

**LONDON INSTRUCTION CAMP
TO OPEN ON JUNE 6 THIS YEAR****Minister of Militia Gets Approximate Dates for Gathering Into Camps of the Entire Force.****SERVICE ROLLS TO BE COMPLETED BY MAY 1**

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Feb. 24. — The Minister of Militia in council has approved of the following approximate dates for the holding of the militia camps of instruction throughout the Dominion during the current year:
No. 1, London, June 6; No. 2, Toronto, June 12; No. 3, Kingston, June 27; No. 4, Ottawa, June 27; No. 5, Montreal, June 27; No. 6, St. John, Que., June 19; No. 7, Quebec, June 27; No. 8, St. John, N. B., June 27; No. 9, Halifax, June 27.

**MAKE DECISION
TO SUIT BOTH****North Sea Commission Adopt a Middle Course.****BRITAIN WILL BE SATISFIED****Semi-Official Statement Now Says First Report of Complete Russian Victory Was Inaccurate.**

St. Petersburg, Feb. 24.—The decision of the North Sea Commission has not yet been officially made public here although it is understood that it has already been communicated to the foreign office and admiralty. While the prevailing impression from the foreign dispatches is that the decision is that the Russian squadron under the circumstances was justified in firing on the travelers and there is consequent rejoicing over the discomfiture of the British, another version of the verdict comes from Paris from a private source, according to which the commission found that the firing was not justified and fixed the responsibility on Admiral Rojestvensky.

Paris, Feb. 23.—The international commission appointed to inquire into the North Sea incident practically concluded its work tonight by finally agreeing to the report, which will be publicly announced Saturday. Concerning the general nature of the report the following statement was made in a most authoritative quarter to the Associated Press:

"When the decision is made known it will be far more acceptable to the British press and public than they have been led to believe. The shaming of the Russian fleet, while more or less accurate, tend too strongly to show Russian success, but as a matter of fact the admirals have sought a middle ground, and the decision is not a pronounced victory for either side. It is of such character as to preserve Russian respect, and at the same time give the British public much ground for satisfaction. If anything, the decision is rather more favorable to Great Britain than to Russia."

On the other hand, the Havas Agency tonight confirms its semi-official statement that the decision says: "The conclusions, as a whole, are quite favorable to Russia, recognizing that Admiral Rojestvensky could not be considered as having acted in a dangerous and act as he did. However, the report contains reservations calculated to satisfy British susceptibilities, the most important being that the commission esteems that the Russian fire lasted too long, and also that Rojestvensky should have speedily notified the British maritime authorities of the deplorable incident. On the question of the presence of torpedo boats the commission frees all navies from the imputation."

The commission rejected a motion of Admiral Beaumont (Great Britain) blaming the Russian crews. The conclusions are said to be in the form of questions where the commissioners state their answers either unanimously or as a majority.

The American officers are strongly inclined to accept the view first stated that the decision is more favorable to Great Britain than to Russia.

The four foreign admirals gave a banquet tonight in honor of the president, Admiral Fournier (France). The latter will return the compliment on Saturday. President Loubet will give a luncheon in honor of the commission at the Elysee Palace Sunday. Rear Admiral Charles H. Davis (United States) and his aide, Ensign William F. Bricker, will sail for home March 4.

**10 YEARS TO BORE THROUGH ALPS;
GREAT SIMPLON TUNNEL FINISHED**

Considered One of the Greatest of Engineering Achievements—Cost \$15,000,000.

Gondo, Switzerland, Feb. 24.—Piercing of the Simplon Tunnel through the Alps was completed at 7:20 o'clock this morning. The work was commenced in 1895. The meeting of the two boring parties (Swiss and Italian) was signaled throughout Switzerland by ringing of church bells and salutes by cannon. Many unexpected obstacles were encountered, the most serious being hot springs which threatened to wreck the whole enterprise and a temperature which at one time rose to 131 degrees

Farther, making a continuance of the work impossible until the engineers found means of cooling the atmosphere.

Now the borers have met it will enable the water accumulated in the north gallery to be drawn off.

The work of preparing the tunnel for a permanent way will be pushed as rapidly as possible and it is hoped to inaugurate the tunnel about March 29.

The length of the Simplon Tunnel, on the Italian side of the mountain, is about twelve miles. The Swiss and Italian governments have jointly financed the undertaking at the cost of \$15,000,000. The piercing of the Simplon is regarded as one of the greatest engineering achievements of the age.

