

FARMERS' CAUSE OF PEEL IN HOUSE

Conservative Member Moves Resolution for Reduction of Tariff on Farming Implements

Government Must Declare Itself on Question—Delegation Asks for Uniform Measurement

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—Mr. Meighen, Conservative member for Portage La Prairie, today moved the following resolution: "That in the opinion of this house a substantial reduction in the import duties on agricultural implements is now due to the agriculturists of Canada and is in just accord with the true ends of protective tariff."

He supported this in a remarkably cogent and powerful speech, with no little felicity of phrase and with a power of argument which commanded the utmost attention.

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CONSERVATIVES OF ALBERT MEET

Tuesday Next Date Fixed For Important Convention—Scott Act Suspects Liquor Shippers Of Perjury.

Albert, Jan. 18.—Great preparations are being made for the convention of the Liberal-Conservative association to be held here in the Quillon hall, on Tuesday next, in view of the importance of the gathering, and the general feeling that the Conservatives have a bright opportunity to redeem the constituency, it is expected that the attendance will be large, and the proceedings enthusiastic.

Scott Act Inspector R. A. Smith has received information concerning a new method of getting liquor into Alberta county. On Saturday a large case arrived from St. John for a man at Watrous, accompanied by an affidavit that it was intended for personal use only.

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PROSE OF SENSATION IN MURDER CASE

Believed That Evidence At Coroner's Inquest Will Show Some One Acquainted With Lobinski Killed Aged Miser.

BEATEN TO DEATH WITH HAMMER

Berlin, Ont., Jan. 18.—The inquest into the death of Franz Lobinski, murdered last week in his little cottage near the village of Wellesley, was not finished this afternoon. When it is resumed on Monday, January 30th, there are likely to be developments of a sensational nature, as a result of the work of detective Boyd and High Constable Huber. The officers are at work on important clues, and so informed Dr. Claiser, the coroner, at today's session.

In the meantime the feeling in the neighborhood is that the crime was committed by persons acquainted with the victim, and that the murderer was known to the old miser as to gain admittance to his house on a friendly call. It seems more than likely that they required the loan of some money, and that a quarrel followed the old man's refusal.

It is known the hammer with which the deed was done, was kept ordinarily in a cupboard in the house. Fourteen witnesses in all were called at the inquest today, but nothing was brought out which gives promise of being specially important.

Dr. Marty, of New Hamburg, and Dr. McEachern, of Linwood, the physicians who conducted the post mortem on Monday, agreed in testifying that Lobinski's skull was fractured by the hammer found at the rear of the house. Three wounds were deep enough to penetrate to the brain, any of which would have caused instant death. Otherwise the body was found to be in a strong healthy condition.

Shown His Money.

Rudy Lees, the neighbor who discovered the body, swore that the old man had shown him what money he had in the house. There was \$130 in gold in the little tin box which was later found with the hammer and bottle containing Paris green. He testified also that Lobinski carried \$100 in bills on his person. The deceased had told the witness that he possessed \$1,200 in money in addition to his other property.

The inquest lasted from 2 to 7 o'clock, and was then adjourned to the 30th, when the detectives will have something to offer.

Ottawa Editor WEDS IN NEW YORK

New York, N. Y., Jan. 18.—The marriage of Lieut. Col. E. W. B. Morrison, editor of the Ottawa Citizen, to Mrs. Chas. Downing Frigg, of Ottawa, was solemnized at the Madison Avenue Presbyterian church Monday evening. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Dr. H. S. Coffin.

Prior to their departure from Ottawa on Saturday, Col. Morrison and his bride were entertained by numerous friends who had assembled to wish them well and who gave them an enthusiastic send-off.

Their trip to Europe by the S. S. Lusitania.

Mrs. Morrison was formerly Miss Emma Kellogg, of New Orleans. During the day in and Col. Morrison were the recipients of a large number of messages of congratulations and good wishes, as well as floral remembrances from a wide circle of friends in Montreal, Ottawa and elsewhere in Canada and the United States.

Awarded Damages.

The society slander case in which Mrs. Horace West sought damages against her father-in-law, Sir Algernon West, was concluded this afternoon in favor of the plaintiff, who was awarded £1,250 damages.

