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LOW GRADING OF SOME NEW WHEAT

Large Percentage of Grain in Alberta and Saskatchewan in Condition to be Seriously Injured

WINNIPEG, Sept. 2 .- No one can ell just how disastrous last week's rost and rust have been to the prairie provinces' grain crops until warm weather sets in the kernel has had time to shrivel and the threshing mahine has told its story. A better in dication was in evidence today, when wenty-four cars of new wheat were Only four of this number raded No. 1 Northern, the balance being No. 4 and lower. This grain was from southern Manitoba; which its early marketings has nade such a showing since 1894, when the crop was badly frosted.

With frost, starting on August 25, and continuing with varying degrees for a week in southern Alberta and Saskatchewan, the damage done must have been serious, as 65 per cent. of the crop was green and not fit to cut, Even now the agents are sending in reports that the crop is too green to cut next week, but that at many points, to save their wheat against rost, which is bound to come tonight or Sunday, they have put binders in the fields and are cutting it in a green state. There has not been any real scorching day for ten days past and it was needed.

Of course the Canadian Pacific and the Dominion government are trying to minimize the damage, and trus endeavoring to convey the impression that western Canada has an enormous quantity of No. 1 Northern wheat The result is that certain grain in terests are bearing the market with view to buying the best available wheat at a figure far below the real market value. The minister of the nterior, Hon. Mr. Oliver, in reply to Lord Strathcona's inquiry, cabled yesterday that although there has been degrees of frost, wheat aped serious damage, which all who know the facts regarding the crop consider is a foolish statement to

Western Canada has on its hands an enormous quantity of low grade heat, No. 4 and lower. This makes dark flour, and where to market it is the problem. Germany is the only country that takes it, and then only when their rye crop fails. Besides Russia is a strong competitor for this low grade of wheat trade. It might he fed to live stock, cattle and hogs. but Western Canada has not any large number of this class of animals to

It will be well on to next week be fore the farmers are cutting. If not before the tenth to the fifteenth. black frost is bound to come, and it is the case of everybody at it in a few days, or the loss will be total. The ainy days of this season have made the growth of grain immense, but the came in July instead of June, and the farmers are reaping the result this unfortunate weather condition.

New Portuguese Ministry

LISBON, Sept. 2 .- Joao Chagas, who for many years has been a prominent figure in the struggle for a republican government in Portugal, today formed a cabinet in succession to the provisional ministry which resigned on Aug. 28. The new cabinet is composed as follows: Premier and minister of the interior, Joao Chagas; minister of foreign affairs, Augusto Vasconcelles; minister of finance, Duarte Leite; minister of war, Pimenta Castra.

SEVENTEEN DROWNED

Passenger Steamer Founders off Philippine Coast-Only Eight People Rescued

MANILA, Sept. 2 .- The steamer Fransco foundered today on the north side of the island of Negros and thirteen of her passengers and four members of the

Among those believed to be drowned are a Mrs. Keuler and her two children, members of a family of Swiss plante in Negros. Eight of the passengers of the Francisco were rescued and taken

to Ilicoto in the Isle of Panay. PRISONER LYNCHED

Masked Men at Grangeville Raid Jail and Kill Man Charged with Attempted Murder

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Three other men entered the jail and met Jailor McLean, who, hearing the noise, had awakened and was coming out of the bedroom. McLean, too was covered with guns, and at this juncture six or seven other men entered the jail, took the keys from the desk in the office, also disconnecting the telephone from the jail to the sheriff's residence. Unlocking the cell house, they made a search of the cells for Mailick, who was shortly located in the steel cage. He was ordered to turn down the covers and show his face. The command was followed with the exclamation by one of the party to 'get up and take your medicine.' Mailick compiled."

NANAIMO, Sept. 2 .- Statistics as re corded at the government office for the nonth of August are as follows: Births, 25; marriages, 6; deaths, 18. There were 28 mineral claims recorded during the month. The following are the customs for the month of August: Chemainus, \$1,662.78; Union Bay, \$957.86; Port Alberni, \$77.74; Cumber-land, \$31.85; Courtney, \$26.84; Alberni, \$18.55; Nanaimo, \$5,829.44; Ladysmith, \$892.82. Total, \$9,497.88.

