled on a basis of about \$1.17 a skin instead of \$10.621, the full amount prescribed by the terms of the contract, and in 1893 at about 27 cents. The demand of Secretary Carlisle is for the rebate allowed by his predecessors.

THE COMMERCIAL BANK.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 18.—(Special)—The Directors of the Commercial Bank met last evening. The business has narrowed to a fight between three factions, who have all put up candidates for the position of liquidator. It has been decided by both creditors and shareholders that a liquidator with two advisers should be appointed. The rival contestants are S. A. D. Bertram, R. W. Archer and F. W. Ferguson, the present provisional liquidator. Voting is now going on by both shareholders and creditors, and it is not expected the result will be known until to-morrow morning. Duncan McArthur occupied the chair as president of the meeting of shareholders regarding them, regarding no charges pending against them. He was anxious to pull the bank down. He was anxious to see a resuscitation of the bank, and would, himself, give every assistance in his power toward that end. He believed, in fact he knew, that it could be resuscitated and re-associated. He referred to his alleged personal liabilities, and said the provisional liquidator had made many misstatements regarding them, regarding no charges pending against them. He was anxious to pull the bank down. He was anxious to see a resuscitation of the bank, and would, himself, give every assistance in his power toward that end. He believed, in fact he knew, that it could be resuscitated and re-associated. He referred to his alleged personal liabilities, and said the provisional liquidator had made many misstatements regarding them, regarding no charges pending against them. He was anxious to pull the bank down. He was anxious to see a resuscitation of the bank, and would, himself, give every assistance in his power toward that end. He believed, in fact he knew, that it could be resuscitated and re-associated. He referred to his alleged personal liabilities, and said the provisional liquidator had made many misstatements regarding them, regarding no charges pending against them.

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THE AWARD.

It is Discussed in the House of Commons and Its Provisions Explained.

Previous Arbitrations Explained and Contrasted—Their Significance and Importance.

LONDON, Aug. 18.—In the House of Commons Mr. Thomas G. Bowles, Conservative member for Lynn, asked the Government whether the award of the Behring Sea Tribunal of Arbitration imposed upon Great Britain the obligation to forbid pelagic sealing by British subjects, as any time whatever, within a sixty mile zone around the Pribiloff Islands. He also desired to be informed whether the award of the tribunal forbade British sealers to use firearms nets or explosives in their vocation, and whether it established a close season to be observed by pelagic sealers and put other restrictions upon British sealers, while it imposed no obligation on the United States to restrict sealing on the latter side. Further, Mr. Bowles said he desired to be informed whether the effect of the award would not be to give a practical monopoly of the sealing industry to the Americans, and deprive British subjects of any share in the industry.

Sir Edward Grey, Parliamentary Secretary of the Foreign Office, replying to the questions put by Mr. Bowles, said that it was not considered that the effect of the award would be to give the Americans a monopoly of the industry. The use of firearms upon the United States side was forbidden, a close season had been established, and only sealing vessels would be allowed to engage in sealing. The award, however, imposed certain obligations upon the United States, and as upon Great Britain, and did not admit that these obligations would not to the prejudice of British interests, as Mr. Bowles had suggested by his question. He said that the award was not intended to give a practical monopoly of the sealing industry to the Americans, and deprive British subjects of any share in the industry.

THE ARBITRATION.

Reported Opinions of Sir John Thompson and Hon. Mr. Tupper.

