

Meets With General Favor

Proposal to Make Twenty-Fourth of May a Perpetual Holiday.

Government Will Introduce Bill Giving Effect to Mr. MacDonald's Idea.

From Our Own Correspondent.
Ottawa, Jan. 25.—The proposal to make May 24 a permanent holiday in honor of the late Sir John A. Macdonald, credit is given to Senator MacDonald, of Victoria, as the father of the idea. The government will introduce a bill to give effect to the proposal at the coming session.

The Canada Gazette to-morrow will contain the text of an official proclamation announcing the accession of King Edward VII. This proclamation was received from the colonial office today. It corrects certain clerical errors which appear in the proclamation issued here on Wednesday, and gives the King his full title, including that of Emperor of India.

It is understood that Col. Foster, quartermaster-general, will become commander of the Royal Military College, and that Col. Otter will succeed Foster as quartermaster-general.

A telegram from Lord Strathcona states that he has received the following personal message from the King, in reply to one sent by the High Commissioner: "I am much touched by your kind telegram of sympathy, and I am very kindly conveyed to the inhabitants of the Dominion my warm thanks."

Mr. Maxwell left for home to-day.

GONE TO CUBA.
Sir William Van Horne Makes Another Trip to the Island.

Montreal, Jan. 25.—R. G. Ward, formerly with the Southern railway, was today appointed manager of construction of the Cuban Railway Company, in succession to the late Frank Brothers. Sir William Van Horne, president of the company, left this evening for New York, en route to Cuba.

WANT AMNESTY.
Burglars Think to Grant It Would Hasten Return of Peace.

Pretoria, Jan. 24.—Signs of sorrow over the death of the Queen are visible everywhere. Even the burglars show sympathy. It is reported that several burglars who have been arrested in the past few days, are now being held in custody, and that they are being treated with special consideration.

NORWEGIAN DISASTER.
Thirty-Five People Perish in Hurricane—Many Boats Sink.

Tromsø, Norway, Jan. 24.—Thirty-five persons perished in a hurricane at Herø on January 22. Sixty boats were sunk in the harbor and eight houses blown down.

TELEGRAPH BRIEFS.
Sir John Cairns is reported very seriously ill. Owen Collins has committed suicide at Chatham, severing an artery in his wrist. Five Japanese consuls have been ordered to leave Vancouver yesterday under the Immigration Act.

The Ontario legislature is to be asked at the coming session to authorize the erection of a statue to the late Sir John A. Macdonald, Queen's Park.

A carriage containing Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schron, of Brantford, Ont., was struck by a train at a crossing near Brantford. Schron was killed and his wife probably fatally injured.

The Chinese have requested the immediate return of the military expedition to the removal of the Chinese from the early as possible. The Chinese are also anxious to have the indemnity payable to the various nations settled before an international commission.

ABOLISH PORTFOLIO.
Quebec Colonization Department Amalgamated with Public Works.

Montreal, Jan. 24.—Mayor Prefontaine arrived this morning from Quebec and announced that the portfolio of colonization will be abolished and ex-Ald. H. B. Babin will be the next speaker of the next provincial assembly. The department of colonization will be amalgamated with the department of public works.

COWICHAN COUNCIL.
New Reeve and Councilors Inaugurate Business for the Year.

Cowichan, Jan. 23.—Our new council opened for business at a public stand on Monday. As an incidental indication of the excellent spirit which prevails, and some proof that no shadow of self-interest projects itself into the municipal politics, it may be mentioned that the re-elected town clerk, Mr. J. A. Wood, J. P., who heartily congratulated him on his election. The following form the new council: Reeve, J. A. Wood, Esq.; Councillors, Messrs. A. B. Herd, H. Bonnell, J. H. Whitmore, G. Dobson, H. McNeill, J. H. Whidden; for Chemainus, Messrs. J. Crozier, L. G. Hill, J. H. McNeill, J. H. Whidden; for Chemainus, Messrs. W. C. Duncan, T. A. Wood, H. Bonnell, A. B. Herd; finance viewers, Major Mutton, Messrs. N. W. Campbell, J. Watson, A. McKinnon; finance committee, Councillors H. Bonnell and A. B. Herd. The balance sheet for 1900 was read and ordered to be posted up for the information of the taxpayers. Bills totalling about \$300 were ordered paid. The road inspector was directed to go over the roads and make an estimate of the amount required to put them in good shape, and the clerk was instructed to prepare the new assessment roll. The two new, young and energetic councilors were to the fore with notices of motion—Mr. Whitmore to repeal the Indemnity By-law, and Mr. Dobson to amend the Revenue By-law. The council adjourned till Saturday, February 16.

Mr. C. H. Dickie, M.P.P., has been suffering from a sharp attack of influenza. Happily he is now steadily progressing on the road to complete recovery. Yesterday the flags floating at half-mast from our public buildings told the community the fatal tidings which have plunged a vast Empire in deepest gloom.

DOWAGER EMPRESS FREDERICK Reports From Cronberg Say She Is Feeling Better.

Berlin, Jan. 24.—According to a despatch from Cronberg, the Empress Augusta Victoria, in the course of the morning walked with the Dowager Empress Frederick for an hour in the park, afterwards returning to Homburg.

The Dowager Empress, Frederick passed a quiet night and has had an uneventful day.

MINER KILLED.
Runaway Car Injured Him So That He Died Two Hours Later.

