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TOGO MAY HAVE FOUGHT VLADIVOSTOCK SQUADRON

Tokio Unusually Secretive and First News Would Come Another Way—Sound of Firing in Eastern Sea Lends Color.

Hue, Upper Cochin China, May 17.—Five days have passed without official information of Rojestvensky's movements, and naval strategists are puzzled by the silence respecting him. It was rumored this morning that the Russian admiral had bent his course for the Philippines, with the intention of skirting those islands in a dash for the ocean, and, by a wide detour, making Vladivostock before Togo could head him off. Other reports, however, had him still heading for Formosa, apparently determined to risk passage thru Formosa Straits to the Eastern Sea. The report of heavy firing in the direction of the Eastern Sea brought in yesterday, tho, was accepted as news of the Vladivostock squadron rather than of the Baltic fleet, if it meant Russian ships were in action.

That Rojestvensky shortly must hazard all on a sea fight still is the general belief of naval officers here. He could not hope to return to the west, it is pointed out, even if the Russian policy contemplated averting the sacrifice of his ships. It is known, too, the admiralty in St. Petersburg is eager to make a despairing attempt to break Togo's strength, and that Rojestvensky's return without a fight would be equivalent to resignation of his commission. The Russian bureaucrats, military experts say, must still be ignorant of actual conditions in the far east, and for that reason it is believed strong pressure has been brought to bear on Admiral Rojestvensky in despatches from his government to accept battle or even force it. A minority of the experts incline to the belief that the Russian admiralty has not ordered Rojestvensky to abandon his policy of delay.

Vice-Admiral Togo's desire also is an important factor in the probability of a battle. It is conceded the Japanese commander has no motive for avoiding an engagement. Kammimura's squadron may be incapable of protracted action with Rojestvensky, but when Togo moves his battleships against the Russian, the Japs are likely to have a decided advantage. Experts cannot see how Rojestvensky could withstand and assault from Togo and Kammimura in force.

Kammimura's swift cruisers would harass and decimate the Russian fleet, and Togo's battleships soon or late would pound Rojestvensky's biggest ships to pieces. That a battle even now may be in progress is more than possible. Tokio has been unusually secretive in the past few days, and if Togo has destroyed the Vladivostock squadron in the Eastern Sea it is not probable the first news thereof will issue from the Japanese government.

TOGO WATCHES.

Tokio, May 17.—The admiralty is silent in respect of the naval operations in the South China Sea and adjacent waters. It is known thru semi-official channels that Vice-Admiral Togo is in touch with all the Russian admiral's movements. A report that Rojestvensky was trying to gain the Pacific by way of the Philippines was circulated here last evening, but official confirmation was lacking.

EXPECT FIGHT SOON.

St. Petersburg, May 18.—With a suspicious stoppage of despatches from Manchuria and a strong possibility that Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky has cut his last communications with home and set forth on the final stage of his journey to his goal, either Togo or Vladivostock, keen interest is manifested in naval and military circles here in the twofold field of war.

The conviction is growing that the united squadrons departed from the Annam coast immediately after their juncture, and naval officials are anxiously expecting news of the first skirmish between scouts of the hostile fleets.

Neither the admiralty nor individual officers have any information regarding the rumored request of Vice-Admiral Rojestvensky to be relieved.

The Associated Press was informed late last night that Vice-Admiral Birilleff would be sent to Vladivostock, which possibly accounts for the origin of the rumor.

ONTARIO CATTLE TO TRY TO GET S. AFRICAN TRADE

Ottawa, May 17.—(Special.)—Thomas Bradshaw, live stock purchase agent for the Dominion government, has secured 50 head of young cows, all under four years old, and two bulls, for shipment to South Africa. The cattle were bought near Toronto and are of the Ayrshire and short horn breed. The shipment is being made by the Dominion government in an effort to secure the South African stock trade for Canada. They will be placed on the government farms in the Orange River Colony, near Bloemfontein.

CARONIA STILL STUCK.

New York, May 17.—The big Cunarder Caronia is to-night still fast on Flynn's Knoll, off Sandy Hook, on which she grounded Tuesday afternoon. When high tide served this afternoon six powerful tugs and a steam pilot boat strained and pulled at many hawsers and the big ship turned her own screws in an effort to slide her bows from the mud, but in vain. If she does not float to-morrow, a portion of the cargo in the forward holds will be lightered.

