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Russia's Volunteer Corps Are Claimed For Service

Japanese Government Impressed Into the Transport Service Three Steamers.

London, Jan. 14.—(Bulletin.)—The Times' Moscow correspondent says he hears the government has claimed the services of the entire volunteer corps.

PRESSED INTO SERVICE.

San Francisco, Jan. 14.—A cablegram to the [illegible] announced that the Japanese government had impressed into the transoprt service the three steamships of the Oriental Steamship Company plying between this city and the Far East. The vessels are the Nippon Maru, Hong Kong Maru and the American Maru. They are fast boats, built in 1898, and have been under Japanese subsidy. A few months ago they passed government inspection.

The Nippon Maru and Hong Kong Maru are each of 4351 tonnage, and the American Maru 5540. The American is due here next Saturday, and will be sent back when discharged. The Nippon left here Dec. 30, and the Hong Kong is now in Japanese waters.

NEGOTIATIONS STILL ON.

London, Jan. 13.—A despatch from Tokio to Reuter's Telegram Company says that Japan's answer to the late Russian note was handed this afternoon to Baron de Rosen, the Rusian minister, and that negotiations will be continued without any time limit being set for their termination.

The demands which Japan is said to have made, according to reports published abroad, have caused some surprise in Tokio, according to the despatch, and it is now stated that Japan never asked for the evacuation of Manchuria, but on the contrary frankly recognized Russia's special interests there and her right to protect them.

Japan only demanded the realization of Russia's voluntary pledges respecting China's territorial integrity in Manchuria and the freedom of residential irghts and international trade therein.

SITUATION IS TENSE.

Berlin, Jan. 13.—Official opinion regarding the probability of war between Russia and Japan has suddenly changed. Intelligence received at the Foreign Office yesterday has caused the government for the first time since the controversy began, to believe that the situation is extremely tense.

FRENCH CRUISER UNFIT.

Paris, Jan. 13.—The Figaro affirms that the cruiser Sully, which has been ordered to the Far East, is absolutely unfit to start.

RUSSIAN CRUISERS MOVE.

Port Said, Jan. 13.—Two Russian cruisers and seven torpedo boats have arrived here.

COMING FROM FARAWAY INDIA.

Retired Civil Servants on Their Way to Settle in Old Ontario.

Thomas Southworth, director of colonization, has received word that a party of English residents from the Central Provinces of India, retired civil servants and their families, are coming to Canada to settle. He has been in communication with them for some time, and they have been so much impressed with the advantages offered by this province that they have decided to take up farms in the older part of the province. They are people of wealth, and will engage in the tilling of the soil on a large scale.

Three of the families are already on the way and two others will start in the near future. There is reason to believe that this party will be merely the advance guard of a considerable influx of settlers from that far-away country. Whether the influx will be great or small will depend largely upon the reports that will be sent back by the first settlers. Mr. Southworth says he has a considerable correspondence to keep up with intending settlers now resident in many distant parts of the world, and he looks for satisfactory results from the inquiries that are constantly pouring pouring in.

WHAT IS THE OFFENCE?

Editor World: By what name is this offence known? A St. Catharines lawyer was struck from the roll of barristers at Osgoode Hall the other day, because he had neglected to turn over to a client, a farmer, some $600, which had been paid into his hands on the sale of the client's real estate. The farmer has applied for admission to a Lincoln County poorhouse. The lawyer loses his gown but keeps the money. If the lawyer had made an affidavit, would he have been tried for theft? What constitutes theft? I am told the ex-solicitor has been regarded as a most exemplary young man, a Sunday School worker and the son-in-law of a Methodist clergyman. Inquisitor.

WHAT ATTRACTED HIM.

A lad applied for a situation at one of our prominent institutions the other day, and on being asked what he could do said: "Anything. I'd like to get in here. You have a good hockey team, haven't you?"

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KNEW IT WAS COMING.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 14.—Lord George Hamilton addressing a letter to the Central Conservative Council, which has thrown him over, says that as soon as he heard the council speak for protection he knew separation was inevitable.

