

## By Leaps and Bounds

### Trade of the Dominion Continues to Grow in a Marvellous Manner.

### Latest Returns Show an Increase of \$14,200,000 for the Last Ten Months.

### Premier Laurier To-Day Introduces the Redistribution Bill—Proposed Changes.

Ottawa, May 19.—(Special.)—The statement of trade returns issued by the customs department shows that there was an increase in the aggregate trade of the Dominion of \$14,200,000 for the ten months ending 30 April last, over the same time of last year. The duty for the same period increased \$2,700,000. For the month of April there was an increase of nearly \$700,000 in duty.

Mr. Aulay Morrison replied to the Hon. J. Haggart last night in the House on the Drummond County Railway. He made an excellent speech, touching the whole situation, showing the necessity of extending the Intercolonial to Montreal, and pointing out the excellent bargain which was being made.

### The Redistribution Bill.

Premier Laurier in the House to-day, in the absence of Hon. Wm. Mulock, introduced the Redistribution Bill. He said that the object of the bill was not to make a total redistribution. All that was wanted was to remove the glaring obstacles which had been thrown in the way of popular government in 1882. The principle of the bill, he said, was to be municipal, county organization was to be the basis of representation. He agreed with that. Sir John never expressed different views. The country would favor the principle of the bill, he said. That was what the government intended doing, although only the most glaring violations were to be removed. It would be well to set down the redistribution before it becomes obligatory to redistribute, as it would be after the census. If a county was not large enough to elect one member, it should be included in an adjoining county and not cut up in pieces, and put in with two or three ridings. The bill, therefore, had adopted the county boundaries lines and whenever it was necessary to redistribute into ridings, then that would be done with judicial decision and authority.

Toronto would be divided into four electoral districts and return four members. Three judges of the judiciary of Ontario would make the redistribution in Toronto and the other counties of Ontario. A clause was added that the bill would not come into force until after the dissolution of the present Parliament, but the work of redistribution would go on at once in Quebec. It was only intended to give back those parishes to the counties to which they belong.

In Prince Edward Island the county boundary lines would be restored. The only other change would be in New Brunswick, in the city of St. John. Instead of having two members for the city and county, there would be one member for city and one for county.

### Public Accounts Committee.

There was a meeting of the public accounts committee to-day. Sir Hibbert Tupper moved for the presence of Mr. Shanks, Winnipeg, who was bookkeeper to Mr. Maxwell, Q.C., who conducted the election frauds cases in Manitoba, and that he be brought along with him books in connection with this case. This was agreed.

Mr. Taylor moved for a committee in connection with expenditures on Rideau Hall, and also that W. J. Christie, Winnipeg, attend the committee and give evidence in connection with his charges against H. A. Costigan. Mr. Taylor is also after the expenses on government steamers, accounts for the winter train contract, and miners paid to H. A. Bate and Company, Ottawa, for Yukon supplies.

Mr. Borden asked for some papers connected with the Drummond County Railway. Mr. Flint gave notice of a motion for a subcommittee of public accounts to look into the differences of opinion which exists between the auditor-general and deputies.

### No Foundation.

The Mail and Empire of a recent date, referring to the burglar and safe blowers which have taken place in various parts of Ontario, said: "The only Canadian capable of doing the work, who is not a convict, is Sam Lindsay, who the Hon. David Mills pardoned after he had been sent down for a burglary at Hamilton."

This statement is manufactured out of whole cloth. Hon. David Mills has not pardoned Lindsay, and has not allowed him to go out of the penitentiary on a technicality. In the last five years, at all events, there has been no such man as Sam Lindsay in the penitentiary, and therefore no such man has been pardoned.

### Immigration.

Mr. Smart, Deputy Minister of the Interior, appeared before the agriculture committee to-day and gave evidence about the deer immigration.

### AN EARL DEAD.

London, May 19.—The Earl of Malmesbury, who was recently stricken with paralysis, is dead. Edward James Harris, the fourth Earl of Malmesbury, was born in 1812.

## A TALE OF THE SEA.

### A Transport Rescues Helpless and Starving Spaniards.

Letters received at Honolulu from Manila, according to advices received by the Miowera, tell of a thrilling tale of the sea connected with both wars in the Philippines.

