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GOVERNMENT ASKED FOR GRANT FOR SANATORIUM

Delegation of Physicians and Clergymen Waited on Provincial Government This Morning and Asked for \$30,000 for This Purpose—Free Kindergarten Wants \$600—Consideration Promised in Both Cases.

A very large delegation of medical men and clergymen waited on the local government in their rooms, Church street, this morning and asked for the assistance of the government in the fight against tuberculosis. The delegation was introduced by Dr. J. P. McInerney, M. P. E., and J. E. Wilson, M. P. P., and W. F. Hatheway, M. P. P., were also present. Among those who addressed the government on the subject were Dr. J. P. McInerney, Dr. J. R. McInerney, Dr. Boyle Travers, His Lordship Bishop Casey, Ven. Archdeacon Raymond, Rev. David Lang, Rev. Dr. Plamondon, and Rev. A. B. Cole.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT IS OFFICIALLY OPENED

The Speech from the Throne Was Delivered This Afternoon—In It Earl Grey Referred to Many Important Matters.

Ottawa, Jan. 21.—(Special)—The Dominion parliament was officially opened this afternoon. The speech from the throne was as follows: "Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate; 'Gentlemen of the House of Commons: "I welcome you to the performance of your duties at the first session of a new parliament. I desire to acknowledge with devout thankfulness the abundant harvest which Divine Providence has again bestowed upon us. "The Quebec Tercentenary festivities, in July, which were honored by the gracious presence of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, as representing His Majesty, marked an epoch in the history of the Dominion. The most cordial support given to this national celebration by the federal parliament and provincial legislatures and by the people of Canada, and the United Kingdom, emphasized the community of sympathy which binds the various parts of the British Empire to each other, and to the throne and person of His Majesty the King. The presence of representatives from the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and Newfoundland, and from the great and friendly republics of France and the United States, served not only to add lustre to this occasion, but to provide an assurance of increasing amity and peace. "I have much pleasure in announcing that a treaty relating to the great lakes and other international matters has been agreed upon between His Majesty and the government of the United States of America and is now awaiting ratification. Both countries are to be congratulated on having arrived at an amicable settlement of the treaty, many vexatious questions from the field of controversy. The treaty and papers relating thereto will be laid before you in a few days. "A little more than a year ago the whole civilized world entered into a period of commercial, industrial and financial depression, which may not yet have completely spent its force. Signs there are, however, that it is gradually passing away. While it is hardly disputable that owing to the abundance and elasticity of our resources, Canada has suffered less than other nations, the depression has seriously affected our trade, producing an appreciable shrinkage in the public revenue and calling for exceptional action in the administration of our national affairs. "The rapid settlement of the new provinces calls for new lines of transportation. The construction of the Transcontinental Railway has been vigorously pressed forward during the last year. The line was open for the carrying of the crops from Winnipeg to the Battle River, a distance of 675 miles. "Exploratory surveys for a railway from the western wheat fields to Hudson Bay are being pushed energetically. Four parties have been at work since August last. Upon their report it will be possible to reach a decision as to both the route to be followed and the approximate cost of the provision of the Dominion Land Act. "The last session for the sale of pre-emption and purchased homesteads has created a new source of revenue that will be sufficient to bear the cost of the railway to Hudson Bay without burdening the ordinary revenue. From September 1st, when the act came into force, until January 1st, sales of pre-emption and purchased homesteads, have amounted to over two million acres, all subject to homestead settlement conditions. "The total volume of immigration has not reached the high figures of previous years, but the number of those seeking

HON. H. R. EMERSON WILL PROBE TO THE BOTTOM OF AFFAIRS OF THE I. C. R.

The Ex-Minister of Railways Asks a Number of Questions in Parliament Today Which Should Bring Out Some Information—Gives Notice of Motion to Extend I. C. R. by Acquiring Branch Lines.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 21.—(Special)—Hon. H. R. Emerson is losing no time in investigating the government's proposed purchase of the Intercolonial Railway. In a number of questions this afternoon he asked if any action had been taken by the government since the last session respecting the branch lines connecting with the I. C. R. Also if the government appointed a commission to inquire into the facts and circumstances relating to the branch lines, and if the examination had been made with the government to place copies of the commission's report upon the table.

