

OTTAWA.

Official Programme of Governor General's Tour of Maritime Provinces.

Timber Berths Carnival on the Programme - Assay Office to be Established in Vancouver

OTTAWA, June 21.—The official programme of the governor general's tour of the maritime provinces was issued today. His excellency and party will leave Quebec by steamer Minto on Wednesday, July 10th, staying at Murray Bay over night. Thence the party will visit the Saguenay Gulf on Friday, 14th, and Monday will be spent at Gaspe. Dalhousie will be reached at 8 a. m. on Tuesday, the 16th, leaving there at 4 p. m. for Carleton Place. The remainder of the programme is as follows:

- Leave Carleton Place, July 17, 2 p. m.; arrive Montreal, Wednesday evening. Leave Montreal, July 18, 8 p. m.; arrive Quebec, Friday. Leave Quebec, July 19, 10 p. m.; arrive St. John's, Monday, 11 p. m. Leave St. John's, July 20, 10 p. m.; arrive St. John's, Tuesday, 8 p. m. Leave St. John's, July 21, 10 p. m.; arrive Halifax, Wednesday, 8 p. m. Leave Halifax, July 22, 10 p. m.; arrive St. John's, Thursday, 8 p. m. Leave St. John's, July 23, 1 p. m.; arrive Fredericton, Friday, 11 a. m. Leave Fredericton, July 23, 1 p. m.; arrive St. John's, Saturday, 11 a. m. Leave St. John's, July 24, 11 a. m.; arrive St. John's, Saturday, 11 a. m. Leave St. John's, July 24, 11 a. m.; arrive St. John's, Saturday, 11 a. m.

The director general of public health has been advised that consumptives will hereafter be permitted to enter the United States. It is expected that many Canadians who have been accustomed to going south or west for the winter will hereafter be debarred from making the trip.

Mr. Ewart, chief architect of public works, left for England today to inspect the royal mint and public museums before drawing plans for the proposed institutions at Ottawa.

Construction commenced today on the new railway committee room for the commons. It is to be erected in a portion of the quadrangle between the senate and commons chambers. The government military museum is to be erected in a building which will also be the headquarters of the Ottawa military institute.

Sir William Laurier leaves for Archambault tomorrow for a brief holiday. E. L. Newcomb, deputy minister of justice, left for England today. While there, Mr. Mills said he will discuss the copyright question with the home authorities. Hon. Mr. Fisher, it seems, assayed to settle the matter with the law office of the crown in England, but got so maddled that he eventually had to throw up his brief, and the justice department will now have to disentangle Mr. Fisher's tangle.

The Canadian Electrical Association will meet in Quebec next year. P. J. Gossier, of Montreal is the new president. The city has to pay \$8.50 for anthracite and \$7.50 for soft coal for next season. The statement was made today that Major General O'Grady had been recalled. There is not a particle of truth in the report. The facts are that the general's term of office expires on July 31st next, his appointment being for one year. Some weeks ago, however, it was announced the government was considering the advisability of asking the home authorities to allow him to remain in Canada for a further period of service, and the requisite order in council has just been passed under which the general will complete the military business of this season, leaving for England in the latter part of the month.

ONNELL.—At the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, on June 19, Mr. J. J. O'Neill, of St. John's, was married to Miss Josephine, daughter of Mr. J. J. O'Neill, of St. John's.

MITCHELL.—In the Baptist Church, at 8.30 a. m. on Monday, June 18, Mr. J. J. Mitchell, of St. John's, was married to Miss Josephine, daughter of Mr. J. J. Mitchell, of St. John's.

DEATHS.—On the 18th inst., Agnes L., wife of James, leaving a husband and our dear great loss. (Persons please copy.) Mrs. Elizabeth Johnston, Queen's Road, 17th, 1901, after a lingering illness, aged 75 years, leaving a widow, two sons and three daughters, and two sisters to sad leave.

June 17th, at Apohaqui, N. H., Isaac P. Gambin, 64 years of age, leaving a wife and three children, and a sister.

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officer commanding the Canadian militia he did so on the press understanding that he would not stay the full period of five years. He took the office at the wish of the home authorities, although he had reached the age of retirement, and simply because a younger man was not available at the time owing to the war in South Africa.

OTTAWA, June 23.—The imperial conference which Mr. Chamberlain has called together to consider the question of reorganizing the judicial committee of the privy council will, it is stated, meet at the colonial office next week. Mr. Chamberlain, if in the meantime he has recovered from his attack of gout, will open the conference and outline his proposals, after which he will leave it to the representatives present to deal with the matter. The lord high chancellor and Earl of Halsbury and other law officers of the crown will represent the imperial authorities. Canada and Newfoundland will be represented by Mr. Miller, minister of justice, and other delegates will be J. Rose-Innes, C. J. Colony and Natal, and Mr. Justice Hodges, the Australian commissioner. S. H. Hope, registrar of the judicial committee, will probably act as secretary.

