

NEWS FROM THE OLD LAND
Many Interesting Happenings Reported From Great Britain.

(London Daily Mail.)
NEW PATENT DECISION.
The decision of the Comptroller-General of Patents, Mr. C. N. Dalton, in the matter of an application of W. T. Thomson and J. Knox for the revocation of Letters Patent No. 265,519, of 1906, was issued on Monday, revoking an American patent on parts of a machine that is not manufactured in the United Kingdom.

The evidence in defence of the patent urged that it would be "scarcely possible" to manufacture the machine "entirely" in the United Kingdom because the necessary tools and the highly skilled labor needed were not to be found there. The applicants for the revocation of the patent, on the other hand, urged that what had been done in Germany could easily be done in Great Britain.

The Comptroller-General ruled that the American patentees had not adequately worked their patent in England by merely making a small number of substituted parts.

This decision is of great importance, as there seems to be a general impression abroad that the manufacturer of a small number of parts in the United Kingdom is all that is required to meet Mr. Lloyd-George's Act.

This is the second decision in a few weeks revoking a foreign patent.

It is thought likely that all the cases decided will be carried on appeal to the Justice of the Peace, the Lord Chancellor for the purpose.

Eleven other applications for revocation of patents worked abroad are pending.

WOMAN M. P.'S IMPRESSIONS.
A slender little lady, with hair of reddish gold piled on the top of her head, smiling blue eyes, and a musical voice. Such is the impression conveyed by the appearance of Dr. Thekla Hultin, a member of the Finnish Diet, and the first woman M. P. to visit London.

Dr. Hultin and her friend Mrs. Aino Malmberg, the translator of Mr. Rudyard Kipling's works into Finnish, have come from their own country—where since 1905 women, married and single, over the age of twenty-four have votes—to give a helping hand to their sisters in Britain who are struggling for the same enfranchisement.

Dr. Hultin said in an interview: "I think the Englishmen are splendid and the Englishwomen charming. I like the independent, erect carriage of the women I see in the streets. And how well they dress."

"Better than the Finnish women?"
"Oh, all Finnish women dress badly. We do not understand the art of dress in Finland."

"The women of a country know what are the best methods for obtaining their just rights," was her tactful reply to a question about the militant methods of the British Suffragettes.

The twenty-five women M. P.'s of Finland—who include noblemen, Government servants, teachers, authors, journalists, and one domestic servant—are, Dr. Hultin stated, very popular in the Diet. Twelve of her colleagues in the Diet are wives, and in three cases they sit side by side with their husbands, who are also members.

"Who looks after the babies?" The woman M. P. looked surprised. "Why, the grandmothers, of course," she replied. "Finnish women would not dream of neglecting their children, but do not your women go to dinner parties, tea parties, garden parties, and balls? These social duties come between a mother and her home far more than the mere fact of voting once in three years or sitting in Parliament for three months each year."

SOURCES OF SUICIDE.
Two years of experience has firmly convinced the rulers of the Salvation Army that their anti-suicide bureau is a vital and permanent necessity.

Statistics show that over 3,400 persons now commit suicide in England and Wales in the year, a number which is equivalent to almost ten out of every 100,000 of the population, and the proportion has been growing annually. But the number of those who are annually on the brink of self-destruction and turned aside by chance or kindness who can tell the object of the Salvation Army's bureau is to avert this fatal plunge.

Major Glanville, who presides over the beneficent work, states that during 1908 over one thousand persons full of suicidal despair sought the assistance of the bureau. The large majority of the applicants, he believed, are now restored to normal conditions.

These cases did not belong to the lowest social stratum; they were the wreckage of the middle classes, and included soldiers, doctors, actors, journalists, and well-to-do military officers and clergymen.

