

Coming to the Capital

Mr. J. C. Brown on His Way Here—Will He Take a Portfolio?

Mr. W. W. B. McInnes Accepts the Nomination in North Nanaimo.

Dr. Walkem Again in the Field—Will Oppose Ralph Smith.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

It is said that an effort will be made at the forthcoming Esquimalt convention to induce W. H. Hayward to join forces with C. E. Pooley. Mr. Higgins, however, will be governed by the dictum of Kipling that "he travels the fastest who travels alone."

The announcement in the Times last night that Comox would be contested by W. W. B. McInnes, was the principal topic of conversation in political circles last evening. Friends of the government profess to discredit the report, and even go so far as to say that a letter was received by them yesterday from Mr. McInnes which, while it made no reference to Comox, disposed of any impression which might have gone abroad as to the probability of his standing for that constituency. The question is what did this letter state which makes the friends of the government so positive that Mr. McInnes will not run for Comox? Or did the letter indicate an arrangement for his candidature in some other constituency of the province?

Finance Minister Ryder refused to believe the report, although he said that it would not affect his action in the least, and that the probability of his own election would be enhanced by the entry of Mr. McInnes into the contest. From this it is evident that he holds a different view of the sentiments of Mr. McInnes from that entertained by a large portion of the electorate.

A Times representative was last night assured by a prominent officer of the local Maritime committee that some changes were indicated in the cabinet, and indeed that they would take place this week. One of these changes affects the department of finance. The name of a prominent Mainland politician, whose name was identified with earlier negotiations in the formation of the cabinet, is mentioned as the next occupant of the post.

There is also understood to be a movement on foot to place S. Perry Mills on the government ticket for the city, withdrawing that of the Premier. If this is done it is very probable that Mr. Mills will be appointed President of the Council as a preliminary step to give him greater prestige in the cabinet.

Premier Martin will not be back in the Capital, so his ministerial colleagues assert, until the middle of May, his tour being a very comprehensive one. In the meantime Ministers Yates, Beebe (who returned last night), and Ryder are carrying on the public business.

John Houston, of Nelson, who will seek the nomination of the provincial party at a convention to be held on May 12th, has issued a statement of his position in regard to the issues now before the province. He expresses the belief that the best government for the people will be one in which party is made secondary to provincial rights. He endorses the eight-hour law, and among other planks submits the following:

"Government ownership of railways is no more a theory than municipal ownership of public utilities. Both have been tried and found to work for the public good when capably and honestly managed; but in making a commencement in government ownership of railways in this province, a section should be selected in which the government would have a free hand, and not in sections where competition would be met."

"Courts have been established in which individuals and corporations are compelled to settle disputes, however trivial, disputes that should have any bearing on the general prosperity of the community in which the disputants reside; and courts should be established for the compulsory settlement of disputes between the representatives of capital and labor, disputes that too often result in reaching in their damaging effects on the general prosperity of whole communities and districts."

NORTH NANAIMO.

W. W. B. McInnes Nominated at Meeting Held Last Night.

(Special to the Times.)

Wellington, May 2.—W. W. B. McInnes last evening received the nomination for North Nanaimo by a vote of over two to one.

The meeting which nominated Mr. McInnes might well be called a representative one for Wellington and vicinity. There were nearly 100 registered voters present. Before the hall was opened for the meeting John Bickel announced that the meeting was for Liberals, who were voters in the district, and that only such would be admitted.

After the meeting was called to order Walter Jones was made chairman and Theo. Bryant secretary.

George Taylor, of Northfield, nominated John D. Dixon, and C. McGarrigle seconded the nomination. Both of these gentlemen spoke highly of Mr. Dixon. He was a workman and had long resided among them.

Then followed the nomination of W. W. B. McInnes, moved by W. Fraser and seconded by John Irving.

A number of speakers then made short addresses in favor of the respective candidates. The McInnes supporters said that there had been some peculiar work in relation to the candidacy of that gen-

tleman. Mr. Fraser said that on the 21st day of April a telegram had been sent to Mr. McInnes at Ottawa, reading as follows: "Will you accept nomination in North Nanaimo in opposition to John Bryden? We think you the strongest man. Answer."

That telegram had never been received by Mr. McInnes and it was now being traced.