A CASE OF CONSCIENCE.

London, Jan. 13.—A farmer's wife at Driffield has given 17s to the Church Missionary Society, "proceeds of eggs laid on Sundays."

ONTARIO LEADS AMERICA IN DAIRYING INDUSTRIES

Some Facts and Figures That Show the Scope of This Branch of Agriculture.

St. Thomas, Jan. 13.—(Staff Special.)—The philosophy of the modern dairy farmer is stirring new intellectual currents. No other industry has entered so largely into the prosperity of the agricultural communities of Canada. The tremendous scope the business has assumed in recent years thruout the Dominion is of special significance to Ontario. This province leads the movement for the scientific development of dairy interests in British America. That means Ontario is the dominant factor in the production of butter and cheese in the Western Hemisphere.

The 500 representatives of the Dairymen's Association of Western Ontario, in annual convention here, are the nucleus of an organization that has behind it the experience of 34 years of conscientious effort, controlling investments in excess of $200,000,000. The

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value of the dairy products exported to English markets last year was $51,000,000. The association estimates that in 1904 these figures will reach $60,000,000. This colossal output is wholly independent of the immense quantity consumed in Canada.

Great Improver of Soil.

To appreciate this potential factor in the material welfare of the country it must be remembered that these millions of revenue are distributed in Canada from an outside souce. It is a consideration of no small importance in determining the balance of trade. In creating this wealth, the soil is not impoverished. On the contrary, the site of a Canadian dairy farm is positively enriched by the economy of the modern procers. When a mine yields millions or a timber reserve is depleted, the life of the industry is definitely shortened in exact proportion. But the regenerative influences of the dairy farm improve the soil in direct ratio to the increase of commercial products. To the practical man of affairs, this is an aspect of the subject most pleasing. In the manufacturing, transportation and mercantile lines the profit and loss account must regularly include entries showing deterioration of plants. This is an interesting contrast.

During the early hours of the convention, a veteran member made the striking statement that he believed the success of dairying was calculated to reverse the current of population that has so long moved in such increasing volume from the farm to the city. He argued that the yeoman stock had tired of the extended periods during which no cash was available in rural pursuits. The dairy farm is responsible in the estimation of many thoughtful men for the changing sentiment. This science of agriculture has made cash settle-

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North Oxford Rumors.

Woodstock, Jan. 13.—(Special.)—There is an abundant crop of political rumors in this storm centre. That D. R. Ross, the prohibition candidate, will retire now that his friend, Col. Munro, has been nominated by the straight Liberals. That John Young of West Zorra is a candidate for the Conservative nomination. That the Conservatives have almost decided to place C. A. Muma in the field on Saturday. That R. R. Gamey will arrive here immediately after the nominations next Tuesday to conduct the campaign for the Conservative nominee. That Col. Munro will be elected by acclamation. That the Conservatives will support D. R. Ross if he stays in the field. That at the convention of South Oxford Liberals in Mount Elgin on Jan. 25 the contest for the nomination will be between Malcolm Schell and T. R. Flanagan. That other candidates may be W. A. Dowler, K.C., Justus Muller and M. T. Buchanan.

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Antitoxin Dearer.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 13.—What is denounced by Secretary Pritchard of the City Health Department as a trust for traffic in human lives was made public to-day when City Purchasing Agent Brandecker notified the department that the only firms in the United States manufacturing antitoxin have combined and have raised the price of the product. There are three firms in the so-called trust. The advance in the price of antitoxin is said to be 100 per cent.

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ABEEL AWAITS AN APPEAL BUT WILL BE EXTRIDATED

Sent Back to Jail at Welland to Stay Till Law Moves Duly.

Welland, Jan. 13.—Judge Wells in County Court this afternoon announced he would sign the extradition warrant in the Abeel case. Had it not been for the formal statement by Abeel's lawyer that he would take an appeal from the decision and carry the case to Toronto, the young man would have been arrested without delay by the New York detectives who are here. As it is the decision to appeal means more imprisonment for Abeel. He was taken back to the County Jail after this afternoon's session of court.