Inviolable secrecy is observed concerning the identity of the applicants. But circumstances are investigated and fully recorded, and an interesting analysis is made of the motives which were impelling them towards self-destruction. Here is the substance of last year's leading causes: Financial embarrassment or hopeless poverty, 50 per cent.; accidents, sickness or other misfortunes, 11 per cent.; Drink, drugs and disease, 11 per cent.; Melancholia from loneliness or other cause, 9 per cent.; Forgery and other crimes, 5 per cent.

A notable fact here is that the hard struggle for existence is a more prolific source than even drink.

OPIMUM COMMISSION.
We are able to print to-day the main points of the findings of the commission on the opium traffic in the Straits Settlements and the Federated Malay States.

The commissioners declare that "evils arising from the use of opium are usually the subject of exaggeration. . . . The tendency of philanthropists to give undue prominence to bad cases and to generalise from the observation of them is undoubtedly a great factor in attri-

buting to the use of opium more widely extended evils than really exist."
The commissioners state that the difficulties of strictly enforcing prohibitive legislation appear to be insurmountable. They consider that the proposal to register opium smokers, as is done by the Japanese in Formosa, is impracticable.

It is recommended by the commissioners that the production and distribution of opium be made a Government monopoly, and that the farming of the revenue be abandoned. They urge that the present low price of the drug in the Federated Malay States should be gradually raised up to the higher rate prevailing in the Straits Settlements. They advise that women shall be forbidden access to all licensed opium shops and that the sale of opium to women or children under eighteen be made an offence.

They point out the disastrous effects to the local revenue if the authorities were deprived of the opium taxes through a prohibition of the traffic, and while desiring improvement in opium shops, they consider that there is no justification for their suppression.

One of the commissioners, Bishop Oldham, dissents from some of the conclusions.

CYCLE TRADE ROMANCE.
A dazzling instance of the rise of a workman to affluence is afforded by the life story of Mr. George Singer, head of the Singer Cycle and Motor Company, whose death is announced from Coventry.

Born in Sussex in 1847, he worked as a young mechanic in London, but he went to Coventry early in the sixties to work in the engineering department of the Manchester Company.

Mr. Singer saw the coming of the bicycle, and he started in business on his own account. Himself a fine mechanic, Mr. Singer soon built up a great business, and he made enormous profits for several years. Eventually he sold his business for £550,000.

Successful as he was, Mr. Singer is known to have missed two great chances in life. Fifteen or more years ago he was offered the exclusive rights in the free wheel for cycles, but he refused to believe in the value of the invention, and it went elsewhere. The other miss was his refusal to take up the pneumatic tyre when it was first brought out.

DEATH AT 118.
The clerk of the Limerick Board of Guardians received notification on Wednesday of the death of Mrs. Johanna Leonard, who had attained the extraordinary age of 118 years.

Almost to the last she retained possession of her faculties, and was able to recount some remarkable reminiscences and experiences of her long life. She could recall impressions of the Irish rebellion of 1798 and the attempted insurrection of 1820, as well as the risings of 1848 and 1867.

She remembered the horrors of the famine and the horrors of her own personal experiences during that terrible visitation.

Mrs. Leonard had one son aged ninety-six and another aged eighty. She lived near Appamore, in County Limerick.

USURY CASE.
Charge Against C. W. Mitchell Being Heard at Ottawa.

Ottawa, Jan. 21.—The trial of C. W. Mitchell, of Ottawa, a retired newspaper proprietor, on a charge of contravening the money lenders' act of 1906 by charging a higher rate of interest than twelve per cent., was begun before Police Magistrate O'Keefe this afternoon. The prosecution was instituted by the Provincial Attorney-General's Department, which sent Inspector Rogers to Ottawa last week to investigate charges regarding extortionate rates of interest by money lenders in Ottawa. In the particular case in question K. A. I. Helmer, chief draughtsman in the City Engineer's office, borrowed \$150 of Mitchell on a chattel mortgage.

