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AN EXCELLENT TRADE REPORT

Mercantile Conditions Healthy Throughout the Dominion.

A DEMAND FOR SPRING GOODS

So Far This Year Most Payments Have Been Fully Up to Expectations.

Toronto, March 7.—Bradstreet's trade review, weekly summary:

London wholesale trade is developing considerable activity with the approach of spring, and the outlook is very promising. There is a large demand for staple goods for prompt shipment. Payments this week have been good.

In Montreal wholesale trade is showing considerable activity in goods for the spring and summer. The conditions of trade are healthy. Payments on maturing paper this week have been fully up to expectations in most departments of trade. Profits have been good, prices have been well maintained throughout the season in the absence of surplus production and bankrupt stocks of any extent on the market. The outlook for trade is very promising.

Toronto wholesale trade has been more active as a result of the spring millinery openings. The buying has been large and well distributed. Retailers appeared to be well satisfied with the general outlook for business, and the promise is for a much larger movement in many departments of trade than experienced in previous years. Values of staple goods continue to be firmly held. March paper was well met, there being a comparatively light demand for renewals.

At Quebec trade has been active. Orders for spring delivery are being freely received, and payments so far are fully up to expectations. The outlook in general continues favorable.

Trade at the Pacific coast continues very good for this time of the year. The strike of railway freight handlers is causing much interruption in shipments and the receipt of goods, but it is not expected to extend or to be of long duration.

Mild weather in Manitoba this week has somewhat stimulated the sorting demand for spring goods. The outlook for trade is very encouraging, and the coming season is expected to be the best ever experienced here.

There has been a good movement in wholesale trade at Ottawa. The demand from retailers has been better since the turn of the year in most departments of business than in previous years, and with the further development of the season, the results are expected to make a still better showing.

Dun's report: Prospects are bright for spring business at Halifax; railway construction and building operations promise to be active, and coal mines are working at full capacity. Payments on the fourth were better than usual. Groceries and provisions are in better demand at St. John, but orders are small for immediate delivery of wearing apparel and hardware. Heavy rains made country roads very bad, which interrupts business. Wholesale millinery houses are very active at Toronto, where leading staples are in good demand, and payments on the 4th were unusually good. Millinery openings were satisfactory at Montreal, and drygoods men report many out-of-town buyers in the market. There is a good demand for metals, with all pig iron furnaces sold months ahead. The weather has been favorable for trade at Quebec, and paper due on the 4th was well met. Trade conditions at Winnipeg remain unchanged. Retail business is fairly satisfactory at Vancouver. Collections are fair.

A TRAVELING COLLEGE

Emperor William Launches a Nove Medical School.

Berlin, March 7.—The country doctor in Germany is to have an opportunity to learn the latest developments in surgery and general medicine from a traveling university that will bring post-graduate instruction to the nearest large town in his vicinity free of charge. Emperor William gave his signature Monday to the plans for this work, which will be paid for by the Government, and by small contributions from medical societies. Great specialists, such as Prof. Lasar, Bergmann and Rumpf, will charge small fees for their services. The idea of the traveling university originated with the late Empress Frederick.

MRS. WARD TO TRAVEL

The Celebrated English Novelist Goes to Sicily.

London, March 7.—Mrs. Humphrey Ward, whose new novel is favorably reviewed in the British press, is starting for Paris and Rome and may visit Sicily. The reviews comment upon the strength and skill of her story. Little is said about the resemblance of "Lady Rose's Daughter" to Mlle. De Lespinasse. The Manchester Guardian identified the eighteenth century predecessor of Mrs. Ward's heroine, and argues that the novelist was entitled to take such suggestions as were needed from the life of a real woman of the past, although she may have followed too closely the curious incidents related in the French Memoirs.

A Brand New $4 Bill.