It will be two or three days before the appeal gets to Toronto, and delays will undoubtedly follow even then.

It was confidently expected that if Judge Wells decided against Abeel he would submit without further appeal, but his attorney, Mr. German, says that was not the intention of either his client or himself. Abeel took Judge Wells' announcement in a matter-of-fact way and went back to jail without protest. He seems almost disinterested in the legal battle which is to decide whether he returns to New York to be charged with forgery in the third degree.

Crown Attorney Cowper appeared today for the United States in the absence of government attorneys for that country. A. J. Rose appeared for Mr. Riddell. The court room was crowded with curious people who wished to learn the fate of the young man.

DOWN SHAFT TO DEATH.

Eight Employes in Shoe Company Meet Death in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 13.—A crowd of employes pressing against the elevator gate to-night on the sixth floor of the Brown Shoe Company Building at 11th-street and Washington-avenue, caused the gate to give way and 10 persons were plunged down the shaft. Six were taken out dead and the other, four seriously injured, were hurried to the City Hospital. Two of the injured died soon after reaching the hospital without regaining consciousness. The employes were waiting for the elevator to take them down. The elevator was at the 7th floor when those on the sixth floor, eager to be first into the cage, began to push forward, breaking the gate, sending ten persons down the shaft.

James Johnston, the elevator operator, was arrested. Johnston said the elevator gate did not break, but that it had been raised by employes and that suddenly those in the rear pushed those in front down the well. Factory Superintendent Fray corroborated Johnston's story.

COMMISSION MEETS JAN. 15.

Chamberlain's Aids Now Numbers 58 to Discuss Tariff.

London, Jan. 13.—The Tariff Reform League issued to-night a complete list of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain's tariff commission, with 14 additional members, representatives of the colonies and the manufacturing interests of the United Kingdom, including Sir Charles Bletterman Elliott, Special Commissioner of Railways; the Honorable Vicary Gibbs, M.P., and Sir W. B. Perceval, who was a member of the Royal Commission for the Chicago Exposition. There are a total of 58 members on the commission, which will meet in London on Jan. 15, under the presidency of Mr. Chamberlain.

INTERCHANGE OF ARMY OFFICERS.

Plans Suggested by Sir Fred. Borden to Benefit Service.

Sir Frederick Borden arrived in the city yesterday on private business. He is registered at the Queen's.

Speaking in regard to the custom of sending out an English officer to take charge of the Canadian militia, and the move on foot to do away with it and have a Canadian in command, he said that when it occurred it would be wiping a disgrace from the statutes of the country.

He also discussed a plan that he thought would work to the advantage of the military all over the empire. He suggested that for every officer sent here from the Old Country a Canadian of like rank should go back there, and also that if the government of Canada thought that a certain officer in any other part of the British domains would be an asistance to their forces here they should have the privilege of offering him a post.

This would apply both ways. Any other colony could have the right to offer a Canadian soldier a command, and if he wished to accept he should be allowed to do so.

GERMANY WANTS AGREEMENT.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 14.—The Standard's Berlin correspondent says that the deadlock existing over the removal of the dispute between Canada and Germany is due to the fact that the British government referred Germany to Ottawa as being independent in commercial matters, while Ottawa referred her back to London, on the ground that Canada was part of the empire. Germany has been sincere in the matter since in the last notification by the German Federal Council prolonging the preliminary commercial treaty with Britain and her colonies, Canada was not mentioned in the hope of reaching a friendly agreement on this question at an early date.

Cigars—Violetta, 3 for 25c.—Alive Bollard. ed

MISTAKE WAS FATAL.

St. Catharines, Jan. 13.—Mrs. L. Kottmeir, widow of the late William H. Kottmeir, who, by mistake, took carbolic acid early yesterday morning, died last night, after a great deal of suffering.

Try the top barrel, 31 Colborne-street

House Burned at Stayner.