A stay of execution was granted. The suit excited great interest, and the court room was crowded every day with society.

Mrs. Asquith, wife of the Premier, was one of the star witnesses for the plaintiff.

C.P.R. PLANS EXTENSION IN WESTERN LINES

300 Miles Of New Track To Be Laid While System Will Be Double Tracked For 100 Miles.

IMPROVEMENTS AT MOOSEJAW

Montreal, Jan. 18.—That the C. P. R. intends double tracking 100 miles of its western system and laying over 300 miles of new track in different parts of the prairie provinces strengthening existing bridges and building many new ones, was the announcement made this morning by Vice-President William Whyte, of the C. P. R.

According to Mr. Whyte the double tracking is to be laid between Port Arthur and Fort William. New railway yards will be constructed at Regina, Moosejaw and Medicine Hat and three new steel bridges will be built one east and two west of Calgary over the Bow River as well as another one across the Elbow east of the Calgary yards.

The line at Moosejaw will be double tracked 7 miles east and 16 1/2 west of that city. While the line east of Castor will be double tracked for a distance of 60 miles. Two extensions from the main line, each 45 miles long, will be constructed east and west of Tramping lake and a new line will be laid for 35 miles north of Swift Current and southeast from this point for 45 miles. The track from Moosejaw southwest will be lengthened by 35 miles and 20 miles will be added to the line west of Weyburn.

Another extension plan is the additional building of 35 miles northwest of Westview, while 32 miles of new track will be built through Cut Knife country.

VETO BEFORE CORONATION SAYS REDMOND

Dublin, Jan. 18.—John E. Redmond who was unanimously elected president of the United Irish League, T. P. O'Connor, Joseph Devlin, and Daniel Boyle, the Irish members of the House of Commons, have reported to the House of Commons that they have vetoed the proposed bill for the purpose of arousing interest in the cause of home rule were the guests of honor this evening at a banquet at the Mansion House, arranged as a compliment for the success of their mission across the sea.

During the course of his speech Mr. Redmond declared that the veto power of the House of Lords would be abolished before the Coronation with the creation of new peers. He said that so long as the Liberals abide by the veto power, the veto and the home rule questions, the Irish party would support them without regard to any minor issues, but he added that the smallest deviation would mean instant change in the party's attitude. He did not object to the home rule bill being so drafted as to fit in with a larger plan.

Home Rule Gains in Favor.

London, Jan. 18.—Increasing evidence of the weakening of the forces against home rule is found simultaneously in the conversion of Lord Courtney, ex-deputy Speaker of the House of Commons, who says the time has come to prepare for home rule and in an investigation by a prominent Unionist paper into the rumors that the Government are organizing armed resistance to home rule.

The result of the investigation is a complete refutation of the rumors, the investigator after careful inquiry on the spot reporting that no such preparations are in progress anywhere in Ulster and that there is no record of alleged large sums subscribed for the purchase of arms or any unusual importation of weapons.

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SIR FRANCIS GALTON.

London, Jan. 18.—Sir Francis Galton, the noted explorer and writer, died last night.

FIRE HOUSE BURNS IN LANCASTER

Residence Owned By C. P. Boker And Occupied By T. Fenton Totally Destroyed Last Night—Loss \$10,000.

OUTSIDE OF FIRE DISTRICTS

The large three story wooden house in Lancaster owned by Charles P. Boker was destroyed by fire last night. The blaze was a most spectacular one and as the burning building was situated near the Martello Tower the fire could be plainly seen from the city. The building was occupied by W. J. Fenton and family. The loss is estimated at more than \$10,000.

The fire caught from a fire in the room full of smoke and the house on fire. She quickly descended up stairs, awakened the children, and after she got them safely out of the house she alerted the neighbors and notified her mother at St. Jude's church.

Furniture Destroyed.

The news of the fire spread quickly and there was soon a large gang of men on hand who attempted to save the furniture. All the water that could be obtained was from a small stream from a tap in the barn, and a bucket gang was formed, but the efforts were useless as the flames had a complete control of the building by this time. A great deal of the furniture on the lower floors was saved, while the furniture on the upper floors was destroyed.

