

FACTORY LOT FOR SALE

in east end, 96 x 237, with railway sid- ing...

PROBS: Fair and moderately cold; then milder, with light falls of snow or rain.

GRAFT INVESTIGATOR HIMSELF INVESTIGATED

Reeve Fleet of Ingersoll Charged With Handling Nearly \$10,000 of County's Money Without an Accounting...

JUDGE FINKLE ON THE GRILL TO-DAY

WOODSTOCK, Jan. 30.—(Special.)—Ye gods, but the Oxford County graft enquiry has given human interest a feast to-day.

Sam M. Fleet, reeve of Ingersoll, who was one of the foremost in the agitation for a government inspection into graft rumors that have been rife in the county...

Judge Finkle will be put on the witness stand in the morning to clear his skirts of suspicions that he may have been amenable to "palm greasing" while an arbitrator on the sale of a toll road to the county.

E. F. E. Johnston, K.C., chief crown investigator, was also called upon to vindicate himself and the crown concerning common rumors around here that he had entered into a secret agreement to call his dogs off of Mr. Buchanan, "county boss" and ex-warden, who was accredited with several charges of taking graft.

Mr. Johnston was white with rage when the court opened this afternoon. "It is said in Woodstock, my lord," he announced, "that some agreement has been entered into between Mr. Buchanan and me. That is absolutely false, and I wish to investigate all matters that should be investigated, and if they are not investigated it will be the fault of the people of this county who brought me in not coming forward with their information."

Called Reeve Fleet. Later on in the proceedings, Mr. Johnston started the crowded court room by calling upon Sam M. Fleet, reeve of Ingersoll, who was chairman of the committee which petitioned the government for an investigation and hired detectives to trace up cases and seek out facts for prosecution.

Judge Sutherland announced that it was charged that Fleet had in the past three years spent upwards of \$10,000 on good roads in Ingersoll, for which no accounting was given.

Mr. Johnston asked the witness to explain how much of the county's money was entrusted to him during the years of 1908, 1909 and 1910.

Fleet fumbled amongst some slips of paper, but could not make his estimates tally with the county cheque book, which accredited him with \$3022 in 1908, \$2356.18 in 1910, and \$3109 in 1909, a total of \$8477.18.

Idle Talk-Bearing. "You have talked a good deal about this investigation. You have taken it into your hands. You have taken it into your hands. You have taken it into your hands."

CREMATED IN CABOOSE

C. P. R. Brakeman Caught in Debris and Burned to Death. THAMESFORD, Jan. 30.—(Robt. Lane, a Canadian Pacific brakeman, was burned to death in his caboose which took fire this afternoon after being wrecked.

A. CECIL GIBSON INJURED

Well-Known Barrister in Serious Condition as Result of Fall From Car. A. Cecil Gibson, barrister, 64 St. Albans-street, in his home in a serious condition as a result of a fall from a Yonge-street car at 3:10 last night.

S R JAMES AND THE POWER RATES

On Friday last The World gave currency to a report which has been heard in different parts of the country to the effect that there is a deal on to sell out the municipalities, and especially Toronto, to the electric corporation, by handing the control of the hydro-electric power rates over to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board.

An ominous silence has attended the mention of this report. Sir James Whitney owes it to the public to set at rest the anxiety that such a suspicion arouses among his friends.

It is time that he should know if he is not already aware of it, that it is feared that he may be induced by the people who have tried, more than any others, to knife him when, as he declared, he had his back against the wall, to consent to some arrangement that will destroy all that has been accomplished to get cheap power for the people by the hydro policy.

It is said that Toronto may be compelled to charge such high rates under the control of a body like the railway board, in which, Sir James must know, the people of Ontario have not the same confidence as they have in his-ol leagues, Messrs. Beck and Hendrie, or as Toronto people have in Mr. McNaught, that the city may be compelled, against its will and interest, to buy the Electric Light Co. out, in order to secure cheap light.

If the friends and advisers of Sir Henry Pellatt believe that he has such influence over Sir James as that, it is time for Sir James to undeceive them. The people of Ontario cannot imagine that Sir James would sell them out.

HYDRO KNOCKER BUSY

Because of Interruption by Storm, Spreads Absurd Stories. LONDON, Ont., Jan. 30.—London today is without electric power so far as the hydro-electric is concerned, and two of the biggest plants, McClary's and White's, have been obliged to partially close down.

P. W. Sothman, chief engineer of the commission, was shown the above, and said characteristically that the last paragraph was sheer nonsense. "In California and Colorado the towers are placed 1000 and even 300 feet apart, and I do not think any of them are less than 600 feet and most of them 650 feet. Our towers are only 500 feet apart, and are a little closer together than those of the Electrical Development Co. lines."

There was a break at St. Mary's of two of the insulators of the lightning arrestors and one at Stratford in the storm last night. This was the cause of the break in the service.

WELLESLEY MURDER CASE

Little Evidence of Importance—Inquest Again Adjourned. BERLIN, Ont., Jan. 30.—The inquest into the murder of Franz Lebinski at his lonely shack near Wellesley Village, a couple of weeks ago, was resumed at Wellesley this afternoon.