Stayner, Jan. 13.—Charles Rose's house was completely destroyed by fire about midnight last night. It is insured in the Liverpool, London and Globe Company of Montreal, for $600. Most of the contents were saved.

Smoke Alive Ballard's Mixture—cool.

Thru error it was said yesterday that the chairman's casting vote re-elected Hugh Kelly as the Separate School representative to the Library Board. The vote was given in electing William Dineen over J. G. O'Donoghue for the Board of Education.

POSTPONING THE PLUNGE

THE OTTAWA KINGFISHER: P'r'aps I'd better wait. The opening's all right if that anti-Ross cold snap hadn't frozen him in.

TRAGEDY NEAR FORT FRANCES 2 WOODCUTTERS FOUND DEAD

One With Gash in Throat and Head Smashed, Other Frozen Stiff—Lived Together.

Fort Frances, Jan. 13.—A terrible tragedy took place at Frog Creek, three miles north of here, some time last night, which is shrouded in mystery. Two men, William Watson and John Scott, were engaged last week to cut wood for A. Dowker on the farm of one James McKay, and were allowed the use of shanty on an adjoining claim. Mr. Dowker visited them on Sunday, when Scott complained of being sick. On Monday night a gentleman named Cole, passing by, heard the door shut and that is the last heard of the men.

This morning, when Cole and another man were passing by, they thought something was wrong, and going into the shanty found it empty. On the floor they picked up a case knife and whetstone covered with blood, and on examining the bed found it in the same condition. On searching near the house they found the body of Watson leaning against a stump dead with a gash in his throat and his head knocked in.

Still further on they found Scott lying in the snow frozen stiff, with no marks apparently on him. As Scott had been dead for some time, how Watson could have received such terrible wounds is a mystery. Watson is said to have come from Lanark County, Ontario, and was about 40 years of age. He was supposed to have a wife and family.

Scott was about 50 years of age, and clean shaven. Both men were addicted to drink, and have been hanging around town since New Year's. Dr. Moore, the coroner, empanelled a jury and began an inquest this afternoon. After viewing the remains the jurors adjourned to meet next week.

WOULD WELCOME CONSERVATIVES WHO CAN'T FOLLOW CHAMBERLAIN

Bannerman Declares Fiscal Reform Fabric Is Ruined by Board of Trade Returns.

London, Jan. 14.—Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman addressed a large meeting at Maidstone last night on the fiscal question. He declared that the entire Liberal party would welcome the assistance of those of the Conservative party who were unable to follow their leaders on tariff reform, which was political gambling. A gain of 50 per cent. as evidenced by 23 by-elections, indicated a coming Liberal triumph. He declared that Chamberlain's whole fabric and scaffolding of argument was ruined by the Board of Trade returns.

The Standard, referring to the speech, says that the Conservative cry over the loss of the iron trade and the decline in wool and cotton shipping placed a most effective weapon in the hands of the speaker in view of the awkward Board of Trade returns, showing that over the sea commerce was never more active and exports were thirty millions in excess, even with prices at a far lower level, above the great boom year of the Franco-Prussian war.

ONE INDIAN WOMAN KILLED AND EATEN TO SAVE LIVES

Report of Terrible Suffering of Tribes North of Lake Nepigon

Port Arthur, Jan. 13.—(Special.)—Report has reached here from Nepigon of terrible suffering of Indians in the country north of Nepigon Lake, because of starvation. Great distress is said to exist, and, according to a report of an Indian who arrived in Nepigon this week, one family was so destitute that one of the women was murdered and eaten by the family.

A. W. Patterson, Hudson Bay factor at Nepigon Lake, who came to town last night, reports that Indians in his district are not suffering any privation, and he disbelieves the story.

Try the decanter at Thomas.

ILL-USED WIFE BETRAYED HIM.

Forest, Jan. 13.—Harry McClellan, who deserted from the London Military School about two years ago, was arrested here, and sent to-day to serve four years in that school. He had married in the meantime, but a short time ago forced his wife to leave their home. She in turn had him arrested for desertion from the Military School.

