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BRITISH CONFERENCE.

Aid Proposed for Voluntary Schools —Christians and Mohamedans Fighting in Crete.

Sugar Syndicate in Germany—Trouble in Uruguay—Italian Possessions in Africa.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—Hon. Mr. Chamberlain replying in the House of Commons to Mr. J. F. Hogan, anti-Parnellite, promised to consider a suggestion to profit by the presence in Great Britain of the Colonial premiers upon the occasion of the celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, by holding an imperial conference for the discussion of colonial questions, with a view to completing work begun by conference at Ottawa some time ago, and in London recently.

The House of Commons to-day discussed a resolution of Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, first lord of the treasury, providing for state atd for voluntary schools. The plan proposed is that the schools should be relieved from local rates and aided by grants of five shillings for each child, which is equivalent to a yearly grant of £616,500.

A Siamese made an attack upon Herr Kampermann, German minister to Siam, at Bangkok yesterday and for a time the police were powerless to check the disorder. An American engineer named Bennett placed himself at the head of the police and rallied them to another effort to disperse the mob, which was successful and the German minister was rescued.

The French chamber of deputies has adopted the article of the sugar bill fixing a surtax of nine francs on imports of raw sugar and ten francs on refined sugar.

Three Uruguayan generals have been imprisoned for attending a meeting hostile to the government.

Considerable uneasiness has been caused in St. Petersburg by a telegram received from the Agence Russe to the effect that forty English warships, including eleven of the first-class battleships, are hovering between Besika bay and the Dardanelles. The matter is said to be likely to receive special attention at the meeting of Count Muravieff, the Russian foreign minister, with President Faure of France.

Le Journal de Bruxelles officially denies the reported elopement of Princess Louise, daughter of King Leopold of Belgium and wife of Prince Philippe of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, brother of Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria. It was asserted that a princess some had disappeared with an Austrian captain of Hussars. Official announcement is made to the effect that Prince Philipe and Princess Louise, his wife, are now residing at Vienna.

Sir Thomas Spencer Wells, Bart., M.D., is dead. Sir Thomas Spencer Wells was the eldest son of late Mr. Well, of St. Albans, Herefordshire, his mother being a daughter of the late Mr. Wright, of Richmond, Surrey. He was born in 1818, at St. Albans, and educated at Trinity college, Dublin.

After adopting to-day the article of the sugar bill fixing a surtax on sugar imports, the French chamber of deputies adopted a clause authorizing the government to abolish bounties paid whenever foreign countries agree to arrange for a similar reduction or abolition of the bonuses paid on sugar production.

A dispatch to the Times from Athens confirms the reports of conflicts between Christians and Mohamedans in the Heraklion district of Crete. Additional advices received by the Times are to the effect that the village of Galata has been burned and several inhabitants killed. Both sides, Christians as well as Mohammedans, appear to have suffered from these recent disorders. Among those known to have been murdered is Mavroukakis Pasha, a Cretan judge. Armed bands of Mussulmans still roam over the island, however, and the Christians have occupied and fortified their important places.

The Paris correspondent of the Standard learns from private sources that great alarm is felt in Constantinople in consequence of the approaching Ramadam, the great annual feast of the Mohamedans. Tewfik Pasha, the Turkish minister of foreign affairs, has moved his family to a place of safety, and it is reported that all of the wealthiest Turks are preparing to imitate his example.

The Daily Chronicle says that Hon. Thomas Bayard, the U. S. ambassador, is confined to his home with a severe cold. Lord Salisbury has accepted an invitation to a dinner to be given by the Prince of Wales, and the Queen has commanded Mr. and Mrs. Bayard to dine with her upon her return to Windsor Castle.

The Rome correspondent of the Daily News says that as a result of negotiations with England for the cessation of Italian possessions in northeastern Africa to Egypt it has been agreed that Italy is to temporarily retain Kassala.

The result of the election held in forfarshire, Scotland, on Saturday for member of parliament to succeed Mr. J. M. White, Liberal, who recently resigned his seat, was the election of Capt. Sinclair, Liberal, until recently on the staff of the Earl of Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada. The polling was: Captain Sinclair, 5,423; C. M. Ramsey, Conservative, 4,965; Liberal majority, 458. At the last election, Mr. White, Liberal, polled 5,159 votes against 4,718; Liberal majority, 441, showing a gain of 17 votes for the Liberals.