Montreal, March 7.—Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, has written in reply to the grocers' request for the issue of a new $4 Dominion of Canada bank note to replace the one used, the grocers claiming that the figure on the present bill is so indistinct that the bill is frequently mistaken for a one. Mr. Fielding promised that the four-dollar bill now in circulation will be withdrawn, and that the new issue will bear figures that will render mistakes of the kind stated impossible.

BIG FIRE AT SEATTLE

Sweeps the Water Front of the City—Loss $500,000.

Seattle, Wash., March 7.—Fire which broke out in Murchinson's sawmill at Fair Haven today threatens the destruction of a large part of the water front and business buildings of the city. A strong southeast gale is aiding the flames, and several canneries are in imminent danger. Several Great Northern freight cars were burned near the depot, and the depot is now in flames. The loss, unless the wind shall change, may reach $500,000. Several hundred men will be thrown out of employment.

BOXER CUT TO PIECES

He Had Warned the Police of a Movement Against Canton.

Victoria, B. C., March 6.—Mail advices from Hong Kong tell of the death of the informant who warned the police of the projected movement against Canton. He was paid 1,000 taels for the information, but did not live long to enjoy them, for his body was found hacked to pieces, his ears cut off, and his body otherwise mutilated. The men arrested at Hong Kong for complicity in the plot were released after being held for a week, owing to lack of evidence against them. At Canton the prisoners fared worse, several being beheaded and six men subjected to prolonged torture.

WAS FED THROUGH TUBE

New York Man Unable to Swallow for Fourteen Years.

New York, March 7.—Former Police Commissioner Michael C. Murphy died today. Since 1889 he has been unable to take nourishment in the ordinary way. Physicians decided that he had a tumor of the stomach. This they healed. In the meantime he had almost starved to death, and from 225 pounds was reduced in weight to less than 100 pounds. When his stomach was all right again it was found that he was suffering from stricture of the aesophagus, which made it impossible for him to swallow food. An incision was made in the wall of his stomach, a silver tube was inserted, and for fourteen years Col. Murphy had his food pumped into himself through this tube. It caused him no inconvenience until about two years ago, when his general health began to fail.

COUNT TOLSTOI REPENTS

He Declares He Regrets Harsh Criticism of Princess.

St. Petersburg, March 7.—Count Tolstoi lately wrote a letter condemning the former Crown Princess of Saxony, who recently eloped with the tutor of her children. Now, overcome with remorse, he writes that when he indited his former letter he was in a bad frame of mind and weak, and acted most wrongfully. He says:

"I very much regret what I thoughtlessly expressed in that letter. I know all the malignity and power of the snare into which the unfortunate woman has fallen. I know the temporary blindness and forgetfulness of all the higher demands of the soul which it produces, and therefore, being myself full of sins, I cannot even think of throwing a stone at a suffering woman.

"Should my previous letter be published and fall under the eyes of the princess, I beg her pardon for my cruel and heartless words. Not only do I not condemn her, but from all my soul I feel for her in her sufferings, and wish her liberation from the allurement which has taken possession of her, and that peace which is always possible for one who believes in God and appeals to him."

15 YEARS FOR 50 CENTS

The Maximum Punishment Given a Detroit Thief.

Detroit, March 7. — George Bach, who pled guilty to the charge of having assaulted Mrs. Anna Kirsch at her home, 47 Zender Place, Detroit, on the morning of Feb. 17, and of having robbed her of 50 cents, was yesterday sentenced by Judge Phelan to fifteen years' imprisonment in the house of correction.

In passing sentence the judge delivered to the prisoner a severe reprimand for his cowardly attack on a poor, lonely woman and pointed out the seriousness of the crime in taking from her at the point of a revolver the last 50 cents she had. In conclusion he said the maximum penalty was fifteen years, and that he could not see his way clear to modify the sentence to a period of less duration.

New York's Population.

New York, March 7. — According to the report of President Lederle, of the health board, based on figures compiled by his inspectors, the population of New York is 3,732,902, divided as follows: Manhattan 1,917,676, Broklyn 1,-291,597, The Bronx 268,341, Queen's 182,-681, and Richmond 72,608.