LONDON, Aug. 17.—Charles H. Tupper, Canadian Minister of Marine and Fisheries and British agent at the Behring Sea arbitration, sailed for Montreal on the steamer Parisian to-day. Shortly before going aboard he said he believed that the United States would agree to the regulations which would protect seal life in Behring Sea, while not stopping profitable pelagic sealing. Sir John Thompson, Minister of Justice and member of the arbitration, who sailed with Mr. Tupper, said that the award of the tribunal ought to be fairly satisfactory to Canadians. It was inevitable, he said, that any regulations should tend to restrict pelagic sealing because the treaty of 1825 gave the United States the right to regulate the killing of seals on land or within territorial waters. "The regulations prepared a few weeks ago," said Sir John, "would liberally have abolished pelagic sealing in accordance with the American contention. The practical reasons which Lord Hannan and I advanced, however, induced a modification. This so disposed of the matter, and the arbitration was referred to the arbitration tribunal. The practical reasons which Lord Hannan and I advanced, however, induced a modification. This so disposed of the matter, and the arbitration was referred to the arbitration tribunal.

IMMIGRANT INSPECTION.

U. S. Surgeon-General Wyman Testifies to the Effectiveness of the Canadian System. WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Surgeon-General Wyman, of the Marine Hospital service, when shown the dispatch from Buffalo stating that immigrants from cholera-infected ports of Europe were coming into the United States by way of Suspension Bridge, said that all immigrants in Canada first abroad came through Quebec, where they are inspected by Dr. Montzambert, the superintendent of the Marine Hospital service, and also passed by Surgeon Banks, who is stationed there by the courtesy of the Canadian Government to witness the inspection and certify to the disinfection of all immigrant baggage. Every immigrant passing through Quebec, he said, is inspected, and his baggage disinfected by steam, whether he comes from a healthy or infected port, and he is not allowed to pass through unless his baggage is tagged and he has a certificate signed by both physicians in France, and a receipt from the statement that appeals for assistance had been unanswered. Dr. Wyman said: "The examination at Suspension Bridge is simply supplementary to the examinations which are provided and enforced at all the seaboard ports."

REMAINING CHINESE.

Citizens of a California Town Forcibly Deport Resident Orientals. VASILA, Cal., Aug. 18.—About 11 o'clock last night an unarmed body of laboring men waited on the Chinese residents in town and deported them out of town quietly using no violence whatever, and to-day their places of business are closed. This action was not taken until one day after the time specified in notice given them to leave by the anti-Chinese league. The Chinese made no effort to suspend business and excitement was running high. They made no resistance when the last moment came. The wash houses are preparing to close by September 1.

FRISCO'S WINTER FAIR.

Formal Commencement of the Exposition Building. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 19.—Great preparations are being made for the celebration, to take place on Thursday afternoon next, in Golden Gate Park, which is to mark the formal breaking of ground for the buildings of the Midwinter Exposition. Committees

WONNIEP WIRINGS.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 18.—(Special)—It is stated that pending the completion of construction work on the "So" road, between Estevan and Pasqua, the Brandon and Southeastern branch of the C. P. R. will be utilized for through trains, establishing a through service to the Pacific coast. St. Paul, as soon as the line is built to the boundary, which will be some time next winter.

NORTHWEST LEGISLATURE.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 17.—(Special)—The Northwest Legislature opened its fourth session at Regina this afternoon. Lt. Governor Royal in the Speech from the throne, says: "The public requirement of the Territories renders it desirable that the Legislature should meet at an early date in the new financial year and as soon as possible." The Legislature opened its fourth session at Regina this afternoon. Lt. Governor Royal in the Speech from the throne, says: "The public requirement of the Territories renders it desirable that the Legislature should meet at an early date in the new financial year and as soon as possible." The Legislature opened its fourth session at Regina this afternoon. Lt. Governor Royal in the Speech from the throne, says: "The public requirement of the Territories renders it desirable that the Legislature should meet at an early date in the new financial year and as soon as possible."