Thirty representatives of 151 sugar factories, in a convention held in Berlin, have formed a trust, to be known as the German Sugar Syndicate.

Bishop Keane, formerly rector of the Catholic University at Washington, D. C., and recently appointed assistant bishop at the pontifical throne, has been appointed canon of St. John's Lateran, Rome. It is rumored Cardinal Satolli will be appointed prefect of the propaganda, replacing Cardinal Ludochowsky.

Mrs. Carew, who has been on trial in Yokohama since Jan. 5, charged with causing the death of her husband, Walter Raymond Hallowell Carew, secretary of the Yokohama United Club, by the administration of arsenic, has been found guilty and been sentenced to death. The prosecution of Mary Jacobs, the nursery governess, arrested on Jan. 10, on suspicion of being the mysterious veiled woman who figured in the case, has been dropped.

Two separate attempts were made near Kingston, Jamaica, to damage a train by the use of explosives. One explosion did occur, but only slight damage was done. This led to a search being made along the line, which resulted in the discovery near the rails of a large canister of explosives. The trouble seems to have arisen from the discharge of some employes of the railroad. Anonymous threats have reached newspapers, recently, intimating that something serious would happen unless the leading officials of the road were dismissed.

A report from Fraunfeld, Switzerland, announces the death at that place of M. Martini, inventor of the Martini rifle.

A dispatch to the Daily News from Athens says that Crete is manifestly on the verge of a fresh insurrection.

VENEZUELAN ARBITRATION.

WASHINGTON, Feb, 2.—The treaty between Great Britain and Venezuela for the settlement of the long pending Venezuelan boundary dispute was signed at the state department at 4:30 to-day by Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, and Senor Jose Andrade, Venezuelan minister. Notice was received by cable this morning from London that the privy council had finally confirmed the selections made. The four arbitrators are understood to be Chief Justice Fuller and Justice Brewer of the United States Supreme court, and Lord Herschell and Sir Richard Henry Collins. The fifth arbitrator in the case will be named by King Oscar of Sweden. By the terms of the treaty the agents of the two governments, Great Britain and Venezuela must deal with the cases at Paris, where the arbitration tribunal will meet within eight months. Three months additional is allowed for the submission of counter cases, so the entire arbitration will probably occupy a year and a half.

THE ALASKAN BOUNDARY.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—The new treaty relative to the Alaskan boundary was sent to the senate to-day. Several senators said that the Alaska treaty settled none of the real questions at issue, and that it simply provided for a commission to locate the astronomical line, a line of longitude, which might be found by competent surveyors. As to what is the shore line and other questions of the dispute, they will remain undetermined until after the commission provided for in the present treaty has concluded its duties.

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY CONFERENCE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—By the decisive vote of 46 to 4, the senate yesterday passed the bill for the appointment of commissioners to an international monetary conference.

NEWS OF THE DOMINION.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 1.—Official opinion is strongly in favor of a new Dominion rifle range on the Hull side of the city.

OTTAWA, Feb. 1.—The official report of the accident on the Intercolonial last week attributes the derailment to the way in which an express car was loaded with seven tons of copper coin just received from England.

OTTAWA, Feb. 1.—An extra of the Canada Gazette was issued to-night, bringing into effect from to-day the cattle quarantine regulations recently agreed to by Hon. Mr. Fisher, minister of agriculture, and the United States authorities at Washington, two or three weeks ago.

TORONTO, Feb. 1.—The duty collected at this port for January amounted to $312,507, a decrease of $106,418, as compared with the corresponding month last year.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 1.—It is thought that twenty men of the Royal Canadian Dragoons stationed here will go to England to participate in the Diamond Jubilee.

HAMILTON, Feb. 1.—The trouble between the Sandford Manufacturing Co, and the garment makers of the city, numbering 3,500, over the proposed cut in rates is growing. A mass meeting of workingmen was held to-night and addressed by Edward E. Powell of Pittsburg, organizer of the Flint Glass Blowers' Union of the United States and Canada, M. J. Keough, of Troy, N.Y., organizer of International Iron Moulders' Union, Alf. Jury, of Toronto, and others.

WINDSOR, Feb. 1.—The Canadian Typograph Company notified its employes residing in Detroit that in case the alien labor bill becomes law in the United States they must move with their families to Canada or forfeit their positions.