Minister Turns Mormon.

Connersville, Ind., March 7.—Rev. D. T. Hodges, a well-known Methodist minister of this city, left home last Wednesday, saying that he was going to Cincinnati to visit his son. He afterwards sent a letter to his wife in which he said he was going to Utah to become a Mormon, turned over his property to her and said he would never return. Hodges has resigned from the ministry. Besides his wife he left two grown daughters.

A Heartless U. S. Consul.

Washington, March 7.—Complaint has been made to the state department of the conduct of United States Consul William Maxwell Greene at Hamilton, Bermuda, relative to the casting away of the Madiana. It is alleged that the consul showed absolute indifference toward the shipwrecked passengers and took no part in their rescue. The local papers in Bermuda commented on this matter, and these papers have been sent to the state department, which instituted a prompt investigation of the consul's conduct. Mr. Greene was appoined to his post from Rhode Island in 1898.

BOXER CARNIVAL OF EXTERMINATION

Another Serious Outbreak Expected Hourly in China.

THE COURT AIDS THE MOVEMENT

Dowager Empress Is Said To Be Intriguing With the Viceroys and Governors.

Victoria, B. C., March 7.—According to advices received from Pekin, an outbreak—and with it a carnival of murder exceeding the Boxer outbreak—is regarded by many as imminent. Correspondents of Chinese papers at Pekin are sending columns telling of the duplicity of the Empress Dowager and of the threatened outbreak. The North China Daily News, one of the best informed journals of the east, has received advices that the Empress Dowager and Yung Lu, the grand chancellor, are known to be aiding the movement of Tung Fu Hsiang in Kansu, and, on the authority of a Chinese "of high literary rank" at Pekin, a Shanghai paper says that while the Empress Dowager is issuing edicts commanding reforms on western lines, and pretending to initiate reforms, she is secretly sending instructions to viceroys and governors, prohibiting the inauguration of foreign methods in their jurisdiction.

The Empress is also said to be sending notifications to some viceroys that Tung Fu Hsiang is to be aided in marching his army to Pekin to escort Pu Chun, son of Prince Chun, and ex-heir apparent, to the throne. On their arrival Kwong Hsu, the present Emperor, is to be made away with, says the Chinese correspondent. The representatives of the various foreign powers and all foreigners in the capital as well as in the provinces, are to meet the same fate without distinction.

GERMAN NAVAL PLANS

Complaint Made in the Reichstag of Unnecessary Secrecy.

Berlin, March 7.—The German navy department makes considerable mystery out of some portions of its budget requirements.

Herr Richter, the Radical leader, complained in the budget committee yesterday that the Government is simply asking for lump sums for the maintenance of the fleet, and has not even specified the ships or stations on which money is to be spent. He affirmed that the Reichstag had the right to have detailed information on the subject.

Admiralty Secretary Von Tirpitz replied that the information supplied by administrative discretion required some reserve. The increased maintenance expenses were largely for vessels on foreign service. As a matter of fact Germany's battleships were rather behind than in advance of the naval law programme.

Herr Richter again asked for a list of the ships ready to be equipped for service and for copies of the Cabinet orders directing the ships to be put into commission.

Secretary Von Tirpitz declined to furnish the latter, but said he would hand Herr Richter personally a list of the ships ready for service. The strong German force sent to East Asiatic waters, Secretary Von Tirpitz explained, was assigned to that station at the request of the foreign office.

PRESBYTERIAN ACTIVITY

Attempt Will Be Made to Lift the Debt of All Churches.

New York, March 7.—Leading Presbyterians of this city are interested in a forward movement involving an expenditure of not less than $750,000. Plans are contemplated for the founding of three new churches for Manhattan Island, to cost not less than $500,000. One is to be located north of Central Park in Harlem, where Calvary Church a few years ago was closed. It is estimated that $200,000 will be needed for this enterprise.

