

THE TALK

Mr. Jacques Bureau of Three Rivers has been gazetted as Solicitor-General of Canada. This necessitates a bye-election there, and, with Richelieu and St. Maurice, it will be held on March 5th. A bye-election in Victoria-Madawaska, New Brunswick, to fill the seat vacated by the Hon. Mr. Costigan's appointment to the Senate will be held on March 12th.

Brantford is seeking the aid of the Ontario Government for the purchase of the Bell homestead and the erection of a monument to the inventor of the telephone.

Canada is to have a new cotton mill. The Mount Royal Spinning Company will have a capital of a million and a half and will employ about 800 hands. Mr. W. T. Whitehead will be general manager.

Mr. C. E. Tanner, leader of the Small Opposition which is in the Nova Scotia Legislature, has come out for a provincial prohibition measure. He advocated this in moving an amendment to the annual address from "the throne" at the opening of the Legislature last week. There is not much danger that anything Mr. Tanner proposes will find much favour with Premier Murray's compact majority.

Dr. Howard T. Barnes has been appointed to the chair of Professor of Physics at McGill in succession to Professor Rutherford, who goes to Great Britain.

The Ontario Government received last year over \$200,000 in incorporation fees, and \$30,000 during the month of January. The magnitude of these figures, which greatly overshadow those of previous years, is due to the number of mining companies which have come into existence.

Saskatchewan is to have five new federal constituencies—Salt Coats, Regina, Moosejaw, Battleford and Prince Albert. The new Alberta constituencies are Victoria in the north and Medicine Hat in the south.

This is the harvest-time of the teaching profession. New Brunswick is to spend \$20,000 more on salaries, the legislative grant being increased by that amount. The allurements of the West are making teachers expensive in the older provinces.

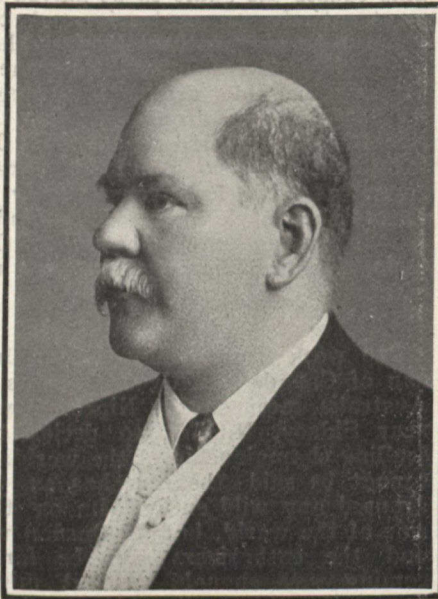
The Edmonton Canadian Club has now over 200 members. Guelph and Halifax are the latest cities to organise institutions of this character.

Mr. W. G. Humble, of Rossland, who has been in Northwest British Columbia for the past six months, has returned from a visit to Prince Rupert, Port Simpson, and the Portland Canal. Mr. Humble reports that there are 200 men working at Prince Rupert, clearing the town site. They are principally Japanese and In-

dians, only a few white men being employed. He says that the climate of Prince Rupert is similar to that of Vancouver. There is plenty of rain, seldom snow, and little cold weather.

Vancouver is to have an eight storey building. The David Spencer Limited, Co., have submitted plans for an eight storey building to be erected on Cordova Street, immediately south of their present Hastings Street premises. The frontage will be about 100 feet.

By a statement issued by the department of trade and commerce, it appears that during the last season of navigation, 56 Canadian and 40 United States vessels were engaged in the grain carrying trade from Fort William and Port Arthur. The greatly increased capacity of United States vessels carried 9,336,000 bushels as against 4,757,000 bushels by Canadian vessels. One United States vessel, the William P. Snyder, loaded 380,262 bushels of wheat, the largest cargo of grain ever carried on Lake Superior.



Mr. W. D. Scott

Superintendent of Immigration for the Dominion of Canada. The Immigration branch of the Department of the Interior was never more important, and 1907 is likely to bring it great responsibilities and great rewards.

The transportation rate to Georgian Bay ports was three cents per bushel and to Buffalo three and a half cents per bushel.

Both the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick legislatures, which opened last week, will consider measures looking to the securing of a measure of the immigration now coming to Canada.

The Saskatchewan Legislature opens this week. Premier Scott has gone south to recuperate but will return, it is expected, about the middle of March. He has suffered from a severe attack of fever.

Mr. Thomas Taylor, M.P.P. for Revelstoke, has been appointed provincial secretary in the British Columbia Government. The portfolio of land and works is still vacant.

The Royal Bank of Canada, at the annual meeting in Halifax, decided to increase the nominal capital from four to ten millions. The head office is

to be removed to Montreal. Four of the directors are in Montreal, five in Halifax, one in St. John, and two in Winnipeg.

The yearly tonnage of package freight handled by the C. P. R. at Fort William during the past six years is as follows:—

1901—	222,342 tons.
1902—	286,563 tons.
1903—	380,635 tons.
1904—	456,977 tons.
1905—	510,822 tons.
1906—	880,681 tons.

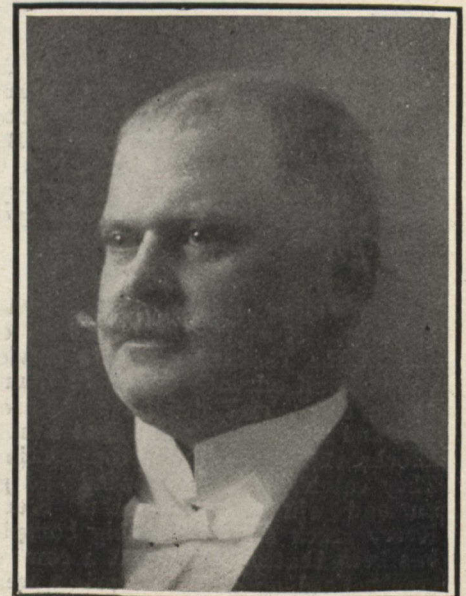
This remarkable increase of 400 per cent. serves to illustrate in a graphic way the expansion of Canada's domestic trade. And, be it remembered that in 1901 there was only one railway in operation from the head of the Lakes to Winnipeg, whereas we now have the Canadian Northern as well. It is hardly to be wondered at that with such rapid growth in the traffic our railways sometimes suffer from growing pains!

Now that the rubber companies have been combined, the successful financiers are projecting a boot and shoe combination. The day of big companies is not yet over.

Mr. John Bain, Assistant Commissioner of Customs at Ottawa, has resigned. Mr. Bain has rendered valuable service in connection with the tariff schedules during his eleven years of service.

The Dominion Power and Transmission Co. is a new Hamilton company with many millions capital. It will control all the electric and traction companies operating in and around that district, including the Hamilton Cataract Co.

Edmund Guerin, K.C., who has been appointed Judge of the Superior Court for the District of Montreal, is receiving general congratulations, for as student, lawyer, and Crown official, he won the good will of his associates. He was born in Montreal in 1858 and educated at Montreal College and McGill, where he won high honours. Since 1881 he has practised successfully at the Montreal Bar.



Hon. Justice Guerin
Recently appointed to the Superior Court of the Province of Quebec, in Montreal.