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DOMINION HOUSE DULY ASSEMBLED ELECTED A SPEAKER

Sir J. Bourinot Had a Large Baxter Bible and Clerk Laplante as Big a One.

SWORE IN THE MEMBERS.

First Man to Sign the Roll Was Dr. T. S. Sproule, M.P., East Grey.

OPENING WITHOUT SOCIAL SHOW.

Few Ladies Were in Attendance and Most of Those Attired in Black.

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The representatives of the people in the ninth Parliament of Canada confronted each other as two political parties to-day. The confrontation easily revealed the great advantage of the Government in strength of numbers. The seat on the Conservative side opposite Sir Wilfrid Laurier's was vacant, a mute expression of the duty which still awaited the Opposition of electing a leader. The vacant seat was between those of Hon. N. Clarke Wallace and Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, Messrs. Monk and Sproule being higher up and Messrs. Haggart, LaRiviere, Maclean and McNeill farther down the front row of Opposition seats. Mr. Costigan still retained his seat on the same row, next to Mr. McNeill. Messrs. Kemp, Brock and Clarke sat in line on the third bench, Mr. Osler's seat beside them being vacant.

Business Done.

The business of the day was limited to the election of a Speaker, all the rest being ceremonious routine. At 3 o'clock the Commons assembled in camera, and the mace was carried in, but the newspaper representatives and other unprivileged persons were kept out in the lobby, where they listened in wonderment to a burst of applause that pierced the closed doors and echoed on the snowy slopes of Parliament Hill. This momentous sound signified the arrival at the portals of the Commons of the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod. He had brought a message from the Governor, summoning in all haste the members of the Lower House to the bar of the Senate.

Entrance and Exit.

The elected persons tumbled over each other to obey the summons promptly, but one-half of them had not reached the Red Chamber when the first arrivals were encountered, crowding their way out again. The newspaper men had somewhat the advantage in this hasty movement, as they were able to reach the bar of the Senate first. It was a dull and dignified spectacle that met their gaze. Mr. Justice Gwynne, in his red ermined robes, sat in the chair, with the Premier and a few other distinguished persons grouped to the right and the left of his chair. The judge was acting in the capacity of Deputy Governor, Mr. Justice Strong not being able to attend.

Told What to Do.

As soon as the head of the rout from the Commons had reached the bar, Speaker Power proclaimed in a voice which very few heard, that the Governor-General did not consider it fit to divulge his reasons for the summoning of Parliament until the Commons had elected a Speaker. They were advised to return to their own chamber at once, and do so. Upon returning on the afternoon of the morrow, the Governor would tell them the secrets of his mind. Then the cocked hat on top of the robes came off as a signal that the proceedings for the day were over.

Few Ladies Present.

There were present only three or four young ladies in black on the floor of the Senate, and about a score of ladies, some in black and some not, in the gallery. There was a large attendance of Senators. At noon the proclamation announcing the appointment of Speaker Power was read, and when he had taken his seat the new Senators, with the exception of Hon. J. V. Ellis, took the oath and their seats. Senators George McHugh, Lyman Jones, A. T. Wood and Robert McKay were introduced by Senators Mills and Scott. A large proportion of the old Senators swore allegiance to King Edward.

Swearing in Commons.

At noon Sir John Bourinot and Assistant Clerk Laplante attended in the Commons chamber, the former with a large Baxter Bible and the latter with an equally ponderous edition, having a silver cross on the cover. They proceeded to administer the oath of allegiance to the King. The members crowded on the floor and disposed themselves into bunches like swarming bees. As many as could touch the book were sworn together. Then they subscribed to the roll.

Sproule Signs First.

The first signature in the list was that of Thomas S. Sproule, East Grey. Hon. John Costigan came second and Hon. John Haggart third. The Cabinet was not represented at the start, but Sir Wilfrid Laurier appeared inside ten minutes and held an informal reception, the Conservative members advancing in a body to shake hands with him. Some of the back benchers on the Liberal side did not bother, but the Mahomet of his party went after each and every one of these old mountains of turpitude, shaking them into momentary animation. Hon. Michel Bernier was the first of the Ministers to take the oath. Mr. Mulock came in and grabbed the Catholic edition at one end of the table, while Sir Wilfrid was making a sibilant sound upon the flexible cover of Baxter at the other. By twenty minutes after 12 the ceremony was over.

