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R.A. Pringle, K.C., in St. John on his Way to Fredericton to Start Inves-igation.

(Special Staff Coreapondence.)
St. John, N.B., May 11.—R. A. Pringle K.C., of Ottawa, is here on his way to Fredericton, under appointment by the Federal Government to conduct an inquiry into the cost of the Southampton Railway and the Southampton of Railways and of the pepartment of Railways and Carals reported the road cost \$22,000, and as such is entitled to the double apping of \$6400.

DEATHS IN TORONTO.

(Special staff Correspondence.)

Toronto. May 11.—J. F. Boy, senior pariner of Eliv. Blaines & Co., one of the oldes wholesale grocery firms in Canada, died suddenly this morning. Mr. Eby had been ill but a few days, and at the week-end pneumonia developed. Eby, Blaines Co.'s big warehouse. on Front street, was closed at hoos.

GREATER MONTREAL Terrible Battle Being Waged

> Tampico Is Scene of Desperate Conflict Between Federals and Rebels

TOWN IS IN FLAMES

Attacking Gunners Guided by Luric Flames Flinging Projecties Into Town, with Deadly Accuracy— Seize Lighthouses,

bursting with the utmost accuracy in contrast to the home-made shells used by villa in his battle about Torreon.

7.009 constitutionalists under Gen. Pedio Gonzales, and Luis Caballero, are engaged. General Jezus Carranza with his brigade, was thought to form a part of the force attacking Tampico, but it was decided that he was needed in the campaigneon Saltillo, and his brigade was sent back to Monterey.

Honour Dead Sailors

New York, May II.— The dead from Yora Crus were landed on American soil to-day, and city, state and nation paid their tribute. Two hours before the city was astir, seventeen flag-diaped coffins were removed from the boat deck of the armored cruiser Montana and placed on caissons on the plaza in Battery Park, Few witnessed this ceremony, for the sun was but half risen; but thousands later lined the streets to watch the slow procession wind its way to the navy yard. Perhaps not since the Dewey parade has there been such a spontaneous demonstration. That, however, was a noisy tribute to a returning victor; this a reverent one to the returning dead.

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MORE EARTHQUAKES IN OTHER PARTS OF SICILY

Latest Shock Felt At Randazzo on the North Western Slope of Mount Etna-Inhabitants Are In a Panic

CASUALTIES STILL UNKNOWN

Great Heat Which Prevails Aggravates Suffering of Victims and Makes Work of Rescue More Difficult, Necessitating Immediate Burial-Railway Communication is Completely Interrupted-King and Queen Go To Sicily.

The great heat now prevailing makes matters worse and is the cause of increased trouble for those who are trying to succor the injured and homeless. Water is scarce, as well as food, and the rations distributed by the soliders are not sufficient to go around. The heat will make it necessary for many of the soldiers to go to work at once burying the dead and carrying out sanitary precautions.

The employment of the troops in this work will hinder their relief work while the ruined and congested roads and the interruption of raitway communication still further increase the difficulties.

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difficulties.

It is announced that King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena will go to Sicily when they receive a report concerning the conditions there. Under-Secretary Mosca has gone to Catania for the purpose of making such a report.

report.

The first severe shock was felt at 7 o'clock Friday evening, but the fact that this had caused any great destruction was not known in Catania, though the worst was feared, as owing to its violence railroad and telegraphic comunication between the affected villages and this town had been interrupted.

OTHER INCORPORATIONS

Farnham & Granby Ry. Co., Hawkes bury Ry. Co., and Several Other Acts of Incorporation Were Passed This Morning.

(Special Staff Correspondence.)

Think Wells Fargo To Cut Dividend

Much Interest Taken in the Meeting of Big Express Company

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semi-annual dividend from operating capital. In December, 1913, the investment dividend was cut from 3 per cent. to 2 per cent, or from 6 per cent, to 4 per cent, annually, and in March the dividend from operating profits was reduced from 3 per cent. to 3 per cent, annually. It was thought in some quarters that the company intended to pay 4 per cent, from investments annually and 3 per cent. in some quarters that the complined tended to pay 4 per cent. from investments annually and 3 per cent. from other investments, a total of 7 per cent. other investments, a total of 7 per cent. other investments, a total of? per cent. It is now generally understood, however, that future dividends will be at the uniform rate 1½ per cent. quarterly or 6 per cent. annually. So far as can be ascertained express companies generally did not conduct their operations at a profit during the three months ended April 30, the first three months in which the reduced schedule offrates ordered by the Interstate Commerce Commission was in operation.

Lower Rates Ineffective.

It had been hoped that the lower rates might induce business in sufficient volume to make up for the loss due to their reduction, but up to the present the results have been more or less disappointing. Expression suggest, however, that in view of the general business depression the period is hardly one from which a fair judgment can be obtained. Strange to say, periods of general trade depression have in the past been beneficial to express companies. When trade is dull the merchants, instead of ordering large consignments by freight.

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