Prince Rupert Bylaws Carried PRINCE RUPERT, Sept. 2.—The city of Prince Rupert today carried two money by-laws by a vote of 414 to 44. The agreement with respect to the Grand Trunk Pacific taxation was ratified by the people by a vote of 331 to 12. A by-law to provide \$550,000 to nstall a permanent waterworks and hydro-electric system by the city was carried. The city is jubilant tonight, as it means that all differences with the railway are settled, with the expenditure of large sums in terminal works. The other by-law means that a large body of men will be put a work at once to bring in water and to develop power which will be supolled here in about a year's time.

Given Charge of Parks OTTAWA, Sept. 1.-U. B. Hartlin for years private secretary to Hon Frank Oliver has been appointed commissioner of national parks, with head marters in Ottawa. He will have supervision over all park reserves held by the federal government, most of which are situated on the slopes of the rockies. These parks were formerly under the branch but a separate bureau is created J. P. Featherstone becomes Mr

BIG SMELTER

Oliver's secretary.

Nelson Incendiary Contrives to Set Hall Mines Plant on Fire in Spite of Careful Guarding of Premises

NELSON, B.C., Sept. 2.-At midnight tonight the huge plant of the Hall Mines smelter, covering thirteen acres of ground, and one of the largest plants of its kind in Canada, is a mass of blazing crackling ruins, Nothing is saved except the seven miles of cable running from the smelter to the Silver King mine on Toad moun-

Everything else, the huge smelter the tramway terminal and dumn, the assay office, the boarding houses and numerous smaller buildings are a tangle of blazing timber and twisted

iron. The disaster is the work of an incendiary who for the past two weeks has started a dozen fires, three of which have entailed enormous loss. Last night the Nelson brewery was burned to the ground with a loss of

fifty thousand dollars. The incendiary has shown the utmost persistency. At noon today a watchman discovered a fire in the melter, which he thoroughly quench ed, and had arranged for extra guards. Tonight at nine, just after he had made the rounds of the buildings, fire broke out, and within a few minutes the plant was a blazing furnace. By midnight the entire plant was practically consumed. There is no clue to the incendiary.

High Price for Painting.

LONDON, Aug. 31.-The National Gallery has bought the painting "Adoraation of the Kings," by Jan Gossaert of Mabus, from Rosalind, Countess of

Carlisle. The price paid was \$200,000

H. B. Company's Plans.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 1.—Commissioner Burbidge, of the Hudson's Bay Company, gave a most emphatic denial to the report that the company had abandoned for an indefinite time its policy of "building extensions throughout the west." In reply to an inquiry today he said with great deliberation: "The policy of rapid extensions of buildings throughout the west by the Hudson's Bay Company has not been modified. At Calgary work will be resumed shortly when the amended plans are sent back from Toronto. We will also rush construction at Victoria, Regina and every other point in the west where we had previously planned these extensions. This, of course, also applies to Winnipeg." H. B. Company's Plans.

KIEL, Germany, Aug. 31 .- Two Engishmen and a Dane, who for several days have been cruising near Kiel, wer arrested yesterday by the harbor police on suspicion of spying. The suspects denied their guilt and underwent a searching examination by the authorities and were released. The Englishmen said they were respectively a professor and a teacher of a high school.

Osaka Shosen Kaisha Liner Takes Good Cargo, Including Much Flour, to Ports of Far East

OANFA IS ON WAY FROM JAPAN

Blue Funnel Steamer Expected to Reach Port Today With Big Cargo Loaded in United Kingdom

The steamer Canada Maru of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha line left the Outer Wharf yesterday for Hongkons via the usual ports of call with a cargo of general freight valued at \$86,000, including 5,637 barrels of flour. The cargo of the Canada Maru consisted of large shipments of miscellaneous cargo. One of the first shipments o cotton of the fall season is represented by 100 bales valued at \$8,000 for Moji. From now on these shipments will continue to increase as the season advances. Another shipment of interest in the cargo was 200,000 yards of cotton goods, valued at \$14,300 for

From the large shipments of sewing machines that have gone forward on the O. S. K. steamers with regularity since the line was established, i would seem that the Oriental population must be fairly well supplied with these useful household conveniences. There were more than 540 cases of sewing machines and parts in the cargo of the Canada Maru, the shipment being valued at \$7,613.