A Sad Duty.

At fifteen minutes after 3, when the

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MANITOBA GOVERNMENT'S DEAL WITH THE NORTHERN PACIFIC CO.

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Transfer of the Company's Lines Takes the Form of a Lease—Mackenzie and Mann to Operate Them—Ten-Cent Rate on Wheat to be Guaranteed.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Messrs. Roblin and Rogers arrived to-day and have been all forenoon in close conference with Mr. Bunn, general counsel of the Northern Pacific. The Manitobans decline at present to make any public statement. Your correspondent, from remarks dropped by officials around the Northern Pacific Railroad office here to-day, has no reason to doubt that a deal has practically been consummated by which the company will transfer its lines to the Government of Manitoba at an early date. It is given out that the price for the system is about $7,000,000.

Repeated Conferences.

There have been repeated conferences between the heads of departments of the line during the past day or two, but so far I have been unable to learn any of the details, tho I have no doubt the price mentioned is correct. The deal will likely be in the form of a long lease. It is said in railway circles that the lines will be leased by the Manitoba Government to Mackenzie & Mann, a Canadian firm.

A Lease, and Not a Purchase.

Winnipeg, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—In discussing the local Government's recent railway negotiations with a reporter a prominent Conservative, very close to Executive circles, said: "The general supposition that the Government has actually purchased the Northern Pacific lines in Manitoba is erroneous. The Government has simply leased the lines for 99 years at an annual rental of $240,000, and in turn will lease them to Mackenzie & Mann for the same time and the same amount. The Government will, moreover, guarantee the bonds of the Ontario and Rainy River Railway from the Manitoba boundary to Port Arthur at $15,000 per mile, and also the interest thereon. In return for this the Canadian Northern Company will give a guarantee of 10 cents per hundred wheat rate to the great lakes, and will doubtless contribute a considerable sum to the treasury of the province by way of taxes on their mileage in the province. It is also understood that this 10-cent rate will be lowered when the gross earnings of the company have reached a certain percentage of the bonded indebtedness of the road. The negotiations, which include numerous other details, will be completed before Premier Roblin returns. The question now is how the transaction will be viewed by the people."

It is stated in railway circles that the transfer will take place on March 15.

Tribune Comments.

The Tribune to-night says, editorially: "We have not been able to conceive what the possible circumstances are under which the Government would be justified in paying $8,000,000, as mentioned in a contemporary, for the N. P. Railway lines. Even for a lower price very unusual inducements would have to exist to justify the placing upon the lines of an annual interest charge a great deal in excess of the annual interest upon the cost. Whether these unusual inducements exist we have not yet been informed, but one member of the Government is reported to have said that they expect to settle the question of freight rates for the future as well as for the present, and to do that means to arrange for future as well as present reductions upon the basis of such rates as are possible upon roads not over capitalized. If the contract is with the Canadian Northern, perhaps it will include some agreement limiting the issue of bonds of stock of the line to the lake to approximately the actual cost, after deducting the cash subsidies received from the Dominion and Ontario treasuries."

Criticism of the deal in general in the press is not general as yet, owing to the uncertainty of the details, but interest is awakening and the railway question will be a very live one for some time.

QUEEN WILHELMINA WEDS TO-DAY DUTCH CITY IS IN JOYOUS MOOD

Some of the Gifts to the Bride Are Elaborate—Among Them is a Grand Chariot in Which the Young Couple Will Ride to the Place of Ceremony.

The Hague, Feb. 6.—The wedding eve of Queen Wilhelmina and Duke Henry of Mecklenberg-Schwerin shows a winter carnival holding sway over The Hague. Already 100,000 Hollanders, with many foreigners, have been added to the population of the city, and trains from all quarters of this ancient kingdom are bringing thousands more.

Queen Wilhelmina dined at the palace this evening with Duke Henry and the families of the two. Occasionally she appeared at an upper window to bow a response to some serenading society.

A striking feature of the festivities is the democratic atmosphere. There are no cordons of policemen or soldiers to hold back the crowds. There are no swarms of detectives. There is no talk of Anarchists.

The Queen's constant escort is 12 young noblemen, riding bay horses, with white saddles and clothes, and wearing maroon uniforms, trimmed with black fur. Wherever the royal cortege appears the people good-naturedly clear the way. When the crowds are thick, policemen and others clasp hands and form a line to keep them back.