**PUTS THE AGE
LIMIT AT FORTY****Dr. Osler Says That Work of World Is by Young Men.****CHLOROFORM ALL AFTER SIXTY****Declares Old Are Useless and Are Responsible for Most of the Evils.**

Baltimore, Feb. 24.—That little in the world is accomplished by a man over 40 years of age, that men of 60 should be retired or chloroformed, that American medical colleges are teaching mongrel systems of medicine, producing ignorant practitioners and borrowing their sciences and instructors from abroad, and that Europe is far ahead of the United States in medical universities, were the statements made in the farewell address of Dr. William Osler at the anniversary exercises of Johns Hopkins University, which institution he is about to leave to become head of the medical school of Oxford University.

"I have two fixed ideas well known to my friends," he said. "The first is the comparative uselessness of men above 40 years of age. This may seem shocking, and yet, read aright, the world's history bears out the statement. Take the sum of human achievement in action, in science, in art, in literature, subtract the work of men above 40, and while we should miss great treasures—even priceless treasures—we would practically be where we are today.

"It is difficult to name a great and far-reaching conquest of the mind which has not been given to the world by a man whose back the sun was still shining. The effective, moving, vitalizing work of the world is done between the ages of 25 and 40—these fifteen golden years of life, in which there is always a balance in the mental bank and the credit is still good.

"The science and art of medicine there has been no advance of the first rank which has not been initiated by young or comparatively young men. Vesalius, Harvey, Hunter, Byrd, Laennec, Virchow, Lister, Koch—the great years were yet upon their heads when their epoch-making studies were made. To modify an old saying, a man is sane morally at 30, rich mentally at 40, wise spiritually at 50 or 60."

"The young men should be encouraged and afforded every possible chance to show what is in them. The second idea is the uselessness of men above 60 years of age, and the incalculable benefit it would be in personal, political and in professional life, if as a matter of course, men stopped work at this age. In that charming novel, 'The Fixed Period,' Anthony Trollope discusses the practical advantages in modern life of a return to this ancient usage, and the plot hinges on the admirable scheme of a college into which at 60 men retired for a year of contemplation before a peaceful departure by chloroform."

"As it can be maintained that all the great advantages have come from men under 40, so the history of the world shows that the greater proportion of the evils may be traced to the sexagenarians—nearly all the great mistakes, politically and socially, all the worst poems, most of the bad pictures, a majority of the bad novels, not a few of the bad sermons and speeches."

Dr. Osler made his criticisms of the system of medical education in America while praising the hospital and laboratory practice accorded at Johns Hopkins.

**Alliance and Templars Meet the Premier;
Latter Fails to Make Definite Statement**

Toronto, Feb. 24. — The deputation from the Royal Templars of Temperance and the Dominion Alliance, to the number of 100, waited upon Premier Whitney at 12:30 today in the Parliament buildings. Mr. Whitney was accompanied by Hon. J. J. Foy, Hon. A. J. Matheson, Hon. N. Monteleith and Hon. J. S. Hendrie.

Mr. G. F. Martier introduced the deputation. They had come with one only request, he said, the most important one on which they were agreed.

Mr. F. Spence was then called upon. He presented the request for a measure abolishing the bar-treating system and drinking in clubs.

Mr. Spence spoke of the 25 per cent increase per capita in liquor consumption, and the increase in the arrests for drunkenness in Toronto, which was 50 per cent more than in 1903, than the average for five years.

The request, as a means to political purity in elections, deserved the consideration of the Government.

Rev. Dr. Carman said he did not represent any denomination, but came as a Canadian in a country left open for the demonstration of progress.

Mr. J. A. Austin, of the Royal Templars, asked for all the legislation in the power of the Premier.

Rev. W. Frizzell and Ald. Coates also supported the view expressed by Premier Whitney, in the course of his reply, said that he and his colleagues, recognized the seriousness of

the subject which those before him had come to discuss.

He said the ministers had occupied their present position for but a short time, and up to the present had been unable to get down to serious thought on any question of public policy. They believed, however, their first duty was to the people, whose servants they were, and consequently they considered that very other consideration should give place to opportunities such as these, when those who represent a section or a certain body or group within the Province desired to lay before them what the opinions are which they represent. He was glad, therefore, to say that this Government stood with reference to the objects of the deputation in a receptive mood. He believed it to be their duty on all occasions to endeavor to get at the core of the feeling of the people.

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**ALLANS SIGN WITH GOVT.
TO FURNISH LINE TO FRANCE****Contract for Three Years Drawn Up, With Summer and Winter Ports of Call.****\$100,000 BONUS FOR EIGHTEEN TRIPS ANNUALLY**

Ottawa, Feb. 24. — A contract has been signed between the Allan Line and the Dominion Government for a steamship line between Canada and France. The service begins with the opening of navigation this year and is for three years to the opening of navigation 1908.

