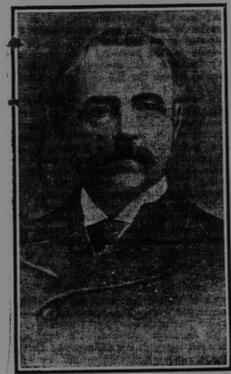


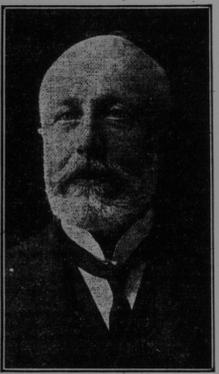
COSTIGAN AND GILMOR LAND SENATORIAL PLUMS

Appointed at Saturday's Cabinet Meeting to Fill New Brunswick Vacancies

Hon. George W. Ross and Robert Beith Chosen for Ontario—None Made for Nova Scotia, But A. H. Comeau is About Sure of Appointment—Great Tracts of Land Released for Settlement in New Provinces.



Senator John Costigan.



Senator Daniel Gilmor.

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—Four new senators were appointed at Saturday's cabinet meeting. The two Ontario vacancies were filled by the appointment of Hon. Geo. W. Ross, ex-speaker of the province, and Robert Beith, who represented West Durham in the house of commons for the greater part of three terms. He succeeded the Hon. Edward Blake in the representation of the constituency in 1891.

The two New Brunswick senatorships went to Hon. John Costigan and Daniel Gilmor. The latter was a candidate for parliament in Charlotte county at the last general election and was defeated. He is a son of the late A. H. Gilmor, who for five terms from 1871 to 1886 represented the constituency in the house of commons and was afterwards appointed to the senate.

There are two vacancies in the senate from Nova Scotia. They have not yet been filled. It is said that one of the positions will go to Hon. A. H. Comeau, a member of the Murray government without portfolio.

Big Areas of Land Released.—The bill presented to parliament by the minister of the interior for the consolidation of the Dominion Lands Act, contains a provision that will meet with the thorough acceptance of settlers throughout western Canada. Owing to the enormous tracts of agricultural lands made available by the government for the encouragement of railway construction in Manitoba and the Northwest, aggregating some 12,000,000 acres in all, the old numbered sections over the best part of the prairie

provinces have been tied up until the railways selected the particular lands that they preferred. This selection has now been completed in all but the region north of Lake Winnipeg, that was reserved for the Hudson Bay Line so that there is no longer any need of tying up the old numbered sections that remain from settlement.

The present bill declares accordingly that any of the odd numbered sections that have not already passed into the hands of the railways, shall be available hereafter for free homesteading. A glance at a map of the several railway land grants shows that there are no odd numbered sections remaining either in southern Manitoba or in southeastern Saskatchewan. The present step, which, however, release a very large area in both Alberta and Saskatchewan, will subject to cultivation all of which will now be open to free homesteading.

The government in the present bill adheres to its principle, "the land for the actual settler," but where homesteading hereafter to acquire by purchase unoccupied land adjoining the quarter section on which they have made their selection, the new law will allow them to buy what they need at a price not less than \$3 per acre. No quarter section will be sold for anything as applied as a homestead, but where property is being laid alongside existing homesteads, that the owners of the latter would like to have for the extension of their operations the new law will make this possible, a concession that is bound to be taken advantage of in very many instances.

Jumbo mining company, of Nevada, has sold its claim for \$1,000,000. We understand that Mr. Taylor, who is now in Wolfville, intended leaving here. He has bought the splendid Hodson property on Main street for his mother, Mrs. J. W. Taylor, of Avonport.

Sir Frederick Borden was in Canning last week. With their customary aggressiveness the Kings County Temperance Alliance is starting a further series of meetings to be held in every section of the county. Prof. E. W. Sawyer, the provincial organizer, with clergymen and prominent Christian workers will be present at all meetings.

Lunenburg, Wolfville and Yarmouth have formed an amateur hockey league. The first game will be between Lunenburg and Wolfville and will be played on Jan. 24th.

Mr. W. H. Burrows has succeeded H. M. L. Weir as manager of the Annapolis Iron Company.