Some Elaborate Gifts.

Amsterdam's gift to the Queen, the magnificent gilded chariot, originally built for her coronation, was formally presented Monday. In it she will ride to church tomorrow.

One of the richest presents is a great tapestry representing the garden of the Hesperides. This is from the French republic.

The City of The Hague has given a porcelain service of 300 pieces. From the ladies of The Hague the Queen received a salver mirror and a jeweled bracelet, and from her ladies-in-waiting a silver centrepiece for flowers.

Neat presents from the people of Holland, gifts showing the handiwork of humble housewives thruout the kingdom, take up the most space. These have been pouring in for weeks, so that there is a great display of silverware, porcelains, needlework, furniture and jewelry.

The most noteworthy gift is the carpet on which the Queen is to be married. It is an immense rug, the handiwork of 60 persons participating in the festivities. The design shows hundreds of country people of queer attire and wooden shoes, among them women in ancient lace caps and sleeveless dresses.

To-Day's Program.

The program for to-morrow is as follows: At 11.15 a.m. the Minister of Justice and the witnesses of the marriage will assemble in the White Room of the palace. At 11.30 a.m. the civil marriage will occur in the presence of the nearest relatives. After that the royal party will proceed to the church in procession. After the religious services, the royal party will return in procession to the palace, where Queen Wilhelmina will hold court and receive the congratulations of others than members and representatives of royal families.

At 1.30 p.m. there will be a gala luncheon and at 4.15 p.m. the couple will depart on their honeymoon.

INSURANCE RATES IN MANITOBA.

Secretary Hayward of the Board of Underwriters Says No General Increase is Contemplated.

Winnipeg, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—R. H. Hayward, secretary of the Manitoba Board of Underwriters, was questioned to-day in regard to the rumor that the insurance rates in Manitoba would be increased. He said that nothing official had yet reached him, but he understood that some of the local agents had received word from their head offices in the east that so far as Manitoba was concerned no general increase in rates was contemplated.

P. C. McIntyre's appointment as postmaster is announced here to-night.

Fairweathers Exonerated.

Mr. Williams, alien labor officer, came up to the city a few days ago, when it was alleged that J. W. T. Fairweather & Co. had not lived up to the letter of the Alien Labor Act. He made a thorough investigation of the complaints made at the time the trouble was on, and yesterday the firm received a communication from the Deputy Minister of Labor, stating that upon the most thorough investigation by the officer, it was found that not the slightest evidence was produced that proved any attempt to a breach of the Alien Labor Act on their part, and exonerating them from all cause whatever for such complaint.

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To-Day's Program.

Ontario Legislature, 3 p.m.

Dominion Shire Horse-Breeders meet, Albion Hotel, 11 a.m.

Clydesdale Horse-Breeders meet, Albion Hotel, 2 p.m.

Council Ontario College of Pharmacy, all day.

Canadian Horse-Breeders dine, Temple Cafe, 7.30 p.m.

Missionary Exhibition, Confederation Life Building, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Annual meeting, East Toronto Liberals, Dingman's Hall, 8 p.m.

Women's Historical Society meets, Normal School, 3 p.m.

Provincial Board of Health, all day.

Public School Board, 7.45 p.m.

Toronto Opera House, "Humpty Dumpty," 2 and 8 p.m.

Princess Theatre, "The Hoop of Gold," 2 and 8 p.m.

Shea's Theatre, Camille d'Arville and vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.

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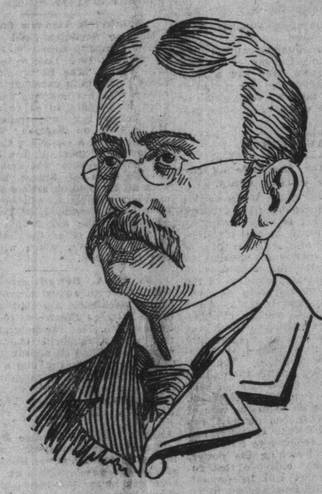
MR. R. L. BORDEN CHOSEN BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT

Conservative Caucus at Ottawa Last Night Decided Upon the Man From Halifax for the Leadership.

All Members of the Party Were Present and the Situation Was Fully Discussed—Mr. Borden Acceded to the Wishes of His Colleagues and Accepted.