The steamers of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha will after October 14th include Seattle in their ports of call and will call at the Sound port on the way to Victoria outbound.

nel line is fully due from the Orient, with a good cargo of general freight The Oanfa, in command of Capt. W. Cope Lycett, is one of the White Funnel liners taken over at the time the China Mutual line was taken over by the Holts and the vessels of this type, including the Oanfa and Keemun, will be replaced by steamers of the type of the Titan, Teucer and

TRAIN HELD UP

Southbound Empress on Southern Pa cific Raided by Bobbers-Safes Blown Open

REDDING, Cal., Sept. 2.—Three robpers, one a negro, held up the southbound Oregon express on the Southern Pacific railroad, a mile and a half north of Lamoine, forty miles north of Redding, at nine o'clock last night. They blew bom safes in the express car rifled them and escaped, accompanied by two other robbers who had been riding on the roof of the car. No one was hurt. The value of the robbers'

booty has not been learned. The robbery was reported at Delta, Cal., by Conductor Dickey within fifteen minutes after it occurred. A special train immediately was prepared at Dunsmuir, Cal., and left, bearing a posse. Sheriff Montgomery of Tehama county was also notified and organized another posse which was picked up by a special train at Red Bluff. A third posse was organized at Redding and joined the Red Bluff men.

A battle is expected with the bandits, who fled to the forest south of the railroad.

The robbers boarded the train as it stood on a siding at Gibson, near Lamoine. When the train got under way, three of them worked their way into the express car, holding the messengers at bay with revolvers. Only one of the bandits, the negro, was masked. They blew the safe, and at the sound of its explosion, the train slowed down. The robbers grasped what they could lay hands on and fled into the darkness,

where their two companions joined them. The negro is described in dispatches received here as being about five feet. six inches tall and weighing perhaps 150 pounds. He wore a black hat. One of the white men was slightly taller, had a sandy mustache and wore blue overalls. The third man was of about medium height, and wore a gray suit and gray slouch hat. No description was obtained of the men who were outside the car.

The first special train was not due to reach the scene of the robbery until after midnight. The country about Lamoine is densely wooded, but almost uninhabitated, and it is believed the pandits will be driven into the open for

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 1 .- The California express, the Southern Pacific train held up near Dunsmuir, left Portland at 7:45 p. m. Thursday with the usual number of passengers. This train carried but two pouches of mail, as it leaves shortly after the Shasta Limited. one pouch from Seattle and the other from Portland.

At Dunsmuir a mail car and two clerks are picked up by this train. 875 to 469, to run with Francisco I. Wells-Fargo officials could not defin-Madero, Jr., the party's candidate for itely state the value of the contents of president.

n board. REDDING, Cal., Sept. 1.—A brakeman on the train, it was learned late last night, saw the five white men leap into an automobile, which headed for Dunsmuir. This is believed to increase the chance of capturing the bandits.

ROBBERS NOT FOUND These After Men The Meld up Southern Facific Train Se Far Vain—Over \$2,000 Stolen

REDDING, Car. Sept. 2.—Today's chase for five bandits who held up the southbound Oregot Express on the Southbran Pacific last night, blew two safes in the express car and escaped, resulted chiefly in a report from a farmer that an automobile, southbound, passed his ranch, north of Delta, shortly after ten o'clock last night, and in the arrest of a passeable colored man he arrest of a peaceable colored man here, on the ground that a colored man was one of the bandits. Because of the scores of men on the lookout for robbers it is considered unsafe for a colored man to travel alone in Shasta county just now.

Sheriff Montgomery and his posse today traced the automobile reported last night from Gibson, and found that it was not connected with the robbery He says he will continue the search until the men are found.

The robbers secured \$2,399.35. It is the train which was supposed to carry a big gold shipment.

ALASKA PROBLEMS

President Taft Expected to Announce Policy After Consultation with Secretary Pisher

BEVERLEY, Mass., Sept. 2.—When President Taft visits the National Conserva-tion Congress at Kansas City, September 25, it is probable he will make clear the administration's future attitude on Alaskan administration's future attitude on Alaskan affairs.

It is expected that in Kansas City, or possibly a few days before, the president will meet Secretary of the Interior Fisher, who is now in Alaska and is counted on for a first-hand accurate report on conditions in the northem territory.