It is said that McKenzie & Mann have discovered a new method of producing hematite iron ore twenty feet wide and extending for fifteen miles, and that they will build a short line from the Halifax and South Western, near Middleton, to haul this ore to Victoria Beach. Also, it is persistently rumored that hard coal has been discovered at Tremont, near the Kings and Annapolis county line.

Mrs. Russell Sage Aids Toronto Charities.—Toronto, Jan. 11.—Mrs. Russell Sage, of New York, has sent \$25 to the Toronto Associated Charities.

Clark Teakles, Sussex, Died Last Night.—Sussex, N. B., Jan. 11.—(Special)—Clark Teakles, who was stricken with paralysis on Dec. 1, and during most of that time has been in an unconscious state, died this evening at 5 o'clock, aged seventy years. A wife, son and daughter survive—Arthur B., dentist, and Miss Edith M., both at home; also Harry, a brother, late of the firm of Humphrey & Teakles. Deceased was born in Rockville, Kings county, where he lived as a successful farmer until five years ago, when he moved to Sussex. Deceased was widely known, and held in high esteem by his large circle of friends.

No Postponement of Thaw's Trial.—New York, Jan. 11.—The trial of Harry K. Thaw, who shot Stanford White to death in the Madison-Square roof garden theatre, will not be put over but will begin on January 21, the date now set, according to an announcement made today by a representative of the district attorney.

SCARCITY OF FUEL IN THE WEST CAUSES SOME ANXIETY

Reports to Interior Department Show Serious Situation in Many Places—Railway Service is Much Demoralized.

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—On account of alarming reports as to weather and fuel conditions in the west, the department of the interior communicated by wire with land agents and sub-agents in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta regarding the weather, the supplies of fuel, conditions of stock and railway situation. Replies were received from over sixty points in the three provinces on January 9 and 10. Unusually severe weather and heavy snow are reported from all points. There is snow between two and three feet deep in Manitoba, Eastern and North Saskatchewan, and Northern Alberta and from six to eighteen inches in the ranching country of Southern Alberta and South-western Saskatchewan.

The passenger train service in Manitoba and Saskatchewan is running a day late, and the freight service is badly demoralized for the time. On the C. N. R. branch from Regina to Prince Albert, the conditions are somewhat worse, and on the Kirkland and Manitoba Northwestern branches of the C. P. R. somewhat better than on the other line. The only serious complaint as to train service in Alberta is from Stettler on the Lacombe branch between Calgary and Edmonton.

The fuel situation is reported seriously in the settlement south of Grenfell and in the northern part of Saskatchewan, and at Redvers on the Arcola branch of the C. P. R. In Southeastern Saskatchewan, Northern Manitoba, Northeastern and Northern Saskatchewan, Estevan and Alameda in Southern Saskatchewan and Alberta with the exception of Stettler they report plenty of fuel.

The main line from Brandon to Maple Creek, the Sault Line and Arcola branches of the C. P. R., and the Prince Albert branch of C. N. R., as far north as Saskatchewan report fuel scarce and in some cases dangerously scarce, but an effort is being made by the railways to keep up the supply.

Complaints of a tie up of grain shipments are almost universal and the financial situation resulting very serious in many cases, as there is no adverse comment than the fuel situation.

In the ranching country the snow is not seriously deep, but severe cold has caused some loss. The weather is moderate on the 10th. Reports received from all points in the ranching country indicate that the section nearest the mountains is in the best position. The weather is moderate and some ranchers who have fodder. Further out on the plains where the ranches are larger and there is less fodder, the conditions are not so good. In the section south of Cypress Hills where things are reported all right.

Ontario Likely to Get Fish Direct from Maritime Provinces.—Is Now Getting Them from United States Ports—Railways Likely to Make a Special Rate.

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The principal question before the meeting was a letter from First Vice-President J. A. McCurdy, received on Dec. 25, and intimating that he, McCurdy, had received assurances from a certain party that the latter would, if sufficient inducement was offered by the town, erect a foundry here at an early date. Mr. McCurdy, who is absent in Montreal, also suggested that the meeting take some action regarding the early completion of the railway between Indian Point and Blackville, commonly known as the missing link.

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After a great deal of discussion pro and con, it was moved by Samuel Miller and Thomas A. Clarke, and carried, "That the whole question of the foundry be referred to the executive committee of the board of trade, the latter to report to a meeting of the board as soon as possible."