TO FIGHT THE TYPOS.

Atlanta, Ga., May 17.—The National Manufacturers' Association in annual session here to-night, "as individuals and as consumers of printing," pledged support to the employing printers of America in the cases that may result from the demand on Jan. 1, 1906, by the International Typographical Union for an 8-hour day.

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AFRAID OF THE JAPS.

Buffalo, May 17.—The structural building trades alliance at to-day's session adopted a resolution committing the alliance to petition congress and the Canadian government to enact laws prohibiting Japanese and Koreans from entering the United States and Canada.

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THE PATHS OF GLORY.

London, May 17.—A despatch to a newsagency from St. Petersburg says that Ivan Kalieff, who assassinated Grand Duke Sergius, Feb. 17, at Moscow, was executed to-day.

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GAVE CHILDREN WHISKEY ONE DIED; SECOND VERY ILL

Tragedy in Eastern Ontario—Victim 6 Years Old—Man Blamed Was Intoxicated.

Kemptville, May 17.—(Special.)—The usually peaceful farming community known as Pleasant Valley, in Douglas County, was the scene of a shocking tragedy on Saturday night when the 6-year-old son of James Farrel was killed by an overdose of whiskey. Another son, about 12 years of age, has since been at death's door, but is recovering.

At the home of Farrel on Saturday evening were three children, aged respectively 6, 10 and 12 years. To them came John Leizert of Hainsville badly intoxicated and carrying a jug of whiskey. He gave the boys whiskey and plenty of it. On the road Leizert met Mrs. Farrel, mother of the children, and returned with her to the home, where they found the youngest and eldest of the children very sick. Neighbors were called in, and Leizert himself went post-haste to South Mountain for a doctor.

Dr. Ferrier found the youngest child already dying, and the eldest sinking rapidly. The 10-year-old, for some unaccountable reason, was not sick at all. Ferrier worked all night with the boy, but it was not until the next day that he began to show signs of recovery.

Dr. Blacklock of Morrisburg, the coroner, visited the Farrel place, and afterwards conferred with the county crown attorney. The inquest will hold its first session at Brinston's Corners to-day.

WEST INDIES FOR CANADA.

Proposal Comes Up in British Commons—Its Advantages.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, May 17.—Ian Malcom, M. P., speaking of St. Lucia and others of the West Indies in the debate in the house of commons on the West Indian colonies, said he would like to see the government enter into negotiations with Canada in order to find whether some of the islands could not be better administered by the great Dominion. If they were attached to Canada they would form something like a southern zone for the Dominion. The reorganization and revitalizing of the West Indies would result in an alteration which would add enormously to our imperial strength on the strategic highway of the world and in the commercial centre of the new world.

FOREIGNERS' UNFAIR METHODS.

Chamberlain Takes a Rap at British Trade Raiders.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, May 17.—In the course of an address to the organized labor branch of the Tariff Reform League, Mr. Chamberlain said at the present moment the proportionate increase of foreign exports to Canada, Australia and South Africa was much greater than ours to foreigners, who were making the greatest efforts in the way of subsidizing steamers and were taking unfair methods in order to increase their trade with our own kinsmen. If we did not succeed in the negotiations for a preferential arrangement with the colonies it was perfectly certain foreigners would have a much larger proportion of this work than he would care to see.

DENISON TO LONDON TIMES.

Says Salisbury Favored Preferential Colonial Treatment.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, May 17.—Col. G. T. Denison of Toronto writes to The Times in reference to the discussion on the late Lord Salisbury's views of preferential tariffs and refers to interviews had in 1890 with Lord Salisbury, quoting extracts about that time from Lord Salisbury's speeches and extracts from letters of later dates. In Col. Denison's opinion Lord Salisbury was entirely in sympathy with the preferential treatment of the colonies.

FILLING STRIKERS PLACES.

London, May 17.—(Special.)—Official Whittley of the G.T.R. to-day placed about 15 marine machinists imported from England in the Stratford shops to break the strike. A like number were taken to Palmerston, and about eight to St. Thomas. Whittley has gone to Windsor, and will give out a statement to-morrow.

In the local shops all the vacancies have been filled, many by English immigrants.

PLAGUE AT HARBIN.

London, May 18.—According to the correspondent at Tokio of The Daily Telegraph, a severe epidemic of plague has broken out at Harbin, and the deaths resulting therefrom average 300 daily.