SMALL TRYING TO RESCUE POSSIBLE SURVIVORS OF THE CRIB FIRE DISASTER

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Efforts were resumed at daylight to ascertain whether any workers were still living in the shaft beneath the crib and a half mile from the lake, where fifty or more men were killed yesterday. Shortly after the fire, which burned the temporary crib, since the workers were not entangled in the flames, either to jump into the lake or to try to float on blocks of ice, it was discovered that the smoke had descended into the shaft and had actually suffocated several men, but the hope was still sustained today that the workers might be found still living. Geo. W. Jackson, of the Construction Company, which built the crib, said it would be impossible for several days to give a complete list of the dead. Many of the workmen had their feet frozen and were unable to walk. The bodies of the men were being kept in the shaft, and the workers were trying to dig them out. The bodies were being kept in the shaft, and the workers were trying to dig them out.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Gentlemen's Driving Club Formed—Fredericton Board of Trade Meets. Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 21.—(Special)—At a meeting in the city council chamber last night the Fredericton Gentlemen's Driving Club was organized and the following elected officers: President—Recorder Colter. Vice-Presidents—John T. Hatt, P. S. Watson. Secretary—A. L. Black. Executive—J. H. Calder and Alderman Kitchin. A driving track is to be cleared on the river and quarter-mile races are to be held once a week. The Charlottetown Victoria are to play hockey matches here on Friday and Saturday evenings of this week, against a Fredericton team captained by George Stuart, of last year's Capitals. The Fredericton team is also to meet the Moncton Victoria here Thursday and Friday evenings of next week. About twenty fast skaters are here for the championship races at the Arctic rink. At a meeting of the council of the board of trade last night, a committee was appointed to prepare a pamphlet setting forth the advantages of Fredericton as a manufacturing centre. The present unsatisfactory train service on the Gibson and Fredericton branches of the C. P. R. was discussed and a committee was appointed to take the matter up with the railway company. The express companies' rates were criticized and Secretary Winslow was instructed to communicate with the railway commission. The construction of a railway from Fredericton to Woodstock along the western side of the St. John river was next discussed, and it was decided to take the matter before the full board at a meeting to be held next Wednesday. The idea most favored was the extension of the I. C. R. from this city to Woodstock and the board of trade of that town will be asked to cooperate.

CRIMINALS HAVE NO HIDING PLACE NOW

Honduras, Formerly the Asylum of American Malefactors, is Now Covered With an Extradition Treaty. Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—Through the ratification of the treaty today of an extradition treaty with Honduras, steps were taken to break up the last asylum of persons who commit crimes in the United States. When this treaty goes into effect extradition of criminals will be possible with all the governments of the world. The treaty with Honduras is particularly important because there is in that country a colony of fugitives from justice from this country and the treaty is believed to be retroactive.

THEY DISCUSSED THE HIGHWAY ACT

York County Council Thinks That if Roadmaker Hazen's Measure Was Ripped Apart And Then Patched Up It Might Be Made to Work. Fredericton, Jan. 21.—(Special)—A special committee of the York county council appointed to deal with the Highway Act, submitted a lengthy report at this morning's session and the members of the council were recommended. The report will be taken up section by section this afternoon and discussed. The most important change recommended is the rate of taxation to be reduced from twenty cents per hundred to fifteen cents, and the committee believes that the poll tax should be \$1.50 instead of \$2.00. The formation of highway boards is approved and the committee while recommending that the government should appoint one member thinks that the council should name the chairman. The committee recommends that the rate and the "commissioner" and "excise" be struck from the Act and "surveyor" and "board" substituted therefor. They also want the surveyor to collect the taxes without extra remuneration. The section dealing with the rate to be allowed for road work is satisfactory to the committee, but they recommended that the same rate apply for service on winter roads.

EARTHQUAKE IN SMYRNA DESTROYS 600 HOUSES

Shocks Came in the Town of Phocaea, Twenty-five Miles From City of Smyrna—People Terror Stricken Fleeing to the Mountains—A Problem to Provide Shelter for Calabrian and Sicilian Refugees.