The conditions of the loan were that the borrower was to be paid back in seven monthly payments, aggregating \$177. Helmer committed suicide three weeks ago, in consequence, it is said, of money difficulties. In his evidence this afternoon M. D. Grant, actuary in the Finance Department, swore that the actual rate of interest charged was 25 to 70 per cent. Argument of counsel in the case will be heard to-morrow.

SLOVENLY FARMING.
Scotchmen Found Cultivation Imperfect in Canada.

London, Jan. 21.—T. C. Martin, editor of The Dundee Advertiser, and a member of the commission which visited the Dominion in 1908, addressing the Farmers' Club of Dundee, thought Scotch farmers on the commission brought home from Canada the idea that they had not much to learn from the Canadian farmer. Cultivation was by no means perfect, and there was a good deal of slovenly work allowed. Weeds were abundant.

Another impression he formed was that Canada was going to be a sober nation. He did not remember one banquet of the many he attended at which alcoholic liquors appeared. In Toronto the municipal banquet was on the largest scale, but there was nothing to drink but mineral waters and some concoction of ginger.

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Secretary of State Root and Senator Knox, who will be Secretary of State in President Taft's Cabinet, were called upon to give evidence in the Panama libel suit.

HUNGER-MARCHERS

Clashed With London Police in Berkeley Square, London.

New York, Jan. 21.—A cable despatch to The American from London says: For the first time since the unemployed of London originated their "hunger marches," they came into conflict with the police Wednesday afternoon. A band of 150 unemployed marched from Squalid Poplar to Berkeley Square. They passed around the square jeering and singing Socialistic hymns.

When the unemployed stopped in front of the Marquis of Lansdowne's mansion they attempted to hold a meeting, but the police seized the leaders and hustled them out of the square. The unemployed resisted and many fights occurred. During the melee a clergyman from Poplar, who was marching in the procession, was roughly handled. The men sullenly left the square, uttering threats to return in larger numbers. The police made no arrests. Among the banners confiscated was one inscribed: "Work or Revolution! Which? The Government Must Decide!"

ASK NO PARDON.
GOMPERS, MITCHELL AND MORRISON PREFER PRISON.

Say Judge Wright Showed Vindictive Spirit and Address Was Tirade of Abuse and Misrepresentation—No Intention of Defying Law.

Washington, Jan. 21.—We have not asked, and will not ask, for clemency, and we hope our friends will not urge us to pursue such a course. Loving liberty to free men do as we do—it is not for us to appreciate what incarceration in a prison would mean to us. To ask pardon would render useless all the trial and sacrifice which our men of labor, and our friends in all walks of life, have endured, that the rights and liberties of our people might be restored. Such a pardon would only leave the whole case confused, and it would have to be fought over again from the beginning.

This is some of the language used in a remarkable statement signed by Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, in the current number of the American Federationist, in formal protest against the action of Mr. Justice Wright in sentencing them to imprisonment for contempt of court in the Bucks stove and range case.

Samuel Gompers heads his statement: "Judge Wright's Denial of Free Speech and Free Press." And refers to the "intemperate and vindictive spirit displayed by the justice" and to "this tirade of judicial abuse and misrepresentation," and joins with Messrs. Mitchell and Morrison in declaring that they would not "enter into competition with the honorable court in the use of invectives, rancor or scathing denunciation," and that they should protest "against the court's unprecedented and unwarranted flagellation of the cause and of the people whom we have the honor to represent."

That the trio of labor leaders fully recognize the responsibility they assume in making their statements is shown by their declaration that even though they may be held in additional contempt, "we are willing to accept the consequences. It may be necessary to the preservation of the liberties of the people that a judge should be disobeyed. Judges who usurp power and become tyrants. Disobedience to a tyrant is obedience to law."

Here is another statement: "When a judge issues such an injunction like that in the Bucks Stove and Range Company, it is the judge who defies the law, and not the citizens who refuse obedience to his injunction mandates, which would deprive them of their constitutional rights."