TORONTO, Feb. 1.—The Young Conservatives this evening passed a resolution calling upon the city council to engage only British subjects.

TORONTO, Jan. 30.—(Special)—The World says it is likely the Dominion government will shortly appoint E. E. Sheppard, the present editor of the Evening Star, as special commissioner to South America. The World repeats the rumor that Speaker Edgar will shortly succeed Hon. G. E. Kirkpatrick as lieutenant-governor of Ontario.

ARBITRATION TREATY.

Comments of the English Newspapers Upon the Prospects of Its Adoption.

Disappointment Expected in View of McKinley's Silence and the Senate's Attitude.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Commenting editorially upon the Anglo-American arbitration treaty and the prospects of its adoption by the senate of the United States, the Times this morning says: "It would not be civil to associate ourselves with the vigorous language employed by the New York papers with reference to the treaty, as amended by the foreign affairs committee of the senate of the United States, but few Englishmen, however, will care to dissent from the substance of their remarks. Our faith in the senate has been sorely tried of late years, and should they succeed in replacing this treaty by an empty sham it would be all the more to be regretted because it would retard the general adoption throughout the world of the principle of arbitration. Perhaps Lord Salisbury will be willing to ratify a mere abortive agreement, but we fear for the result despite the belief of the people of the two countries in the policy of arbitration and the general desire for a treaty of this character. In the face of the silence of President-elect McKinley we must prepare ourselves for disappointment and for either a sham treaty or none."

Commenting upon the cabled statement of its Washington correspondent to the effect that there is no hope that the Anglo-American arbitration treaty will be ratified by the U. S. senate, the Daily Chronicle this morning characterizes the action of the senators as a "great wickedness." Continuing its comment the Chronicle says: "We are sure that all good men in America as elsewhere who are not blinded by international hatred will stand staunchly by President Cleveland and the treaty."

The afternoon newspapers of London generally express great disappointment at the proposed amendments to the arbitration treaty, and the Westminster Gazette hopes that public opinion in the United States will make itself felt before the senate acts upon the report of its committee on foreign relations.

The Pall Mall Gazette says: "The committee is doing its best to make away with the treaty. It has not dared to brave public opinion by absolutely withholding its approval, but it has left it valueless."

The Globe remarks that the amendment excludes every question of real importance and leaves the treaty meaningless. The most dignified course for the senate to pursue would be to declare that the treaty had become worse than useless and decline to ratify it. The Globe adds: "Not many tears will be shed over its fate, in spite of the premature cockcrowing."

CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30—Representative Cox of Tennessee, to-day introduced a bill which calls for an appropriation of $2,000,000 to reimburse Confederate soldiers or their heirs for the violation of the agreement made when Gen. Lee surrendered to Gen. Grant in 1865. The bill sets forth that on April 10, 1865, the army of Northern Virginia, commanded by General Robert E. Lee, surrendered to the federal army commanded by Grant. Grant, at Appomatox, in the state of Virginia, and the written terms of said surrender artillery and cavalry officers were permitted to retain their horses, side arms and baggage and private soldiers their horses. After said surrender, and after the said soldiers had been paroled and were on their way to their respective homes, Federal soldiers under orders in violation of the terms of the surrender, by force took from said paroled officers and soldiers their horses, baggage and side arms, which were never returned to them.

SPREADEAGLEISM.

BOSTON, Feb. 1.—A protest against the excessive taxation in Ireland and the adoption of resolutions in favor of having the report of the royal commission on British financial relations carried into effect, were the principal features of a mass-meeting which crowded Faneuil hall here to-night. The speakers included John E. Redmond, M. P., Mayor Bancroft, of Cambridge, Elmer H. Capen, president of Tuft's college and Thos. J. Organ. Richard H. Dana, of Cambridge, in calling the meeting to order said that 127 years ago, his great-great grandfather, Richard H. Dana, had presided over a meeting of the Sons of Liberty, to protest against taxation without representation, a movement which ended with the historic Boston tea-party, and he hoped the outcome would be the same to Ireland as the rebellion of 1775 had been to America.

President Capen, in a rousing speech, said he had no doubt that this meeting would be criticised and the question asked "What right has Boston to meddle with an affair which is local between Great Britain and one of her dependencies?" By the same right that England has to interfere with Turkey in her murderous outrage and rapine on her Armenian subjects.