AMERICAN NEWS.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Russell Sage denied very emphatically to-day the report that he had been offered the position of chairman of the board of directors of the Northern Pacific Railway company or that he would take it tendered him. "I have no business with the story that I hold a large number of securities as collateral for loans is utterly without foundation." The Midwinter Fair. WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Mr. Voorhees to-day reported to the Finance committee a bill in aid of the California Midwinter Exposition, which was placed in the calendar. It proposes to admit free of duty all foreign exhibits. Address to a Million. NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—Walter P. Butler, of Saratoga, has been appointed by Judge Putnam receiver in supplementary proceedings for Christine M. L. Gunning, of Saratoga, a niece of the late Senator Leland Stanford of California, in the suit of the Lincoln National Bank, who obtained a judgment against her for \$5,650 on February 2, 1891. Papers in the case were filed in the county clerk's office to-day. Mrs. Stanford, who was asked what property she had, and she testified as follows: "I suppose from what I have seen in the papers, I have a legacy of one million under the will of my uncle, Leland Stanford of California. Mrs. Stanford, the widow of Leland Stanford, is my father's sister. I understand that Mr. Stanford left no lineal descendants but an adopted child. I have no property of any kind other than the above legacy. I have never assigned or conveyed the above legacy to any one. If the will of Mr. Stanford give me any property, I would not indicate it himself, signed by her under the name of Christine M. Lathrop.

THE MIDWINTER FAIR.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—After three speeches by Daniel, of New York, Cooper, a Democrat from Florida, and Goldsby, a Democrat from Ohio, the House adjourned out of respect to the memory of the late J. Logan Chipman, of Michigan. The meeting of the Senate Finance committee to-day, was attended by every member and conclusions were resolved which may enable the committee to report the repeal bill to-morrow. The vote by which it will be reported is estimated by members of the committee at six to five.

LONGSHOREMAN DROWNED.

TAOUMA, Aug. 18.—John Grady, a longshoreman, was drowned here to-day by the giving way of a coal chute conveying coal from the bunkers to a vessel coaling. Eight men, altogether, were precipitated into the water, four of them being rescued by lifebuoys thrown to them, and three by Quarter-Master Frank Mitchell, of the steamship Taouma, who sprang into the water from the wharf. The body of Grady has not yet been recovered. The fact is reported that another man was drowned, but this is not certain.

AUSTRALIAN CANAL CUT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—Clarence H. Hannell, of Newcastle, N. S. W., a large coal mine owner there, left yesterday by the Monowah for home. On being asked as to the immediate outlook for the coal market, he said he had received advice from Newcastle that on the first of January next coal would be reduced one shilling per ton in price for best and second coal. The proposed reduction is caused by several concerns cutting prices down in opposition to the collieries owners' combination, and they now propose to fight them. The fight is expected to last a year. Consumers of Australian coal will by this save 25 cents a ton, but such a small reduction will not affect the San Francisco market.

CABLE LETTER.

Struggle Between Masters and Miners Intensifying—Scarcity of Coal Seriously Felt.

German Taxation Proposals—European Tariff War—German Army Movements.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—The struggle between the miners and mine owners is no nearer settlement than three weeks ago when the strike began. In the Midland counties alone 500,000 colliers are idle. In South Wales the situation is so critical that more than 200,000 colliers are idle. A full battery have been called out from Plymouth and other military centers since Thursday in anticipation of miners' riots. The whole district is in a state of feverish unrest and apprehension. Watchmen, spies and sentinels are everywhere looking for signs of approaching mob violence.

MINING EXPLOSION.

BREITEN, Aug. 19.—The Katsarstaple colliery at Dortmund, in Westphalia, was today the scene of a terrible mining accident. An explosion of fire-damp occurred in the pit, killing fifty persons and injuring many others. Great excitement prevailed, and details of the affair are not yet at hand. It is feared that some of the injured will die.

THE SCARCITY OF COAL.