It is said Presbyterians are stirred to action by the showing made by Methodists, and it is proposed that the debts of all Presbyterian churches in Manhattan and the Bronx, amounting to $395,000, shall be lifted. The debts upon the New York and Rutgers Riverside churches are $50,000 each, while that upon the Church of the Sea and Land is $60,000. Other debts are the Lenox, $30,000; the Park, $40,000; the Fourth, $40,000; the Morningside, $25,000, while there remains upon the unused Calvary Church $30,000.

Another Presbyterian committee plans to complete the fund for the Presbyterian building at Fifth avenue and Twentieth street. After the sums pledged have been deducted there remains upon the building a debt of $222,636.

MISSION WORK IN FRANCE

Annual Meeting of the McAll Association Held in Toronto.

Toronto, March 6.—The annual meeting of the McAll Mission was held yesterday in Toronto. The report of the treasurer, Miss Jean Caven, showed receipts of $1,256, against $1,361 last year. The work in the various cities was reported upon by Miss Hamilton, corresponding secretary.

London is doing well, but in a number of other places a lack of interest is exhibited. A committee was appointed to arrange that the interests of the mission be presented to the various young people's societies, mission bands and Sunday schools. Miss Boyle, of London, gave an interesting address upon how to interest the local auxiliaries.

Arrangements are being made in Berlin to publish in English a technical journal on German electrical engineering for circulation in British colonies.

THE POPE IS BETTER

Reports Regarding His Poor Health Are Contradicted.

Rome, March 7. — All the sensational reports circulated regarding the health of the Pope are unfounded. Although his holiness is not yet restored to his normal condition, he is better today than he was yesterday — so much so that he gave his usual audience to Cardinal Rampolla, and later had a conference with the sub-secretary of state.

Although Pope Leo did not attend the usual Lenten sermon preached in the Vatican today before the cardinals and bishops, he has been sitting up all day, and his cold has almost entirely disappeared.

THE BOND-HAY TREATY

Newfoundland Legislature Opens at St. Johns—Bills Introduced.

St. Johns, Nfld., March 7.—The Legislature opened yesterday. The Governor announced a surplus and also that the Bond-Hay treaty negotiations were still progressing. He intimated that measures would be introduced for the enlargement of the naval reserve movement, the extension of the telegraph system to Labrador on the expiration of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company's monopoly next year, the establishment of a cold storage plant and the encouragement of local iron smelting industry.

The French shore modus vivendi bill was introduced and read firstly.

"HELLO" GIRL GETS $12,500

A Jury Gives Her That Amount for Injury From Employer.

Kansas City, March 7. — A jury yesterday gave Eva Cook, a "hello" girl, judgment for $12,500 against the Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company. Of this sum $7,500 is for actual physical injuries and $5,000 punitive damages.

Miss Cook testified that while she was sitting at the switchboard answering calls a company official came up behind her and exclaimed in an angry voice: "Eva Cook, can't you face your board," He grasped her by the shoulders and whirled her violently around. She was sitting upon a high revolving stool, and when she turned around her knees caught beneath the switchboard and gave the upper part of her body a severe twist.

Judge Stover, in instructing the jury, said that it might be well to teach employers of corporations to treat their employes with consideration.

STABBED A SCHOOLBOY

Revenge Upon a Lad Who Had Whipped a Bully.

New York, March 7. — Fourteen-year-old Stanislaus Willamowski, whose parents live at 71 North Sixth street, Williamsburg, was stabbed under the heart and mortally wounded yesterday by an Italian boy. Willamowski attended a public school in North Seventh street, near Bedford avenue. On Sunday afternoon, while on his way home from a Sunday school, he saw the Italian, a boy about 16 years old, striking a child. He interfered and pushed the Italian away.

