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VICTORIA, B. C FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 1909

Died of His Wounds. Montreal, Jan. 20.—Duncan McDon-ald, first year science student, who ac-cidentally shot himself yesterday, died of his wounds this morning.

Archbishop Sweatman III Toronto, Jan. 20.—Most Rev. Arch-lishop Sweatman, primate of all Can-ada, is seriously ill at his home on Howland avenue, suffering from pneu-

New Conservative Club
Winnipeg, Jan. 20.—A movement is
on foot by leading Conservatives of
Winnipeg to form a new Conservative
Lib. As natterned after the Albany

For Jeffries and Johnson. Washington, Jan. 20.—An offer of \$75,000 for a match between Jeffries and Johnson has been made by John L. Sullivan, according to a statement made by the former heavyweight

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—The opposition held a caucus tonight, and Mr. Borden placed himself in their hands. Man after man declared his faith in the leader, and he remains in the posi-Wedding of Lord Minto's Daughter. Calcutta, Jan. 20.—With a social pomp and significance such as would be impossible in any other city of the British Empire, the marriage of Lady Violet Elliott, daughter of Earl Minto, to Lord Charles Fitzmaurice, son of the Marquis of Lansdowne, was celebrated at St. Paul's Cathedral today. parliament of Canada was held today for the selection of a speaker for the new Commons. The formal opening, with the reading of the speech from the throne takes place at three o'clock the throne takes place at three o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The Commons assembled at noon to afford the members an opportunity of subscribing to the prescribed oath, and also to receive through the clerk of the House a message from the deputy governor-general requesting their presence at three o'clock for the reception of a message from the governor-general requesting that a speaker be elected. Upon receipt of this message at three o'clock the Commoners returned to their own chamber to select a speaker.

Winnipeg, Jan. 20.—Work on the mammoth new union stock yards at St. Boniface, which is to be controlled by the Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunk Pacific and Canadian Northern railways, will be started in a few days. The sum of \$350.000 will be expended in laying out the yards exclusive of any buildings whatever. All the big packing houses are preparing plants for their packing plants in the yards.

## FIRE IN CUMBERLAND

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### Montreal, Jan. 20.—Judge Piche, former Liberal M.P. for St. Mary's division, Montreal, is critically ill. PART OF BRANCH

Crow's Nest Line East of Summit to Undergo Radical

Increase of Traffic From the West

for a match between Jeffries muson has been made by John ivan, according to a statement by the former heavyweight on puglist.

Vancouver, Jan. 18.—The C.P.R. is preparing plans for the practical rebuilding of that section of the Crow's Nest and the summit of the Rockles a short distance east of Crow's Nest station. The distance between the shoesible in any other city of the Empire, the marriage of Lady Elliott, daughter of Earl' Minto! It is expected that the work will be Empire, the marriage of Lady Elliott, daughter of Earl' Minto! It is expected that the work will be in favor of the Landowne, was celeat stift in fact it is probable that teaders will be called for during the month of February in order that the work may start with the advent of fine and Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunic and Canadian Northern rall will be started in a few days, and Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunic and Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunic and Canadian Northern rall will be started in a few days, and Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunic and Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunic and Canadian Northern rall will be started in a few days, and Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunic and Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunic and Canadian Northern rall will be started in a few days, and canadian Northern rall will be started in a few days, and canadian Northern rall provided the controlled a canadian Pacific, Grand Trunic and Canadian Northern rall will be started in a few days, and canadian Northern rall will be started in a few days, and canadian Northern rall provided the provided that the work of the reason that the grades on the eastern side of the divide, which might be expended the divide, which might be expended the divide, which might be expended to be against westbound trains, are really in favor of them. The provided the provided the provided that the controlled to the reason every thing was done to give the westbound trains, and the matter is result to the provided that the provided the provided that the provided the provided that the provided that the provided th

to death without flinching, expressing penitence and joining in his favorite hymn "Just As I am," etc., which he asked to be sung. In the absence of Radcliffe, the proceedings were carried out by Thompson, of Owen Sound, and went off without a hitch, life being declared extinct after thirteen and a half minutes.

being amongst the finest on vancouver Island.