Alphonso XIII, the young King of Spain, was born May 17, 1880, not quite six months after the death of his father, Alphonso XII. He is, therefore, in his eleventh year, and according to the constitution will be of age at 16.

NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

Mass Meeting at Vancouver Asks for Railroad Connection With the Kootenay Country.

Travel on the C.P.R.—The Automatic Can Factory—Nanaimo's Monthly Statistics.

(Special to the COLONIST.)

VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 1.—The mass meeting of citizens in the market hall on Saturday evening was well attended, and the audience were unanimous upon the subject of the need for a direct road to the Kootenay country. The speakers were Messrs. W. J. Bowser, Hewitt Bostock M.P., G. R. Maxwell M.P., R. Macpherson M.P.P., J. C. McLagan, Thos. Forster M.P.P., H. Bell Irving, D. G. MacDonell and J. H. Brownlee C.E. The last named, the engineer for the proposed road, gave some valuable information in regard to the route, having just returned from his survey through the Hope mountains. The resolution, which was carried unanimously, was as follows:

"Whereas, the mining development going on in the southern and eastern part of this province has reached gigantic proportions, new towns have sprung up and are springing up every year; thousands of people are now living in this great mineral and agricultural country, and their numbers are increasing with unsurpassed rapidity, thousands of mines have been located and new discoveries made every day, hundreds of mines are now being developed or in operation in the great mining camps of Fairview, Rock Creek, Camp McKinney, Boundary Creek, Kettle River and East and West Kootenay; but owing to the lack of railway communication with the coast cities of British Columbia the development of this country is greatly retarded, as the agricultural lands cannot be opened up nor the enormous deposits of ores be developed without transportation facilities;

"And whereas the promoters of the Vancouver, Victoria & Eastern Railway & Navigation Company have applied for a charter for a line of railway from Burrard Inlet, then across and through the country before mentioned, to the eastern boundary of British Columbia, and have proven by competent engineers who have closely examined the proposed route for the purpose of constructing a direct line of railway from the Coast cities of British Columbia to connect with the great mining centres before referred to, that the route is thoroughly feasible for a good commercial railway of standard guage and easy gradients;

"And whereas the said railway will be of incalculable benefit to this city and in the best interest of the whole province and the Dominion at large;

"Therefore be it resolved that this meeting emphatically urges on the Dominion and Provincial governments that a charter be granted and substantial aid be given to the aforesaid Vancouver, Victoria and Eastern Railway and Navigation Company so as to enable them to complete this undertaking at the earliest possible date, and that copies of this resolution be signed by the chairman and secretary and be forwarded to the Dominion and Provincial governments and to the members representing this city and district in the Dominion and Provincial parliaments."

The finding of a corpse in McAlpine's drug store some time ago is still furnishing matter for talk and newspaper correspondence. There is a strong feeling that an inquiry of the fullest nature should be made into the circumstances surrounding the case.

The sad news of the death at Mount Forest, Ont., of Miss Bertha Reid, formerly organist of Christ Church and a great favorite in musical circles here, has been received.

Travel on the C.P.R. is very heavy at present, many passengers leaving every day for interior points.

Mr. Justice Drake has handed down his judgment in the important case of the C.P.R. vs. Parke and Pinchard in which he dismisses the plaintiff's action with costs and refuses the injunction asked for.

Ernest H. Roome, of Vancouver, has issued a very neat pocket edition of the British Columbia mining laws for 1896. It was compiled by J. H. Brownlee, C. E.

G. D. Scott, who is largely interested in mines in the province will permanently locate in Victoria next month. Mr. Scott's offices are being fitted up for him on Fort street.

At a meeting of the Consolidated Sable Creek Mining Company, held yesterday, it was decided to place another allotment of stock on the market at 10 cents for the purpose of further development work on the properties of the company. A. E. Goodman was added to the directorate.

VANCOUVER, Feb. 2.—H.M.S. Imperieuse and Wild Swan will remain a week in port, and the men have been given a 36-hour lay-off. The bluejackets are covering themselves with mud and glory in trying to ride the "bike" on the asphalt.

The Capilano has brought in on her seventh trip 45 tons of fine halibut.