The summer ports of call are Quebec and Montreal, and the winter St. John and Halifax. The French ports are Cherbourg or Havre. There are to be

eighteen trips a year. Four trips must be made from April to December, and the remainder between May and November, when there shall not be less than two voyages a month.

The number of trips may be 24 a year. For eighteen voyages Canada pays \$100,000, and if 24 are made the price will be \$133,333. The Laurentian, Pomoranian, Sardinian and Buenos Ayrean will perform the service. The speed is not less than 10 knots.

**VLADIMIR ORDERS
A COURT MARTIAL****Four Officers and Three Men To Be Tried for Mysterious Shooting of Jan. 19.**

St. Petersburg, Feb. 24.—Grand Duke Vladimir, commander of the military district of St. Petersburg, has ordered the trial by court martial of Captain Davidoff, of the Seventeenth Battery of the First Regiment of Horse Artillery of the Guards, and three other officers and three men of the First Battery of the Guards Artillery Brigade, in connection with the firing in the direction of Emperor Nicholas, of a charge of case shot at the ceremony of blessing the Neva, Jan. 19.

Grand Duchess Elizabeth has been appointed commander of the Fifth Kieff Grenadiers in succession of the late Grand Duke Sergius.

Roof of Coaticook Opera House Fell in During Fire.

Coaticook, Que., Feb. 24. — The Coaticook Opera House was destroyed by fire early this morning. In fighting the fire, Fireman John Corliss was killed by the roof falling on him, and Fireman John Chesley had a leg broken in two places.

LOVING CUP FOR SCOTT**Senators Remember State Secretary on His 80th Birthday.**

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Feb. 24.—Today is the 80th anniversary of the birth of Hon. R. W. Scott, secretary of state and leader of the Senate. The Liberal senators took advantage of the occasion and presented Mr. Scott with a piece of silver, on which was a suitable inscription. The presentation took place in the speaker's chamber a few minutes before the Senate met. Mr. Scott, in accepting the large silver loving cup, the gift of the senators, thanked them kindly for their thoughtful and for their kind and generous expressions towards him.

THREW ACID IN FACE

Stratford Young Woman Has an Unpleasant Experience.

Stratford, Feb. 24. — While out walking Thursday evening Miss Edith Sarvis, one of the most estimable young ladies of the city, was encountered by a woman and girl whose identity are unknown, and who threw carbolic acid on her person. By good fortune, Miss Sarvis' eyes escaped, though her neck and side of her face were severely burned. The police are investigating the case. It is generally supposed that Miss Sarvis was mistaken for someone else.

Peuse Protested.

Kingston, Feb. 23. — A protest has been filed in the high court here against the election of Mr. E. R. Peuse, Liberal, M. P. P. elect. The defeated candidate, Donald McIntyre, is petitioner.

THE J. B. HILL CASE

Attorney Says the Working Capital Was Made Up of Debts.

Toronto, Feb. 24. — J. B. Hill, the St. Thomas merchant who failed recently, appeared in the police court this morning on the charge of obtaining goods by fraudulent statements. The only evidence taken so far is that of Charles Reid, the secretary of S. F. McKinnon & Co., who swore that he got a statement from Hill in March showing that the latter had a balance of \$31,500, and that in the following November he got another statement showing but \$4,000 to Hill's credit.

Crown Attorney Curry said: "This included money borrowed from people in St. Thomas, which he chose in the previous statement to call working capital, while in reality it was made up of debts. This statement shows that Hill knew of his liabilities and kept them out of the previous statement."

Quebec, Feb. 24.—The political difficulty in Quebec is practically at an end. Both parties have agreed to a treaty of peace until the close of the session, when matters will be adjusted in active politics. He is a sick man, and his physician emphatically states that his life depends upon a complete rest, which must be a long one, far from the scene of undue excitement. It is admitted by friend and foe alike that Hon. Mr. Parent is a most remarkable man. The general public, especially the English-speaking population of the Province, have the utmost sympathy for him, and will deeply regret his retirement from public life. Mr. Parent is glad to leave the exciting scene, which has nearly ruined his health. He says he has done his duty to the electorate which placed confidence in him, and not only served them, but has done his best to give the people honest administration.

public. It is a mutual understanding made to end the vexatious questions that have already brought much harm, and were calculated to work irreparable injury if the situation was continued until the opening of the Legislature. Now that the tension is ended the public are pleased, and it is thought that all the bitterness engendered by the split will in time disappear.