While Willamowski was returning to school in the noon hour yesterday the Italian jumped out from behind a treebox in front of the school and drove a knife into his left side. As the boy fell his assailant ran away with the bloodstained weapon in his hand. A crowd of schoolboys went in pursuit, but he eluded them and escaped in the Italian colony in the neighborhood of North Seventh and Havermeyer streets.

Willamowski was taken to the Eastern District Hospital in an ambulance. At the hospital last night it was said he was very low.

A VERSATILE SERVANT

Boaster of Cookery Steals Two Banks and Breaks Jail.

New Brunswick, March 7.—Housewives who seek servants in the New York agencies are interested, not to say alarmed, at the experience that Mrs. John H. Becker had with a certain frivolous young person who looks like a hard-up chorus girl and calls herself Carrie Smith.

Carrie was hired by Mrs. Becker in New York a few days ago to do housework. She told Mrs. Becker glibly that she could do everything the situation demanded and that she was particularly strong on lobster a la Newburg and desserts.

Three hours after she arrived Mrs. Becker missed her. Carrie was traced in the snow to the George street station of the Pennsylvania Railroad. She had Mrs. Becker's mackintosh with her and two of the children's savings banks. A policeman took her to jail.

Last night Carrie got a man's suit of clothing, and slipping into it, rattled on the grated door for the jailer. She thought he would take her for somebody else and let her out to run an errand, and thus she hoped to escape. But Jailer Messler, shrew man that he is, frustrated the plot in its very inception, and today he told the reporters about it with ill-concealed pride.

Men escaped from Middlesex county jail, which is a papier mache sort of affair, with ease and regularity. Somebody told Carrie that a famous crook had once boasted that he could smuggle a load of hay in or out of the Middlesex jail, and she induced one of the runners to loan her a suit of clothes.

Servants are in great demand in New Brunswick, but nobody has offered to take chances on Carrie.

An Inquest Ordered.

Toronto, March 7.—An inquest has been ordered into the cause of the death of Mr. Hickey, of 38 Eden Place, who was taken to St. Michael's Hospital on Sunday, and died this morning, presumably of poisoning. He was employed in the city waterworks service, and after being out with some friends on Saturday evening came home complaining of pains, and doctors are puzzled.

GREAT NORTHERN REACHING OUT

Important Railway Deal Consummated at Montreal.

PURCHASE OF QUEBEC ROAD

The New System Will Enable the Company to Ship Grain From Montreal and Quebec.

Montreal, March 7. — A railway deal which has an important bearing on the holdings of Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann, was concluded at Quebec this afternoon, when the Great Northern Railway concluded the purchase of the Montreal and Gatineau Railway. The entire capital for the purchase is being put up by Col. James McNaught, of New York, and W. W. Melville, of Boston, two of the leading directors of the Great Northern Railway, backed up by the Central Trust Company of New York. The new road will form a part of the property of the Great Northern Railway, with which it will have exclusive traffic arrangements, and when the entire Great Northern is secured by Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann, the Montfort and Gatineau will also form part of the purchase.

At the present time the Montfort and Gatineau runs through a well populated and rich wood country, north of Montreal, and can easily be joined to the Great Northern. Plans have already been prepared, and during the present year the line will be extended fourteen miles to St. Jerome, where the Great Northern crosses the Canadian Pacific, and continued in a northwesterly direction for a distance of thirty-six miles.

In discussing the deal today, Col. McNaught, of New York, who acted for the Great Northern in the sale of the road, said: "In the first place I would state that it is not the intention of the American interests, as has been related ,to withdraw from these Canadian enterprises. We have not sold out all our stock to Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann, but will, on the other hand, increase our holdings. With regard to the extension of the Great Northern, there is the important branch from Joliette to Montreal, by which Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann gain an entrance for their transcontinental line into Montreal. Work will be started on it as soon as possible, as also on the bridge across from the Island of Montreal to the mainland. Part of the structure over the second portion will only be temporary, but the whole thing will be completed in time to allow trains to be run in before Oct. 1. This means that the Canadian Northern will this year be able to ship grain both from Montreal and Quebec. As to our purchase of the Montfort and Gatineau, I can say that we believe that it runs through a country that is bound to become thickly settled. It will certainly form an important branch of the Great Northern. While it has not been bought by Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann it will work in exclusively with the road they have secured."

