

QUESTION DAY IN COMMONS

Information Given Concerning Foreign Vessels in Canadian Coasting Trade and Other Matters

OLD AGE PENSIONS TAKEN UP AGAIN

Budget Speech Expected at an Early Date Next Month—Decision in Regard to Hindu Women Deferred

OTTAWA, Jan. 24.—This was a quiet and uneventful day, whose public proceedings were ushered in by Speaker Sprule reading prayers in French. He has been studying the language assiduously, and today was selected by him to exhibit his proficiency. He was congratulated by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Monk.

Mr. Lemieux asked about the bank act, and he learned that it is a matter of the length of the session. Mr. Sinclair asked about foreign vessels and the coasting trade of Canada. He was told by Hon. Mr. Hazen that an order-in-council had been passed renewing the permission to vessels of the most favored nations.

Hon. Mr. Hazen was asked by W. F. Maclean about the resolution of the Montreal board of trade favoring the retention in office of the Montreal harbor board. Mr. Hazen made two points in his reply. First, he has received said resolution, and second he had not received a round robin signed by Montreal members demanding the dismissal of the board.

Mr. Carvel asked if the premier was aware that one of his ministers was a director of the L'Evenement publishing company. "No," said Mr. Borden.

The tariff commission resolution was formerly passed and the bill introduced. Supply took up the rest of the sitting. The budget speech probably will be delivered early in February. The finance minister will have the advantage of the January returns as to revenue. There is reason to believe that the question of renewing the iron and steel bounty is still in a state of indecision. Strong representations have been made to the ministers, but the matter is still under consideration.

The government has decided that no decision can be given in regard to Hindu women applying for permission to enter the country until the department of immigration has received the report of the special officer who has been sent to the coast to look into the matter.

MAY GO TO WAR

Argentina and Paraguay Likely to Break of Diplomatic Relations Today—Claims Disputed

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 24.—The Argentine government has ordered the despatch of four warships to Paraguay in anticipation of the breaking off of diplomatic relations between the two countries. It is expected that the rupture will take place tomorrow. It is the result of the failure of the Paraguayan government to give a satisfactory answer to the demands for compensation for numerous losses incurred by citizens of the Argentine republic through attacks by Paraguayans on shipping and other property.

Abe Attell's Injured Thumb

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Jan. 24.—Abe Attell, champion featherweight, who will meet Johnny Kilbane in California on February 22, came here today from Chicago to see a doctor for treatment of an injury to his right thumb. The doctor found the thumb badly jammed, but said the injury was not serious. Attell left for the west tonight.

Tribute to Australians

MELBOURNE, Jan. 24.—Brookes, a member of the American tennis team, unsuccessful contender for the Davis cup, is satisfied that the best team would be a team like the Australians has nothing to fear from the best in America or Europe. It is unlikely that the Americans again will come in quest of the trophy, but an English team is almost sure to come.

Talks About Reciprocity

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Sir Mackenzie Bowell, former premier of Canada, told members of the Belleville club of Chicago tonight that Canada turned down reciprocity because it felt it was doing well enough financially as things stood, and predicted that the Dominion would equal the population, wealth and influence of the United States in a few years. "Then," said Sir Mackenzie, "talk of possible annexation will disappear. We are all Americans, and we have lots of our machinery over there developing our industries. We are satisfied with the way things are going."

FORTUNE FOR CHARITY

Nova Scotia Merchant's Will Provides for Division of His Estate After Hundred Years

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 24.—James Comman, a merchant of Meteghan River, Digby, N. S., left an estate of about half a million dollars. After certain comparatively small legacies were paid, the will provides that the capital should be invested, and the income allowed to accumulate for one hundred years. At the end of that time the accumulated funds, principal and interest are to be divided, one-half going to charities in Ireland and the other half to build a hospital in every county in Nova Scotia. The will provided that the archbishop of Halifax should appoint three trustees of the estate. His Grace has named Mayor J. A. Chisholm, of Halifax, Judge Wallace, and T. W. Murphy.

Cosman was a widower and had no children.

Judge Wilson to Retire
VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 24.—Information was received in Vancouver legal circles today that Judge Wilson, county court judge for the East Kootenays, has decided to retire from the bench and take up practice in Fernie. Judge Wilson is one of the best known magistrates of the British Columbia judiciary. He was one time a member of the firm of Gallihier and Wilson, in Nelson, and received his call to the bench some eight years ago. It is a tribute to his abilities as a judge that very few of his decisions were ever appealed from. His former partner is now Mr. Justice Gallihier, of the court of appeal.