It is certain, however, that Premier Parent, in the course of a couple of months, will disappear from the arena of active politics. He is a sick man, and his physician emphatically states that his life depends upon a complete rest, which must be a long one, far from the scene of undue excitement. It is admitted by friend and foe alike that Hon. Mr. Parent is a most remarkable man. The general public, especially the English-speaking population of the Province, have the utmost sympathy for him, and will deeply regret his retirement from public life. Mr. Parent is glad to leave the exciting scene, which has nearly ruined his health. He says he has done his duty to the electorate which placed confidence in him, and not only served them, but has done his best to give the people honest administration.

BAKU IN A TURMOIL**Many Murders Are Committed and Business Is at a Standstill.**

Baku, Feb. 23.—The town is now quiet. All the Armenian shops have been closed, but the banks are doing business under military protection. At 10 o'clock today strikers attacked two factories, and as a result thirty persons were killed or wounded. In Baku many terrible murders have been committed. Manager Adamoff, of the naphtha refining works, together with his wife and children, were all burned to death. A legal officer named Talsoff and a bazar owner named Lalajoff and the latter's family have been murdered.

WANT CANADIAN EXHIBIT

Dominion Government Asked to Exhibit at Lewis and Clark Fair.

Portland, Ore., Feb. 24. — An effort is being made by the Canadian Society, representing the Canadian residents of the Pacific Northwest to induce the Canadian Government to exhibit at the Lewis and Clark Fair, to be held at Lewis and Clark, Prime Minister, and other high officials at Ottawa, urging them to use their influence.

TURKS MUTINY

Refuse to Reinforce Garrison and Demand to Be Sent Home.

Constantinople, Feb. 24.—A battalion of 950 Turkish troops while on the way to reinforce the garrison of Yemen, Arabia, mutinied on board the Greek steamer Epipres, seized and imprisoned their officers and compelled the commander to put the ship under way. The mutineers demanded that they be sent back to their homes.

BOOM IN IMMIGRATION

C. P. R. Officials Expect Great Rush From the Continent.

Montreal, Feb. 23. — Mr. Robt. Kerr, passenger traffic manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, said today that the immigration business of the company was one of a thousand and a half undertook to sell tickets in Britain for steamship companies playing in all waters. He said that the business on a legitimate basis, and the C. P. R. had at the outset afforded Hunter, in usual facilities. About last June, when it was found that he had departed from their methods, the company's representatives in London cut all connection with him.

Speaking of immigration prospects in general, Mr. Kerr said the next few months will see a great boom in immigration, not only from Great Britain, but from all over the world. The company's representatives abroad had given most encouraging reports on this score. Possibly the European nation that would be most largely represented would be Germany, with the Scandinavian nations a close second.

George Saw the Sights.

Windsor, Feb. 24.—George Harman, of Woodstock, came to Windsor yesterday and after seeing the sights, crossed to Detroit, where he wound up in the Woodbridge street station. He now claims he lost \$100 and asks the Windsor authorities to pick the money up.

MARTIN'S CASE BEFORE CABINET

Toronto Baby Murderer Making Final Attempt to Escape the Gallows.

Ottawa, Feb. 24. — The Martin murder case from Toronto will likely come up tomorrow at the Cabinet meeting. The only chance the prisoner has of escaping the gallows is as to the admissibility of the wife's confession as evidence. Just how the Cabinet will view this point it is difficult to say.

AFTER STANLEY CUP

Rat Portage Challenges for the Big Hockey Trophy.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Feb. 24. — P. D. Ross, one of the trustees of the Stanley cup, has received the following:

"Rat Portage, Feb. 22.—Having won the championship of the Manitoba Hockey League, we hereby challenge for the Stanley cup. Prefer to play at the earliest possible date, best two out of three. Letter will follow.—J. J. Johnson, president Thistle Hockey Club."

Mr. Ross replied that nothing would be done until the arrival of the letter.

**Boy Kicked in Abdomen;
May Die From Injuries**

Clarence Donaldson, the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Donaldson, of 334 Grey street, is lying at his home, suffering from injuries of a very serious nature.

The child was on his way to school this morning, when a sleigh happened along. With a number of other little fellows of his own age, Clarence attempted to get on the rig, and as he did so, a man who was seated on the "bob" kicked the child in the abdomen. The boy fell to the ground, and when it was seen that he was unable to rise some pedestrians came to his assistance. Medical aid was summoned, and it was found that the case was a very serious one, and might be attended with fatal results.

Mr. Donaldson, who is an employee of the Bell Telephone Company, was out of the city when the assault occurred, and would not be home until this evening. He was notified of the affair, and on his arrival home an effort will be made to apprehend the man who committed the assault. The act was altogether unprovoked, and it caused no small amount of indignation in the southern part of the city.

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