YESTERDAY 10,000 miners marched from Monmouthshire and the Rhonda Valley to Merthyr Vale, 22 miles north-west of Cardiff. They rioted in the parish and its environs, smashed windows and battered buildings. Several men were maltreated by the mob, but eventually, after the reading of the Riot Act, the rioters marched away without having done any considerable damage. A detachment from Pontypridd to-night says that troops have been sent to Merthyr Vale, as more trouble threatens there. To-morrow night more serious action is looked for, for 20,000 strikers' plan is to begin to-morrow afternoon or evening their march from the Rhonda valley over the mountains to Ebbw Vale, where they are expected to meet the strikers to punish scabs. Many miners are still at work. Strikers are posted at short distances at the entrance to Ebbw Vale, and scouts have been sent to the mountain heights. The troops occupy a position near the mine threatened by the 20,000 and will advance to stop the invaders on their approach.

GERMAN TAXATION.

COUNT POSADOVSKY WESNER, successor of Baron von Maltzahn, Secretary of the German Imperial Treasury, returned to-day to the duties of the office on September 1. With the retirement of Baron von Maltzahn from the head of the Treasury, it is supposed to vanish whatever elements of obstruction policy of Dr. Michel, Prussian Minister of Finance, could meet in the official circle. Baron von Maltzahn has been a highly honorable minister. He would have willingly placed himself in support with Dr. Levy, but the latter having a profoundly difficult task before him in reorganizing the new taxation scheme, required another man. The new Secretary of the Treasury will inaugurate his career by presiding over a series of conferences to be held by delegates from the Federal States on the new taxation proposals. According to the semi-official press, all the Federal States have now agreed to the tax on Bourse transactions will be double, and a graduated change be imposed on wines and tobacco. The proposal to place a tax on advertisements, which never met with general support, has been entirely withdrawn from consideration. The Government became convinced that the placing of a tax on advertisements, would adversely affect the business of the country, and would be a security money.

PRICE OF GRAIN IN RUSSIA.

THROUGHOUT Northern Russia the prices of all grains are falling. Good rye, which costs 75 kopecks per pound to produce, is selling at the same price, and the cost of production threatens to shortly exceed the market value. The land owners, who are weighed down with debt, incurred through the famine of last year, cannot raise further loans to pay the instalments of their debts now due, or sell their grain at a price that will permit them to meet their obligations. Dr. Witte, the Russian minister of Finance, has summoned to St. Petersburg the chief provincial treasurers, to confer with the directors of the Imperial Bank of Russia on measures to assist the distressed land owners and farmers. The land owners have petitioned the Government to support their appeal to the land banks for six months' grace to meet their engagements. The Novo Vremya, of St. Petersburg, says that the Russian treasury, who have had only one good harvest in three years, find their prospects of recuperation blasted by the tariff war with Germany.

TO STOP TARIFF WAR.

THE CONFERENCE between the Imperial Bank of Russia and the Provisional Government will open on Monday next. It is reported that several of the officials who will take part in this conference mean to demand that Dr. Witte's policy will be entirely reversed, and that the tariff war will be stopped at once. It is said that the officials believe that it will only be possible to relieve the distress by securing the reopening of the German markets to Russian products. The extraordinary tariff now imposed on Russian grain amount practically to the prohibition of its importation.

SOURCE OF THE CHOLERA.

SINCE the alleged case of cholera in this city have been traced to a single source, the uncertainty of the disease has long been too little for the accommodation of traffic. The people of Berlin have dismissed the matter as no concern of theirs. Each case of reported cholera is proved to have been due to the person imported from the East Indies, and that the disease is not a native of Russia in which genuine cholera has prevailed. Russo-Polish working people are numerous in the eastern districts of

QUAKE AT BUCHAREST.

BUCHAREST, Aug. 18.—At 5 o'clock this morning, an earthquake was felt in this city. It was followed in rapid succession by two others. The residents were badly frightened, and many of them left their houses very hurriedly, with nothing but their night clothes on. Slight damage was done to a number of buildings, but no body was hurt.

HISTORY OF 15 YEARS.

FOR fifteen years we have been reading the history of the world. The history of the world is a long and interesting story. It is a story of the struggles of the human race for freedom and justice. It is a story of the triumphs of the human spirit over the forces of darkness and evil. It is a story of the progress of the human race towards a better and more just world.