Other speakers thought it peculiar that Mr. Dixon should allow his name to be used at the eleventh hour, when he had previously announced himself in favor of McInnes. The friends of Mr. McInnes assured the gathering that statements that he (McInnes) would not stand for North Nanaimo were misleading, for he had that day said that if nominated at the meeting he would accept the nomination.

The men who favored Mr. McInnes spoke in the highest terms of Mr. Dixon. It was finally decided that the candidates should be voted on by secret ballot. Shall the man who gets the most votes be the unanimous choice of the convention?" asked the chairman, and a voice called out "No, no."

Exera precautions were taken to see that the ballot was a fair one and the result, as finally announced, was 65 to 30 in favor of McInnes.

It was then moved that the nomination be made unanimous and the motion carried amid loud applause.

Your correspondent called up Mr. McInnes by telephone and he said that he would accept the nomination.

After the meeting Mr. Dixon's committee announced that the result of the convention would not affect them in any way as they proposed to run their candidate.

The only real objection made to Mr. McInnes last evening was that he was seeking nomination in too many places.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Major Muttar announces in to-night's issue of the Times his candidature for Cowichan. The only other candidate in the field so far is Mr. Dickie, opposition.

A government nominating convention will be held at New Westminster next Saturday.

To-night the campaign in Victoria will be opened by a mass meeting in the A. O. U. hall which is to be addressed by each of the four candidates selected at the Conservative convention. Each of the speakers will be limited to twenty-five minutes. The organization of the campaign for the opposition is being looked after by a permanent committee, of which Capt. Clive Phillips-Wolley is chairman.

At a meeting held last night by the Trades and Labor Council it was decided not to place a candidate in the field. The following resolution was passed:

"The Victoria Trades and Labor Council having decided to take no independent action in the coming provincial elections, desire it to be emphatically understood that no person or persons representing themselves in any light whatsoever has or have any authority to speak for this body on any hustings or in any political way, sense or manner whatever."

The report that Mr. Brown of Westminster will become Finance Minister and the attitude of Mr. Macpherson, the Minister of Marine, in the following dispatch from the Times correspondent at Vancouver:

"The chief point of local comment in the nomination of Premier Martin, H. B. Gilmour, Aid. McQueen and Robert Macpherson, at the city convention held in the government building last night, is the stand taken by Mr. Macpherson in supporting Premier Martin. Mr. Macpherson was sent for when his name was suggested, and he said to the convention that he would support Mr. Martin and his platform. He was asked if, supposing there was a tie vote between Messrs. Cotton and Martin in the House, who would he vote for? He replied unequivocally that he would support Mr. Martin as against Mr. Cotton. He reserved the right to criticize the Semlin government, while Martin was a member of it, on the eight-hour law, and among other points of certain canny lands at the mouth of the Fraser river. The ticket is considered here to be the strongest that could be put in the field. Premier Martin supporters claim that no other labor candidates will be nominated but that the labor vote will go to Messrs. Macpherson and Gilmour."

"Fred Ensombe, chairman of the Conservative party line convention, gave out to-day that the Westminster Columbian had been purchased in the interest of that party."

"I. C. Brown, of Westminster, went down to Victoria this afternoon, to give the best of authority that he will be sworn in as Minister of Finance or take some other position in the cabinet. To your correspondent he said he had heard the report, but on principle he disliked telling of anything before it happened. He said, however, that he had arranged to notify the government or organizer for Vancouver at the earliest moment what was done."

"A meeting was held at Westminster last night in the interests of the Provincial party. Mr. Brown put it that they passed a resolution that it was advisable to place a candidate in the field independent of either Liberal or Conservative. About forty were present, of whom half were government supporters."

The Times' Nanaimo correspondent says: "The question as to where Mr. McInnes will run has been finally and definitely settled, and there is a complete clearing in the political atmosphere. A committee from North Nanaimo called upon Mr. McInnes yesterday afternoon and formally tendered him the nomination for that district, which he accepted. As soon as the committee left he was interviewed by your correspondent, and said: 'I will run pleased to measure and support any man or government that will give them effect. So far as the South Nanaimo district is concerned, I have just sent a communication to the secretary of the South Nanaimo committee informing him that I have accepted the nomination for that district, and therefore, will not have my name before the convention at Cedar on Saturday evening. I will start immediately on a visit to all parts of the district at Wellington. I am aware that I have a hard fight on hand, but have no fears as to the ultimate result.'"

