

## TELEGRAPHIC.

## OTTAWA.

Ottawa, July 23.—Sir Mackenzie Bowell leaves Friday for Regina to be present at the Northwest exhibition, which opens on the 29th.

Hon. Mr. Costigan left yesterday for the maritime provinces. During his absence of a fortnight or so the affairs of the marine and fisheries department will be administered by Sir C. H. Tupper.

Mr. Saunders, director of experimental farms, telegraphed the department of agriculture today from Brandon, Man., to the effect that the crops between there and Winnipeg are very promising. The growth in most places, he says, is even and strong. Grain is well headed, and lodged in spots in a few fields only. The director anticipates a grand crop if the weather continues favorable.

Ottawa, July 23.—The inland revenue returns continue to show a small but steady increase. The receipts for the month of June aggregated \$55,300 compared with the receipts of \$53,138 in June last year. The revenue from spirits last month was \$245,772; from malt, \$61,288; from tobacco, \$144,494; from cigars, \$57,329; electricity, light, and other taxes, \$12,000.

Sir A. P. Caron received today from Hon. Mr. Ward, postmaster general of New Zealand, an official request for information as to the cost of mail carriage via the Canadian transcontinental route. This indicates that New Zealand is considering the rearrangement of the mail route with a view to adopting the Canadian lines of transportation.

In regard to the customs defalcation at Berlin, Ont., it was learned at the department today that Inspector Boulbee was mistaken in his supposition that the defalcation had been made of the Berlin office in ten years. As a matter of fact, the office was frequently inspected during the lifetime of the late Inspector Newburn, but it is supposed the collector had his books so fixed as to escape detection. The amount of the defalcation is between nine and ten thousand dollars.

Prof. Saunders reports from the Pacific coast: "The grain crops in the United States are well advanced and promise an abundant harvest. The hay is heavy; the yield of fruit is above the average. There was a cabinet council today, Sir A. P. Caron presiding. The other ministers present were: Sir C. H. Tupper, Hon. Messrs. Dickey and J. C. Patterson.

The resignation of Major General Herbert was formally accepted. An order in council has been passed authorizing the inspection of customs duty of certain literature for the Boys' Brigades throughout Canada. These books are published at the brigade headquarters in Glasgow, Scotland.

## QUEBEC.

Montreal, July 17.—Hon. Wilfrid Laurier has written a personal friend here that there is no possibility of defeating the government this session, and so say all.

The directors of the Bank du Peuple have about the arrangements to transfer their branches at St. Jerome, Three Rivers, and St. Hyacinthe to the Banque Nationale, the Hochelaga and Jacques Cartier banks.

Montreal, July 21.—Charles Jenkins and John Haynes, accused of belonging to a syndicate of fire bugs, stopped fires in New York, Toronto and Montreal, were arrested here today and further arrangements are expected. Jenkins was an electrician in the Parks and Island railway, while Haynes was bookkeeper at Boyd, Gillies & Co., whose premises were burned a few weeks ago.

Dennis Duvy, watchkeeper at the Grand Trunk offices, fell down stairs this evening and broke his neck. Traffic Manager Olds returned from the Green Mountains states that Mr. Huddart of last fall fame told him in London that it was not decided that Auckland and New Zealand shall be the port of call for the Canadian and Australian service, which will necessitate another steamer.

Montreal, July 21.—Benjamin Goyer, aged 72, a retired farmer to Cote des Neiges, while getting off a street car last evening at the corner of Mount Royal and Park avenue, fell under the wheels and was injured so badly that he died soon after reaching the hospital.

Rev. Father Stanton of Smith Falls was in the city today organizing a monster pilgrimage of three thousand, including 70 priests, to St. Anne de Montserrat, on the 29th.

Messrs. A. De Martigny, cashier of Banque Jacques Cartier, and Joseph Desautels, were arrested today while clearing house will take charge of the Banque du Peuple tomorrow as examiners, and it is hoped will have their report ready within fifteen days.

Charles Laval, 33, and Joseph Desautels, were arrested today while bathing, the first in the Dufferin street quarries and the boy in a pond on Papineau road.