YOUNG AVIATOR FALLS TO DEATH

Rutherford Page, Taking Part in Los Angeles Meet, Loses Control of His Machine and Jumps Clear

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22.—Rutherford Page, aged 24, a graduate of Yale and son of Mrs. William D. Page of New York, and flying as one of the Curtis aviators, fell 150 feet to his death this afternoon on Dominguez field, a few moments before the close of the third days programme of the International aviation meet. His death, the doctors said, was instantaneous. Almost every bone in his body was broken. His neck was broken, both legs and arms, and his chest crushed.

Page was endeavoring to "turn on a pivot" at a height of about 150 feet when the swell of air over the hangars caught his planes. Page made an effort to regain his balance, but evidently fearing that the aeroplane had got beyond control, gave up, and when 40 feet in the air jumped clear of the machine, and was dropping like a plummet. He cleared the machine and fell flat into the plowed ground.

Page was flying for the first time as a licensed aviator, having been awarded his license Saturday. His flying early in the day was one of the spectacular features. Page was one of the first to leave the ground, in the first heat of the five mile handicap, in which he and Lincoln Beachey, the Curtis veteran, were the contestants. Page thrilled the crowd by his sensational manoeuvres, all of the dips and sharp turns made by Beachey were duplicated by Page, who was even more daring than Beachey.

The more experienced aviators shook their heads when they witnessed Page's apparently foolhardy ventures, and as he descended Glenn Curtiss, who taught him to fly, cautioned him against attempting at his first meet to perform feats of flying that required long experience to learn. Page merely laughed and assured Curtiss that he was "all to the good."

During the afternoon the young New Yorker was told these by the Hangars that he would beat Beachey or "break my fool neck."

Page lived in New York with his mother and sister. His father is dead. He was graduated from Yale last year and was a member of the Yale club of New York. About six weeks ago he joined the Curtis camp at San Diego, where he received his first instructions in flying.

Cotton Mills Resume

MANCHESTER, Eng., Jan. 22.—Work has resumed everywhere in the cotton trade with the exception of a few spinning mills, which will be run on short time for a week or so. The operatives and employers are to observe a truce for one year, during which the question of employment of non-unionists is to remain in abeyance.

Their Lives Brief

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo., Jan. 23.—A single grave received today the bodies of four children born to Mrs. George Meisel, twenty-four years old. One body was born on Saturday and another boy and two girls were born on Sunday. Mrs. Meisel lives in Menfro, Perry county.

Quebec Board of Trade

QUEBEC, Jan. 23.—William A. March, one of Quebec's largest manufacturers, was elected president of the Quebec board of trade at the annual meeting today. Other officers are: First vice-president, J. P. Car; second vice-president, J. G. Scott.

MANCHUS LOOK TOWARDS JAPAN

Proposal Made at Secret Conference that Island Empire's Aid be Invoked Against Revolutionists

CABINET INDIGNANT AT SUGGESTION

Two Thousand Imperial Troops Reported to Have Revolted Yuan Shi Kai Likely to Leave Peking

PARIS, Jan. 24.—A secret conference was held at Peking on Wednesday, says a Peking despatch to the European edition of the New York Herald, at which the Regent, Prince Chun, Prince Tsai Sun and Prince Tsai Tsoo urged the Empress Dowager to invoke Japan's aid to suppress the revolution. The dowager favored the suggestion, and instructed the prince to ascertain its practicability.

The cabinet is indignant at the suggestion, and it is doubtful whether Japan would entertain it.

PEKING, Jan. 24.—Two thousand imperial troops stationed at the city of Siang Yang, in the province of Hupoh to the northwest of Hankow, are reported to have revolted in favor of the Republicans.

The excitement in Peking is diminishing owing to the slowness of developments and the precautions taken for Yuan Shi Kai's safety have lessened.

Persistent reports that the Japanese are assisting the Manchus are said in authoritative circles to be utterly unfounded.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—Information from authoritative sources confirms the report of the intention of Premier Yuan to leave Peking at the first favorable opportunity, according to a news agency despatch from Tientsin. Yuan intends to take up his residence in the British concession in that city.

SHANGHAI, Jan. 24.—President Sun Yat Sen maintains his position as against the leaders here. In a long telegram sent from Nanking to Wu Ting Fang, the minister of justice, President Sun says that he has serious doubts as to Yuan Shi Kai's motives. Therefore, he will retain the presidency until the powers recognize the republic, unless Yuan Shi Kai severs his connection with the Manchus and publicly avows his adherence to the republic. Then would Sun be willing to retire in favor of Yuan.

CADETS COMING FROM AUSTRALIA

Contingent to Arrive Here Some Time This Year and Travel Across Canada—Empire Gathering

STATES REJECT BANKING PROPOSAL

MELBOURNE, Jan. 24.—A contingent of Australian cadets will visit Canada later on in the year, arriving in Vancouver and traveling across the Dominion. Hon. George F. Peckoe, minister of state for defence, has accepted the invitation of Canada to send a representative party of cadets to take part in the great gathering of empire cadets at the Toronto exhibition this year.