R. L. BORDEN, K.C., M.P., OF HALIFAX.

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Mr. R. L. Borden, the member for Halifax, was unanimously selected as leader of the Conservative party, at a full caucus held in the Railway Committee room to-night. The meeting was an adjourned one from last night, and Mr. W. R. Brock of Toronto presided, as on the previous evening.

The discussion at both meetings was of the fullest and most complete character, and it was the desire of the members not to do anything that might in any way be construed into a mistake, but have the fullest deliberation and give the matter the most careful consideration. The result of this was that every possible contingency was discussed and considered, and after the fullest and freest discussion the whole caucus to a man decided to support Mr. Borden.

Mr. Borden had intimated at the meeting on the first night that it would be impossible for him to accept the position, but after everything had been threshed out this evening, and after Mr. Borden had been heard again, the caucus closed the question by unanimously standing up in favor of him as their chief.

The result was that after a number of speeches all promised Mr. Borden their most unanimous and cordial support in every province and section of the Dominion, and he accepted the trust put upon him. Then there was a great outburst of applause.

Good Augury for the Party.

The selection of Mr. Borden augurs well for the Conservative party, for it shows them to be united in a way that they have not been for many years, and it shows that the Conservative party are determined now to consolidate and present a firm front in the House and take up the work of organization from one end of the country to the other.

The meeting was all over by 11 o'clock and broke up with the most enthusiastic demonstration that the Conservatives have had in Ottawa for many a day.

A committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Pope, Clarke, Gauong, Prior, Roche, Maclean, Kemp and Bennett, to arrange for a banquet to be given to Mr. Borden as leader of the party by his friends in both Houses, and this was enthusiastically endorsed.

The Duty of Pulling Together.

The sum and substance of the discussion after every phase of the question had been threshed out was that it was the duty of the caucus here assembled at Ottawa, and still more of the supporters thruout the country, to show they were in a position and were able to select a man who meets with the approval of themselves and the country, and this was done by the action of the caucus to-night.

Everyone congratulates Mr. Borden and everyone predicts a new and progressive era for the Conservative party.

The new leader, like the old, is a Nova Scotian. They rear great men down by the sea. He is of medium height, with a well set, athletic figure. His wearing glasses gives him the air of a student, and he is, of both men and affairs. He is a most approachable man, and in spite of the fact that he is the most noted lawyer in his province, still he looks just like an ordinary man like yourself. He is an enthusiastic cricketer and delights in all outdoor games. From a teacher in an academy to a barrister at the bar, and a legislator in the Commons, he has risen by his own efforts, and is a notable example of a Canadian who has won success by dint of his own ability.

Robert Laird Borden, K.C., is the eldest son of Andrew Borden and Eunice Laird of Grand Pre, Nova Scotia, (U.E. Loyalist descent). He was born at Grand Pre 47 years ago. His education was received at Acadia Villa Academy, Horton. After graduation he went to Glenwood Institute, New Jersey, and became a resident professor. Returning to Nova Scotia, he studied law with Messrs. Weatherbe & Graham and was called to the bar in 1878. After practising his profession at Kentville for some years, he removed to Halifax and became a law partner of the late Sir John S. D. Thompson, of the present Mr. Justice Graham and later of Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper. He is now head of the firm of Borden, Ritchie, Parker & Chisholm, and president of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society.

He was created K.C. in 1890. As a pleader he has made for himself a recognized mark. He was counsel for the Dominion Government in the well-known case of the Queen v. David J. Adams, arising out of the enforcement of the treaty of 1818. He argued the case of the municipalities of Pictou v. Geldert before the Privy Council in England.

In 1896 at the Dominion general elections he was returned to the House of Commons for Halifax in the Conservative interest.

In 1889 he married the youngest daughter of the late T. H. Bond, Halifax.

He came prominently before the country in the session of 1899, when his able handling of the West Huron corruption charges before the Committee on Privileges and Elections marked him out as a man of unusual ability.

In debate he is ever calm and deliberate. He is an eloquent and convincing speaker. A dignified gentleman and a cultured parliamentarian, he will bring to his new position all the qualities that will endear him to his followers and make his influence felt in every part of the Dominion.

STRATHCONAS ON THE WAY

Col. Steele Cables From Canary Islands That the Returning Men Are All Right.