Ralph Smith returned from Victoria yesterday and was very much surprised to learn that Mr. McInnes had received

the nomination in North Nanaimo. He disclaimed any connection whatever with the Nanaimo opposition to Mr. McInnes in North Nanaimo, and said that so far as he was concerned he would like to see Mr. McInnes elected.

"A few of Mr. Dixon's friends said that they are going to run him on an independent ticket. They affirm that their only reason for entering the convention was to find out the strength of the opposition to them and that they had no intention whatever of abiding by the result. Other influences are at work, however, and it is thought that there will be little trouble in inducing Mr. Dixon to withdraw, leaving the field to Mr. Bryden and Mr. McInnes."

"At the regular meeting of the Trades and Labor Council last evening resolutions were passed endorsing Ralph Smith's candidature and calling on organized labor to support him as he has always been an active worker in the cause of labor."

"Dr. Walkem announces that he is going to run in South Nanaimo as an independent candidate. He opposed Ralph Smith in this district two years ago and lost his deposit."

SAD FATALITY.

(Associated Press.)

Barrie, Ont., May 2.—News has reached here from Innisfail, about 15 miles from this place, of a horrible fatality which occurred last Wednesday. While playing in a barn, Gertrude Martin, aged eight years, got the prong of a pitchfork run into her head just below the left eye, the steel penetrating the base of the skull, paralyzing it. The little girl died on Sunday, never having regained consciousness. Her brother, a little boy of four, was playing with her at the time and can give no explanation as to how the accident occurred. All he can say is that he did not mean to do it.

Death Roll Increasing

Nearly Two Hundred Bodies Have Been Taken From the Schofield Mine.

Remains of Many of the Victims Still in the Workings.

(Associated Press.)

Salt Lake, Utah, May 3.—So far almost 200 bodies have been recovered from the Schofield mine, and it is thought that many bodies yet remain to bring the list of dead up to nearly 300.

Nobody entertains the faintest hope that there is a living man in the mine. It is now only a question of recovering the bodies of the victims, and that cannot be finished for days.

The fact that the rush of air from the mouth of the main entry of the mine was sufficient to blow a man and his team across a gulch almost 200 yards, will serve to indicate the force which was exerted within the workings of the mine, and in the immediate vicinity of the explosion.

The relief fund last night amounted to \$7,500, and contributions in the shape of money and provisions are being received from many places in and out of the state.

THE PHILADELPHIA STRIKE.

Dispute Between Labor Organizations Leads to Twelve Thousand Men Quitting Work.

(Associated Press.)

Philadelphia, Pa., May 3.—As a result of the action last night of the Allied Building Trades' Council in refusing to recognize the Brotherhood of Carpenters, the latter agreed to work on buildings regardless of whether union or non-union men were employed thereon so long as their union was not recognized.

In retaliation, the Allied Building Trades' Council this morning ordered out of its members wherever the Brotherhood of Carpenters are working.

Secretary Allan, of the Building Trades' Council, said that in consequence of this order about 12,000 additional men quit work after 8 o'clock this morning. This makes about 16,000 employed in the building trades now on strike in this city. This morning's order affected the exposition building, where hundreds of men are at work repairing the structure for the National Convention.

NEW YORK MYSTERY.

Chicago Politician Alleged to Be Implicated in Murder of a Young Woman.

(Associated Press.)

New York, May 3.—As the result of an autopsy on the body of "Mary Smith," which was exhumed yesterday, Assistant District Attorney Blumenthal to-day declared that she had been murdered. Considerable secrecy surrounds the case.

The young woman died last week in a flat, and the body was quietly buried at 2 o'clock in the morning.

Mr. Blumenthal said: "We have definitely fixed the guilt of three persons, one of whom is a prominent Chicago politician, and I expect to have their arrests accomplished within forty-eight hours."

He adds that the woman was of some social standing, but declined absolutely to give her real name.

AMERICANS SURROUNDED.

Four Soldiers Killed and Sixteen Wounded by Filipinos.

(Associated Press.)

Manila, May 3.—A dispatch received here to-day from Iloilo reports a desperate fight at Leambao, in the centre of the island of Panay. It appears that a reconnoitring party of the 26th Infantry was surrounded. Four of the Americans were killed and sixteen others, severely wounded, were left on the field. The remainder of the soldiers had a narrow escape.