"But, then, the deal for the Great Northern has not been quite completed?"

"It would have been had it not been for the illness of Mr. Z. A. Lash, of Toronto, counsel for Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann. Everything will be concluded in a few days."

BRIDGE WORKERS STRIKE

The Walkout Involves Thousands of Men in Canada and U. S.

Philadelphia, March 7. — A general strike against the American Bridge Company has been called by the executive board of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers. The general order includes all construction work in the hands of the company throughout the United States and Canada, and involves thousands of men. The bridge company is said to have large construction contracts at many points. It is estimated that in New York, 1,500 men are idle, while Pittsburg, Albany, Buffalo and St. Louis are said to be seriously affected. The union has taken steps to prevent, if posible, the sub-letting of construction contracts. An official of the American Bridge Company said today: "This strike has been called without our receiving any prior notice of any trouble. So far as we know, it is in sympathy with the hoisting engineers, and reports show that everything is tied up everywhere in the country. We have always lived up to our agreements with the men in regard to the employment of union men, but the unions have failed to supply us with union men. The question for us to decide now is whether to employ non-union men or stop work."

BALFOUR ON THE BIBLE

He Praises the Work of the Foreign Bible Society.

London, March 7.—Premier Balfour, speaking at a meeting held at the Mansion House yesterday, as a preliminary to the celebration of the centenary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, paid tribute in the highest terms to its work. He said few organizations had such a wonderful record in increasing the active usefulness of the Bible—today no less than a century ago the source of comfort and hope to the uneducated, while to the educated who are no nearer the kingdom of Heaven, it augumented in scientific interest and was a most valuable source of spiritual life. Lord Mayor Samuel, who presided, commenting on the non-sectarianism of the society, called attention to the fact that he himself was a Jew. The president announced that the centenary of the society in 1904 will be celebrated by an extension of the work and by raising the sum of $1,250,000, of which $175,000 has been subscribed.

DENTIST RUNS AMUCK

He Roams Duluth Streets and Knocks Down Patients.

Duluth, Minn., March 7.—A mad Finlander named Johnson today ran amuck in the streets. In the early morning he started in by pulling the teeth of four men who were found intoxicated in a saloon. An hour later he accosted an old man on the street, knocked him down and pulled two teeth. Fifteen minutes later he entered the residence of Mrs. Ellison, knocked her down and extracted two teeth.

The police in the meantime had been called and arrested him. The man said he was a dentist, and when he was asked to show his license produced a contract to saw wood.

$82,000 FOR A SEAT

Highest Price Ever Paid in New York Stock Exchange.

New York, March 7. — George R. Sheldon, who has been a member of the New York Stock Exchange since Sept. 23, 1880, has sold his seat on the exchange for $82,000 to H. A. Harrison, of H. A. Harrison & Co. This establishes a new high record in the price of memberships, the highest price previously paid having been $81,000. Mr. Sheldon, who is the head of the brokerage firm of William C. Sheldon & Co., has not made any use of his seat for the past five years, and his firm has two other seats, namely, those of his brother, William C. Sheldon and William S. P. Prentice.

CONNECTICUT HOTEL FIRE

A Big Blaze at Watertown Imperisl Many Lives.

Watertown, N. Y., March 7.—Fire today destroyed the Otis House, one of the largest hotels in this city, and completely gutted the numerous stores in the block. The fire started at 8:30 in the cellar, and, running up the elevator shaft, soon enveloped the entire structure in flames. The hotel was crowded with guests and many narrow escapes were reported. Peter W. Van Brunt, of this city, was confined to his bed on the fourth floor, sick, and was let down by ropes. Dr. E. S. Sargent, of this city, also a guest, was rescued from the fourth floor by the firemen from his room, which was soon afterwards a mass of flames. All the guests were rescued by fire escapes and ladders, all interior means of escape having been cut off. Had the fire occurred at night a great loss of life would necessarily have occurred.