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WILL BAR GERMAN OUT OF PERSIA

Britain and Russia Agree on Sphere of Influence.

Limitation of Armaments Not Likely to Be Supported at Hague Conference, Nor Immunity of Merchant Ships in Time of War.

London, Jan. 11.—The pacific views held in German official circles with regard to the second peace conference at The Hague have been further minimized by the possibility of international complications as a result of the death of the Kaiser.

At the same time the determination of the Kaiser's successor to protect the opportunities in Persia is noted here as being in direct conflict with the influence in Persia pending between Great Britain and Russia for the purpose of spheres of influence in Persia on which the two powers are bearing an agreement.

In regard to Great Britain's acknowledgment of Russia's preponderant interest in Persia, the Kaiser's successor, Emperor Nicholas will recognize Great Britain's interest in Persia, but this is all that Great Britain asks, it being in line with the announcement of Lord Lansdowne when he was foreign minister that Great Britain would take every means in her power to prevent the possibility of establishing a naval base or fortified port in the Persian Gulf which would be a menace to her empire.

Officials here are inclined to concur in the German view that any attempt of Germany to secure political influence in Persia would tend to unite Great Britain and Russia in a common measure of defense.

The desire of the United States and Germany to refrain from urging Russia to fix a date for the assembling of The Hague conference is noted here as being a result of the fact that the German government has sought to secure definite information concerning the opinion of the United States as to the advisability of strengthening official quarters, however commendable in theory, will not command sufficient support to permit of its being discussed at a finality by the conference. Considerable objection also exists in the United States to the question of the status of private property in the hands of the Kaiser's successor.

It is noted here that the Kaiser's successor is expected to make a special rate for fish being delivered direct in Ontario.

Several Amherst Men Badly Injured.—Amherst, N. S., Jan. 11.—A young man, son of Archie Bink, who lives near Stanley, was seriously injured on Monday night when he fell from the blade of the axe penetrating the instep. Medical aid was sent from Amherst.

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La Patrie Manager Complains That Mr. Begin Has Published Slanderous Articles About His Paper.

Montreal, Jan. 11.—On the charge of criminal libel, Joseph U. Begin, editor and proprietor of the French religious weekly La Croix, was arrested today at the instance of J. Tarte, manager of La Patrie Publishing Company, and arraigned in the police court.

Mr. Tarte complains that since the month of November last the editor of La Croix has been publishing a series of slanderous articles against the attitude of La Patrie on various matters. He alleges that the religious paper charged La Patrie with having attributed the separation of the church and state in France to the Pope's own rashness, that La Croix declared that La Patrie was the organ of Free Masonry, and had published immoral articles of a dangerous character, and finally that La Croix accused La Patrie of being subsidized by powerful corporations in regard to the issue of the Holy See.

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The church could not prevent the unjust spoliation in progress. As for the proposed cultural associations, they were contrary to the ecclesiastical hierarchy given to the church by the Divine founder himself, the Pope condemned them in spite of the material injuries involved at the hands of the government.

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POPE WILL NEVER ACCEPT FRENCH LAW

Declares in Encyclical That it is an Anarchist Measure

Aims at Pillage of Church and Destruction of Catholic Religion—Warns Bishops, Priests, and Faithful That Days of Sacrifice are at Hand, But Predicts Victory in the End—Government Likely to Issue Reply.

Rome, Jan. 11.—The Osservatore Romano, official organ of the Vatican, today published the text of a most important encyclical addressed by the Pope to the French Catholics. In this document, the French Catholics must be prepared for all sorts of trials, but they were certain of final victory. This meant the maintenance of their union with the Holy See which was of the greatest importance as shown by the efforts of the enemies of the church to dissolve this union.

Contrary to the statements made on the subject the church did not desire a religious war, involving violent persecutions. Being a messenger of peace and carrying out her mission loyally, the church did not willingly expose herself to war and persecutions, as she did not desire to see her children suffering.

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SCARED CREW ABANDONS LOBSTER STEAMER, SHE IS SOON A PRIZE

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 13.—The lobster steamer Inverness was abandoned off Sambro this morning by her captain and crew on account of some accident to her machinery, which made them think she was unseaworthy. The men, after landing, went to the room where Mr. Munis was sleeping, and took from one of his pockets a note to the effect that the steamer was owned by Leslie Hart.

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