The dispatch adds that reinforcements were sent from Iloilo as soon as the news of the affair was received, whereupon the Filipinos retreated to their mountains.

Letters From the Front

Capt. Blanchard in Command of A Co.—Hodgins With the Maxims.

Pte. Jones in the Yeomanry Hospital—Pte. Whitely Describes Engagement.

A Description of the Environment of Our Boys on Active Service.

A letter was received in the city this morning from a member of "A" Co. which gives a good insight into the conditions attending a campaign in such a country as South Africa. It is dated Bloemfontein, March 19th, and is in part as follows:

"You have no doubt heard of our wandering, but you have no conception of what our wandering was like. I wrote you shortly before we started on the last stage of the march, but after leaving the Modder River we struck across country, and did about 60 miles in four days, the first day doing over 21 miles. At the end of the fourth day we struck the road, about four miles south of here, and next day marched in."

"We are camped on the veldt about a mile southwest of the town. I can get in every other day. This is the first chance since leaving Belmont that we have had to buy grub, and we are reveling in it. I spent about £10 the first time I came to town in tea, coffee, milk, canned goods, etc. For two days the men had flour issued to them instead of bread or hard tack, and they had no way to cook it. I bought lard and baking powder for 'A' Company, and some large baking pans, and you ought to see the pancakes they made. If Dr. Hart saw them he would at once have ordered five pounds of psalms, but it does not seem to have injured their digestion as most of them are about as fit as can be."

"Some of the boys suffer from sore feet. While on the march, as a rule, went at 3.15 and fall in at 4.45, moving off at daylight. As I have no doubt told you before, we have no tents, and when it rains, which it does frequently now, those who have no rubber sheets get wet through, and those have get wet anyway."

"I have a shack at present made with two bamboo walking sticks for uprights and a bamboo whip for ridge pole. One side of the roof is a blanket and the other a rubber sheet. At night I open my Wooley bed and lie on it, covered with a blanket. My overcoat covers the upper part of me, my mackintosh covers the lower part of me. Last night it rained and when I got up there was enough water collected in a fold of my waterproof coat for me to wash with. You may talk about Elk lake water being bad, but I hope I will never complain again about it after the water I have had out here. You have often seen schools of war in the guts of a road. Well, we have been using water very similar to that a good part of the time since I left Belmont, and with half ration tea you often could not tell whether there was any tea in it or not from the color."

"I have been as busy as possible since arriving here, hardly having a minute to myself."

"I am writing this in Bloemfontein Club. I have been in town making a few purchases, which I overlooked on Saturday. On Saturday I bought some tea and coffee. Among other things I bought on the way out to camp both packages of 'broke' and there was a nice mess. I had to buy a pair of breeches, and they are a beautiful grey, of some cotton mixture, and consequently I am a sort of personification of a broken horse."

"All the Victoria boys are well and wish to be remembered to you."

In another letter, dated the 21st, the writer says: "It seems as though we are going to stay here some time, as one of our officers went to Belmont yesterday to bring up our tent. In fact everything left behind. I am looking for his return, as there are some things there that I want badly. It rained night before last and nearly everyone got wet as usual. I will be thankful when we get our tents again, so that we will be more comfortable. I must write to the Times and thank them for a file of papers they sent me. They are very much appreciated by the Victoria boys, who are hungry for news, all they get being in their letters."

"Sitting tailor fashion is not the most comfortable position in the world for writing, especially as I have to bend my neck to keep my head from hitting the ridge pole. I saw the list of non-coms. of the Fifth in the Times, who are now allotted to the companies. I must stop now as we go to mail to-day, and I have a lot of letters to answer. Again remember me to all the boys and girls."

A letter received from Capt. Blanchard to-day states that he is now in command of "A" Company since the death of Major Arnold. Lieut. Hodgins has been transferred to the command of the Maxims during Capt. Bell's illness. Lieut. Kaye has been transferred to "A" Company during this change.

It will be remembered that after the action at Sunnyside a report gained currency that W. Jones, one of the local volunteers, had fallen in action. The error arose through the death of a man bearing the same name, who belonged to the Victoria-Australia. All doubt on the subject is set at rest by the receipt, this morning, of the following letter from Pte. Jones, by W. J. McKewen, of the Oriental Hotel. The letter is dated Bloemfontein, March 22nd, and is as follows:

"I have time now to drop you a few lines to let you know that I am still in the land of the living, and was not killed at Sunnyside as reported. Our regiment had a hard time of it at Paardeberg, and I am glad to say made a name for itself. The Victoria section went in about 15 strong, and came out with 10. They had the hottest corner in the fight."