An officer of the police force has been suspended for one month for being drunk while on duty. The men have been warned that in future any officer drunk on duty would be summarily dismissed.

Mr. Hardy, of Kamloops, and Mr. Deane, of the Inland Sentinel, are in the city. They both predict a big boom for Kamloops in the near future. Mr. Deane says they are quietly and unostentatiously securing the best men in the province as owners and promoters of Kamloops mines. Thus far everything is in the prospective stage, but many prospects are of marvellous promise. The ore from the Iron Horse mined thus far is of great richness, and the mine itself promises as much as any mine in British Columbia.

The duties collected at the port of Vancouver for January total up $31,563.67. Imports $70,568, and exports $77,715. The duty collected shows a decrease under the same period last year of $2,033.

There was much and varied business before the council last night. The Midland Sampling and Ore Co., of Cripple Creek, Colorado, and Mr. Evans, of Rhyl, North Wales, both wanted to know what bonus might be expected for a smelter, and Mr. John Clark, of Victoria, wrote desiring a bonus of $15,000 for building a marine railway, capable of repairing ships of 2,500 tons. All these applications were referred to the finance committee. A letter was also received from Mr. Rust, of the Tacoma smelter, stating that he had arranged satisfactory rate terms with the C.P.R., and would reach the city shortly with a smelter proposition.

The trades and labor council have written to the city council demanding a further investigation into the corpse scandal, and Mr. W. E. Gower, honor-secretary of the national committee, Ottawa, has written the Mayor requesting his signature to an address to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her jubilee, to be signed by all the Canadian mayors.

The finance committee of the council, at the request of the Lieut.-Governor, will consider how best to aid the Indian relief fund.

A by-law is being passed through the council to enable the borrowing of $70,000 for new city schools. The vote will be taken on February 27.

WESTMINSTER.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 1.—Sheriff Armstrong has recovered from his recent illness, and will, he hopes, be able to attend to the duties of his office in a day or two.

The new buildings of the Automatic Can Factory are nearing completion and a force of men is busy installing the machinery in the main building. The two buildings are each 90 by 200 feet and the wharf is 230 feet by 31 feet wide.

A commencement has been made upon a new steamboat for the A.B.C. Packing Company, modelled and designed by Messrs. Moir & Johnson. The boat will have a length of 62 feet, amidships depth 7 feet, 2 feet free board, and beam 12 feet. It is expected the boat will be completed about the end of March.

NEW WESTMINSTER, Feb. 2.—The river is now clear of ice and the steamers have resumed their regular trips.

The Sons of England Society will give a dance on Wednesday evening at St. Barnabas hall.

The customs collections for the last month were $9,941.71. The total imports were $42,764, and the exports $97,353. The collections showed an increase of $3,729 over January 1896.

Mr. E. T. Fletcher died early on Monday of la grippe after an illness of three months. Mr. Fletcher, who was eighty-one years of age, was born in Canterbury, England, but early in life came to Canada, where he practiced as a land surveyor, and was long employed in the crown lands department of Quebec. He came to British Columbia ten years ago, residing first in Victoria afterwards in Westminster. Mr. Fletcher was one of the best chess players in the province and the author of several poems of considerable merit. Mr. E. H. Fletcher, post office inspector of Victoria, is one of his two surviving sons.

NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, Feb. 1.—E. Morgan, second officer of the Costa Rica, arrived in town on Saturday. This morning at 7 o'clock he was married to Miss Priscilla Bone, of this city, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. T. W. Hall at the family residence, Franklyn street.

During January there were recorded with Registrar Bray 26 births, 4 deaths and 2 marriages. In December there were 21 births, 17 deaths and 8 marriages.

In this mining district during January 44 claims were recorded from the following districts: Texada Island, 23; Nanoose district, 8: Thurlow Island, 5; Stuart Island, 2; Cameron district, 2; Lasqueti Island, 1; Jenkins Island, 1; Valdez Island, 1; Horne Lake, 1. The total for December was 42.

The inland revenue returns for January were: Spirits, $214.81; malt, $313.43; cigars, $154.50; total, $682.74. This shows a decrease of $392.66 over the amount for December, which is about equal to the increase of December over November.

The customs returns show duty collected, $4,326.39; miscellaneous, $546.76; total, $4,873.15. Imports, dutiable, $10,935; imports, free, $1,007; total, $11,941. The duty collected in January, 1896, was $5,957.19, and the imports were $11,091. The duty collected during December, 1896, was $4,298.30.