Constantinople, Jan. 21.—An official despatch reports that more than 600 houses were destroyed by the earthquake yesterday at Phocaea, 25 miles northwest of Smyrna. The shocks continue to be felt and the people are seeking refuge in the mountains. The minister of the interior has been dispatched to render assistance to the sufferers. Salonika, Turkey, Jan. 21.—The U. S. battleships Ohio and Missouri left here today for Smyrna. Before their departure officers of the ships exchanged visits with the local authorities. Rome, Jan. 21.—The greatest problem which Italy now faces is that of providing for the 200,000 refugees made homeless by the recent earthquake, who are congregated in Naples or scattered throughout Calabria and Sicily. Their support is costing approximately \$100,000 a day, an enormous sum which neither charity nor the resources of the state can bear for any length of time. Besides, charity has had the effect of arousing the appetites of the low and turbulent classes, resulting in numerous disorders. Thus it is made plain that it is more urgent to give work to these thousands instead of fostering in them the belief that they can indefinitely continue living on public charity.

CASTRO WILL NOT EVER RETURN TO CARACAS

Politicians Whom Ex-Venezuelan President Exiled Are Now Back in Caracas as Powerful Factors—The Precludes His Return. The Hague, Jan. 21.—Certain allegations recently published in Paris to the effect that there existed a secret understanding between Juan Vicente Gomez, the actual President of Venezuela, and Cipriano Castro, his predecessor, who is now in Caracas, have been refuted by the latter. The development in Caracas since the advent of President Gomez, he declared, demonstrated the absurdity of the story. He said that the fact that numerous Venezuelan exiles expelled by Castro, already had returned and established themselves as political new factors at Caracas. He precluded the possibility of Castro's return. Senior Paul visited former Minister Van Stengden today for purposes of introduction. Business will be taken up at subsequent conferences.

BAPTIST CLERGY BOOST MAYOR FOR GOLD

Rev. Dr. Fuller Charges Four of His Pittsburg Brethren in Ministry With Taking Political Retainers. Pittsburg, Jan. 20.—The Rev. Dr. A. W. Fuller, pastor of the Second Baptist church, a wealthy and prominent congregation, avers that the managers of W. A. Magee, candidate for the Republican nomination for mayor of Pittsburg, declared for the services of five Baptist clergymen as prayer men, the work to be done through the pulpit. Those in charge of the Baptist congregations here, in addition to the Rev. Dr. Fuller, are the Revs. Sims, Webb, Henderson and Scott. The five of them assumed last Wednesday to the office of William A. Roberts, a rich business man and friend of Magee. Fuller says he will produce witnesses whom he stationed outside the office to hear what took place. "Boost Magee in talks or sermons from the pulpits, and also to surrender personal letters which each had received from John Steele, another candidate for mayor. Each of the ministers was to receive \$100 in payment for services rendered. When all were assembled the Rev. Mr. Scott is alleged to have assured Roberts that the five pastors were willing to accept the terms, quit fighting Magee and surrender the Steele letters. The Rev. Mr. Fuller alleges that all except himself delivered their letters. He declares he balked and declined to have anything to do with the arrangement. Roberts says the Rev. Dr. Fuller is angry with him because he refused to extend a mortgage on his home and that Fuller more than any of the others, arranged the meeting in the office. The other ministers say they have done nothing to help Magee. Fuller first told of the alleged compact to Steele's manager, is not denied by Fuller.

RAILROAD MAY LOSE ITS CHARTER

Attorney General Malone, of Massachusetts, Says New York, New Haven and Hartford Road is in This Position. Boston, Mass., Jan. 20.—Charging that the consolidation of the New York, New Haven and Hartford R. R. Company and the Consolidated Railway Company, Connecticut by authority of the Connecticut legislature of 1907, constituted a violation of the Massachusetts statutes and of public policy, Attorney-General Malone today declared that this action rendered the Massachusetts charter of the New Haven Company subject to forfeiture. His declaration was made in the attorney-general's annual report to the legislature. Attorney-General Malone expresses the opinion that the consolidation of the New Haven and Hartford roads is a violation of the law. He says that the situation thus created is one which the Massachusetts legislature, rather than the courts, should deal with. He says that the legislature has the power to enact such legislation as it may see fit. He says that the courts should not be asked to do what the legislature can do. He says that the courts should not be asked to do what the legislature can do.