BERLIN.

They have exceedingly limited notions in regard to sanitation. The newspapers warn the Germans who come in contact with them while working, to watch them closely for every symptom of illness and to get aid from the authorities should such symptoms occur to warrant the isolation of the person affected. The police are disinfecting and watching Russian emigrants who continue to arrive from the cholera districts, from which immigration was supposed to have been checked.

ARMY MANOEUVRES.

THE PROGRAMME has been completed for the army manoeuvres at Metz. Special interest is manifested in these manoeuvres. A review by the Emperor of the 8th army corps will be held at Treves on September 2. The corps will then advance on Metz against the 16th Army corps. The operations will take place within a triangular formed by Treves, Metz and Saar-Louis. The final encounter will take place at Metz. Emperor William, the Crown Prince of Italy, and the other royal personages who will attend the manoeuvres as guests of the Emperor, will stay at the Chateau de Urville, twelve miles from Metz.

AUSTRALIAN CABLE.

THE NEW COMPANY that propose to lay a cable between Australia and California will obtain a subsidy from the German Government for the sections of the line between the Fiji and Samoa Islands, and the Samoan Islands and Honolulu. The post office officials here are of the opinion that nothing stands in the way of an agreement between the governments to complete the line to California.

CANADIAN NEWS.

(Special to the Colonist.)

NUMERED MILITIA CHANGES.

KINGSTON, Aug. 17.—It is stated here that in the change to be made in connection with the Canadian Militia Hon. Matthew Aylmer, of London, Ont., will go to Ottawa as Assistant Adjutant-General. Lieut. Col. Straubsville and Villiers, Deputy Adjutant-Generals, are to be retired with a gratuity of \$3,200; Major Fraser, Paymaster of the 1st Battery, will be sent to Winnipeg and his office abolished. Other changes are said to be in contemplation, and will be made known later in the year.

LAURIER'S CANADIAN CAMPAIGN.

TORONTO, Aug. 17.—It is announced that Hon. W. Laurier will come to Ontario early in September. He will remain in the Province for three or four weeks, and it is likely that he will address three meetings a week during that time.

REGULATIONS AND ALL?

TORONTO, Aug. 17.—The Empire, in an editorial on the Behring Sea decision, says that if the United States are disposed to accept the decision and act upon it in good faith, this country cannot afford to be less magnanimous.

THE QUEBEC SESSION.

QUEBEC, Aug. 17.—It is semi-officially announced that the Quebec Legislature will be called to meet for the dispatch of business on or about November 1st, and that the ministers being desirous of getting the session over before the Christmas holidays.

DIED FROM AN ACCIDENT.

HAMILTON, Aug. 17.—Robert Turner died at the city hospital to-day from the effects of having his leg cut off by a railway train at Orillia, on Monday. He was aged 22 and unmarried.

A MONTREAL LADY DROWNED.

MONTREAL, Aug. 17.—Miss Kate Hanson, daughter of G. D. Hanson, insurance adjuster, was drowned last evening at Sorel while canoeing. She was well known in social circles here.

A VETERAN'S DEED.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 17.—Henry G. Arnold, one of the most prominent farmers of Western Ontario, is dead. He was a veteran of 1857.

GUELPH MODEL FARM.

QUELUP, Aug. 18.—As the result of the commission appointed last March by the Ontario Government to inquire into the working of the agricultural college here, Prof. Sherman has resigned and Prof. Shaw has been asked to resign.

C.P.R. TRAFFIC RECEIPTS.

MONTREAL, Aug. 18.—The C.P.R. traffic receipts for the year ending August 14th were \$417,000, or for the same week last year, \$418,000.

ANXIETY FOR THE "SARINA."

MONTREAL, Aug. 18.—The Dominion Line steamship Sarina, from Montreal, is now twenty days out, and there is no news of her since she was reported on August 7, with her machinery damaged. There is considerable anxiety here concerning her safety.