The loss is estimated at $200,000 and is two-thirds covered by insurance.

WANT A NEW PORTFOLIO

Deputation at Ottawa Advocating a Ministry of Public Health.

Ottawa, March 7.—Dr. T. G. Roddick, M. P., Dr. Lachapelle, of the Quebec board of health, and Dr. R. W. Powell, of Otawa, on behalf of the Canadian Medical Association, presented to Sir Wilfrid Laurier yesterday the resolutions adopted by the Canadian Medical Association, at its meeting last fall, urging the establishment of a federal department of public health.

They argued that if the medical services of the various departments were gathered together under one head they would be much more efficiently discharged than they are today. They would like to see a minister, a deputy minister, and a staff at Ottawa to look after all matters affecting the health of the country, and to take charge of vital statistics.

At present Mr. Fisher, under whose department public health comes, is away in Japan, but the Premier promised that the matter would be well looked into when the Minister of Agriculture returns.

A GIRL AS HANGMAN

She Wants to Spring the Trap on a Sweetheart Slayer.

Kansas City, Mo., March 7. — Miss Gussie Chatsworth, of No. 3036 Garfield avenue, wants to spring the trap that will send "Bud" Taylor, who shot his girl sweetheart, Ruth Nollard, with a rifle from ambush, into eternity, on April 17, 1902.

She is handsome, about 30 years old, and was fashionably gowned when she entered the jail office where sat Deputy Marshal Chestnut today.

"Are you going to allow any women to witness the hanging of 'Bud' Taylor?" she asked.

"No, there will be no women present," replied the deputy.

"But I want to see it," she persisted.

"Well, you can have my job, if you want it. I will probably adjust the noose and you can spring the trap."

"I would be delighted to do that," she exclaimed, evidently believing the deputy to be in earnest.

"I have witnessed quite a number of hangings. I once saw five men hanged by a mob at Baxter Springs, Kansas. My father was at one time a sheriff and I have seen at least four men legally hanged. I shall be pleased to be present when Taylor swings. Besides, I knew the girl Taylor murdered and I would like to see him die for it."

The deputy requested that she call again when Marshal Prendergast was present, and she left the jail building apparently happy.

Died Very Suddenly.

Collingwood, Ont., March 7. — Alfred Northcott, a well-known master painter, and for many years a resident of this town, died suddenly this morning. He had just seated himself at the table for breakfast when he rolled off the chair and expired without warning. He was about 45 years of age. Heart failure is the supposed cause of death.

London's New Chief.

London, March 7.—Edward R. Henry, assistant commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, has been appointed commissioner, vice Col. Sir Edward Bradford, retired.

Col. Sir Edward Bradford had been head of the London force since 1890. He is 67 years old and had a long career in the army. Sir Edward was knighted in 1885.

GOOD DEBATING AT THE WESTERN

It Is Proving of Great Benefit to the Students.

THE LATE CANON HURST, D. D.,

Was a Sterling Friend of the University and Its Commissioner in Great Britain.

On Saturday afternoon, the last day of February, the Areopagus of the Western University held its second regular meeting, and it was clearly seen that the society is nobly fulfilling its purposes. This means that every member is being familarized with the parliamentary rules governing a good debating society, and that he is being taught that most desirable self-confidence which should belong to every public man called upon to address an audience.

It might perhaps be well just here to say a word about the constitution of the "Areopagus." The officers consist of a president, a recording secretary, and a chaplain, and these are changed every two weeks. Each member is obliged to hold the various offices in his proper turn, so that all derive the same benefit. Just one office, that of secretary-treasurer, is held for the year, the holder of which is obliged to make a general statement of the year's work before retiring from office. The critic is appointed at each meeting. At the beginning of every month a programme committee is appointed, which decides the questions to be debated, and informs the individual members of the society for which side they must speak. About one day beforehand the subject for debate is posted, thus necessitating more or less impromptu speaking. A full attendance can always be relied on, owing to the fact that fines are imposed on late comers and absentees.

