

# PRESERVE BATTLE FIELD

## Premier Gives Notice of Motion in House of Commons.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Sir Wilfrid Laurier has given the following notice of motion: "That it is expedient to provide that the sum of \$300,000 be appropriated towards the preservation in a suitable manner of the historic battlefield of Quebec in connection with the centenary of the said city of Quebec."

This amount will be handed to a commission of four or five men, who will have authority to devote a portion which they decide upon to the centenary fund and a portion to the battlefields park scheme. The Province of Quebec will contribute \$100,000 and

the city of Quebec \$50,000. In addition other Provinces have promised grants, and as private subscriptions already amount to a large sum, there is little reason to doubt that eventually the aggregate amount will be sufficient to carry out the project on a scale worthy of the events it is intended to celebrate and worthy of the Canadian people.

The commission to handle the Government portion, it is understood, will include Sir George Drummond, Montreal; Byron E. Walker and Colonel G. T. Denison, Toronto. Hon. Adelard Turgeon and Mayor Garneau of Quebec have been mentioned as possible additional members.

## LEADING MARKETS

**BREADSTUFFS.**  
Toronto, Feb. 25.—Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 northern \$1.16; No. 2 northern, \$1.13; feed wheat, 66c; No. 2 feed, 61c, lake ports.  
Ontario Wheat—No. 2 white, 95c to 95½c outside; No. 2 red, 95c to 95½c; No. 2 mixed, 94c; goose, 91c to 92c.  
Barley—No. 2, 71c to 73c, according to quality.  
Corn—Firm; No. 3 yellow American, 63c to 63½c, Toronto freights. Old corn, about 72c, none offering; inferior, 62½c to 63c.  
Peas—86c to 87c.  
Rye—No. 2, 84c to 85c.  
Buckwheat—No. 2, 65½c to 66c.  
Oats—No. 2 white, 52c to 53c outside, 54c on track Toronto; No. 3 mixed, 49c to 50c outside.  
Flour—Manitoba patents, special brands, \$6; seconds, \$5.40; strong bakers' \$5.30. Winter wheat patents, very dull around \$5.50.  
Bran—Full cars, \$24 per ton. When part of a car the price ranges from \$22.50 up.  
Shorts—\$24, buyers' bags.

**COUNTRY PRODUCE.**  
Poultry—  
Young turkeys, extra choice, 13c to 15c  
Young geese ..... 9c to 11c  
Young ducks ..... 9c to 11c  
Ducks, choice ..... 9c to 11c  
Old fowl ..... 6c to 8c  
Inferior chicks and fowls ..... 5c to 7c  
Butter—  
Creamery, prints ..... 30c to 31c  
do solids ..... 29c to 30c  
Dairy prints ..... 25c to 27c  
do large rolls ..... 23c to 24c  
do solids ..... 22c to 23c  
Inferior ..... 20c to 21c  
Eggs—Storage, 21c to 22c per dozen, in case lots; select, 25c to 26c; new-laid, 28c to 29c.  
Cheese—Steady at 13½c for large and 13c for twins, in job lots here.  
Beans—Firm; \$1.70 to \$1.75 for pr. mes and \$1.80 to \$1.85 for hand-picked.  
Potatoes—70c to 75c per bag in car lots on track here.  
Honey—Strained steady at 11c to 12c per pound for 60-pound pails, and 12c to 13c for 5 to 10-pound pails. Combs at \$1.75 to \$2.50 per dozen.  
Baled Straw—Slow at about \$10 per ton on track here.  
Baled Hay—Timothy is quoted at \$16 to \$17 in car lots on track here.

**PROVISIONS.**  
Pork—Short cut, \$22 to \$22.50 per barrel; mess, \$18 to \$18.50.  
Lard—Tierces, 11½c; tubs, 12c; pails, 12½c.

# PORT ARTHUR'S DEFENDER

## Court-Martial Sentenced Gen. Stoessel to Die for Surrender.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: Attempts that had been planned against the lives of exalted personages were frustrated by the police on Thursday night by a succession of arrests in various parts of the city, aggregating fifty men and women. This is the greatest number of terrorists ever taken by the police in the capital. The majority of them were heavily armed, some with bombs, and they made desperate resistance against the police. During the course of the arrests ten policemen were wounded and one was killed.

**BAGGED FIFTY TERRORISTS.**  
The operations centred around the palace of Grand Duke Nicholas Nicolaievitch, who, it is surmised, was the immediate object of the plot. Late on Thursday several hundred gendarmes drew a cordon around an entire city block in the vicinity of the Grand Duke's palace, comprising six hundred occupied apartments. Agents of the police searched these apartments from

top to bottom and unearthed stores of explosives and firearms.

**DYNAMITE IN A MUFF.**  
A fashionably dressed woman was arrested on the street. She carried a muff in which was concealed a quantity of dynamite, and was escorted by a man who wore flat under his belt an infernal machine of a new type. Both opened fire when the police approached them, wounding three of them.