The Roanoke arrived at Manila on March 23. When two days out from her destination a flag of distress was observed fluttering at some distance. It was displayed from a small fishing boat, drifting helplessly with sails in tatters. Bearing down on the disabled craft the Roanoke found it occupied by eight Spaniards. They were escaped prisoners from the hands of the Filipinos. Their condition was desperate, as for four days they had been without food and water. The poor fellows when found were baling up sea water in their hats to slake their maddening thirst.

The Spaniards said they had landed on an island for water, when they were attacked by a band of natives. They were able to beat off their assailants with bamboo spears. The nearly dying men were very grateful for the succor received at the hands of their late enemies.

## Agrees With Canada

### The Government of New South Wales and the Pacific Cable.

### They Consider That It Should Be Jointly Owned by the Empire.

Sydney, N.S.W., May 19.—The cabinet here, after considering the Pacific Cable proposals, has disagreed with the Imperial suggestions and agreed with the Canadian idea, that the cable should be jointly owned and not subsidized. This decision has been telegraphed to the other colonial governments.

## TESLA'S TASK.

Colorado Springs, Colo., May 19.—Nikola Tesla, the wizard of electricity, arrived here to-day to spend three or four months hard work from advantageous situations on heights ranging from 10,000 to 14,000 feet in altitude. He said: "I must study the conditions of the upper air strata. There are great laws and principles which I want to study and command. When I master these, I will attempt long distance signalling. I may send messages from Pike's Peak to Paris. In these high altitudes there is much to be learned. Electrical conditions are more active than at lower levels. The air is charged with electricity. I hope for favorable results." An eighty foot steel tower has been erected on the summit of Pike's Peak, while disclosing fifty thousand square miles of mountain and plain to the landscape tourist, secures Tesla an altitude of 14,223 feet.

## A TOWN IN DANGER.

### Negroes Alleged To Be Preparing for an Attack on Palmetto—They Will Use Dynamite.

Atlanta, Ga., May 19.—The Journal publishes a story in which it is stated that an anonymous letter has been received at Palmetto declaring that the town will be fired upon by negro excursionists on Saturday night. The letter declares that negroes going to Columbus, Ga., from Atlanta on Saturday night to attend a picnic will use Winchester to fire from the car windows and dynamite will be used to destroy property fronting on the railway.

## THE SANTA FE GRANT.

New York, May 19.—A despatch received here says it has been officially announced that not a single property holder in Santa Fe owns a foot of ground, nor had the city any title to streets or plaza. The courts have decided that the Santa Fe grant is illegal, and that the city is situated on government land and has no right to the collected taxes levied on land.

## CHOLERA IN INDIA.

London, May 19.—It is announced in a special despatch from Allahabad, capital of the Northwest provinces, that a serious epidemic of cholera has followed in the wake of the plague. At Kurachoo, the principal seaport town of Sind, the despatch adds, there were 64 deaths yesterday from cholera.

## MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, May 19.—Stock market morning board: War Eagle, 375, 374; Payne, 400, 385; Montreal and London, 68, 67; Republic, 135, 132; Sales: War Eagle, 500 at 374; Montreal and London, 350 at 68 and 300 at 67; Republic, 500 at 132, 100 at 133, 5,000 at 131, and 500 at 132.

## MONTREAL STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, May 20.—Stock market, morning board: War Eagle xd, 374, a. 372; Payne, 400, 385; Montreal and London, 68; Republic G. M. Co., 132, 130. Sales: W. E., 1,000 at 373; G. M. Co. at 373; 1,000 at 371; and 2,000 at 370; Republic, 17,200 at 131.

## A Rosslund Disaster

### A Terrible Accident in the War Eagle Mine Last Night.

### Five Men Precipitated Down the Shaft, a Distance of 350 Feet.

### Four Miners Instantly Killed and One Dies This Afternoon.

Rosslund, B.C., May 20.—(Special.)—A terrible accident occurred in the War Eagle mine soon after midnight by which four men have lost their lives. The men were going from one level to another in the skip and by some means the engineer lost control of the hoist and the men, five in number, were precipitated from the 250 to the 600 foot level, a distance of 350 feet.

Three men, H. A. Honeyford, James O. Palmer and Thomas Melville, were instantly killed, and a fourth, W. F. Schofield, died about 12:30 to-day.

The fifth man, who was in the skip, is at the hospital, and the doctors say he feels a little sore, but that he will be around to-morrow or the next day. The accident happened on the new hoisting plant, which has just been taken over by the company, and which has never yet worked properly.