HOLD-UP IN COBOURG TOWN JOHN N. CAMPBELL WAYLAID

His Cries Frightened His Two Assailants, But No Clue is Left.

Cobourg, Jan. 13.—While on his way home from his place of business this evening Mr. John N. Campbell, a prosperous merchant of the town of Cobourg, was waylaid on Division-street by two masked men, who demanded his money in no uncertain tones, at the same time one seized him by the throat, while the other pinioned his arms behind him, rendering him powerless. Mr. Campbell is a man well advanced in years, he, however, pluckily resisted the assaults of the two highwaymen, mingling the same with shouts for assistance, at which both made off up a side lane. The daring of the high-handed deed stands unparalleled in this district, and the whole town is aroused. Mr. Campbell, because of his age and the darkness of the thorofare, is unable to furnish any clear description of his assailants. The police were immediately notified, and speedy efforts made to afford some clue to the perpetrators of the outrage. Up to the present no clue has been forthcoming.

GILDERSLEEVE INDIFFERENT.

Steamboat Men Should Emigrate if They Object to His Ideas.

Montreal, Jan. 13.—(Special.)—A meeting of steamboat men at St. Catharines, Ont., censured Mr. Gildersleeve, manager of the Richelieu and Ontario Company, for urging the government to establish training schools to produce better qualified officers and a superior class of men.

Referring to this to-day Mr. Gildersleeve said he was entirely indifferent as to what the steamboat men said. If they objected to the principles contained in the suggestions that had been put forward by the executive of the Marine Association the other day at Toronto, then they had better arrange to go to some other part of the world. The executive suggested that something should be done in the direction of inaugurating schools for training and education of officers and men. It was in the interests of the public, of the men themselves, of the officers and of the companies that the very best in the way of training should be forthcoming.

"If the sailors of the St. Lawrence wish a standstill or a retrograde policy that is their affair, but progress will come all the same, even after they have left the business."

"Why," he added, "these men might just as well suggest that the public schools be closed.

BAD TIMES FOR IRON TRADE.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 14.—The Chronicle says that the iron trade of Canada and the United States is experiencing bad times, and the fact that Canadian manufacturers are not sending pig iron to Britain shows that the United States market is closed against them by the fall in prices in the States and owing to the renewal in the States of competition, the Canadian markets are not as good as they were.

BANKERS ON FOREIGN TRADE.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 14.—At a discussion at the Institute of Bankers in London yesterday on foreign trade and the money market, Felix Schuster, governor of the union in London said: "We can best serve the colonies by returning to our supreme position as the trade centre of the world. It is impossible to place a duty on wheat without raising the price."

GOOD NEWS DELAYED.

Ottawa, Jan. 13.—The government has had no information as to the statement in to-day's cable that Germany has applied to Britain for the appointment of commissioners to negotiate a trade treaty with Canada. It is not thought the negotiations had advanced that far yet. The Premier was not in a position to make any statement upon the matter.

OCEAN LINER DISABLED.

Portland, Me., Jan. 13.—The Cornishman which arrived here to-day from Liverpool, reports that on Jan. 3 she sighted the Red Star Line steamer Noordland, Liverpool for Philadelphia, in a disabled condition.

GETTING TIGHT.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 14.—The Chronicle says Greater Britain refrained from identifying itself with the tariff commission until it sees how things pan out.

NEW CATHOLIC DIOCESE.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Jan. 14.—Cardinal Gotti, at the next meeting of the propaganda, will discuss the project to make Newfoundland an ecclesiastical province, and also a new diocese at Joliette, Canada.

Diseased U.S. Fruit Trees.

Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 13.—Fifteen hundred of five thousand fruit trees, shipped here from Tennessee, were burned by Provincial Fruit Inspector Cunningham to-day. They were affected by the peach borr. The inspector says that trees coming from the United States are badly affected of late, and many have had to be destroyed.