AN OFFER OF A PARK.

The city has been made an offer by John Macdonald of ten acres on Avenue-road, with the suggestion that the property could be converted into a park.

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Jeremiah Nelson yesterday promised Judge Winchester to abate by June 1 the nuisance at Todmorden, for which he was convicted last fall.

PROTEST TO BRITISH GOVT. OVER VESSEL'S SIEZURE

Crew of Canadian Sealer Given Harsh Sentences—Matter Brought Up in Ottawa House.

Ottawa, May 17.—(Special.)—A batch of seven bills rendered necessary by the autonomy bill was introduced in the house to-day by the minister of justice and read a first time. By the bill respecting the district of Mackenzie it is proposed to erect into a district, with a constitution based upon that of Keewatin, the territory to the north of the new provinces and extending to the Arctic Ocean. The bill to amend the Keewatin act will add to the present district of Keewatin (1) these parts of the provisional districts of Saskatchewan and Athabasca not included in the Province of Saskatchewan; (2) the corresponding strip of the present provisional district of Mackenzie not included in the new district; (3) the territory lying to the east of Keewatin as now constituted and extending to Hudson Bay.

The bill to amend the Dominion controverted elections act is to give jurisdiction to the new provincial courts when constituted; to provide for the transfer of pending business from the supreme court of the territories to such new courts and to make special provision for cases which may arise affecting elections in the districts which are partly in one province and partly in the other.

The bill to amend the Northwest Territories Act is intended to carry into effect Mr. Casgrain's proposals of last year and the suggestions of Mr. McCarthy of Calgary to improve the election system, and provides for the appointment of a provisional liquidator with power to gather in the properties and assets and make such distribution of these as may be necessary, and to pay out of moneys coming into his hands the liabilities of territorial government.

There is a bill to amend the Northwest irrigation act and a bill to amend the land titles act and also to make changes necessary to the creation of the new provinces. The bill to amend the census and statistics act will now read that a census shall be taken every five years in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The seizure of the Canadian sealing schooner Agnes J. Donahue by the Uruguayan government was first brought up in parliament early in the session. To-day Mr. Borden read a telegram from the owners in Halifax that the captain had been sentenced to three years penal servitude, the mates to one each and the crew to six months and the vessel itself confiscated. Mr. Borden said that on Nov. 5, 1904, she was seized on the open sea by a cruiser of the Uruguayan government on the charge of preparing to raid the seal rookeries on the coast of Uruguay. Her boats were all on board and she was well out at sea, bound to a port in Brazil to land a cargo of sealskins for transhipment to England. There was no law in Uruguay to cover the case, and the vessel and crew of 20 men were held until the legislators could pass a special act. The British consul at Montevideo contented himself with making representations to the foreign office that the seizure was illegal.

Mr. Borden pressed upon the government that no time should be lost in making most urgent representations to the British government. Any representations that may have been made by the Canadian government since the matter was brought up last April did not appear to have produced a very profound impression.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier admitted that the case was one of great hardship. This vessel had been seized and confiscated for alleged violation of the laws of Uruguay. The sentences were undoubtedly harsh, but all the government could do was to call the immediate attention of the British government to the matter.

Mr. Roche of Halifax said that a portion of the crew had taken refuge on a United States man of war in Montevideo and escaped back to Halifax.

Emmerson's Error.

Mr. Emmerson read a series of letters and statements in reply to a charge against the Intercolonial Railway of discrimination in freight rates to Fredericton from points west of Montreal. He had been reading for about 20 minutes when somebody observed that the proceeding was out of order.

"Perhaps he intends to conclude with a motion," Mr. Foster suggested.

"That is if he ever concludes at all," said Mr. Borden, and a titter went around the front benches. Finally Mr. Foster's proposal had to be followed, and the spectacle was seen of a member of the government making a motion to adjourn only to have it negatived.

Mr. Emmerson's lengthy citations were in reply to stricture upon the Intercolonial rates by George Taylor, who proved well able to substantiate his charge that since the Canada Eastern had been acquired by the government the freight rate from Gananoque to Fredericton had been increased from 55 cents to 66 cents per hundred.

Mr. Emmerson's excuse was that the Canada Eastern had made the new rate by agreement with the Grand Trunk, just before the transfer. Mr. Borden thought the government should ignore an arrangement entered into by the Canada Eastern to increase its rates on the eve of its transfer.