CANADIANS EN ROUTE FOR HOME.

A Number From Different Contingents Are Coming on the Lake Superior.

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The following has been issued by the Militia Department:

Cable from Col. Steele, dated Las Palmas, Feb. 6: "Strathconas arrived safely en route England. (Signed), Steele." (Las Palmas is one of the Canary Islands.)

Cable from the High Commissioner, dated Feb. 6: "The following members of contingents sailed, Lake Superior, 4th: 7034 Court, 7010 Moscrip, 7041 Dixon, 7116 Welch, 215 Reynolds, 276 Lefevre, 68 Eagleson, C. M. Roberts and J. Taylor, Mounted Rifles, and Whitehead, 623 Isbester, 345 Powell, 273 Edmondson, Strathconas."

Scale of Gratuities.

Militia general orders give the scale upon which gratuities are issued to troops employed in the war in South Africa. All troops, whether Imperial or Colonial, will be entitled to the grant, unless instructions issue to the contrary in any particular case. Officers will be allowed the benefit of local or temporary rank, and soldiers of any rank sanctioned in establishments in which they have acted. The field marshal, at the head, is ranked for 500 shares, and the second lieutenant or lowest officer 6 shares, the intervening scale declining gradually. The colonel ranks for 32 shares, captain 12, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men are scaled from 4 shares down to 1. The unit of the scale will in all cases be £5.

MUCH INFORMATION SOUGHT

Members Will Keep the Ministers Busy Answering Questions of Various Kinds.

AN EXPORT DUTY ON SAWLOGS

Is Demanded By Mr. Bennett, and Dr. Sproule Wants Sugar Beets Bonused.

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—Mr. Ingram gives notice: Is it the intention of the Government to bring back the remains of all the Canadian soldiers who lost their lives in South Africa? Is it true that the graves of all those who have fallen are located and recorded, so that relatives and friends may know where to find them?

Mr. Bennett: That in the opinion of this House an export duty should be imposed on all saw logs cut on Indian reserves.

Mr. Sproule: That a bounty should be offered for all beet sugar manufactured in Canada during the next ten years.

Mr. Wilson asks for a return of the Dominion immigration agents employed in the United States from 1896 to 1900, and all particulars. Also with regard to the appointment, salary, expenses, etc., of W. T. R. Preston.

Mr. Wilson: For a return of railway bonuses or subsidies voted from 1896 to 1900.

Mr. Bennett: That in the opinion of the House, duties should be levied upon lumber imported into Canada, corresponding with existing U.S. duties.

Mr. Fortier: That the salaries of Government employes should be attachable, like those of ordinary citizens.

Mr. Ingram will ask whether it is the intention of the Government to establish a Canadian mint.

Mr. Bennett: That in the opinion of the House, the time has arrived when a fixed and definite line of action should be undertaken on the question of the transportation of the grain and other commodities of the Northwest Territories, Manitoba and the Western States, with a view to centring the same to the greatest possible extent in Canadian channels.

HEAVY REINFORCEMENTS TO BE FORWARDED TO LORD KITCHENER

Government Decides to Send 30,000 Mounted Troops to Africa in Addition to Those Already Landed—Men Enlisting Rapidly for the Yeomanry—Bund Leaders for Peace.

London, Feb. 6.—The following announcement has been issued by the War Office here: "In view of the recent Boer activity in various directions, the Government has decided, in addition to the large forces recently equipped locally in South Africa, to reinforce Lord Kitchener by 30,000 mounted troops beyond those already landed in Cape Colony. Recruiting for the Imperial Yeomanry has proceeded so rapidly that it is anticipated ten thousand will shortly be available.

"The South African Mounted Constabulary, including those enlisted in the colonies, may be relied upon to extend to 8000, and the new colonial contingents to replace those withdrawn will probably reach 5000.

"The remainder of the force will be made up of cavalry and mounted infantry from the home establishment. The enlistment of volunteers to replace those that have already served a year in South Africa is also being proceeded with. Arrangements have been made for the prompt equipment and transportation of the force. The first contingent will leave on the Aurania, Feb. 9."

WILLING TO SURRENDER.

Bund Leaders Urging Burghers to Give Up the Fight on Certain Conditions.