Another woman who was arrested at the entrance to Ussupoff Park killed a policeman during the struggle. Two men were arrested in the Grande Moskva, one of whom is a notorious Italian Anarchist. While the police were arresting a terrorist on Basile Island he dangerously wounded two of them. It is expected that the police will make further efforts to round up other members of the terrorists who have been organizing vigorously and planning outrages on a large scale.

**TRAIN BLOWN FROM TRACK.**  
A Violent Hurricane Visits England and Ireland.  
A despatch from London says: England and Ireland were in the grasp of a hurricane on Saturday, which left death and destruction in its wake. In the Mersey River a schooner was capsized and eight men drowned. Several small steamers are reported in distress off Holy Head, while a number of small craft have been driven ashore. No less than one dozen grand stands at several provincial points were blown down, and many of the occupants who had gathered to witness local football matches injured. The tornado was of short duration, but most violent, unroofing schools and churches and uprooting trees. Fatalities are reported through the collapse of buildings in Manchester, Sheerness, Wisbech and Leeds. The tramway services in Liverpool and Manchester were partially suspended because of trees that had fallen over the tracks. The lightship at Grimby was sunk, but the crew was rescued by a trawler. A schooner founded off Sheerness, and the skipper was drowned. Many were injured at Birmingham. A train running between Burtonport and Donegal was blown off the rails by the wind while crossing a viaduct and nearly crashed into a bog beneath. The passengers were rescued unhurt.

**SEED IS NOT SCARCE.**  
Enough Wheat in the West For All—Oats Must be Imported.  
A despatch from Ottawa says: G. H. Clark, Dominion Seed Commissioner, told the Agricultural Committee on Wednesday morning that the losses in the west through the bad season last year were practically confined to twelve per cent. of the farmers between Port Arthur and the Rocky Mountains. The majority of that per cent. had put all their eggs into a basket; in other words, had followed the idea of grain raising to the exclusion of everything else. There was enough seed wheat in the west to enable the purchasing there of all that was required for the sections in need of it. Seed oats would have to be imported in considerable quantities, and he mentioned Britain and Prince Edward Island as the places whence the most of it would come. He predicted that it would be found to be of excellent quality. Mr. Clark, however, suggested the advisability of every farmer in the west testing barley and oat seed before planting.

**LOCKED CHILDREN IN.**  
Three Little Ones Burned to Death at Madawaska.  
A despatch from North Bay says: Three children of Mr. and Mrs. James Stanley of Madawaska were burned to death on Friday night as the result of an oil lamp being overturned. The victims' ages were five and three years and three months. The parents left the house and locked the children in and nothing was known till the house was in flames. Then neighbors did their best to rescue the little ones, but it was too late, and the house was destroyed.

**SCARCITY OF ARMY HORSES.**  
Gen. Hutton Recommends Purchasing Agencies in Colonies.  
A despatch from London says: The United Service Institution on Thursday discussed the serious shortage in the horse supply from the military standpoint. General Sir E. Hutton spoke of the deterioration noticeable in Canada and Australia, and said he had done all in his power to draw attention to the importance of developing the class of horse most required. In the case of both countries a horse-purchasing agency should be formed by the War Office.

**BROKE BABY'S ARM.**  
Man Named Babcock of Murvale Charged With Cruelty.  
A despatch from Kingston says: A man named Babcock of Murvale was arrested on Thursday, charged with inhuman treatment of his babe, four months old. Because it cried, it is alleged, he twisted one of its arms till it broke. The mother and infant were taken to the Kingston General Hospital.

Joseph Gilbeault died in Cobalt hospital from injuries received by a tree falling upon him. He lay helpless in the snow for six hours, and had hands and feet frozen.

# TERRORIST PLOT FRUSTRATED

## Desperate Men and Women Arrested at St. Petersburg.

A despatch from St. Petersburg says: The court-martial trying the generals for the surrender of Port Arthur delivered its judgment on Thursday. Gen. Stoessel was condemned to be shot, and Gen. Fock was reprimanded. Gen. Reuss and Gen. Smirnov were acquitted. At 8.30 the court entered, headed by its president, Gen. Voder. The judges walked to the centre of a dais, and stood beneath the portrait of the Czar while Gen. Voder read the decision aloud. During the delivery of the sentence, which was brief, there was tense silence in the court room, except for a suppressed gasp when Gen. Stoessel was condemned to death for surrendering Port Arthur before all means of defending the fortress had been exhausted and against the protest of his fellow-officers and without the knowledge of its commandant, Gen. Smirnov.

**TEN YEARS' IMPRISONMENT.**  
The court had, however, Gen. Voder announced, decided to petition the Czar to graciously commute the sentence to ten years' confinement in a fortress in consideration of the fact that Port Ar-

thur, beset by overwhelming forces, defended itself under Gen. Stoessel's leadership with a stubbornness which astonished the world at the garrison's heroic courage, that several assaults were repulsed with the infliction of tremendous losses on the enemy, that Gen. Stoessel throughout the siege sustained the courage of the defenders, and that he had energetically participated in three campaigns.

At the declaration that he was adjudged worthy of death, Gen. Stoessel's face betrayed momentary uneasiness, but otherwise he was outwardly unaffected, and he stood with soldierly rigidity, with his eyes fixed on the president of the court.