Yes and No.

Before the orders of the day were called, Mr. Bergeron asked the minister of finance whether there was any tention of amending the Audit Act. Mr. Fielding said no. Mr. Bergeron then asked if any amendments were contemplated to the Banking Act, and the reply was that a slight amendment was now being considered. It was not necessary to amend the act in order to displace the United States silver now in circulation in Canada by Canadian money.

The house went into committee of the whole on the bill providing running rights in favor of the I.C.R. over the G.T.R., between Montreal and Coteau Junction, and from the latter point westward over the Canada Atlantic to Depot Harbor. Mr. Fitzpatrick explained that the terms were to be fixed by the railway commission. Mr. Bergeron suggested instead of running rights over the G.T.R. from Coteau to continue the right on the C. A. Railway across the St. Lawrence to Howick Junction, and thence running rights should be secured to St. Lambert, where connection could be made with the G.T.R. line to the east over which the I.C.R. now have traffic arrangements.

The house then went into committee of supply, taking up the votes for the experimental farms, in charge of the department of agriculture. It was suggested that other experimental stations should be established, but Mr. Fisher said that without special statute he had no power to establish new stations. There were 20 applications for stations. He hoped to establish a station in the north country to assist pioneer farmers. A vote of $100,000 was finally carried.

THE SAD AWAKENING OF RIP VAN LIBERAL.

RIP VAN LIBERAL: My, my! Haf I peen asleep? Surely dot used to be der old Consiliation House—and my old faithful Equal Rights watch dog, Mulock, vere is he?

Hyman is Blissfully Unaware Of Portfolio and Elections

Contest in London Not a Certainty Yet, He Says—But if He Is To Be Minister Will Seek Re-Election in City.

London, May 17.—(Special.)—A repetition of his statement of some days ago was all that Hon. Chas. S. Hyman would offer as to the London political situation when seen by The World man to-day on his arrival from Ottawa.

"I can only repeat what I said on the occasion of my last visit to London. I can still say that the portfolio has not yet been offered me. If I am offered it and I decide to accept I shall certainly seek re-election in London."

He did not know the date of the London by-election, nor yet that of North Oxford. In fact he knew that the London date had not yet been fixed, and said that a by-election was not a certainty yet as far as he knew.

Mr. Hyman answered the statement that Hon. Adam Beck had seen him with a view to securing his (Hyman's) re-election by acclamation.

"The fact that he was seen talking to me in Ottawa one day last week was not a capital offence. I have tried to treat all, even my political opponents, with courtesy when they called on me at Ottawa."

When asked to explain the sixteenth clause, Mr. Hyman said it had all been explained, and was to be found in Hansard. It might appear misty to some with a different point of view, but what Mr. Fitzpatrick had said was the government's explanation.

NEW SITE DESIRED FOR KNOX COLLEGE

With the proposal which is rapidly assuming shape for the erection of the Caven Memorial Library, the larger question of the future of Knox College becomes a live topic. Enquiry among many of those in touch with the question points to the fact that a movement is already on foot in this city for the abandonment of the present site and securing one within the university grounds. It is urged by those in favor of the change that the present site, owing to the street railway, is wholly unsuitable, and that noise is a serious drawback. The present grounds are likewise very valuable for commercial purposes, and the sale would go far toward the purchase of a new site. Added to this is the distance from Toronto University and the other educational institutions.

BIG RUBBER COMPANIES TO FIGURE IN A MERGER

At Least, the Composition of the New Commercial Company Makes It Seem That Way.

Montreal, May 17.—(Special.)—Amalgamation of the leading rubber interests of the Dominion appears to have received a considerable impetus to-day. Some time since, a law firm obtained a charter at Ottawa for the Commercial Rubber Company of Canada, and the names of the directorate given out to-day are most significant, in view of the probability of a merger. The directors are Sir H. Montague Allan, president (president of the Canadian Rubber Company); S. H. C. Miner, vice-president (president of the Granby Rubber Company), and while H. D. Warren, James Robinson and C. T. Spink are directors of the Commercial, the first two are presidents respectively of the Gutta Percha and Rubber Company of Toronto and the Maple Leaf Rubber Company of Port Dalhousie; Mr. Spink is also a director of the Canadian Rubber Company; D. Lorne McGibbon and G. A. Wright, the general manager and secretary of the Canadian Rubber Company, hold identical positions with the new corporation, so it looks as if a union were near at hand.