It was pointed out today as probable that after the talk with his secretary, with an audience interested is conservation before him, the president would announce the administration's policy, or outline it to some-extent.

president is said to be determined to as soon as possible the questions that ant development in Alaska and may

Members to Look into Proposed Limits for Express Delivery-Proposed Fire Patrol by Railways

C. P. R. TO GET COQUITLAM LAND

VANCOUVER, Sept. 1 .- At today's sitting of the railway commission, Chairman Mabee decided that the board would inspect the plans of the proposed North Vancouver ferry subway before deciding the matter. In the meantime he considered that the city of Vancouver should certainly contribute to the expense, but he saw no reason why the C. P. R. should do so. He was not satisfied that the best plan had yet been discovered. This matter was debated for an hour.

As to the limits sought to be imosed by the express companies on delivery, it was decided that the board would take an automobile ride around the city before deciding whether or not there should be any limits. At the same time, Mr. Hardwell, representing the board, will visit Victoria and Nanaimo on a similar errand.

Another matter lengthily, discusse was the applicaton made by the chief commissioner of provincial lands for suggestions for the establishment of fire patrol in places where there are railways throughout the interior with a view to diminishing forest fires. The government are to make suggestions which the commissioners will transmit to the railways to see how the propos als are entertained.

Also a great deal of evidence was heard as to matters affecting shippers in connection with the variations of car weights when weighed coupled, and when weighed after wet weather.

This morning the C. P. R. was given permission to proceed with the expropriation of certain lands at Coquitlam There were many objections of farmers and others holding land in that vicin ity who declared that the railway wanted the land for other than for railway purposes, because the tract proposed for the shops was four times as large as the area of the great Angus shops in Montreal. The comm however, did not care to go behind the affidavit of Sir William Whyte, who had declared that all of the property mentioned was required for the company.

Madero's Running Mate

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 2,-Jose Pine Suarez, governor of Yucatan, tonight was nominated for vice-president by the Progressive party over Dr. Francisco Vasquez Gomez by a vote of 875 to 469, to run with Francisco I.

Employment Agencies Beseiged by "Out of Works"-Bank Clearings Lower Than Two Years Ago

HOUSANDS OF HOUSES UNOCCUPIED

Lumber Mills are Closing Down —Does Victoria Want Closer Trade Relations with This City?

SEATTLE, Sept. 2.-The best money

a laboring man can get in Seattle today, and this has, applied for some time, is \$2.25 a day, with the most of the men being engaged at \$2.00 flat. Times are bad. Around Main street and on Occidental Avenue where the employment agencies on the curbs are lined with men waiting the chance of a job, and the cheap lodging houses are full to overflowing. Nearly all the employment agencies have commodious waiting rooms with ample seating ca pacity for the accommodation of the men and these rooms are jammed all the time with hungry-eyed men filling the benches and watching the bulletin boards as the comparatively few billets open are posted. In the lumber camps the wages paid run about the same as in the city, although there are more camps paying \$2.25 than \$2 per day. With this wage the men have to pay from \$5.00 to \$5.50 per week

The stores in Seattle are giving every evidence of nerve-straining efforts turn over the stock. One place on Second avenue near Pike street had un until a short time ago a sign out inviting the public to come in and take away the goods at their own prices Up and down all the chief business streets there are flaming signs an-nouncing all sinus of sales with reduc-tions running from 20 per cent to 40 per cent. These are on staple lines where the purchaser can know whether he is getting a bargain or not.

Bank Cearings Illustrate. The bank clearings for months past show the trend of business. Two years ago the bank clearings used to run to twelve and thirteen million dollars week. Six months ago they were run-

ning about nine millions, but now, with the new season grain business having opened up, and the activity in the mon business, practicaly all of the South-eastern Alaska salmon, in addition to the Puget Sound salmon business being done through Seattle, the weekly clearings have increased to about eleven millions. It is safe to say that there are thou sands of vacant houses in Seattle,. To say just what the exact number is, or even to make an estimate would be impossible. The real estate dealers who could approximate conditions with correctness refuse to give any informa-

tion on the subject. It might militate against them. Rents have depreciated ten to twenty-five per cent. Every-where you go on the street cars you are confronted with "to let" signs on houses, stores and apartment houses. It is hard to pass even a small block without noticing at least one vacant house. On First and Second avenues the busiest business streets of the city, there are stores vacant, some of them have been vacant for months, and that is a condition that Seattle has not known since the first Klondike boom fourteen years ago. All this is notwithstanding the fact that the building permits issued for the first six months of this year only totalled one-half of the amount of the permits issued for the corresponding months last year.