Nanaimo, Jan. 23.—(Special)—Campio Mazzarini was injured so badly by a runaway box car in Extension shaft that he died two hours later. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict of accidental death, but recommended that the company place drags on all boxes used on inclines, and suggested that the coal mining inspector see this carried out.

Mrs. Joseph Neen, a resident of this city for many years, died this morning at length of illness. She was a native of England, aged 38.

DUBLIN'S MAYOR-ELECT.
Makes a Disloyal Utterance and Causes Angry Scene.

Dublin, Jan. 23.—The lord mayors of Irish cities were chosen to-day. In Dublin, Sir Thomas D. Pile, who was last year's successful candidate, withdrew, and Mr. Timothy Charles Harrington, member of parliament for the Harbour division of Dublin, was elected without opposition.

The following was the text of a resolution proposed by Lord Mayor Pile: "We beg respectfully to tender to members of the royal family our sincere sympathy with them and our feelings of deep regret at the great affliction that has befallen them in the death of Her Majesty Queen Victoria."

The amendment proposed by Mr. Harrington, who is the Lord Mayor-elect, was as follows: "Without in any way detracting from the high personal qualities of the deceased, and carefully feelings against any expression of feelings worthy of the traditions of our nation, this council must decline in the present political condition of Ireland, to take part in any demonstration of loyalty to the English throne." The introduction of the amendment led to an angry scene.

THE ISLAND PROVINCE.
Still Suffering From the Election Complaint—Protests Filed.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Jan. 23.—(Special)—Attorney-General, Peters and Mr. James H. Cumiskey, commissioner of public works, whose seats in the legislature became vacant upon their election to the federal House of Commons, were today elected by acclamation.

The Conservatives nominated candidates to oppose B. Rogers, minister of agriculture. To-day being the last day for filing petitions against the return of members elected at the general elections in December, twenty petitions were filed, seven being against Conservatives and thirteen against Liberals. No petitions were filed against the members returned for Summerside, Charlottetown, and the first and second districts of Prince county.

U. S. DEFENCES.
Fortification Bill Reported to the House of Representatives.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The fortification appropriation bill, providing for the construction of the coast defense, was reported to the house to-day by the house committee on appropriations. The bill provides for the construction of the coast defense, and the construction of the coast defense, and the construction of the coast defense.

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What Vessel Has Been Lost?

Believed Salmon Ashore Near Astoria Came From One of two Ships.

All Brands Found Loaded on Ardnamurchan—Other Wreckage Found.

A search of the manifests of the salmon fleet which sailed from this province for the United Kingdom, carrying British Columbia salmon, seems to point to the fact that the victim of the gales—either the Ardnamurchan or the Machrihanish. Cases marked similar to those which have been washed ashore were loaded on both these ships.

On the Ardnamurchan much of the cargo consisted of the Vancouver Packing Co.'s salmon, and that of the Carley Canning Co., cases of which, as well as of the first-named brand, are among those washed ashore. Cases of the Federation Brand Company's salmon were also on both these ships; in fact there were some consignments of this brand on all the vessels of the fleet, with the exception of the Fleet Cross, which was bound to London and would therefore have on board no cases marked for Liverpool, similarly to those which are not considered in the speculation on the "street" which followed the reading of the news in yesterday's Colonist.

Nor is it considered likely that the salmon can have come from the bark Naiaid, which sailed from port during more stormy weather than any of the other vessels, for that vessel did not carry Vancouver Packing Co.'s salmon or any from the Carley Canning Co., the mark of which is the "F" and the "C". The Clan Mackenzie is also accounted safe by the speculators, for she did not have on board cases marked as those found on both these ships.

The manifest of all were gone over by salmon shippers yesterday, and the tracing resulted in the singling out of these two ships as those carrying salmon bearing the marks of the cases of concern. It is to all those in the cases found near Astoria. The Ardnamurchan sailed from the Fraser on December 3, consigned to Liverpool, and the Machrihanish from the Fraser on December 29, with a cargo of 75,578 cases of salmon. She was a fine British ship owned by a Glasgow firm. On her voyage, she touched a reef near Cape Flattery, but was repaired before commencing her return voyage.

While loading on the Fraser a change of master was made in the vessel, Capt. Cossman leaving her and taking the command of the vessel. She was built eleven years ago. The Machrihanish sailed from the Fraser on December 29 with 68,060 cases. She was the same firm as the Ardnamurchan.

The seas have been terribly rough off the Oregon coast of late, for besides the loss of the two ships, the finding of which is causing uneasiness for the salmon-carriers, immense boulders and great quantities of driftwood, and other debris, have been thrown high on the beach, and many of them of rare beauty and unknown species, have been washed up by the heavy surf of the recent weather.

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SMITH VS. EMPRESS.
An Application to Fix the Date of Trial Is Adjourned.

E. V. Bodwell, J.C., and W. J. Taylor, J.C., before Mr. Justice Martin, in chambers, yesterday morning, applied to the court for an order to adjourn the trial of the case of Smith vs. the Empress of Japan, against the C. P. R. steamship Empress of Japan, which was held on the 28th inst. would be due on her return to port for six months.

A HARMLESS LUNATIC.
Tried to Hand a Letter to the King at Victoria Station.

London, Jan. 24.—The vagaries of an apparently harmless lunatic occasioned some excitement at Victoria station today. During the entraining of the King for Osborne House, a well-dressed individual, his client as the Abbie Palmer against the C. P. R. steamship Empress of Japan, which was held on the 28th inst. would be due on her return to port for six months.

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