The directors visited St. Jerome to-day and inspected the plant of the defunct Boston Rubber Company, and it is believed that this factory will also be started as a part of the merger, which, if rumor speaks aright, will have a capital of $10,000,000.

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ANOTHER $50,000 GIFT.

Montreal, May 17.—(Special.)—Talbot Papineau, great-grandson of Louis Joseph Papineau, has been nominated by McGill for a Rhodes-Oxford scholarship. Sir William Macdonald has given another $50,000 to the McGill College University.

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ON ITS LAST LEGS.

Chicago Teamsters' Strike is Due to an Inglorious Finish To-Day.

Chicago, May 17.—It is highly probable that the next 24 hours will see the end of the teamsters' strike in Chicago. Altho none of the labor leaders will acknowledge it, it is generally understood to-night that the program for calling off the strike has already been arranged.

To-morrow a meeting will be held between the teamsters' joint council and a committee representing the Team Owners' Association. It will be made plain to the teamsters that the business interests of the Team Owners render it imperative that the boycotts be lifted.

It will then be agreed that the demand of the Team Owners to make deliveries to boycotted houses with union drivers be submitted to arbitration, the members of the Employers' Association being in no manner interested in it officially.

Pending the decision of this board of arbitration, the strike is to be called off and such members of the Teamsters' Union as are able to obtain their old positions return to work. This will end the strike with the exception of the strike against Montgomery, Ward & Co., and it is expected the trouble in this direction will die out gradually.

NOT LADY ELLIOTT.

New York, May 17. — (Special.)—A despatch from Quebec says that the family with which "the veiled murderess," who died in Matawan asylum, was connected, denies that she was Lady Elliott, who, they say, died in 1878.

School Strikers Punished.

Chicago, May 17.—The authorities have taken hold of the strike fever in the public schools with a firm hand and this afternoon Judge Mack of the juvenile court, sentenced one boy to a branch of the house of correction and sent two to the parental school, while a fourth was released on probation.

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Baseball, Jersey City v. Toronto, Diamond Park, 4.
Board of education, city hall, 8.
District trades council, Labor Temple, 8.
Doric Lodge, "Empire Night," Temple Building, 8.
Baptist Young People's Union, Ossington-avenue Church, 8.
North Toronto Liberal-Conservative Association, Simpson Hall, 8.
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SIR WILFRID IN NO HURRY.

Premier's Reply re By-Election in Next Few Days.

Ottawa, May 17.—(Special.)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier has not yet summed up enough courage to bring on the North Oxford election. Mr. Borden brought the matter up in the house to-day. He asked when the word would be issued.

"Within a reasonable time," replied the premier, smilingly, "I will answer that question."

"What is a reasonable time?" continued the opposition leader.

"Oh, four or five days," replied Sir Wilfrid.

The autonomy bill is shelved for the time being, and the house has discussed everything to-day from running rights of the I.C.R. over the C.A.R. down to estimates. To-morrow is expected to be a short day and Friday also. It is said that the opposition have unearthed another scandal in one of the departments and that there will be a lively time to-morrow before the orders of the day are called.

Much gossip centres round the imminent election in London, and Mr. Hyman is expected back in town to-morrow night to report after a flying visit to London.

GETS WRONG INSTRUCTIONS.

Committee Does What It Intended Not to Do.

After wrestling for two hours with the first clause of the City of Toronto's bill to confirm the proclamation annexing the Avenue-road district, the private bills committee did just what it intended not to do and struck the clause out of the bill. Chairman Carscallen had been instructed that it was not the wish of the provincial secretary that the clause be confirmed, as he wished the proclamation to stand on its own merits; but as soon as the committee adjourned it was ascertained that Mr. Hanna did want it confirmed, so as to place it beyond all question of doubt. So the clause will be taken up again this morning.

Mr. Laidlaw, K.C., appeared for Mr. Mackenzie and a host of lawyers and officials advocated the acceptance of the bill on behalf of the city. Mr. Laidlaw claimed the Mackenzie assessment of $66,500 was too high compared with the assessment of $22,000 on the Macdonald property, three times its extent. He offered to leave it to Mr. Fleming and Mr. Forman to decide.