Five or six years ago there was considerable discussion in the Ontario press over the seizure of the fishing fleet of Noble Bros. of Killarney, and which he will leave it to the representatives present to deal with the matter. The lord high chancellor and Earl of Halsbury and other law officers of the crown will represent the imperial authorities. Canada and Newfoundland will be represented by Mr. Miller, minister of justice, and other delegates will be J. Rose-Innes, C. J. Colony and Natal, and Mr. Justice Hodges, the Australian commissioner. S. H. Hope, registrar of the judicial committee, will probably act as secretary.

His excellency the governor general will be home tomorrow, and for the next two weeks will be busily engaged with his ministers discussing the arrangements for the reception of the Duke of York.

Impetuous friends of the government who are looking for timber berths in the Yukon have been shut out by an order in council which restricted the area for one man to 25 square miles. Now Mr. Stinton has got this restriction removed, and the timber berth carnival will commence.

There were several complaints to the labor bureau in May of violations of the alien labor law. In one case six men were deported.

During the general election in Burrard district the liberal rallying cry was Maxwell and the mint. It was purely an election dodge, as is evidenced by the fact that the mint is to be located in Ottawa. Mr. Maxwell, the member for the riding, is greatly incensed at the government's decision, and as a sop to him it has now been decided to establish an assay office in Vancouver, although Senator Templeman was sure he was going to get it for Victoria.

OTTAWA, June 24.—Over a thousand persons bade Father Ballou good bye at the station this morning on his departure for Buffalo. The Ontario are evidently so easily threatened legal action against a city newspaper, which alleged that the members of the union recently stopped work at a St. Paul's Hill mansion just as a well dinner was commencing, and that a member of the union was in the habit of entertaining a negro at her employer's house.

There is said to be heat burning at City Hall, the question being who shall read the address to the Duke of York, the mayor or city clerk.

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On account of the very high water, which has flooded the region and prevented communication, anything like a correct estimate of the loss of property is impossible, but from the best information obtainable, the loss of property will easily reach \$5,000,000.

At Landgraf, the beautiful home of General Manager Orr, is reported gone, but his family is safe.

Passenger train No. 4, of the Norfolk and Western, was wrecked near about 8.50 a. m., met the flood and was unable to proceed further. The waters reached a depth that the coaches had to be abandoned, the passengers being rescued by means of ropes strung from the windows of coaches to the tops of remaining coke ovens some distance away. Between Elkhorn and Vivian yards, a distance of ten miles, one hundred cars are said to be washed from the tracks and many of them were carried through the streams. A rough estimate places the number of bridges washed away between Bluefields and Vivian yard, a distance of 28 miles, at from 15 to 20, and from present indications it will be impossible to get trains through to Vivian and points west of there under way for ten days. This will render it impossible to get relief into the stricken district, and for those who escaped with their lives, homeless and without food, indescribable suffering is inevitable.

VIRGINIA FLOOD.

Latest Despatches Indicate that Damage Through the Coal Fields Has Been Exaggerated. The Loss of Life Will Probably Not Exceed Seventy-five, and Damage to Property Not More Than Half Million.

ROANOKE, Va., June 22.—Passengers on a train from the west report that over a hundred people were drowned yesterday evening along the Elkhorn division of the Norfolk and Western railway, and miles of track and bridges are washed out. The passengers on the train were transferred today by ropes from the side to the mountain side near Vivian, Va. All wires are down and no other news is obtainable. It is estimated that about 100 men died and 100,000 sheep were lost. It will probably be several days before the road is opened.

TRAZELL WELL, Va., June 22.—The trainmaster of the Norfolk and Western railway walked the track between Vivian and Norfolk, a distance of 13 miles. He discovered 30 bodies floating in the river.

WASHINGTON, June 23.—The following despatches have been received by the Washington Post:

BLUEFIELDS, W. Va., June 22.—Flood in Pocahontas coal field equaling that of Johnston. Two hundred men drowned. Impossible to estimate loss of property.

ROANOKE, Va., June 23.—Cloud-burst, Pocahontas division Norfolk and Western this morning. Keystone, Elkhorn, Vivian, and other towns wiped out. Railroad operatives say 600 lives lost. One house left in Keystone. Twenty-five to thirty miles railroad track destroyed.

BLUEFIELDS, W. Va., June 23.—This entire section has been visited by a flood, the extent of which all probability will equal that of Johnston in 1889 so far as the loss of property is concerned. Early yesterday morning shortly after midnight a heavy downpour of rain fell, accompanied by a severe gale, and steadily increased in violence until 10 o'clock a. m., then ceased for several hours and beginning again with renewed violence. While the storm has abated, the lowering clouds would indicate a further downpour at any moment. Many of the Norfolk and Western railway tracks and bridges are entirely destroyed, and communication is entirely cut off west of Elkhorn.