I am at present in the Yeomanry hospital down with rheumatism, but I hope to join the regiment again before long. The war is nearly over now, and we will be glad to get home again. Kindest regards to all old friends. Jas. W. Jones."

While the above conveys the impression that five Victoria boys fell at Paardeberg, the official returns, as is now well known, gave only four.

Pte. Whitely, stepson of ex-Chief Sheppard, sends another letter to his brother Charles, dated March 22nd, and sent from Bloemfontein. He says: "I thought I would write you a few lines and let you know that I am still alive. We have had some heavy marches lately, 19, 20 and 23 miles a day, but we got through all right, and arrived at the capital of the Orange Free State. It is dying around that we are going home in ten days time, but I don't think it is true. All of the men-of-war are going home to-morrow, and it looks as though the war was at an end. We don't hear much news about Buller in the Transvaal. We heard he was in Pretoria. We had bullets whizzing about our heads for a week, and it is not very nice at first but you soon get used to it. The night we were in the trenches and I lay down with two fellows under a tree, and about 3 o'clock in the morning the bullets started to sing about our heads. Some would lodge at our feet and some at our heads. We just lay for a while then we thought it was time to shift. It kept up for two hours, and then we got in the trenches under the Shropshires fire. The Gordons had fixed bayonets, too. Then we crawled up to them, but had to retire, but they soon showed us the white flag and surrendered to the Canadians. Charley, this is a great place. There are some fine buildings, and lots of fine cattle. There is an order out for thirty men to join the mounted corps for a while. I don't want to stay."

"W. WHITELY."

The Turkish Questions

Conditions Under Which Ambassadors Will Consent to Increase of Duties.

Payment of Indemnity of Foreigners to Be Dealt With Later.

(Associated Press.)

Constantinople, May 3.—The ambassadors have decided to reply to the Porte's note of April 29th regarding the increase of duties as follows:

"The embassies note the Porte's declaration that it does not intend to introduce any unilateral measure and will hasten to inform their government of the result. The ambassadors have decided to make their consent to an increase of duties on the removal of the abuses in the matter of chemical analysis, the suppression of warehouse duties and the abolition of the stipulation whereby articles not specified in the tariffs may be interdicted, confiscated or destroyed. The ambassadors have decided to make the payment of indemnity to foreigners a separate question, and to deal therewith at a later date."

No Reply to America.

Constantinople, May 2.—The Porte has not replied to the American note regarding the indemnity claims.

Ismael's Escape.

Constantinople, May 3.—The Egyptian steamer Tewfik Babiana, having on board Ismael Kemal Bey, who was reported on April 30th to have mysteriously disappeared, passed through the Dardanelles this morning without incident. At the last moment the Sultan, through Redvan Pasha, unsuccessfully tried to persuade Ismael to abandon his decision to go abroad.

TO THE DEAF.—A rich lady, cured her Deafness and Noise in the Head, by Dr. Nicholas's Antiseptic Ear Drops, has sent £1,000 to his Institute, so that deaf people may have them free. Apply to Department X. N. The Institute, 780 Eighth Avenue, New York, U. S. A.

CELEBRATION AT NANAIMO.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, May 1.—Only twenty-one people attended the meeting held last evening called for the purpose of discussing the celebration of the Queen's birthday. It was finally decided to adjourn until Friday evening of this week. After the meeting the matter was discussed on the streets and many people were of the opinion that it would be better for Nanaimo to join with Victoria in celebrating May 24th, if the latter would help the Coal City in the Labor Day celebration.

MOTHER AND SON SAVED.

Catarrh Had Plunged Them, But Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder Out the Cords and Freed Them From the Disease.

Mrs. W. A. Steele, 24 Inkerman street, Toronto, says: "For months and months I suffered torments from pain in my head, caused by acute chronic catarrh. I used Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder and found it a perfect specific. My son was also a victim of this malady for three years and suffered a great deal. Doctors could not cure him, but one application of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder gave him great relief, and it cured him in an incredibly short time."

If you had taken two of Carter's Little Liver Pills before retiring you would not have had that coated tongue or bad taste in your mouth this morning. Keep a vial with you for occasional use.