GUNS FOR QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, Aug. 18.—Major-General Herbert has secured for the citadel here, nominally as a five years loan from the Imperial Government, two of the newest and most improved modern guns in use in the British service.

MANITOBA AND N. F. R. R. RECEIVERS.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 18.—An order was made this morning, by Justice Killam, for the appointment of receivers of the Manitoba and Northern Pacific railway company. The bill will be filed by P. B. Winston, of the Minneapolis Farmers' Loan and Trust company, of New York, and William C. Sheldon & Co., of New York, and Brooklyn, as plaintiffs. The receivers appointed are the same as those appointed in the United States.

TO REPLACE VICTORIA BRIDGE.

MONTREAL, Aug. 19.—The Grand Trunk Railway has decided to build a new bridge across the St. Lawrence, at Montreal. The old single track bridge has long been too little for the accommodation of traffic.

THE STEAMER "SARINA."

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CAPITAL NOTES.

Favorable Post Office Statement—The Largest Amount of Deposits Ever Known.

Ministers Called for a Special Cabinet Meeting, Saturday—Reception to Thompson and Tupper.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Aug. 18.—The statement of the Post Office Savings' Bank for the year ended June 30 shows that the bank has recovered from the effect of the reduction of interest, four years ago, from four percent to three and a half, as the deposits during the year exceeded the withdrawals by more than a million, and the balance at the credit of depositors was the largest ever known, being \$38,153,193, an increase of nearly two millions over last year, being eleven hundred thousand more than the highest amount ever reached previously.

A call has been issued for all absent ministers to return for a special meeting of the Privy Council on Saturday.

The Conservative associations here are arranging for a public reception to Sir John Thompson and Hon. C. H. Tupper, on their return here. This being a civic holiday the department care closed and business has been suspended. Hon. J. C. Patterson, Minister of Militia, returned to town to-day.

OTTAWA, Aug. 18.—A press dispatch that R. Napier & Son, Glasgow, deny the statement that they have offered the Dominion Government a fast Atlantic service, must be wrong, as Hon. Mr. Bowell, acting premier, holds a letter from them making an offer, which will be considered when Sir John Thompson returns to Ottawa.

The statement of imports and exports for July shows an increase in the aggregate trade of \$1,100,000 over last July.

It is most probable that Arnold will be released at once owing to ill-health. His time would expire September 15, and Acting Minister of Justice Oulmet has recommended the Administration to release him at once.

OTTAWA, Aug. 19.—The Colonial Secretary has forwarded the following cable from London dated August 16: "Administrator, Government of Canada—Without waiting the official report of the arbitration award, I will not delay my congratulations to Canada upon Hon. Mr. Tupper's success as British agent in securing the freedom of the sea and maintaining the legal right of Canadian ships, while at the same time thanking the Dominion Government for having spared the Premier to give his valuable services as arbitrator."

"RITON." A motion will be made at Monday night's meeting of the Council to tender to Sir John Thompson a reception on his return.

A SMALL SCANDAL.

MONTREAL, Aug. 19.—According to an alderman there is another small scandal brewing. The latest story is to the effect that a certain former in the service of one of the departments has been drawing pay on fictitious pay sheets.

FRENCH-AMERICAN CONVENTION.

MONTREAL, Aug. 19.—Ex-Premier Mercier and City Clerk Davis left this morning for Chicago to attend the French-American convention.

AUSTRALIAN SERVICE APPROVED.

TORONTO, Aug. 19.—At a meeting of the Council of the Board of Trade yesterday, a letter was received from the Postmaster-General expressing his hearty approval of the proposed fast mail service via Vancouver to Australia.

HOWARD'S TRIP.

TORONTO, Aug. 19.—Sir Oliver Mowat and Hon. John Dryden, minister of agriculture, left this morning on a trip through the Northern territories.

CONSERVATIVE ECONOMY.

QUEBEC, Aug. 19.—It is announced that