An inquest will be opened at 3:30 this afternoon. In the meantime the mine is closed down, and will probably not be running again until after the funeral.

## PRAYER FOR CONFERENCE.

London, May 19.—The Archbishop of Canterbury has authorized the clergy to use the collect for the Fifth Sunday after Trinity, and to make a pause after the words in the litany: "That it may please Thee to give the nations unity, peace and concord" at all services during the progress of the peace conference.

A memorial has been sent to the Marquis of Salisbury by the Anglo-Armenian Association urging the desirability of the peace conference at The Hague settling the Armenian question. The association have also addressed an informal communication to Washington, "feeling assured that the close co-operation of English-speaking nations in a work for the benefit of mankind is ardently desired on both sides of the Atlantic."

## THE BUFFALO STRIKE.

Buffalo, May 19.—The prospect of a settlement of the strike of grain shovellers, freight handlers, ore dock men, elevator machinists and coal heavers is more remote than ever. The state board of mediation and arbitration is making a public investigation into the cause of the strike, and the fact has been brought out that not only the port of Buffalo but the entire commerce of the lakes is in danger of being permanently crippled by the strike. Gibson C. Douglass of the Western Transit Company testified that vessels owners already had sustained a loss of over \$100,000, that agents were refusing to load vessels for this port and that the commerce was being diverted into other routes.

## TRANSVAAL ARRESTS.

London, May 19.—Mr. Chamberlain, in the House of Commons to-day gave the names and the identity of the men arrested at Johannesburg. All of them excepting Themblet and Fairies were former non-commissioned officers in the British army. He added that President Kruger had informed the British agent at Pretoria that there was no proof that the prisoners were British officers and that in any case the incident would not be allowed to disturb the friendly relations existing.

## ARMISTICE REFUSED.

Manila, May 20.—The two military and two civil Filipino commissioners appointed to co-operate with three citizens of Manila in negotiating terms of peace, arrived here to-day. They have submitted no new proposition, but want an armistice pending the session of the Filipino congress. General Otis has refused to entertain the proposal.

Awarded Highest Honors—World's Fair. Gold Medal, Midwinter Fair.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

A Pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. 10 YEARS THE STANDARD

## \$10,000 TO THE TON.

### A Discovery Which Created Great Excitement in South Dakota.

Deadwood, S.D., May 19.—A vein of ore carrying \$10,000 in free gold to the ton has been discovered on a ranch near Custer City. It is the first quartz that has been found in the vicinity. The find has created excitement in Custer which amounts almost to a stampede.

## A SEVERE ENGAGEMENT.

### Four American Soldiers Killed in a Brush With Filipinos.

New York, May 20.—A Herald dispatch from Manila says Colonel French with the Twenty-second Infantry, sent down river three miles from San Isidro by General Lawton, met the enemy, driving them out. Four Americans were killed. Major Kobbe with the Seventeenth and Nineteenth regiments is expected to meet Colonel French at Ayatay. The Rio Grande will then be cleared of insurgents.

New York, May 20.—A Journal Hongkong dispatch says the Filipino junta here claims that Aguinaldo is retreating; he wants peace merely to gain time in order to procure further supplies of arms and ammunition.

## E. & N. Offer Withdrawn

### Vice President Dunsmuir Communicates Company's Decision to the Committee.

### The Company Will Work With the Citizens for Victoria's Welfare.

The communication, of which the following is a copy, was received by Mr. Noah Shakespeare this morning and handed to the press for publication:

Victoria, B.C., May 19, 1899. Noah Shakespeare, Esq., Chairman Citizens' Railway Committee, Victoria: Dear Sir: As the proposition submitted to you on May 1st has apparently not met with the views of your committee or of the citizens generally, and as it has not as yet been shown conclusively by its pro-ponents that what connections considered most advantageous, we beg to withdraw our offer.

You may say to your committee, however, we will work in conjunction with the citizens in any matters that we consider to be for the advantage of this city. We remain, yours, very truly,

ESQUIMAULT & NANAIMO RAILWAY COMPANY. JAMES DUNSMUIR, Vice-President.

## Troops For Alaska

### United States Government Is Sending Three Companies of Infantry North.

### They Are to Preserve Order and Prevent Any Conflict Between Miners.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 19.—A special despatch from Washington says: To preserve peace and order in Alaska and to prevent a conflict between American and Canadian miners, which may injure the good relations existing between the United States and Great Britain, orders have been issued by Secretary Alger, under which three companies of infantry will be sent immediately to that territory.