The lumber industry, which is the most important in the state, has been practically demoralized for over a year. The lumber mills have been closing down the entire plants in many instances, and the balance of those who are continuing running are only working five days a week with no night shifts. The shingle mills closed down entirely for a period of several months but have been partially reopened for business recently.

These are conditions in Seattle today. The question now is, does Victoria want closer trade relations under these cirumstances?

HAD IMPERIAL VIEWS

cuments Left by Portuguese Boyal Family Said to Reveal Schemes For Power in Spain

LISBON, Sept. 1 .- (By way of the rontier.)-Deputy Amenez, on behalf of the government, declared in the assembly today that the commission ap pointed by the government to collect the letters and documents abandoned by the Portuguese royal family in its flight last October had discovered letters showing that in 1876 King Luis was plotting to obtain the Spanish throne and be proclaimed Emperor of

The newspaper Novidade says other correspondence found makes it appear that King Charles had a similar plan in view at the time of King Alfonso XII., the father of the present Spanish

monarch.

The Patriarch of Lisbon is authority and was buried at sea.

for the statement that the Holy See has been advised of the probability of a complete remodelling of the law in Portugal concerning the separation of hurch and state, and that Pope Pius has declared that if the remodelling is along liberal lines there will be no objection to the churches accepting the

law and resuming diplomatic relations with Portugal. Senor Mohado, the foreign minister, has handed to the British minister his written assurance that the Irish sem-inary of St. Patrick and the British conent and college of the Dominicans will De permitted to continue as heretofore.
The Italian government complained to
Portugal of preferential treatment being according these orders, while members of the Silesian order are not permitted to remain in the country.

E. B. Company's Big Purchase WINNIPEG, Aug. 31,-The Hudson's Bay Company announce the purchase for three-quarters of a million dollars of seventy acres adjoining River park on the Red river as an athletic grounds for employees.

Montreal Girl's Long Sleep

MONTREAL, Aug. 31 .- After sleeping eight days, Blanche David, the eighteen year old girl who was found apparently drugged in a street car last week, seems to be no nearer the end of her trance than on one night she was taken to the Western hospital from the car. It was thought by the doctors that her restless movements last Tuesday were omens that her sleep would soon end, but yesterday she remained in the same quiet undisturbed sleep.

Montreal Postoffice Busy MONTREAL, Sept. 1 .- The large in crease in the volume of business trans-acted at the Montreal post office for August is shown over the corresponding month of last year. Despite the great strike in England, which interfered somewhat with the regular despatch from here of overseas mails, the revenue of the Montreal office for the month of August was \$96,072.80. For the month of August, 1910, the total was \$84,978.35. The statement showing the number of sacks of mail received from Great Britain for the month of August, 1911, indicates that for last month there was a total of 2,564 sacks received, while in August, 1910, the total was 2,278. There was an increase bf 5,525 pounds of letters; 28,937 pounds of printed matter and 423 parcels over August of last year in the British mai forwarded from Montreal post office.

White Liner is Moved Forty Feet by Salvors-Minnesota Brings Mails for the C. P. R.

The stranded C. P. R. liner Empress of China, which went ashore at Mera reef near the entrance to Tokyo bay on July 26th, has been shifted forty feet by the salvors of the Mistu Bishi company from Nagasaki, whose steamers, the Oura Maru and Arima Maru, are at work on the white liner. The steamer went over some reefs and is resting close in shore on some hardpan. The weather had interrupted the work of salvage, several heavy storms having prevailed since the work began. The salvors are hopeful of success. The place in the C. P. R. service of the Empress of China is to be taken by the Monteagle, which will be held over a month at Hongkong to take the run on October 14th. The Monteagle now en route to the far eastern port is due at Hongkong on September 5th. She left Shanghai vesterday. which The steamer Minnesota,

reached Seattle on Friday, brought the mail of the Empress of China, which was transferred to the C.P.R. teamers at Seattle. Chief Engineer Mathieson and the engine-room staff of the white liner were passenger home on the Minnesota. The Minnesota encountered five ty

phoons while in the Far East-one of them the storm which cast the Empress of China on the rocks. The Minnesota came through the ordeal unscathed. While she was anchored in the harbor at Hongkong, three different typhoons blew up, torpedo boats were wrecked, sampans were cast high upon the beach, houses were carried away. Many large vessels broke their moorings, doing great damage, but not a stick was carried by the board on the Hill liner. Another typhoon was encountered between Kobe and Yokohama, but she weathered it safely and was undamaged later when she ran into a storm between Manila and Chinese ports. The Minnesota put into Keelung,

Formosa, and loaded 1,100 tons of tea, the largest shipment of that sort ever picked up at that port. In addition to this the vessel carried 800 bales of silk valued at \$480,000 and a large shipment of general cargo. Two days after the Minnesota left

Seattle outbound Kwok Yon, a Chinese cook, died. His body was taken to Hongkong, where it was turned over to his family.