Cigars—Royal Infant, Havana, 5c. equals any 10c cigar.—Alive Bollard, 121 Yonge St. ed

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Opening of the Legislature, 3 p.m.
Benjamin Suite, at Empire Club, Webb's, 1 p.m.
Harbor Commissioners, 11 a.m.
Louisa-street School Old Boys' at home, St. George's Hall, 8 p.m.
Trades Council, St. George's Hall, 8 p.m.
U. E. Loyalists, Confederation Life Building, 8 p.m.
Ward One Liberals, 8 p.m.
Laurier Liberal Club, 8 p.m.
Mackenzie Liberal Club, 8 p.m.
Hamilton Old Boys, Temple Building, 8 p.m.
Princess, "The Light of Other Days," 8 p.m.
Grand, "Arizona," 8 p.m.
Majestic, "For Her Children's Sake," 2 and 8 p.m.
Shea's, Bohman Show, 2 and 8 p.m.
Star, burlesque, 2 and 8 p.m.

Sir Frederick Borden, Minister of Militia, is in town and is staying at the Queen's Hotel.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Jan. 13	At	From
Menominee	New York	London
Statendam	New York	Boulogne
Anchoria	Moville	New York
Kron Prinz Wilhelm	Bremen	New York
Republic	Marseilles	Boston

Change of Plan Surprises Session Before Elections

LEGISLATURE OPENS TO-DAY NO SURPRISES IN SPEECH

Function Begins at 3 o'Clock and Will Be Attended by Social Toronto.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock guns of the Toronto Field Battery will announce the approach of Lieutenant-Governor Clark and his suite to open the second session of the tenth legislature. As a state function the opening will evoke great interest, but there is nothing startling in the bill of fare that will engage the attention of the people's representatives, and the average citizen wil not pay much attention to the display of gold lace and millinery. For the occasion the members of the legislature will be "unseated," the fair sex having undisputed possession of the government and opposition benches and the neutral space before the Speaker's dais. About 300 invitations have been issued for these favored places and several hundred tickets issued for the galleries.

The ceremony will be brief. The Lieutenant-Governor will be escorted to the Speaker's chair, and the speech from the throne placed in his hands. The contents of the speech is a state secret, but the general impression is that it will be devoid of surprising features. It will foreshadow no legislation that has not already been promised. The speech read, the House will adjourn for the day. On Friday C. N. Smith will have the floor to move the address in reply, and he will be followed by Mr. Currie. After a feast of oratory in laudation of the government the opposition will take a hand. The plans of the opposition will not be decided upon until the caucus of the party after to-day's session.

Mr. Smith, the mover of the address, arrived fro mthe Soo yesterday, and had a talk with the Premier. There were few mmbers about the building. Mr. Hoyle of North Ontario being the only Conservative ho appeared beside Mr. Whitney, who was busy all day in his office in rear of the opposition lobby.

There will be a dearth of private legislation. At least that is the outlook just now, only 24 notices of private bills having been published in The Gazette. Mr. Snyder, assistant clerk of the House, said yesterday that the number of private bills was the smallest since Confederation.

There was no session of the cabinet. The Premier, however, spent a very busy day consulting heads of departments and a few of his political friends. Mr. Stratton was absent in Peterboro attending the nominating convention of Liberals of West Peterboro for the Dominion House.

Yesterday's trains brought in a score or more members. At the Queen's there are Dr. Willoughby, W. C. Caldwell, W. J. Hanna and E. A. Dunlop. The Rossin House roster contains the names of A. G. McKay, D. Davidson, M. G. Cameron, M. James, H. Dickinson, George P. Graham and T. H. Preston, while there are stopping at the Walker W. J. McCart, J. J. Preston and W. D. McLeod. J. S. Gallagher went to the Palmer. The midnight train from North Bay brought down R. R. Gamey and W. R. Smyth, while from the extreme western end of the province there came on delayed trains Dr. Reaume, J. A. Auld and T. L. Pardo.