These orders have been given with the approval of the State Department, which has forwarded the proper notice to Great Britain to convince that government that the United States is acting in good faith to maintain peace. They are also due to the failure of Secretary Hay and Sir Julian Pauncefote to arrange a modus vivendi, which the authorities say, would have prevented the conditions of affairs now reported along the boundary line.

Senator Fairbanks and former Secretary Foster, members of the high joint commission, were in conference to-day with Secretary Hay regarding the negotiations which Ambassador Choate has been conducting in London with reference to the Alaskan boundary.

Senator Fairbanks will proceed to Alaska to examine the conditions there for himself, and expects to return to Washington in the latter part of July, in order to be present at the re-assembly of the commission.

## BEDFORD'S NEW COMMAND.

Portsmouth, May 19.—Rear-Admiral Sir Frederick George Benham Bedford, K.C.B., who succeeded Vice-Admiral Sir John A. Fisher, K.C.E., as commander-in-chief of the British North American and West India station, hoisted his flag to-day on board the first-class cruiser Orontea. He will sail for Halifax and Bermuda to-morrow.

## Gossip From London

### Arrangements For Celebrating the Queen's Birthday at Windsor Castle.

### The Marquis of Salisbury Will Again Be Offered a Dukedom.

### United States Soldiers Invited to the Volunteer Review in London.

London, May 20.—Socially the week has been the busiest of the year. Queen Victoria's visit to London gave it a necessary enlivening.

The ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the South Kensington Museum proved a highly successful pageant and gave the people here an opportunity to indulge in a great loyal demonstration, while the state ball on Thursday evening was a gathering of all the highest in the land at Buckingham Palace. It was a most brilliant function. The Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall, Prince and Princess Christian, the Duke and Duchess of York, the Duke and Duchess of Fife, the Duke of Cambridge and the Crown Prince of Siam, were among those present. The dancing commenced at 11 o'clock in the magnificent saloon and continued until daybreak.

### The Approaching Ceremonies at Windsor will be most interesting. Up on the occasion of her birthday next Wednesday (Queen Victoria was born May 24, 1818, Her Majesty will receive the congratulations of her family and will then be seated in the grand quadrangle of the castle by a choir of 200 voices, to which the Queen will listen from the room overlooking the quadrangle. At noon the Scots Fusilier Guards will march past the Queen on the east lawn and fire a feu de joie. Thanksgiving services in the cathedral will follow. The Queen will then drive through Windsor, passing under a magnificent floral arch erected on Castle Hill, and in the evening "Lohengrin" will be given by the opera company in the Waterloo chamber.

It is rumored that the Queen, in connection with her birthday, will again offer the Marquis of Salisbury a Dukedom, which she refused at the time of Her Majesty's jubilee.

The Prince of Wales has ordered his racing cutter Britannia to be refitted as early as possible, but it is not considered likely that she will be ready in time to be used in the test races against the Cup challenger Shamrock. The Britannia will remain out-of-rigged and will compete in the yacht races during Cowes week.

Sir Charles Howard Vincent, Conservative member of parliament for the central division of Sheffield, and Colonel of the Queen's Westminster Volunteers, struck a popular note in inviting a deputation from the Seventh New York Regiment to visit England. He wrote to Colonel Daniel Appleton recently asking him to send a delegation if possible to march with the Westminster Volunteers in Hyde Park when the Prince of Wales will

Review all the London Volunteers on July 8. The Westminster are very enthusiastic about the idea, and it is evident they will be greatly disappointed if the New Yorkers are unable to accept the invitation to the review and arrange for a shooting match. Sir Charles Vincent said "the invitation, though nominally from my corps, is from the nation and although in my letter to Colonel Appleton we limited the invitation to the Seventh New York Regiment, we should like America to send a showing from all her regiments. A great reception awaits her sons from each service. We want a tighter hand clasp between the two nations."

Adjutant-General the Right Hon. Sir Redver Henry Buller said the scheme emanated with the officers of the Westminster regiment. He added: "We, thus far, have had nothing to do with the matter, but I feel that no obstacle would be raised to it."

### American Soldiers Joining in the great match in July.

The Navy League is organizing a great demonstration in honor of Capt. Mahan, the naval representative of the United States at The Hague peace conference as a recognition of his service rendered to naval men.