The purchasers were taken out to see the timber by Mr. Griffith, of the Griffith Co., on Tuesday last in an automobile furnished by the Plimley Co. H. M. Hillis accompanied the party as cruiser. After spending some time looking through the timber the party returned to Victoria and closed the deal on Saturday. L. H. Solly, el land agent for the E. & N. Ry. Co., prepared the necessary documents and closed the deal.

It is the intention of the purchasers to begin operations on the land at an early date, particulars of which will materialize later.

Governor of Delaware.

Dover, Del., Jan. 19.—Simon S.
Pennewill was today inaugurated governor of Delaware.

Washington, Jan. 19.—President Roosevelt has accepted an invitation of the University of Berlin to give a lecture to the students and faculty of that university in May, 1910.

Workers on Chicago Water President Roosevelt to Lecture.

Want Duty Repealed. Improvement

Boston, Jan. 19.—By a unanimous vote the National Shoe Wholesalers' Association of the United States at a recent meeting in this city adopted a resolution favoring the repeal of the duty on hides.

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the salary of the president to \$100,000, the salary of the president to \$100,000, including all travelling expenses. The senate fixed the salary of the chief justice of the supreme court at \$15,-000 and those of the associate justices

ment the idea was to introduce to the European merchants handling such commodity, and now that a second shipment has been asked for it is believed that it will not be lons before a steady demand for Vancouver Island fruit is manifested from that quarter. The question of freight rates has been the important item, but the Fruit Exchange has succeeded in making arrangements for a fairly favorable rate and still lower rates are expected in the near future. Negotiations to that end are now pending.

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LARGE TIMBER AREA

ON E. & N. JUST SOLD

Cedar Rapids Men Purchase Through the Griffiths

Company

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## PAINFUL DEATH

FIFTIETH YEAR

Tunnel Caught By Burning of Crib

Men Compelled to Jump Into

lcy Water to Escape the Flames

Chicago, Jan. 20.—Blown to pieces by exploding powder, burned to death by the resultant fire, or drowned in the icy waters of Lake Michigan, was the fate today of some fifty workmen who were working on a submarine tunnel at a wooden crib a mile and a half from shora. The crib was used in the construction of a new submarine tunnel connecting with the south side of the city at 74th street.

It is known that 95 workmen were

It is known that 95 workmen employed on the crib and the necting tunnel at the time of the plosion which started the fire and drove the men into the flames and water. The work of the destructive element began suddenly and it reaped its harvest of dead and injured with such fierceness that the contracting firm of George W. Jackson and the rescuers have been unable to arrive at anything like an accurate list of those who perished. All South Side hospitals are filled with the injured

men tonight. Boats and tugs made frequent trip tonight to the scene of the through the heavy ice floes. Owing to the difficulty experienced by small craft in reaching the crib during the winter, most of the work-men employed on the work, particu-larly those who had no families, slept

James Scott Burned in His Room—Property Loss is Extensive

Namano, Jan. 20.—One of the most diseastrous fires in the history of Cumberland took place last night. As a result about \$50.00 worth of dampes to be loss done, one ment, James Scott, lost like like two of the evertal most still filled in the room of James Scott, is most street of the like james to deliver the life is supposed to have started in the room of James Scott, is month, has a steel and honored.

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taken to the office of the Governor.

Today Judge Strange rebuked the sheriff for having allowed the papers to get out of his possession. Mr. Mac-Reynolds, who has been released from custody, said today that in all probability he will institute a suit for damages against the sheriff and his bondsmen.

Halifax, Board of Trade.

Halifax, Jan. 19.—The Board of Trade, at its annual meeting today, elected J. A. Johnson president. A resolution against the sale of the Intercolonial Railway was withdrawn, as the board did not want to place itself on record on the subject.