Cape Town, Feb. 6.—The Bund leaders are willing, and strongly urge the Boers, to surrender, providing the British offer those in the field the following terms, namely, that after giving up arms all shall be allowed to return to their farms, and the rebels shall not be punished.

Prominent burghers say that Louis Botha in the Transvaal and Christian Dewet in the Free State should be made members of the Governor's Council in order to watch the interests of the burghers.

HEAVY CASUALTY LIST.

War Office Report Shows a Total Death List During the War of 12,989.

London, Feb. 6.—The War Office issued a very heavy South African casualty list yesterday, showing, in addition to 13 killed and 77 wounded in action, 82 deaths from disease during the present month. Last month 31 officers and 80 non-commissioned officers and men were killed in action or died from disease. The total death list from the beginning of the war shows 12,989 victims.

BRABANT IN COMMAND

Of Cape Colony Defence Forces, With Col. Girouard as His Chief of Staff.

Cape Town, Feb. 6.—The Gazette announces that Gen. Brabant has been appointed to the command of the force being raised for the defence of Cape Colony, with Col. Girouard as his chief of staff. His headquarters will be at East London, from which point he will advance northward and westward, gradually clearing the colony of invaders and enabling the Imperial forces to concentrate ultimately on the territory of the republics.

Kitchener Tells of Successes.

London, Feb. 6.—Gen. Kitchener, in a despatch from Pretoria, dated Tuesday, Feb. 5, says:

"Smith-Dorrien has occupied Lake Chrisse.

"French is driving back the enemy to Amsterdam.

"Dewet's force is still north of Thabanchu. His men damaged a train of transport wagons at Pompey's Siding this morning."

Piet Asks Chris to Surrender.

Bloemfontein, Tuesday, Feb. 5.—The Post to-day publishes a passionate appeal from Piet Dewet, chairman of the Peace Commission, to his brother, Christian, to surrender.

Delagoa Bay Railway Cut.

Lorenzo Marquez, Feb. 6.—The railroad has been cut by the Boers 53 kilometres from here.

Recruiting for Yeomanry.

London, Feb. 6.—The War Office has notified the Yeomanry recruiting stations that it is desired to enroll an additional 5000 Yeomen.

IRON AND STEEL MANUFACTURERS PETITION ONTARIO GOVERNMENT

Not to Convey Nickel Lands to Persons Who Will Not Refine and Use the Product in Manufacturing in the Province.

A lengthy and comprehensive petition has been sent to the Ontario Government which is believed to have the solid support of all the iron manufacturers of the Dominion. It is officially signed by A T Wood, president, C S Wilcox, general manager Hamilton Steel and Iron Co., Limited; the Nickel Steel Co. of Canada, John Patterson, secretary; the Canada Iron Furnace Co., Limited, per Geo E Drummond, managing director and treasurer.

The petition sets forth the richness of the Ontario nickel mines and calls attention to the increased price of refined nickel in the markets of the world during the past 18 months, which gives Ontario a correspondingly less price for her share, the province receiving now less than 28 per cent.

Noxious U. S. Legislation.

The legislation of last session to remedy this, the petitioners argue, needs supplementing. The United States prohibitory duty upon Canadian nickel and nickel alloys, while admitting the raw material free, is quoted as wholly destructive of the manufacturing of Ontario nickel.

Use Ontario Ore.

The petitioners say that the Ontario nickel ores are now, and for ten years have been, used in the construction of powerful navies and powerful guns by the United States and other foreign countries whose interests may at any time become adverse to the interests of Canada and the Empire. Under the terms of treaty between Great Britain and the United States no war ships are allowed to be built or sailed upon the Great Lakes. Yet in contrast with the spirit of these treaty provisions, Canada has for ten years been supplying the United States Government with the material to build one of the most powerful navies of the world.

Canada for Canadians.

Why should Canada not adopt such a policy as would encourage the manufacture of all this costly war material within her own borders? In view of the fact that there is a practical union and consolidation of all the great mineral, metal and manufacturing interests of the United States we are compelled to recognize the fact that in order to successfully compete with such great aggregations of capital across the border there must be a somewhat similar union and consolidation in Canada. Ontario can manufacture and export sufficient pig iron, if she carried her manufactures no further, to consume every pound of nickel produced in Ontario. New Caledonia is Canada's only competitor in the production of nickel, and she can supply only about one half of the wants of Europe with not a pound left for the United States.