The statement says Mr. Mitchell was not present at the labor meetings which directed the circular letters attacking the Bucks Stove and Range Company; that he did not sign, or have any knowledge of its circulation. It is asserted that Mr. Gompers removed the name of the firm from the "We Don't Patronize" list as soon as the injunction became operative, and had no intent to defy the order of the court by its discussion. Finally, in conclusion, it is said, "We are not disrespectful to the courts when we protest against a wrong decision, rather are we helping the courts to maintain their proper dignity by pointing out when a judge steps from the path of dignity and right and justice."

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Mrs. J. S. Shields is at Comber, waiting on her sister, who is very sick. The Literary Society will not meet until after the special services close. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Curwen. Mr. William Bell has purchased the old cheese factory and expects to do a good business next summer. Special services are being held in the Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. A. R. Springer.

John Lymburner is pretty good stuff. He was defeated twice in succession, but came out head this year by the Lymburner vote.

Prohibition must carry around the centre, for the councillors are all in favor of it.

Don't worry about the bell. We have heard its peal for the past five years, and expect it will sound louder than ever in the future.

After a long sickness, Gordon Dennis is able to take up his work as fireman again.

Quite a number of ladies attended Mr. Sutherland's sale. Everything went at a good price.

Carpenters of this place expect a busy summer, as there is a lot of work on hand.

Grain chopping done at Norman Hoovers' every Monday at 7c. per bag.

BAPTIST SETTLEMENT
Mr. G. N. Mieser is on the sick list. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brooks spent Sunday at Mr. Brooks' at Lynden. Mr. Eli Wilson is at Hamilton acting as juror.

Mrs. J. Johnson, of Alberton, is visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. W. Weaver and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Brooks' at Lynden. Mr. and Mrs. Elias Vansickle and Mr. and Mrs. L. Wilson spent Sunday at L. S. Vansickle's.

A large number from here attended the Sabbath school convention at Alberton on Tuesday and report a very pleasant and profitable time.

Mr. Wm. Mieser, of Brantford, is visiting his brother, Mr. G. N. Mieser, at Lynden. Mrs. Jesse Vansickle is spending this week at Brantford.

Mrs. E. J. Vansickle and Miss Dora, and Mr. G. Mieser, of Hamilton, are visiting at the parental home.

Mr. and Mrs. Orval Vansickle spent Sunday at Mr. Eli Wilson's.

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A large number from here attended the funeral of the late Mr. Geo. Dunham, which took place on Wednesday afternoon from his late residence, Langford, to the Stenahugh cemetery here.

Rev. Mr. Webster, of Ancaster Presbyterian Church, and Rev. J. Atkins exchanged pulpits on Sunday last.

Rev. J. Atkins, Mrs. Atkins and son spent Sunday and Monday at Ancaster. Misses Edith and Ella Mieser and Marie Vansickle spent Sunday with Miss Edith Kendrick.

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ATTERCLIFFE
Mrs. Abe Daniels is under the care of Dr. Shupe, and is quite poorly. Constable Winslow with his aids arrested Parker, the jail-breaker, near here last Friday.

Mr. Dean Horton, of Wellandport, and Miss Edna Clark, of Attercliffe, were married last week, and the boys had quite an old time chivalry.

Mr. Seaman Tisdale has bought the Sam Lambert farm near Port Robinson, and will commence moving soon.

Mrs. E. Miller's old friends will be glad to hear that she can walk to the road and take a sleigh ride. The carriage makers are doing a land office business in cutters and sleighs.

Mr. W. Webb is putting on a lot of never-slip shoes these weeks.

Mr. John Bowman, of Elcho, had a delicate operation performed for some internal trouble last Sunday by a specialist from Hamilton, assisted by Dr. Hening, of Smithville. He is doing well.