Angle-American Business.

London, Jan. 19.—King Edward received Whitelaw Reid, the United States ambassador, at Buckingham Palace this afternoon. The visit was a investigation. detachment of police has to make an investigation.

Servian Ministry Continues. Belgrade, Servia, Jan. 20.—All efforts to form a new ministry have failed, and the ministers, at the king's request, and on the assurance of his continued confidence, have consented

### DAYS OF DOUBT IN BIG EMPIRE

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Nephew of Chinese Reform Leader Describes Situation at Pekin

THREE PARTIES IN FIELD

Hopes for Success of Progres sives, Headed By Regent Prince Chun

New York, Jan. 20.—Ya Wan, a nephew of Khang Yu Wei, the well known Chinese reformer, when interviewed today regarding the situation at Pekin, described coaditions at the Chinese capital as very uncertain. He said the government was neither despotic, autocratic nor bureaucratic, but rather a government of traditional policy, and consequently quite distinct from any other government in the world. There are at least three political parties in the country, he continued, all represented at the capital, and each striving to get the upper hand. These parties are the progressives or regent's party; the conservatives, or Prince Ching's party, and the third is headed by the present to Dowager Empress.

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The progressives and conservatives are particularly opposed to each other. The progressives are composed mostly of members of the royal family, the Manchus and a few Chinese, while the conservatives consist chiefly of Chinese, with a sprinkling of Manchus. The moving spirit in the conservative party has been Yuan Shi Kal, recently deposed as premier.

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Office on Election as Basedon as Management of the Company of the several months afterwards, and immediately started out to trace Hooper, and arrived in Vancouver last Sunday. Mrs. Hooper, the mother, will leave shortly for Ontario to settle up the estate, but Harry will remain in the city, and it is rumored that he will engage in some manufacturing business. Mr. John Hendry is a distant cousin of the late Margaret Hendry.

# London. Jan. 20.—The Dominion Government's loan of \$30.000,000, redeemable in ten years, at 991-4, with interest at 32-4, which is shortly to be placed on the market with an option of redeeming the amount in five years, has all been underwritten.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The treaty between the United States and Great Britain concerning the boundary waters between this country and Canada was ordered favorably reported to the senate today at a meeting of the committee on foreign relations.

Conservative Caucus Unanimously Asks Him to Retain Leadership

Help Pensioners to Emigrate. OPENING OF PARLIAMENT London, Jan. 20.—The subject of ommutation of pensions of former oldiers and sailors with a view to pathetically discussed today at the United Service Institution. E. T. Scammell, the intitiator of the movement, declared that the war office was not the service of the service was not the service of th

PRAIRIE TRAGEDY

Kronau, Sask., Jan. 20.—While Frank Engle, a well-to-do farmer, was absent from home fire destroyed his house. His wife and four children, the eldest ten years old, perished in the flames. One boy, 16 years old, who slept down-stairs, escaped. The mother also slept downstairs and attempted to res-cue the children that were asleep, but cue the children that were asleep, but was suffocated before she could reach them. The boy who escaped made three unsuccessful attempts to rescue the family, but was driven back each time, the states giving way in the leaf

## AND COMPANY IN BITTER CONTEST Charles Marcil, member for Bonaventure, was proposed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and was elected without opposition. Mr. Marcil was deputy speaker in the last house. Gilbert H. McIntyre, member for South Perth, was chosen as deputy speaker of the opesent house.

pre-election promise to the Ottawa suffragists and bring into parliament a bill for women's suffrage.

The contest for the Conservative nomination in Carleton county, rendered vacant by the decision of R. L. Borden to sit for Halifax, will be between Edward Kidd, who made way for the conception leader in 1994 and

Monte de Leon, Jan. 20.—The observatory here since Dec. 28th, has registered 227 earth shocks of the first degree, 29 of the second degree, 18 of the third degree and 9 of the fourth