What is Asked.

The petition asks that the Government exercise the power granted in the Mines Act for the imposition of taxes upon nickel ores and upon nickel and copper ores and their partially treated products, whether the same be smelted and refined in Canada or not, and that the tax thus collected be paid as a bonus upon the manufacture of nickel-steel in Ontario, and they further ask, in order that the policy for the manufacture of nickel iron and nickel steel may be successfully carried on in Canada, and that Ontario may have such a monopoly of the raw material of this metal, **that the Government convey no further lands or any title to or interest in any lands containing nickel ores to any individual or individuals, companies or corporations, who will not refine and use the nickel derived from such ores in the manufacture of this metal and its various alloys in Ontario.**

No Free Export.

It is of little use for the Government to offer bonuses upon the production of iron and steel in Ontario while it at the same time conveys all the lands and mines which contain nickel to individuals or corporations who will never produce one pound of fine nickel or one pound of any alloy of nickel in Canada, or while it permits the free exportation of any crude form of nickel. The continuance of such a policy will build up great manufactories in the United States and leave Ontario only exhausted mines and abandoned mining camps.

Merit Has Won Them the Good Name.

"Not how cheap, but how good." Ever test a saying like this in spending your money? Fairweather's (84 Yonge) have adopted it as a house motto, and just here they make the application of it to their fine fur stock. They have made a reputation for dependability that warrants the strongest claims along the quality line without being at all boastful. This week there are special price inducements in all kinds of fine furs, with the emphasis here on men's fur coats, from $15 up, and men's fur-lined coats, from $50 up.

Oxydonor Cures Stomach Troubles

What St. Leon Does.

It regulates the acid of the stomach, expels the morbid matter, heals the intestines and purifies the blood.

Have lunch in new dining-room.—Thomas' English Chop House, King St.

Goderich Elevator Co.

At the Rossin House last night the adjourned annual meeting of the Goderich Elevator and Transit Company was held. The following officers were elected: President, Hy Mooers, Kingston; vice-president, W L Horton, Goderich; executive, M McLaughlin, Toronto; N Dyment, Barrie; S Stuart, Mitchell; George Goldie, Ayr, and James Clark, Goderich. Secretary-treasurer and manager, H F Mooers, Goderich.

E.R.Case, patents procured, Temple Bldg

Oxydonor Cures Nervous Troubles.

Pember's Turkish Baths, 12 Yonge-st

La Toscana Cigars 6c. Alive Bollard.

THE RECRUITING STATIONS

And the Dates for Receiving Applications for the Baden-Powell Constabulary.

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—(Special.)—The Militia Department has issued a list of the dates and stations in British Columbia, the Northwest Territories and Manitoba for enlisting the South African Baden-Powell Constabulary. In British Columbia the dates are between Feb. 18 and 25; in the Northwest Territories from Feb. 21 to 23, and Manitoba from Feb. 20 to 28. Candidates must be good riders and shots, age 20 to 35, and engagement three years.

Monuments.

Finest work and best designs at lowest prices. The McIntosh Granite and Marble Company, 1119 and 1121 Yonge-street, Toronto (terminal Yonge-street car route).

MARRIAGES.

DAVIS—McNAUGHT—At Bond Head, Ont., on Friday, Feb. 1, 1901, by the Rev. A. C. Watt, Mr. Daniel Fisher Davis, to Miss Bertha Maud McNaught, both of Toronto.

DEATHS.

DUNBAR—At Dunbarton, Ont., on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 1901, William Dunbar, in the 86th year of his age.

Funeral from his late residence on Friday, Feb. 8, at 2 p.m.

OSLER—At Atlantic City, N.J., suddenly on the 5th inst., B. B. Osler, K.C., second son of the late Rev. F. L. Osler, M.A., in his 61st year.

Funeral private from his late residence, 15 Queen's Park, at 3 o'clock p.m.

PROVINCIAL HOUSE OPENS AS QUIETLY AS CHURCH SERVICE

Funereal Draperies Were Reflected in the Costumes of Spectators.

MILITARY DID NOT AVAIL.

Sir Oliver Mowat Was in Excellent Form in Spite of His Years.

PROMISING SPEECH FROM THRONE.

Highway Tolls to Be Abolished—Dressed Meat Trade to Be Encouraged.