"He's your hired man," suggested Mr. Fullerton, referring to the manager of the street railway. Then the parties seemed to get near agreement when it was suggested that the three county judges arbitrate the question of assessment. But while this was acceptable to the contending parties the committee decided that the assessment of the whole district would be arbitrated and the proposal was discarded.

The Auction Sale of Automobiles To-Morrow.

Mr. Charles M. Henderson will sell to-morrow afternoon, at 2.30 sharp, at No. 25 Queen-street East (near Victoria-street), eight new American automobiles. This sale will no doubt attract a very large crowd, owing to the sale being unreserved.

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HAYS SAYS SINGLE PHONE IS TO BENEFIT COMMUNITY

But Gets Tripped Up on a Case in Point—Will Be Given "Legal Right" Desired.

Ottawa, May 17.—(Special.)—C. M. Hays, general manager of the G.T.R., and Sir William Mulock crossed verbal swords at the meeting of the telephone committee to-day. Mr. Hays, whose delay in obeying the summons of the committee was resented a few days ago by the members in general and the chairman in particular, arrived from Montreal in company with William Wainwright, and for nearly an hour was subjected to a searching examination by F. H. Chrysler and Sir William uMlock, regarding the attitude of the G.T.R. towards independent telephone lines. Some days ago David McNicoll, general manager of the C.P.R., was in the box, and he did not hesitate to say that he had no objection to independent phone companies gaining access to stations. He, however, stood by the contract with the Bell Company. rM. Hays was not of that opinion. He told the committee that he favored one company having their telephone system in stations and offices of the G.T.R. He thought two or three different telephones of rival lines in a station would entail much extra work on the part of the railway company's employes, and he thought the public interests were not being disregarded by refusing to allow lines other than the Bell to gain access to the stations.

Mr. Hays said he was also president of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, but that company had entered into no contract with the Bell. The Municipal Telephone Company of Fort William had applied for permission to place instruments in the G.T.P. station at that point, but no consideration had yet been made of the request.

Matter of Opinion.

Mr. Hays showed an inclination to evade a direct answer to some of Sir William Mulock's questions, and there were some rather warm passages. The witness declared that he thought the G.T.R. was doing fairly by the public in the matter of telephone facilities.

Sir William Mulock: Do you think the public interest is being served by the G.T.R. refusing to allow independent companies to string wires across the Victoria bridge at Montreal?

r. Hays: I don't think a strenuous effort has been made to do this.

Sir William Mulock: On what ground did you refuse it?

Mr. Hays: Because, I suppose, of the contract with the Bell.

Sir William Mulock: Why did you exclude these independent lines; was it in the public interest?

Mr. Hays: I suppose we acted on advice of counsel.

Sir William Mulock pressed witness very strongly to say whether he thought this refusal was in the public interest, but Mr. Hays would not go further than stating that his company was acting up to its contract with the Bell.

One for Many.

Taking up the case of the refusal of the G.T.R. to allow the Merchants' Telephone Company of Montreal access to stations, Sir William again pressed the question whether Mr. Hays thought it was a matter of public interest to prevent the 1500 subscribers of that independent company from communi-

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SCANDAL IN SCRIP CLAIMS.

Government Agents Said to Have Misled Halfbreeds.

Winnipeg, May 17.—An Ottawa despatch received here to-day has caused no small sensation among buyers of land scrip. It says that Half-Breed Commissioner McKenna, when going thru the west, received a number of claims for scrip from half-breeds resident in American territory. He disallowed these. An order-in-council was passed at Ottawa some time later granting scrip to all Canadian-born half-breeds living in the States, and this order was dated Aug. 13, 1904. A clause was put thru in November of last year permitting the holder of this scrip to locate land without the presence of the half-breed, as had been the rule respecting scrip formerly issued. To take advantage of the ignorance of the half-breeds, agents, said to be very close in touch with officials of the department, got orders from natives for the location of about 70,000 acres of land for mere nominal sums, and now stand to clear about half a million dollars.

petitions have been received at Ottawa in protest, and the whole matter is now in such a shape that Hon. Mr. Oliver may order an investigation.

BIRTHS.

STOVEL—At Brooklyn, N.Y., on May 13, 1905, to Mr. and Mrs. Russell W. Stovel, a daughter.

DEATHS.

COOKE—At Victoria Square, May 16th, Mrs. Mary Cooke, in her 71st year.