Little evidence of importance was brought out and Captain Dr. Glazier decided that there was not sufficient warrant bringing in a verdict, and again adjourned the inquest until Feb. 15.

Philip and Martin Nowak, recalled, stated that they spent Wednesday night, Jan. 11, at the home of their brother-in-law, Mr. Sobich, a few miles north of Waterloo, where they played cards, retired at 1 o'clock, and did not visit near Lebinski for nearly nine weeks previous to the murder. Their story was corroborated by evidence given by their father and mother, sister and another brother.

THE FARMER AND THE TARIFF

Hon. Sydney Fisher Sees Great Trade in Butter Ahead of Quebec. COWANSVILLE, Que., Jan. 30.—The reciprocity agreement with the United States came to the fore to-day at the opening session of the District of Bedford Dairyman's Association.

Hon. S. A. Fisher said the free admission of butter and cheese, milk and cream at one New York and Boston and the towns of the New England States and the men who had been handling the goods for the English market might be the best, but he was of the opinion that the advantages of the new arrangement would be infinitely greater.

A. J. Brice of Montreal wanted to know what would be the position in regard to Irish, Australian and New Zealand butter, to which Mr. Fisher replied that he had no doubt but that all the British Empire would be given the same advantages as Canada gave to the United States.

At the evening session Mr. A. A. Aves of Montreal vigorously combated the deal that reciprocity agreement was a good thing for the Canadian dairyman, as it would have the effect of taking them out of a market they had made great efforts to gain, and leave them at the mercy of the United States Congress.

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A GARDEN WRECKER



MISS COLUMBIA AND MISS CANADA (together): Keep That Hen on Your Own Side the Fence, Please.

HOUSE DECLINES TO ABOLISH THE SENATE

General Sentiment of Members, However, in Favor of Reform of Upper Chamber — W. F. Maclean, M.P., Makes a Suggestion for a Six Year Term, With Appointments by Legislatures as Well as by Dominion Government. OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—(Special.)—For the third successive time during the present parliament the resolution of A. E. Lancaster (Lincoln), for the abolition of the senate, was defeated in the house of commons.

LOWER DUTIES ANYWAY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—In the course of the debate on the tariff board, Champ Clark, Democratic leader, who will be Speaker after March 4, said the Democrats proposed to carry out their pledges to revise the tariff downward.

PRELATES IN CONFERENCE

Important Meeting of Roman Catholic Bishops Opens To-Day. A conference of Roman Catholic archbishops and bishops will be held in Toronto to-day of a most representative character.

REFORM, NOT ABOLITION.

He thought that a case had been made out, not for the abolition, but for the reform of the senate. If something was not done in the way of reform there would be a wider agitation for abolition, representing the interests of the farming interest, is not sufficiently represented in the senate.

FARMERS NOT REPRESENTED.

Mr. Maclean: I do not claim superior excellencies for the universities or the professions, but I do claim that the working interests and the farming interests should be better represented in the senate.

BUFFALO FAVORS PACT.

BUFFALO, Jan. 30.—The board of aldermen to-day passed two resolutions approving the enactment of the Canadian-American reciprocity agreement.

Montreal Cuts N.Y. Grain Trade

Interstate Commission Hears Complaints of American Shipping Companies as to Inroads of the Dominion. NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Many great ocean steamships leaving New York now go out ballasted with water where once they carried grain. So the interstate commerce commission heard here to-day when it resumed the adjourned hearing relative to the alleged discrimination of railway grain rates against New York and in favor of Montreal.

ONE ON OLD LONDON.

Mr. Justice Riddell asked the witness if he had seen any uncomfortable overcrowding of London buses, and witness replied that he had never seen a London bus that was comfortable. This brought a laugh from the counsel and a rebuke from the judge.

YALE KNEELING.

Yale Knelling, a member of the firm of Powers, Son & Co., grain exporters, testified to schedules compiled from actual shipments which were intended to show that the railroads would make more money to-day if the four-cent rate on grain between Buffalo and New York was in force.

THREE HUNDRED KILLED.

MANILA, Jan. 30.—Latest government reports confirm the previous report that 300 persons have been killed by the earthquakes and eruption of Mount Taal.

MACKENZIE KING'S MISSION.

OTTAWA, Jan. 30.—Hon. Mackenzie King will leave for New York in a day or two, to make an appeal to the Diamond Match Co. to relinquish their rights in Canada to the use of the sequi sulphide patent.

ALL CITY'S FAULT-TAL ON TRADE SAYS MANAGER FLEMING

Company Can't Add Cars Without Causing Danger of Collisions, so Jury is Informed — Expenditure of \$2,000,000 on New Lines and Equipment Promised.

Those who were waiting for a pyrotechnical display of repartee when Robert J. Fleming, general manager of the Toronto Railway Co., came up for cross-examination by Corporation Counsel Drayton, in the criminal assizes in connection with the street railway case yesterday afternoon, suffered a keen disappointment.