The house was one of the best built structures on the western side of the harbor, having been built years ago by James H. Valpey at an estimated cost of \$35,000. It was three stories high with a slate roof, heated by a furnace and the water was obtained from artesian wells. The property was sold to George H. Clark and was some years ago resold to Mr. Fenton who also owned a large quantity of land in the vicinity. Mr. Fenton erected a new house and while he retained the land he sold the building to Charles P. Boker, and has since been renting the house from Mr. Boker who was to have moved in on May 1st next. The barn was quite a distance from the house and was not burned.

Vandals Were About.

During the progress of the fire while a large number of men were saving property, others are reported to have been caught stealing things and Policeman Lawson caught one young fellow making away with a rifle and took the stolen gun from him.

Owing to the fact that the building was situated outside of the fire district of Carleton and Fairville, there was a fire department on hand and nothing could be done but watch the handsome residence burn to the ground.

The fire was still burning at an early hour this morning.

DESPONDENCY CAUSE OF LANGILLE'S SUICIDE

Inquest Held At Request Of Sergt. - Major Duncan - Threatened With Tuberculosis, Took Life While Insane.

St. Stephen, N. B., Jan. 18.—Sergeant Major Duncan, of Fredericton, arrived here on the noon train today, and at his request Coroner Lawson empaneled the following jury to inquire into the death of Sergt. Langille: G. H. Sullivan, A. T. Crilly, John McGibbon, A. B. Thompson, J. R. Sedgwick, Geo. Pike and Arthur B. Dixon.

The evidence tended to show that the unfortunate man had been subjected to hemorrhages that preceded tuberculosis, and that, because of a heavy cold contracted last week, he had become despondent and committed the terrible act during a fit of temporary insanity induced by ill health.

Major Duncan spoke of the deceased as a most exemplary citizen in all the walks of life, a lovable character and a man held in high esteem by all who knew him. The body was forwarded to Fredericton this evening.

BADLY FROZEN.

Smiths Falls, Ont., Jan. 18.—A young man named Joseph Jewitt, of this place had his feet badly frozen a few days ago. He was working for a farmer near Prospect and was engaged in chopping wood in the bush when it occurred. He was brought to St. Francis Hospital here, and it was thought at first that it would be necessary to amputate several of his toes, but physicians think now they can be saved. Jewitt is 17 years old.

RETURN FLIGHT TO BATTLESHIP

Eugene Ely Successfully Accomplishes Aeroplane Landing and Leaves Again After Hour's Stay

Flew 26 Miles in Round Trip - Acclaimed by Army and Navy Officers.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 18.—Eugene B. Ely today flew 13 miles in an aeroplane, made a successful landing on the cruiser Pennsylvania and an hour later rose from the cruiser and flew back to Selfridge field, 12 miles south of San Francisco. The feat was accomplished without a mishap. Not a wire or bolt of the biplane was injured.

"It was easy enough," said Ely, as he stepped from his seat after his return. "I think the trick could be successfully turned nine times out of ten."

Ely's flight had been postponed several times, but he said today that atmospheric conditions were fair. The air was hazy when at 4 o'clock he left the grounds. His motor worked perfectly and after a few circles, he headed northeast, swept over the San Bruno hills and disappeared towards San Francisco.

In the meantime the wireless advised the cruiser at anchor with the fleet in the bay, that he would make the attempt, and final preparations were made for his reception. A wooden platform 130 feet long and 50 feet wide had been constructed over the after deck of the ship. Launches and ship's boats fully manned, were put out in event of a mishap. Ely had installed two seven foot pontoons under his aeroplane to float the machine in case he was forced to descend in the water.

At 10:58 o'clock the lookout on the cruiser Pennsylvania sighted Ely through the haze, and the ship's siren rared a blast of welcome. He came on at terrific speed and circled around the fleet, dipping in salute to each ship and came up in the wind for the stern of the Pennsylvania.

When Ely touched the deck he was going 35 miles an hour, but so gradually was the speed checked, by the dragging of the weighted ropes, as they were caught in succession that he came to a standstill without disarranging any part of the machine. There was a great outburst of cheers and a rush of officers, visitors and sailors to greet the aviator.