THIS FAMOUS RELIC IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF THE MASONIC LODGE OF FREDERICKSBURG, VA.

Fredericksburg, Va., Jan. 21.—The Fredericksburg Lodge of Masons which possesses the Bible on which Washington was created, passed and revised and also recorded showing when he was given his degree in that lodge, has been somewhat annoyed recently by a story which was given wide publicity to the effect that the Lodge of Antiquity, of Montreal, Canada, is the possessor of the Bible on which Washington was obligated as a mason. In order to clear up the matter, Clarence R. Howard, past master of the local lodge, wrote to the Montreal lodge and has received a reply saying that the Montreal lodge does not question the claim of Fredericksburg lodge. "Having initiated, passed and revised your illustrious first president, George Washington," continued the letter, "you have the records and also the Bible as shown by brother J. Quinn, your P. G. M., in his historical sketch of your lodge."

MORE BOULDERS

The crop of boulders at Sand Point seems to be very prolific. This morning a cluster of seven was discovered near the corner of the No. 5 and 6 berths by the men in charge of the hoisting and dredging. It will probably take about a week to remove them and meantime the dredging will be delayed so that it will be to some weeks yet before No. 6 berth will be ready for steamers to dock there.

POSTAL SAVING BANKS

Washington, Jan. 21.—Declaring in favor of postal savings banks, Postmaster General Von L. Myer delivered an interesting address today to the National Board of Trade, now in session in this city. At the banquet of the board last night, Vice-President Fairbanks and Speaker Cannon discussed the tariff question, both advocating a careful revision of the country's revenue laws. Referring to the presence of Sir Charles Ross of Canada, the Vice-President spoke in a complimentary manner of that country, stating that "Canada is limited to me by many ties."

A BIG TRACT OF LAND OPEN FOR SETTLEMENT

Denver, Colo., Jan. 21.—The Sangre de Cristo Land Grant, one of the oldest made by the Mexican Government, has been thrown open to settlers after having been in the possession of the Coville family for more than a century and a half. It comprises 600,000 acres, and was held by the government of Mexico to the land of the Coville family before the territory was acquired by the United States. The grant lies partly in New Mexico, but mostly in Colorado.

AS HINDU TEMPLE TO USE CREAMERY

Victoria East Indians Offer to Purchase Building and Hold It Sacred to the Cow. Victoria, B. C., Jan. 20.—Devout Brahmins are firm in their belief that a cow is a sacred animal, so a syndicate of local Hindus have approached the Victoria Creamery Company with an offer to buy their abandoned premises on the Curry Road for use as a temple. The building has been abandoned since the company moved their plant into the city, following their dispute with the Saanich Council over the disposal of their waste products. The local East Indian community indignantly that a building formerly devoted to the disposal of the product of the cow should be treated with disrespect, and purpose making it a holy place. Financed by a Delhi bank, they prepared to pay cash for it, and the surrounding ground.

A SAD REMINDER

Mr. Newby (watching hockey game)—This reminds me so much of home. Mr. Longwell—In what way? Mr. Newby—Why, those little balls they are knocking around look so much like the biscuits my wife makes every morning.

NO CHANGE IN LUMBER TARIFF

New Orleans, La., Jan. 21.—The Yellow Pine Manufacturers' Association adopted a resolution addressed to the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives protesting against any change in the lumber tariff.

A LIQUOR CASE

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 21.—(Special)—A Scott Act case against Thomas Feeney, in a third offense, was taken up in the police court today. The principal witness was a young man named Robert Belyea, a Scott Act detective who swore that he purchased liquor from the defendant on the fourth, fifth, and sixth of January. He produced a flask of Highland whisky in support of his statement. The court room was crowded, and the case is being adjourned with much interest.