The genial general manager, who was on the witness stand for something over an hour and a half, refused to be led into anything like an argument. Mr. Drayton's examination was at all times to the point. Mr. Fleming was the last witness but one in the trial of the railway company, for maintaining a nuisance, and his testimony went to show that the company is prepared at all times to carry out the city's wishes as regards regulating over-crowding if apprised of what the city's wishes in the matter really are.

The last witness was heard just previous to adjournment, and when court resumed at 11 o'clock this morning Mr. Justice Riddell will submit to the jury a number of questions he prepared last night, with the request that they bring in a special verdict. If they refuse to do this, he will submit the case for a general verdict. If the jury agree to bring in a verdict on the questions submitted the counsel will address them on those questions and while they are out arriving at a verdict, the counsel will argue the legal aspects of the case before the court.

Considerable time was lost at the morning session in waiting for Ralph Hamilton, a jurymen delayed by a late train. When the court got down to business David H. Bastedo, a fur dealer, on Roxborough-avenue, was called to testify on behalf of the railway company, and he ventured an opinion that the only way to lessen the overcrowding was to decrease the population. He declared that he had seen crowding in the London tram cars as well as in other large European cities.

TRAVERS NOT RESIGNED FROM KEELEY BOARD

He is Determined in Opposition to Selling Mine—Bank Cases Adjourned. W. R. Travers is still a director of the Keeley Mines, Limited, and, as exclusively announced in The World, he has repeatedly refused to resign from the directorate.

A GOOD BEGINNING.

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EARL GREY COMPETITION.

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WINTER YET.

This cold weather promises to hold for some time and prospects for real old-time winter days look pretty good. There is nothing so useful as a fur-lined coat for men's wear, and Dinesen in the big January sale is offering these as low as \$30. Muskrat lined coats with Persian lamb or Otter collars and lapels—outside of beaver cloth—from \$25 to \$70.

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SPACE FOR RENT New Standard Bank Bldg., King and York; excellent light, food elevator, space arranged to suit tenants. H. H. WILLIAMS & CO., 28 King St. W., Opposite King Edward Hotel.

More of the "Brotherly Hand" Line of Talk; With an Open Reference to "Commercial Union"—Uncle Sam is Looking Out for Number One. WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The last public utterances of President McKinley in favor of reciprocity, made the day before he was assassinated at Buffalo, were recalled to-night by President Taft in an address at the Ohio Society's anniversary banquet in commemoration of the McKinley birthday.

The broadening effect of the national reciprocity McKinley had had to carry," said President Taft, "shows itself in no respect more conspicuously than in this change of view on his part in respect of a policy of which he had always been the chief exponent. May we not hope that the change that he advocated may be found expressed in our national policy towards our good neighbor on the north, who has come half way to meet us?"

"The Canadian agreement, if confirmed by legislative action, will be a fitting close to a century's controversies, and permanently establish good feeling and commercial union between kindred peoples. We shall find a rapidly increasing market for our numerous products among the people of our neighbor. We shall deepen and widen the sources of our food supply in territory close at hand."

"Our kinship, our common sympathies, our similar moral and social ideas, furnish the strongest argument for supporting this agreement." "Canada is our neighbor, 3000 miles. We have not always acted toward her in a manner most conciliatory or with due regard to her sensitivities. It has become a great country—indeed a nation. She causes us to use no forts or battlements. She does not attack us and never will. She extends the brotherly hand of friendship and proposes close relations with mutual benefits. Ought we to decline? The last words of McKinley urge acceptance. I am proud as a son of Ohio to bring forward for approval and ratification a reciprocity carrying out the policy which he proclaimed and made his own at the acme of his great career."

U. S. Not to Be Hit. "He (McKinley) felt the expansion of this country into a great world power. He saw the future growth of his commerce with other nations. He came to know that a policy of protection was too provincial a view of it was time to moderate it. He continued to believe in protection enough to prevent our industries from being destroyed by competition under conditions abroad that were impossible here, but he proposed to mitigate the exclusiveness of a protective tariff by reciprocity treaties which should reduce the injury to any class of our producers or manufacturers, and would secure more favorable markets for our own goods."

"I use his language, uttered on the day before he fell by the hand of the assassin: 'By sensible trade arrangements, which will not interrupt our home production, we shall extend the outlets for our increasing surplus. We should take from our customers such of their products as we can use without harm to our industries and labor. Reciprocity is our natural outgrowth of our wonderful industrial development under the domestic policy now firmly established.'"

A Market for American Goods. "What we produce beyond our domestic consumption must have a vent abroad. The excess must be relieved thru a foreign outlet and we should sell everywhere, not only to extend over the buying will enlarge our sales and productions and thereby make a greater demand for home labor. "A policy of good will and friendly trade relations will bring reprisals. Reciprocity treaties are in harmony with the spirit of the times; measures of retaliation are not. If perchance some of our interests are not now covered for revenue or to encourage and protect our industries at home, why should they not be employed to extend and promote our markets abroad?"

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