Montreal, July 23.—Hon. Mr. Angers, who passed through here today, told your correspondent that he did not intend to hold a series of meetings in Quebec province, as was stated. As the government had promised justice he was bound to wait and see what would be done. If agitation were begun here, counter gatherings would take place in Ontario, and the situation would become more perplexing than ever. The hon. gentleman states that he will practice law in this city.

Frank H. Langdon, manager for the Dominion of the Wagner Palace Car Co., has absconded, leaving a number of creditors behind him. Langdon, who was formerly a clerk in the consular office of the United States, was transferred to this city about six years ago. His headquarters were in Bonaventure station, and owing to the nature of his business, and a winning disposition, Langdon soon got into the confidence of the local railway officials and United States customs officers in this city. Two years after his arrival he started to speculate in stocks, it is said, and failed.

Montreal, July 23.—The extraordinary intervention of St. Amable is reported from L'Assomption, where a serious fire took place a few days since. Just as the flames were about to attack Lesage Bros' general store, Rev. Cure Dorval took the framed picture above named and carried it round the threatened building, the wind immediately turned in the opposite direction and the store was saved. Startling revelations may be expected in a day or two in connection with the arson cases now being investigated. It is said that fifteen cases of robbery and arson are being carefully looked into and that arrests will follow, which will startle the public quite as much as the arrest of John Fahey and his confederates seven years ago.

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The remains left here tonight for Chicago. Lady Aberdeen arrived here this morning en route to Regina to open the territorial exhibition. They remained over here Sunday, the guests of Sir John and Lady Schultz at government house. Premier Bowell and Hon. Mr. Daly were on the same train, and they with W. B. Search, who joined them here, proceeded west. The premier being interviewed said regarding the Manitoba government, that the arrangement of the children, five in number, ranging in ages from fifteen to four years, went down to the lake shore to have a bath, as the day was very warm.

After playing about the shore for a time the children entered an old boat which had been lying on the bank for many days and which was in a very unseaworthy condition. They pushed off from the shore, the wind, which was blowing a stiff breeze, swept the party craft into the lake. The boat was tossed about and filling rapidly with water, the children were soon struggling with the waves. It is said that the eldest boy did his best to save his little sister and keep her on the boat as long as he could, but the waves soon overpowered the whole group and they sank out of sight. There was but one girl, the other four being boys. The neighbors on hearing of the sad event, collected and have been making diligent search to try and recover the bodies. The water is quite deep where the accident occurred, and up to the present but one body, that of a boy, has been recovered.

Winnipeg, Man., July 25.—Earl Aberdeen, Premier Bowell and Hon. Mr. Daly will arrive here on Sunday en route to the Regina exhibition. At Winnipeg, W. B. Search will join the party. Hon. Mr. Daly will remain over here on Sunday en route to the Regina exhibition.

A special C. P. R. excursion train arrived here tonight from Toronto with six hundred farm hands. His Grace Archbishop Langevin returned yesterday from the east. In an interview with a Free Press reporter, his grace repudiated several of the statements attributed to him by eastern newspapers. He particularly denied having stated that the Catholic policy was no surrender and no compromise. His grace said: "We are far from taking the arrogant tone attributed to us. We have not refused to hear the terms proposed. We have no wish to stir up strife or make discord in the country."

The rumor is again revived that Miss Mabel Kent, a young lady well known in Winnipeg, who left here last fall for San Francisco, was murdered there last week by her lover because she refused to marry him.

Rosa Coghill, Maurice Barrymore, Henry B. Dixie, Miss Winters, Wm. Beach, L. R. Stockwell and other distinguished actors and actresses, were in Winnipeg yesterday en route from New York to San Francisco over the Canadian Pacific railway.

The Winnipeg bank clearings for the week ended today are \$908,771; balances, \$174,006.

Winnipeg, Man., July 23.—The next crop bulletin of the provincial department of agriculture will be issued during the first week in August. It is understood the estimated yield of the wheat crop will be between twenty-five and thirty million bushels. This, judging by the reports so far received by the department, will be a conservative estimate. The crop is heavy beyond all expectations, and