Funeral from her late residence, Thursday, May 18th, at 2 o'clock, to the Victoria Square Cemetery. Friends please accept this intimation. Carriages will meet friends at Richmond Hill for car leaving C. P. R. crossing at 9.40 a.m.

LEAMAN—On Tuesday, 16th inst., at his late residence, 705 Markham-street, James Leaman, aged 55 years.

Funeral on Thursday, the 18th inst., at 4 p.m., from the above address. Members of Lodge Middlesex, S.O.E.B.S., please attend.

SILVERTHORNE—At her late residence, Fountain Hill, Dixie, on Tuesday evening, May 16th, Sarah Ann Silverthorne, aged 77 years, widow of the late Francis Silverthorne.

Interment on Friday, at the hour of 2.30 o'clock, at Dixie.

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Government Favors General Scheme of Improvement Embracing an Expenditure of $1,600,000.

For the immediate use of the University of Toronto—$465,000.

Next year a bill will be introduced to take funds from the succession duty revenues or some other provincial resource to meet the annual requirements of the university.

These are the main features of Premier Whitney's speech in the legislature yesterday in giving effect to one of his pre-election promises that he would put the finances of the university on a "sound, stable and permanent" footing. The first item embraces a scheme for supplying the immediate needs of the university. Briefly, the government will provide $465,000 by the sale of $30,000 annuities to run for 30 years at 3 1-2 or 4 per cent., producing a fund of approximately half a million dollars. This is the government contribution towards the sum of $1,600,000 that will be raised in various ways. The scheme embraces:

Physics building	$ 225,000
Museum wing of science building	50,000
Convocation hall	150,000
Botany and forestry b'ld'g.	5,000
Women's residence	15,000
Four men's residences	160,000
Hospital	1,000,000

How the balance of the money not to be provided by the government will be raised was explained by Mr. Whitney in detail.

Big Proposition.

Mr. Whitney, in introducing his bill, said he might well be excused if he deemed this a question beyond his power to deal with, having regard to the seriousness of the proposal. He was speaking for a body of 2400 students and 15,000 graduates, altho there are only 12,000 graduates in the province to-day. Mr. Whitney rejoiced that he represented a majority of the legislature, and he had the satisfaction of knowing that he represented the opinion of nine-tenths of the people of the province. And more than that, "he is thrice armed who hath his quarrel just." "It was not given to many public men," said Mr. Whitney, "to know that they represented such a large body of public opinion."

After giving a history of the university from its foundation in 1797 and the means adopted to finance it, the premier gave the estimated receipts for the year as $168,087.39, and expenditures $14,177.83, leaving a deficit of $46,090.34. Besides the deficit there were three departments which the government paid directly to and the whole amount paid by the province for the year would be $84,103.67. He quoted the figures of several United States universities, showing the productive funds of Cornell to be over seven millions and Columbia over thirteen millions.

The principle had been laid down by Sandfield Macdonald, the premier went on, that no state aid be given to sectarian universities, and the result had been that the sectarian universities have been dependent upon the beneficence of private individuals, but it had been found to be the proper principle.

Policy Carried Out.

Mr. Whitney then arrived at the reasons which had led the government to adopt this policy with reference to the university. It was the policy advocated by the government when in opposition, that the finances of the university be put on a sound, stable and permanent footing by providing a stated amount each year for its support.

Speaking of the position of Queen's University, Mr. Whitney said the government would do to it just what was right to do. The policy announced by the present government before the election was endorsed by the people, and he proposed to carry out the pledges then made by means of the bill.

Mr. Whitney then outlined his scheme to place the university on a sound basis. The cost and equipment of the physics building would be $225,000, and the late premier had promised to provide $150,000, derived from the sale of the old parliament buildings to the Grand Trunk, leaving a balance of $45,000, to be provided by the province.

The museum wing of the science building would require $50,000 to build.

Convocation hall called for an expenditure of from $150,000 to $150,000, of which $50,000 had been subscribed by graduates, and $50,000 promised by the

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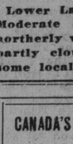
Accounting for the Rain.



The weather man bases his estimate of the probable rainfall for the next twenty-four hours upon the amount of rain one would reasonably suppose remains yet to fall. So long as there is any sticking to the clouds it will continue to dribble off. But, cheer up—the rain won't hurt a Dineen hat. Dineen's, corner Yonge and Temperance-streets.

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