Missengers sent to Elkhorn, and radius of both telegraphic and railway communications, have received a report that a conservative estimate of the loss of life will easily reach 75, and damage to property will easily reach \$5,000,000.

It is expected the railway will get the line open tomorrow or next day.

ROANOKE, Va., June 24.—A message from the Charleston, W. Va., says Col. John Hewitt, attorney at Bramwell, has been directed by the secretary of state, in the absence of the governor, to take full charge of the situation in the flooded district. A company of National Guards has been ordered to assist. More troops will be sent as soon as possible. Supply trains have been ordered. If there is any great delay in opening railway communication relief wagons will be sent overland.

BLUEFIELDS, W. Va., June 24.—It is extremely hard to determine the exact situation of the flood. Wires are now open to Ennis, W. Va., this point being practically the last of the flooded section. At Ennis the depot and post office were washed completely away and miles of track torn up. No trains are going farther west than Ennis. Two thousand men are repairing the damage to the Norfolk and Western railway. The estimated damage to railroad property is now one million dollars, though this does not include the loss sustained in loss of revenue.

The entire property loss is estimated at between two and three million dollars. It is now positive that the reports of 300 lives lost were exaggerated, but officials estimate that the number of lives lost by the flood will run up to 75 easily. It is reported that two-thirds of the miners, being homeless, are unable to get relief into the stricken district, and for those who escaped with their lives, homeless and without food, indescribable suffering is inevitable.

boats. Three miles west of Taseville, on the Higgenbotham farm, the house of Paris Vanduyke, a farmer, was swept away, carrying with it Mrs. Vanduyke and four children, two, John, 17, and Charles, 5, being drowned. The other children, Edna and Laura, were found at 9 o'clock this morning, one mile from where the house stood, by Mr. Vanduyke, who was absent from home at the time of the cloudburst. While the rescuing party was searching for the Vanduyke family, they found the body of a white woman, well clad, floating down Plum Creek. No one thus far has been able to identify her.

A report from Winters Mill, a small station between Bluefields and Taseville, says that three children, names unknown, belonging to Raleigh Bush, were drowned early yesterday morning. There is no telegraph station at Winters Mill and it is impossible to ascertain particulars. The railroad and telegraph companies are working about 100 men day and night. Signals are on the ground pushing the work of construction of telegraph lines and rebuilding the road, and both the states' and federal districts have been notified to send men to work on the road. Nothing whatever has been heard from the section of country between Vivian and Williamson other than the Tug River is reported higher than ever known by the oldest inhabitants.

ROANOKE, Va., June 23.—There was a great deal of excitement and anxiety created here today when it was reported that an awful flood had fallen over in West Virginia.

Saturday night is said to have been a dark night, and it is supposed that the coal miners had flocked into the towns in the district to do their trading, and there is no telling how many of them were caught in the flood and drowned. It is said by the telegraph officials that the lines are useless between Keokwa, W. Va., and Bluefields, a distance of 200 miles. It is estimated that 200 lives alone were lost at Keokwa. The flood seems to have extended over a vast area of country, and the swollen rivers only served to swell the Elkhorn River until it had assumed large proportions and carried destruction in its wake. Railroad ties, small buildings of all descriptions, telegraph poles, huge boulders and every imaginable object of the kind were carried within the sweep of the water. The mountainous district in a seething, roaring mass of debris. Dead bodies could be seen floating along the valley.

The total loss of life will probably reach 500 or 600, and possibly this number will be swelled when fuller details are obtainable. Many people in this city have relatives in the coal regions, and it is not known how far back into the mountains the storm extended, and it will be days, and perhaps weeks, before all the storm stricken country is heard from. The flood has not only damaged the Elkhorn valley, but it is stated that one of the 33 flat top coal operations or plants has suffered to some extent.

ROANOKE, Va., June 24.—The following short statement was given out tonight at the offices of the Norfolk and Western railway, summarizing the flood situation in the light of the latest despatches: "Restoration of telegraph line devices that damage by flood through coal fields was exaggerated. Loss of life will not exceed 60 or 75, and damage to property, including repairs to railway and coal operations, will not exceed \$500,000."

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TRAGIC DEATH.

Adelbert Stone Hay, Former U. S. Consul to Pretoria, and Son of John Hay, Secretary of State, Instantly Killed by Falling from a Hotel Window in New Haven.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 23.—Adelbert Stone Hay, consul to Pretoria, South Africa, during the more stirring stages of the Boer war, the oldest son of the Hon. John Hay, secretary of state in President McKinley's cabinet, and one of the younger as well as one of the most prominent Yale men, met a tragic death in this city at 2.30 o'clock this morning. The manner of the death, it is believed, was due to the fact that the tragedy occurred on the very eve of Yale's commencement, in which the young man had been a member of the class of 1901. It is estimated that he was in his class office, was to have been a leader, where cast an unmistakable gloom over the season.

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