ROSSLAND.

ROSSLAND, Feb. 2.—The Iron Mask vein has at last been cut by the crosscut from the big tunnel at a depth from the surface of 210 feet. This chute of ore had already been explored to a depth of 90 feet by a shaft and subsequently to a depth of 20 feet more by an upraise from the long tunnel. The new strike adds immensely to the value of the mine. The clean ore body is 15 inches wide and averages $45 per ton.

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A NEW INSTITUTION.

Proposal to Establish the Victorian Order of Home Helpers—The Tariff Commission.

Mr. Laurier's Visit to England—Dominion Rifle and Artillery Associations.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Feb. 1.—The Countess of Aberdeen to-night explained to the press representatives her scheme for establishing the Victorian order of Home Helpers. She states that in instituting a nursing order to bear the queen's name it was not intended to interfere with any established organization in the cities and towns. A public meeting will be held in Ottawa next week in order to place the order on a firm footing.

The tariff committee of the government will leave for Winnipeg on Saturday.

Now that Hon. Mr. Laurier has been invited to go to England in June the general impression is that the session of parliament will be short, that the government will drop most of its measures except the tariff and bills to amend the civil service act and superannuation. In 1893 the Liberals acted very courteously in permitting the business of parliament to go through rapidly to enable Sir John Thompson to get away to Paris in connection with the Behring Sea arbitration, and with mutual concessions on both sides there should be no difficulty in Mr. Laurier getting away in June, this year.

The Dominion Rifle Association will hold its annual meeting here on March 31, and the Dominion Artillery Association will assemble next day.

OTTAWA, Feb. 2.—Richard Pope, deputy commissioner of patents, is seriously ill from erysipelas and is not likely to recover.

The Controller of Inland Revenue received word that his son, Lieut. Joly, R.N., who has been stationed in South Africa for some years, has been ordered to India to take charge of certain relief works there.

Hon. Mr. Davies has revised the fishing bounty payments to Eastern fishermen.

Alexander Begg, the quondam Crofter commissioner, is here talking up his railway from Stickeen to Teslin lake.

The repatriation of sixty-five Canadians from Brazil has only cost the country $400, a pretty small sum.

THE JOINT MANDEMENT.

MONTREAL, Feb. 1.—(Special)—The French Roman Catholic clergy are inclined to doubt the cable dispatch to the effect that the English speaking bishops had refused to sign the joint mandement on the school settlement, and they point to a passage in the circular letter of Archbishop Begin declaring that no bishop will or can approve of the settlement. One of the most prominent priests in the city is quoted as saying that Mgr. Begin knew exactly what he was talking about when he made this statement, and he added that Mgr. Langevin, archbishop of St. Boniface, raised his voice in energetic protest against the settlement, and in doing this accomplished his duty as a pastor and followed the directions of the Holy See.

The petition against Mr. Penny as member of parliament for the St. Lawrence division of Montreal, was dismissed on Saturday, the petitioner having no evidence to offer. The petition against Dr. Roddick, M.P., was also dismissed.

On Sunday a circular was read in all the Roman Catholic churches of the city condemning the Manitoba school terms and appealing for funds to sustain separate schools.

J. P. Tardivel, proprietor of La Verite, Quebec, has taken an action against Louis Frechette, the French-Canadian poet, for $50,000 damages for alleged libel. The alleged libel is said to have been written during the past year by Mr. Frechette and was published in La Patrie.

NEW QUARANTINE REGULATIONS.

BUFFALO, Feb. 1.—The new quarantine regulations arranged between the United States and Canada went into effect today. Under the new rules Canadian cattle are admitted into this country without having to undergo a ten days' quarantine, as was previously the case. The Canadian dealers were not slow to take advantage of the new order of things. Fully twenty-five carloads of Canadian cattle arrived at the yards in this city to-day. The market broke sharply under this, but it is expected to regulate itself before many days.

Very severe weather prevailed during the past week in Germany. Snow fell for four days in Berlin and the municipality paid 600,000 marks to clear the streets. There was much interruption on the railroads in the mountain districts. In spite of the miserable weather the Emperor William was, however, in high spirits on his birthday, which occurred on Wednesday.

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