Greeted By Wife.

One of the first to reach Ely was his wife, who was on the bridge with Captain Pond. After he had been photographed, Ely was taken to the Captain's cabin where he was the guest at luncheon. Exactly one hour from the time he landed on the cruiser, Ely took his seat in the machine and gave the word to take off. The aeroplane swept down the 130 foot platform at high speed, dropped out of the stern with a gentle dip, and then rose rapidly over the ships in the harbor. The start was as perfect as the landing had been.

Rising to a height of 2,000 feet, Ely circled over San Francisco, and then headed for the aviation field. He landed there at 12:12 o'clock. A full company of the Thirtieth Infantry swooped down on him as he dismounted, and bore him in triumph to Major O'Neill's tent. The other troops were lined up to cheer the aviator.

An informal reception in the Major's tent followed. Toasts were drunk and Ely was made a member of the mess. Major O'Neill in proposing a health to the young aviator said: "This day will mark an epoch in naval history. We cannot say how it will affect the army, but here we pledge him."

Perfect Conditions.

"The flight to the ship was made under almost perfect weather conditions," Ely said, "though I encountered difficulties in approaching the Pennsylvania. The wind was on the cruiser's starboard side and it effected a safe landing. I saw it would be unwise to alight squarely on the platform. So after circling the ship, I came down, quartering the platform and with my planes pressed as fully into the wind as possible.

"I missed the first ropes, stretched to check my momentum, but my grappling hooks caught the other strands and I was brought up gently about sixty feet from where I first touched the boards.

"Though I did not require the full surface of the 130 foot platform, I do not think a smaller one would be entirely safe for such an experiment. I am convinced, however, that had the ship been in motion and sailing directly into the wind, that my landing on the after deck would have been considerably easier."

INSTANTLY KILLED.

St. Catharines, Ont., Jan. 18.—John A. Thompson, aged 65, of Thorold, was instantly killed at noon today while unloading a grain boat at lock 24, Welland canal. He missed his footing and fell, breaking his neck. He leaves a daughter in Ottawa.

26 HERO AWARDS.

Pittsburg, Jan. 18.—Twenty-six awards in recognition of acts of heroism were made today by the Carnegie fund commission here, sixteen bronze and ten silver medals, besides cash awards being authorized. Nineteen of the awards were made in rescue or attempted rescues from drowning, three from fire, two from suffocation in wells, and one each from train and shooting. In nine instances the heroes lost their lives, and the award is made to a member of the family.

One of the recipients of a silver medal is New York's street cleaning

HONOR PAID TO PRESIDENT FORREST

Fort Mifflin, N. S., Jan. 18.—Fort Mifflin church in this city at a meeting tonight, presented President John Forrest, of Dalhousie, moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly with a handsome leather upholstered chair to be called the moderator's chair. President Forrest is one of the oldest members of the session and the presentation was on this account, and in recognition of the honor of his election as moderator.

McLELLAN CUP AT TRURO.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 18.—The Curling Club lost the McLeellan Cup tonight, when the Truro players defeated them by six points, 54 to 48. Halifax won the cup two years ago from Truro, and have successfully defended it until tonight.

LAMY BEATEN.

Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 18.—Edmund Lamy, of Saranac Lake, N. Y., amateur champion skater of the world, was defeated here tonight for the second time in his career by Robert McLean, of Chicago. In a three-quarter mile race, the principal event in the annual National championship amateur turney, McLean shot to the winning post a bare stride ahead of Lamy.

The summaries were:— One quarter mile:—Edmund Lamy, Saranac Lake, N. Y., first; Robert McLean, Chicago, second; Lot Roe, Toronto, third; Harry Kaad, Chicago, fourth. Time: 49 1/2. Three quarter mile:—Robert McLean, Chicago, first; Edmund Lamy, Saranac Lake, second; R. L. Wheeler, Montreal, third; Harry Kaad, Chicago, fourth. Time: 2:15. Mile and half:—Edmund Lamy, first; Fred Robson, Toronto, second; Harry Kaad, Chicago, third; Lot Roe, Toronto, fourth. Time 4:59.