Two legislators are sick and will not be on hand till next week. J. R. Barber of Halton and Col. Matheson of South Lanark have just passed thru a siege of illness, but are in a fair way to recovery, their colleagues will be glad to know. Should they be away when the first division is taken, the government majority would still be two.

BIRTHS.

WATSON—On 13th inst., at 109 Walmer-road, to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Watson, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BAKER—WEBB—On Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1904, at St. Luke's Church, by the Rev. Dr. Langtry, Charles Morgan Baker, eldest son of the late Charles Baker, to Flora Meta, only daughter of Mrs. M. E. Webb of Winnipeg.

DEATHS.

GORDON—At his mother's residence, 22 Mansfield-avenue, Toronto, on Tuesday, at 12 o'clock noon, Robert Stanley Gordon, in his 24th year.

Funeral from his late address, at 2.30 o'clock Thursday, Jan. 14, 1904, to Prospect Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances, please accept this intimation.

HURLEY—At 565 Sherbourne-street, Jan. 12, Catherine, daughter of the late William Farley, Tyrone, Ireland, and widow of the late John Hurley, in her 78th year.

Funeral Friday morning, at 9 o'clock, Lourdes' Chapel to St. Michael's Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

Kingston and Ottawa papers please copy.

JONES—Suddenly, at his late residence, 16 Leonard-avenue, James Jones, engineer G. T. R., aged 63 years.

Funeral from his late residence Friday, at 2.30 p.m.

LAWSON—At her late residence, 451 West Marion-street, Parkdale, on 12th January, Margaret Allan Elrick, beloved wife of Joseph M. Lawson, and loving stepmother to Joseph Harold Lawson.

Faithful unto death.

Funeral private from above address, on Thursday, 14th inst., at 3 p.m.

LOUGH—On Jan. 13, 1904, at 38 St. Patrick-street, Toronto, Julia M., widow of the late Inglis Lough, M.D.

Funeral private.

MARTIN—At 8 Morrison-street, on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1904, Rose Martin, the dearly beloved wife of James C. Martin.

Funeral on Friday at 2 p.m. to Mount Pleasant. Friends and acquaintances accept this intimation.

PARKES—At 62 South Drive, Rosedale, on Jan. 12, of pneumonia, after a brief illness, Lily Rachel Rogers, beloved wife of G. Harry Parkes.

Funeral Thursday, 14th inst., at 2.30 p.m., to Mount Pleasant.

PHILP—At her late residence, "Widefield," Wilcox-street, on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1904, Mary E. Y. Coate, widow of the late Richard Philp, in her 73rd year.

Funeral private.

Montreal Considers That the Policy Decided Upon is a Great Mistake.

Montreal, Jan. 13.—(Special.)—The best-informed politicians in Montreal now admit that a session of parliament will be hid before the general elections. The government's change of plans has occasioned great surprise.

Two weeks ago there was not a Liberal politician of any prominence in Montreal who did not believe that an appeal to the country was to be made in February or March. With extraordinary suddenness this feeling was reversed. The government's game now is to hold a short session and bring on the elections in May or June.

What Brought it About?

There is much speculation as to the influences which caused the government to change its mind. Lady Laurier, it is said, strongly objected to a midwinter campaign, feeling that Sir Wilfrid was not physically fit to stand it. But Lady Laurier's objections would not rule in the face of the unanimous desire of the cabinet to dissolve parliament. Nominally the Premier has the right to say when the elections will be held, but he would not think of exercising that right in defiance of the wishes of his colleagues. In selecting the date for an appeal to the country he is governed by the weight of opinion in his cabinet, just as he is in regard to other questions of policy.

Cabinet Was Divided.