The first debate, "Resolved that women should have the franchise," though it proved to be very interesting and afforded some amusement, was just to break in the members. Some of the speakers twitched and squirmed in a most extraordinary manner, while others showed the cool front of veterans. Dr. Tamblyn very ably filled the office of critic, censuring but mildly the neophytes, while stimulating them to renew their efforts. The students are hoping that their honored professors will continue to aid them in this as well as in other matters.

The second debate, "Resolved that the Ontario educational system meets the requirements of today," was rather better fought out than the first. The affirmative speakers were respectively Messrs. Baker, Cornish, Shore and Dr. Tamblyn, the latter taking the place of Mr. Grass, who had been obliged to absent himself. For the negative there were Messrs. Elson, Schaef, Cox and Sandon. Mr. Sandon made so strong a finish for the negative that Mr. Colgrove, the president, who acted as critic and as judge, was unable to make a decision. Mr. Colgrove's criticisms were indeed excellent, as was also his speech on retiring from office. The officers for the next term are: President, Mr. Grass; recording secretary, Mr. Elson; chaplain, Mr. Elson; chaplain, Mr. Schaef.

At a meeting of the executive of the Literary and Musical Society, held this week, it was decided to hold the next public meeting of the society on Thursday evening, March 12, at 8 o'clock. "In Cap and Gown," No. 4, will be read at this meeting, and promises to be very interesting.

Mr. J. A. Wait, B. A., of Toronto, was a visitor at the college this week.

Only a few weeks ago it was a sad duty to express sympathy for Rev. Canon Hurst, of London, England, on the death of his wife. Now the friends of the university have received a severe shock in the death of the canon himself, which took place on Friday, Feb. 27. The late Canon Hurst, formerly of Windsor, Ont., and since that time rector of St. Swithin's, London, England, and for many years secretary of the Colonial and Continental Church Society, has for some years taken an active interest in the success of the Western. To provide a thorough education for the ministry he regarded as the best form of missionary work. For the last three years he had been commissioner of this university in Great Britain and Ireland, and in that capacity has rendered invaluable services. It is not yet known by whom the work will be carried on, and it is 'Varsity's greatest hope that a commissioner may be found who will possess the zeal and ability of the great pioneer in this work, Rev. Canon Hurst.

Dr. Sykes, the first professor of English and history in this university, who left here to engage in university extension lecturing in Pennsylvania, has evidently proven a great success, and his fame has attracted the attention of the authorities of Columbia University. Columbia has a teachers' college, which offers special courses of 30 lectures each, counting towards the degrees of B. L. and M. A., at hours available to teachers. Dr. Sykes has just been appointed director and lecturer in English at an initial salary of $4,000. Staff and students of the Western are glad to hear of his success, and are confident that he will win additional laurels in the new arena.

At the meeting of the missionary society this week Mr. T. B. Clarke gave an interesting talk on the life of St. David, and a very hearty vote of thanks was given him.

Rev. Prof. Burgess preached at Ridgetown and Highgate last Sunday.

Rev. Principal Waller preached on Thursday evening this week at Glencoe.

Mr. Chris Simpson preached at All Saints' Church, East London, on Wednesday evening.

The preaching appointments for Sunday, March 8, are as follows:

Teeswater—T. B. Clarke.
All Saints'—W. H. Snelgrove.
Westminster—K. McGoun.
Granton—A. Carlisle.
Aged People's Home—H. P. Westgate.
Holmesville—F. E. Powell.

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday this week, being Ember Days, addresses were given to the students in the college chapel by Rev. Principal Waller.

Mr. H. D. Snell spent last Sunday with friends at Tilsonburg.