A representative of the Associated Press had a chat with Lord Charles Beresford with reference to the home coming of Admiral Dewey from Manila. He said: "There is nothing we would like better than to have Admiral Dewey call at an English port on his way home. Everyone of us would show him in true British fashion how much we recognize his brilliant work at Manila. He is sure, however, to meet with a fitting reception at any of the British naval stations he touches, but I fear he is not likely to come nearer the English shores than Gibraltar."

### CHINA WANTS JAPAN'S AID.

Tacoma, May 19.—Mail advices by the Oriental liner Victoria say: Nearly all the Tokio journals give publicity to a rumor to the effect that China has approached the Japanese government with a request for aid to get Germany out of

## Shan Tung.

The following dispatch was received by the local mandarin from Chinanfu, capital of Shan Tung: A large force of Germans went, about ten days ago, to the village of Kuochiachuang in the hills near Kiaochou and forcibly evicted the inhabitants. When this had been done the Germans set fire to part of the village and left. Another force of Germans in Jih Cimo demanded the person of Ole Hauh Lin Tse, who is charged with insulting a Roman priest.

## NOTES FROM VANCOUVER.

Vancouver, May 20.—The council of the Vancouver Board of Trade has decided to endorse the Victoria board's suggestion for a business men's excursion to Atlin and Dawson, and asks for the hearty co-operation of merchants.

A portion of the residence of Moss Jones was badly damaged by fire last evening, when a large quantity of valuable silver, presented to him when mayor of a town in New Zealand, was destroyed.

The Westminster Lawn Tennis Club has decided to notify the Victoria club that if the amount due from the last match is not received by Monday, the Royal City team will not play the schedule match at the Capital on Wednesday.

## The Alaskan Question

### Great Britain Objects to the Dispatch of United States Soldiers.

### The Imperial Government Looks Upon the Proposal as a Menace.

Chicago, Ill., May 20.—A special to the Times-Herald from Washington, D.C., says: "While pressing the United States to agree to arbitration in the Alaskan boundary question, the British government has entered objections to the dispatch of additional American troops to the territory and has made clear her desire to obtain an Alaskan port."

"With respect to the dispatch of the three companies of regulars to Alaska to patrol the boundary line, the purpose of the government is to preserve peace and prevent a conflict between Canadian and American miners, which reports from Governor Brady show is likely to occur at any moment. It is probable that the United States government will insist in view of Great Britain's objection the troops will not be sent to Pyramid Harbor as originally intended, but will be located at a point accessible to the disputed territory so as to be available in case of emergency."

"In its representations to the American government the British government takes the view that the dispatch of troops to Alaska is in the nature of a menace; an indication that the United States proposes to retain by force the territory which it claims and that consequently it feels that in the interest of the friendly relations between the two governments they should not go."

## UNGLE SAM'S TROUBLES.

### The Island of Cuba Will Again Demand His Attention—Natives Ready to Fight for Freedom.

Mexico City, May 19.—Organs of the Spanish colony predict that the United States is on the eve of a long and costly war in Cuba as well as in the Philippines. The prediction is based on supposed inside information from Cuba.

## Beef for Soldiers.

Chicago, May 19.—Proposals for furnishing the war department with more than 5,000,000 pounds of beef for troops in Cuba and Porto Rico during the year beginning July 1, have been received by Colonel Sharpe at Chicago. Every precaution has been taken to furnish the men with the best meat obtainable.

## RIOTING IN FRANCE.

Paris, May 19.—After the acquittal of the notorious Jew biter, Max Regis, on a charge of inciting to murder and incendiarism at Grenoble yesterday, a hostile crowd followed him to the railway station, compelling the authorities to protect him with soldiers. A mob then marched to the officer's club, cheering for Dreyfus and Plouquet, and jeering and hooting the officers who turned a water hose on the crowd.

The letter responded with a shower of stones. Several officers were injured by the mob. The rioters were finally dispersed after a number of policemen had been hurt.

On the news of the acquittal of Max Regis reaching Algiers, of which city he was former mayor, a mob formed and marched on the Jewish quarter and the police and military had to be summoned in order to prevent the rioters from wrecking Jewish houses. Fifty arrests were made before the mob was dispersed.

## END OF THE POSTMEN'S STRIKE.

Paris, May 19.—Last night the postal department and the Paris prefect of police issued a circular to the postmen, individually, announcing that all who failed to resume duty this morning would be irrevocably dismissed. As a result the strike has ended, the first brigade resuming work at 4 o'clock this morning.

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