Gen. Fock, whose reprimand was for offences against discipline, was grimly unmoved. Gen. Smirnov looked quietly pleased, and Gen. Reuss' eyes filled with tears. Immediately the sentences were delivered, Gen. Stoessel received sympathetic embraces and handshakes from numerous friends. He left the court room leaning on the shoulder of his son, who was also a military officer at Port Arthur.

## CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

**HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.**

**Telegraph Briefs From Our Own and Other Countries of Recent Events.**  
**CANADA.**

Berlin public library has 9,231 volumes.  
Brant county jail has twenty prisoners.  
The C. P. R. will build a new bridge at Keewatin.  
Hastings House of Refuge at Belleville has 24 inmates.  
Hospitals in Ontario cost \$1,415,140 to maintain during 1907.  
Montreal refiners have reduced sugar 10 cents per 100 pounds.  
Prince Edward county doctors have decided to increase their fees.  
Guelph Horticultural Society offers prizes for the best-kept lawns.  
The population of Guelph is 13,700, according to the assessment rolls.  
Canada collected in duty last month \$3,930,941, a decrease of \$165,847.  
Canada's imports for January totaled \$23,084,563, a decrease of \$3,356,684.  
Canadian exports last month totaled \$21,676,782, an increase of \$4,031,517.  
Immigrant inspectors find that immigrants with families are hardest to place.  
Brantford is clearing out its cellars in anticipation of the freshets of the Grand River.  
The Montreal Shipping Federation has decided to cut down longshoremen's wages this spring.  
The Minister of Marine proposes a subsidy of \$100,000 per year for a direct line to France.  
Five hundred Cobalt mining companies, with a capitalization to date of \$473,000,000, have been registered.

Abbe Blais was burned to death at Three Rivers, Que., on Saturday, his clothing catching fire from his pipe.

The Montreal Board of Trade is petitioning the Government to make the new Quebec bridge 190 feet above tide-water.

Hamilton foundrymen claim their moulders are paid a rate higher than is paid elsewhere and propose a reduction.

Obstruction tactics in the Montreal Council have prevented the payment of men who removed snow from the streets.

Hon. Nelson Monteith, Minister of Agriculture, proposes legislation regulating the employment of boys in factories.

For the first ten months of the present fiscal year Canada's customs collections were \$49,251,155, an increase of \$6,451,816.

The annual report of the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway showed an increase of \$16,581.45 in net earnings over the previous year.

## ANOTHER ITALIAN MURDER.

Vicario Silvio Shot Through the Head at Montreal.

A despatch from Montreal says: Another Italian murder was committed here on Saturday night, following close on the slaying of Friday afternoon. The victim of the last killing is named Vicario Silvio, who was shot through the head, expiring on Sunday morning in Notre Dame Hospital without having regained consciousness. An Italian named Colodrone Carmino is accused of the deed, but he has escaped. Two friends of the accused man stated on Sunday night that Carmino committed the deed in self-defence, and when he had prepared his line of defence intended giving himself up to the police. The two men lived together on Cavillier street with a number of other Italians, Silvio and his wife having only gone there a month ago. The police are at a loss how to deal with the Italian problem in this city.

# WOULD RUIN THE FALLS

## To Grant Franchise of the Ontario Power Company.

A despatch from Washington says: Dr. J. W. Spencer, the British scientist, commissioned by the Geological Survey of Canada to investigate the Niagara Falls problem, discussed on Wednesday the effect of the utilization of its waters by power plants upon its scenic beauty.

At the instance of the American Civic Federation, Dr. Spencer has appeared before the House Rivers and Harbor Commission, and presented data concerning the request of the Ontario Power Co. for a power franchise. To develop this power would require forty thousand cubic feet of water per second, which Dr. Spencer contended is from twenty to twenty-five per cent. of the discharge of Niagara River, and would greatly impair the characteristics of the Whirlpool rapids; lower the riverbed up to the falls, break up the surface rock at the foot of the American falls and Goat Island, and thereby cause a more rapid recession of the Horseshoe.  
"As the beginning of these rapids is marked by a rim over which the flow of water is already thin," said Dr. Spencer, "the diversion of the water

would destroy about 800 feet of the flow on the eastern side of the great Horseshoe and break up the American falls into separated streams. The total length of both falls would be contracted, roughly, from 4,000 feet to 1,600 feet, and the diameter of the great falls from 1,200 to 800 feet. This diversion of the water will produce a shrinkage of the Horseshoe so that what remains will be entirely on the Canadian side of the boundary line."

He argued that the lowering of the water in the basin above the upper rapids would increase the slope of the river so that the surface of Lake Erie would be lowered three feet, which in turn would lower Lake Huron and Lake Michigan. Already, with a partial use, Lake Erie has been lowered ten inches. This amount of lowering includes that of the Chicago Canal, which at present is taking five thousand cubic feet of water a second. In connection with the calculations for repairing the harbors and canals thus damaged, the United States' engineers calculated that to increase the depth of the Chicago Canal even one foot would cost over \$12,000,000.