While bound eastward from Yokohama, T. Hashamoto, a Japanese steerage passenger, died of apoplexy

Premier Roblin's Entrance Into Campaign Gives New Vigor to Conservative Fight -Great Meeting in Winnipeg

LIBERALS HOPELESS OF WINNING

Encouraging Reports from Other Districts Throughout Three Provinces—Conservative Gains are Probable

WINNIPEG, Sept. 2 .- The political campaign in western Canada has livened up considerably this week. Premier lin has got into harness, and his speeches have put new life into the Conservative party. Mr. Roblin has well earned the reputation of being the greatest platform speaker in the west. and as he speaks by experience and knowledge of the conditions, he never fails to have an immense audience and

one that he sways at will. Such was the case last night when he pened the campaign for Alex Haggart before four thousand electors. Walker theatre was unable to hold the crowd. The premier showed that while a reduction in the cost of living in Winnipeg was problematical under reciprocity, it would mean sending the very cream of our natural resources and natural products to the other side of

the border and getting little in return There does not seem to be much belief here that Alex Haggart, former Conservative member, will be defeated. Liberals are asking odds of two to one on Ashdown. This same feeling of confidence on the part of the Conservatives pervades all Manitoba Conservatives. J. A. M. Aikins is proving a strong candidate in Brandon, and there does not appear to be any reason to doubt thes that seat will be the to the Literals. Miresota Souris, macdonald and Selkirk are four allowstrong Conservative ridings, and the

former members will be returned with out question. In Dauphin the government force, headed by Theodore Burrows, the former member, is making a strong fight against Glen Campbell. The riding is enormous in area and is susceptible to

many influences of the government in In Fortage la Prairie, Mr. Meighen is man and grain grower, and although the

former is confident, he will have a hard Mayor Bleau, the popular chief magistrate of St. Boniface, is opposing Dr. Molloy in Provencher, with good pros-

pects of winning. Lisgar is another constituency running along the border where the former Conservative member is having a stiff contest with his former opponent, Frank Greenway, and the result will be

In Alberta R. B. Bennett in Calgary, and Chas Magrath in Medicine Hat, are both opposed by weak men and will win. Mr. Herron is making a strong fight in Macleod against the pernicious inroads of Utah Mormons.

In the northern four seats, the results are problematical. Many new settlers have come in, and their political inclinations will be directed by the Strength of the campaign on one side or another. Hon, Frank Oliver will lose the Edmonton city vote, but he may make it up in the foreign districts to the north. At this early outlook, with the campaign eighteen days to go yet, results will be in twenty-seven seats about an even break as it was in 1908. with probabilities of two Conservative

Winnipeg, with its twenty thousand voters, six thousand of whom never voted in a Dominion election in Manitoba, gives an indication of what political prophets all through the west are up against. This can be said, however, the Conservatives have the best of the argument from a natural standpoint, but the sordid features of the Liberal election platform may appeal to many newcomers.

The Canadian Pacific railway is exerting a wonderful influence against reciprocity, and this will greatly weaken the government vote in many seats. In another week a better estimate of the probable result can be given.

Pranco-German Negotiations.

BERLIN, Sept. 1 .- No developments in the Franco-German negotiations over Morocco are expected before Sunday, as M. Cambon, the French ambassador, is confined to his apartments by illness. It is believed that if France is disposed to accept Germany's minimum demand of certain portions of the Congo as compensation, the other questions affecting Morocco may be arranged satisfactorily.

OTTAWA, Aug. 31.—Customs receipts for the Dominit n for the five months of the fiscal year which closed today totaled \$33,596,145, as compared with \$29,091,602 for the same period last year, an increase of \$4,504,543. For the month of August alone the customs receipts were \$7,678,395 as against \$6,-479,785, an increase of \$1,198,600 as compared with July 1910.

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