The "opening" at the Legislature yesterday proved a quiet function, as compared with those of recent sessions, and the expected overcrowding was appreciably under the record. The public galleries were rather uncomfortably thronged, but the attendance on the floor of the House and the assemblage of spectators in the corridors was considerably under the average. The greatest contrast was obviously in the appearance of the gathering. Latterly it has vied with Easter day in gay costumes. Yesterday the sombre drapings of the chamber were deepened by the almost unbroken mourning attire of the ladies and their escorts. So much was this the case that the flashing military uniforms failed to relieve the oppressive scenic effect, for the scarlet and gold appeared overshadowed by the dominant hue.

The spectators were not kept waiting beyond the time announced, as Speaker Evanturel commenced reading the prayers at three minutes past three, and was in the midst of the invocation, when the playing of the National Anthem by the Grenadiers' Band outside broke in, indicating the arrival of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor. The prayers for the first time employed the terms His Majesty King Edward VII., Queen Alexandra and the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall, in place of the Victorian formula.

Premier Ross Receives.

The prayers ended, the hush of silence continued as Premier Ross, accompanied by a diminutive page, walked slowly down the central aisle to meet the Lieutenant-Governor and staff at the chamber door. At that time a number of chairs reserved for prominent invited guests were empty. Among the dignitaries present were Chancellor Boyd and Judge MacMahon of the judiciary; Hon. A. S. Hardy, President Loudon, Bishop Sweatman, Anglican; Rev. Chancellor Wallace, Baptist; Rev. Dr. Milligan and Rev. Armstrong Black, Presbyterian, and Rev. Dr. Dewart, Methodist. Rev. Father Ryan had sent an acceptance to be present. The local consuls were in attendance in uniform. The wives of the Cabinet Ministers and of leading Opposition

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Canners in Conclave.

The executive of the Canners' Association met at the Walker House last night. Those present were W Boulton, Picton; D Marshall, Aylmer; S Nesbett, Brighton; H J Matthews, Lakeport; W P Innes, Simcoe, and Secretary T J Doak, Hamilton. Messrs Boulter and Marshall said, after the meeting, that only matters pertaining privately to the trade were discussed. Nothing was said regarding a raise of prices and the trade seems to be well satisfied with the present conditions.

A Splendid Chance.

This is really only the commencement of the Canadian winter, and Canada is noted for its Arctic climate, say what you will of its summer days. We have coupled fur garments with Canada, and quite rightly, too. The Dineen Company have put these fur garments within easy reach of every purchaser—for instance, they are offering a line of odd muffs of opossum, electric seal, astrachan, at $2 each, worth $4, $5 and $6.

Another Cold Day.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Feb. 6.—(8 p.m.)—The weather continues stormy on the Atlantic Coast. The temperature was below zero last night over the larger portion of Ontario and Quebec, and is likely to be below again to-night. From present indications it is probable that another storm will move towards the lake region from the Southwest States during Friday.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 34—46; Calgary, 12—24; Prince Albert, 2—18; Qu'Appelle, 10 below—10; Winnipeg, 16 below—6; Port Arthur, 20 below—zero; Parry Sound, 16 below—12; Toronto, 6—16; Kingston, 4 below—14; Ottawa, 6 below—8; Montreal, zero—8; Quebec, 4—8; Halifax, 30—34.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Moderate Winds; fair and cold to-day, followed by increasing easterly winds.

Upper St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valley—Fine, cold weather.

Lower St. Lawrence—Strong northwesterly winds; fair and decidedly cold.

Gulf—Strong northwesterly winds; fair and colder; snow flurries.

Maritime—Strong north and northwest winds; colder, with local snowfalls.

Lake Superior—Mostly fair and cold, with light local snowfalls.

Manitoba—Fair and cold, with light local snowfalls.

When you buy clothing at the Oak Hall stores, you get the kind you believe you are getting.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Feb. 6.	At.	From.
Lahn	Southampton	New York
Astoria	New York	Glasgow
Ontario	Queenstown	St. John
Emp. of China	Vancouver	Hong Kong
Norwegian	Portland	Glasgow
Corinthian	Portland	Liverpool
Ontarian	Halifax	Liverpool
Karlsruhe	Bremen	New York
Rotterdam	Rotterdam	New York
Oceanic	Queenstown	New York
Patricia	Plymouth	New York
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