It is generally admitted that the cabinet was divided on the question of dissolving parliament before another session. The reasons which appealed to those ministers favoring a short session before the elections may be guessed at, but they have not yet been disclosed outside of the cabinet council. Hon. Clifford Sifton is said to have strongly opposed the policy of making an immediate appeal to the country. He feels that the Federal Liberals may be stronger in Manitoba and the Northwest a year hence, and cannot possibly be weaker. Hon. W. S. Fielding is credited with supporting Mr. Sifton. The Minister of Finance was afraid of the effect on the Maritime Provinces of the widely circulated rumor that the Grand Trunk Pacific contract not being definitely closed, advantage would be taken of these conditions to drop the eastern section. Mr. Fielding did not want to go to the Maritime Provinces with such a dangerous charge to explain away. He and Sifton fought the early dissolution proposal, and they appear to have received sufficient support to carry the day.

Quebec for Early Appeal.

In Quebec the Liberal leaders are almost unanimous in the opinion that early elections were imperative in the interest of the party. They realize that before another year passes round Sir Wilfrid Laurier may not be leading the Liberal party; hard times may be upon us. The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway project may have been further discredited and the fiscal campaign in England may have been advanced to such a stage that the Laurier government wil have to take one side or the other.

Had a Good Excuse.

At present the government has a first-class excuse for going to the country before another session of parliament. It was in a position to say that parliament no longer represented the people, the Redistribution Bill having created a new representation. But now that the government has decided to meet parliament again on the old representation, it will have no excuse for dissolving parliament for two years. The holding of a session before the elections demolishes the theory that the present parliament does not represent the people, so that if parliament is dissolved next summer or next autumn a less plausible excuse will have to be trumped up.

In Montreal the policy determined upon by the government is thought to be a great, and perhaps a fatal, mistake. There is free guessing as to what motives inspired the decision to postpone the elections, but so far the truth appears to be locked up in the breasts of the ministers at Ottawa.

High-Class Fur Garments

In Dineen's big January sale there are several lines of exclusive designs in Alaska Seal, Persian Lamb and combinations of furs, collars and lapels of Chinchilla, Russian Sable, Hudson Bay Sable, Royal Ermine, etc., all at greatly reduced prices. To buy them to-day is to save 60 per cent. Every garment has been but recently turned out of the factory.

FAIR AND COLDER.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Jan. 13.—(8 p.m.)—The disturbance which was developing in the Ohio last night is now centred in Connecticut as a storm of considerable importance. Snow has fallen throout the lake region and as far east as Western Quebec, and stormy conditions are now setting in over the Maritime Provinces. The weather continues mild over the greater part of the Territories and cold in Manitoba.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 46—50; Calgary, 16—48; Qu'Appelle, 2—28; Winnipeg, 18 below—6; Port Arthur, 12—16; Parry Sound, 16—32; Toronto, 24—34; Ottawa, 12—28; Montreal, 16—30; Quebec, 20—26; Halifax, 26—32.

Probs.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Fresh to strong northwesterly to northerly winds; fair and colder; snow flurries.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Fresh to strong northerly to northwesterly winds, gradually clearing and turning colder.

Lower St. Lawrence—Strong northeasterly, shifting to northwesterly winds; show Friday; clearing and colder.

Gulf—Strong winds and gales, easterly to northerly; snow.

Maritime—Strong winds and gales easterly to day; snow and rain.

Lake Superior—Fair and cold.

Manitoba—Fair and moderately cold.

MUST OCCUPY SOMALILAND IS OPINION OF CANADIAN

Major Leckie Says Mullah's Power is Broken, But Order Must Be Kept.

London, Jan. 13.—H. Arnold-Forster, Secretary for War, has cabled Major General Egerton, commanding the Somaliland expeditionary force, King Edward's expression of satisfaction over the result of the engagement in Somaliland between the British and the forces of the Mullah, which resulted in defeat of the latter, who lost one thousand men killed. His Majesty expresses regrets over the losses of officers and men of General Egerton's command.

Major Leckie, a Canadian officer, who has just returned, invalided, from Somaliland, when interviewed, to-day, said the defeat was the beginning of the end of the power of the Mullah, whose forces were now scattered. He said that the Mullah and his remaining forces would flee, but that they must be eventually cornered owing to a lack of water. Major Leckie says he believes that the Mullah himself will escape, and he adds that the occupation of the country is necessary to maintain order.