CASTORA

For Infants and Children.

Castor Oil is the best and most successful makers of homemade carpets, mats and door rugs use the Diamond Dyes to color their rugs, yarns and wares.

Every home dyer knows well that the Diamond Dyes give the fastest and brightest colors, and are the simplest dyes to use.

Mrs. A. Y. Field, Bathurst St., Toronto, says: "During the last ten years I have made many mats and rugs from wool and cotton rags and coarse yarns. The dyeing of the mats and yarns I have always done with Diamond Dyes, as they give the richest and strongest colors. I am fully convinced that the Diamond Dyes are the safest and cheapest for all who make carpets, mats and rugs. I would not use any other kind of dyes."

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

Victoria Meteorological Office.

April 25th to May 1st, 1900.

In this section of the province the weather for the past week has been most unusually fine, and bright sunshine, warm days and cool nights have been the rule. The barometer has ranged from 29.98 to 30.31 inches. There has been no rainfall, and the sunshine recorder has registered nearly 80 hours of bright sunshine. On the 25th a moderate westerly gale occurred. Areas of low pressure have occupied Oakeshott and show has fallen at Barkerville and Calgary.

Records of Other Stations.

New Westminster—Range of barometer, 29.85 to 30.34; no rain; highest temperature, 78th on the 30th; lowest, 36 on the 6th and 7th.

Kamloops—Range of barometer, 29.80 to 30.44; no rain; highest temperature, 80 on the 1st inst.; lowest, 36 on the 28th.

Barkerville—Range of barometer, 29.78 to 30.48; precipitation, .02; highest temperature, 76 on the 29th and 1st; lowest, 20 on the 25th and 28th.

Rainfall appears to be needed again in most places.

CANADIAN NEWS.

(Associated Press.)

Montreal, May 2.—The name of Rev. Mr. Maggs, a well known member of the British Wesleyan conference, is announced conditionally as principal of Wesleyan Theological College, of this city, in succession to Rev. Dr. Shaw, who has retired from that office. Mr. Maggs is a B.A. of London University, and a B.A. of St. Andrews.

Rev. Abbe Jules C. Delisle, director of the Seminary of Philosophy, died suddenly this morning, aged 72 years.

Hon. C. H. Mackintosh, of Rossland, B.C., leaves here this evening for that city, where he intends conducting a series of political meetings.

Quebec, May 2.—A landslide occurred about two miles above Hadlow on the south shore of St. Lawrence about 5 o'clock last night. About ten tons of rock fell from a cliff above, dislodging a couple of houses at the base and covering the railway track. The Intercolonial Montreal express ran into the slide, and the engine, baggage car and colonist car were badly damaged. The driver and fireman were slightly injured, but the passengers escaped without injury.

Toronto, May 2.—Rev. Dr. Sutherland, secretary of Methodist missions, left here yesterday for Manitoba and British Columbia.

Justice Ross has dismissed the case of Clarence McCune, of Montreal, against George Gooderham, to enforce an option in favor of plaintiff or his nominee, alleged to be contained in an agreement between the defendant and plaintiff and one Williamson, to purchase 35,000 paid up shares of War Eagle Consolidated Mining Company at eight cents a share.

Hamilton, May 3.—The inland revenue returns for this port for April were \$46,218, a decrease compared with April, 1899, of \$11,052.

Kingston, May 3.—The Queen's University yesterday conferred the degree of M. D. upon Rev. Armstrong Black, of St. Andrew's church, Toronto. The degree of LL.D. was conferred upon W. D. Lesueur, Ottawa.

Ottawa, May 3.—The relief fund to date amounts to \$428,933.

Henri Bourassa, M. P., who acted as one of the secretaries of the high joint commission, appeared before the public accounts committee of the House of Commons this morning in connection with a bill for \$2,200 as his expenses. Nothing new transpired outside the fact that Mr. Bourassa said the average expenses for the whole session of the commission were \$14 a day.

Montreal, May 3.—A branch of the Red Cross Society has been organized here. The membership is composed of some of the most prominent citizens.

John Conway, for six years superintendent of the Lachine canal, died suddenly at the Balmoral hotel last evening. Death was due to apoplexy. Deceased was 40 years of age and was the son of Michael Conway, former superintendent of the same canal.

Montreal horse show will be opened this evening by His Excellency Lord Minto.