COWCANTA.
The quickest and best route will continue to be via Grand Trunk and T. & N. O. Railways to Charlton, thence 18 miles by stage to Elk Lake and 23 miles Elk Lake to Cowcanta. This route will enable stops to be made at Temagami, Cobalt, Haileybury, New Liskeard and Englehart. Cobalt special leaving Toronto 10.15 p. m. daily makes direct connection with stages, reaching Elk Lake next afternoon. Full information from next afternoon. Mr. Geo. Bristol and Mr. Sam Smith's on Sunday.

Mr. H. Vanderlip, who visited here, returned to his home.

Mr. W. Ross and daughter Maggie are staying at Mr. James Ewert's.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bristol visited Mr. Charles Shaver on Monday; also visited their uncle, Frederick Shaver, who will be 91 years old on Friday, the 22nd. He is quite smart and well for a man of his age.

Miss Aggie Kendrick spent Saturday

TRAVELERS' GUIDE

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

Niagara Falls, New York—7:30 a. m., 9:37 a. m., 10:06 a. m., 10:57 a. m., 11:02 p. m., 11:06 p. m.
St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Buffalo—6:37 a. m., 10:00 a. m., 10:31 a. m., 11:20 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 11:40 a. m., 11:50 a. m., 12:00 a. m., 12:10 a. m., 12:20 a. m., 12:30 a. m., 12:40 a. m., 12:50 a. m., 1:00 a. m., 1:10 a. m., 1:20 a. m., 1:30 a. m., 1:40 a. m., 1:50 a. m., 2:00 a. m., 2:10 a. m., 2:20 a. m., 2:30 a. m., 2:40 a. m., 2:50 a. m., 3:00 a. m., 3:10 a. m., 3:20 a. m., 3:30 a. m., 3:40 a. m., 3:50 a. m., 4:00 a. m., 4:10 a. m., 4:20 a. m., 4:30 a. m., 4:40 a. m., 4:50 a. m., 5:00 a. m., 5:10 a. m., 5:20 a. m., 5:30 a. m., 5:40 a. m., 5:50 a. m., 6:00 a. m., 6:10 a. m., 6:20 a. m., 6:30 a. m., 6:40 a. m., 6:50 a. m., 7:00 a. m., 7:10 a. m., 7:20 a. m., 7:30 a. m., 7:40 a. m., 7:50 a. m., 8:00 a. m., 8:10 a. m., 8:20 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 8:40 a. m., 8:50 a. m., 9:00 a. m., 9:10 a. m., 9:20 a. m., 9:30 a. m., 9:40 a. m., 9:50 a. m., 10:00 a. m., 10:10 a. m., 10:20 a. m., 10:30 a. m., 10:40 a. m., 10:50 a. m., 11:00 a. m., 11:10 a. m., 11:20 a. m., 11:30 a. m., 11:40 a. m., 11:50 a. m., 12:00 p. m., 12:10 p. m., 12:20 p. m., 12:30 p. m., 12:40 p. m., 12:50 p. m., 1:00 p. m., 1:10 p. m., 1:20 p. m., 1:30 p. m., 1:40 p. m., 1:50 p. m., 2:00 p. m., 2:10 p. m., 2:20 p. m., 2:30 p. m., 2:40 p. m., 2:50 p. m., 3:00 p. m., 3:10 p. m., 3:20 p. m., 3:30 p. m., 3:40 p. m., 3:50 p. m., 4:00 p. m., 4:10 p. m., 4:20 p. m., 4:30 p. m., 4:40 p. m., 4:50 p. m., 5:00 p. m., 5:10 p. m., 5:20 p. m., 5:30 p. m., 5:40 p. m., 5:50 p. m., 6:00 p. m., 6:10 p. m., 6:20 p. m., 6:30 p. m., 6:40 p. m., 6:50 p. m., 7:00 p. m., 7:10 p. m., 7:20 p. m., 7:30 p. m., 7:40 p. m., 7:50 p. m., 8:00 p. m., 8:10 p. m., 8:20 p. m., 8:30 p. m., 8