At a conference held here between the Premiers of the various states and Prime Minister Fisher, of the Commonwealth, the former have rejected the offer of the latter to take over the savings banks of the states and provide the capital for a commonwealth bank. Mr. Fisher, however, rejects the counter proposal of the state premiers to grant the proposed commonwealth bank a quarter of their future business.

A Victorian, J. J. Schaeles, has patented a motor chassis attachment which will act as a substitute for the pneumatic tire. An English company has been formed with a capital of two hundred thousand pounds sterling to acquire the British rights of the invention.

Fighting White Plague

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Jan. 24.—The campaign against the white plague is to be inaugurated in Newfoundland under the direction of the government. Mr. Reid, at present of Reid, Nfld., has offered to erect and equip a sanitarium for the treatment of tuberculosis patients in this city at a cost of \$5,000, and his two brothers, Henry and Robert Reid, have agreed to spend a like sum for 18 cottage hospitals to be located in outlying districts. The government has accepted the offer.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER MUCH IMPROVED

LONDON, Jan. 24.—Sir Charles Tupper's condition is now so much improved that his son, Sir Herbert and Stewart will return to Canada on the Empress of Britain tomorrow.

CANADIAN CHAMBER

Organization to be Established in London to Further Canadian Interests in Various Ways

LONDON, Jan. 24.—At a meeting of representative men in London connected with Canadian affairs, it was decided to form a Canadian chamber of commerce, having amongst its objects the encouragement and promotion of Anglo-Canadian trade and commerce, the safeguarding of Canadian credit, the development of Canadian industries by British capital, and the furtherance of Canadian interests in the United Kingdom. J. H. Turner, agent for British Columbia, was appointed chairman.

Steel Plant for Port Arthur

PORT ARTHUR, Jan. 24.—The Atkokan iron company and the city council today reported as mutually satisfactory the agreement whereby the development of Canadian credit, the development of Canadian industries by British capital, and the furtherance of Canadian interests in the United Kingdom. J. H. Turner, agent for British Columbia, was appointed chairman.

DAIRYMEN IN CONVENTION

Premier McBride and Hon. Price Ellison Speak Encouragingly of Growth of Industry and Outline Advances

The annual convention of the B. C. Dairymen's Association was held yesterday in the Botanical Chambers of the parliament buildings. There was a large and representative attendance present to hear the annual reports of the association, and to hear the interesting addresses on subjects peculiar to dairymen, and the welcoming speeches of Premier McBride and the Hon. Price Ellison, minister of agriculture. A notable feature of the convention was the announcement of the importance to the advancement of the industry of the government grant to the association, and also the announcement of the government's intention to issue a bulletin setting forth the prospects and methods of producing alfalfa in the province. Sessions were held in the forenoon, afternoon, and evening, and a large amount of business of importance to the advancement of the interests of the industry was transacted. Mr. W. E. Buckingham, the ex-president, presided until the officers for the year were elected, when he was deposed in favor of Mr. Bishop.

In the annual report of the association, which was submitted and adopted, it was stated that the season had been a prosperous one for the industry. Owing to the demand for produce good prices had been realized. The trade with the cities and towns in milk and cream is daily assuming larger proportions, and in some localities the supply has been far from equal to the demand. Much of the milk which formerly passed through the creameries, is being diverted to meet the cities needs, and in consequence the make of butter in the province is decreasing. This, however, offers to the outlying districts additional opportunity and incentive to supply the butter that the near by sections find less profit in manufacturing. During the year the work of the association has been the continuance of the policy of previous years.

Competitions Successful

The dairy farm competition, which has now completed the second year of its existence, has proved a worthy factor in arousing interest and stimulating effort toward better conditions. Fourteen competitors took part altogether six in class one, and eight in class two.

The prize winners are as follows: Class 1 (B. C. Dairymen's)—1. A. C. Wells & Son, Sardis, trophy and medal; 2. J. M. Steves, Stevenson, silver medal; 3. A. McQuarrie, Armstrong, bronze medal.

Class 2 (Lieutenant-Governor's)—1. W. H. D. Margesson, R.N. Furgosue, trophy and gold medal; 2. P. Owen, Salmon Arm, silver medal; 3. G. T. Maurice, Agassiz, bronze medal.

The practice of offering cash prizes for classes of dairy cattle and swine at fall fairs, was continued at Vancouver, Victoria, New Westminster and Armstrong fairs.

Vancouver exhibition: Best senior herd—1. Bamford Bros., \$20; 2. J. T. Maynard, \$15; 3. Bamford Bros., \$10; 4. J. T. Maynard, \$5. No awards in swine classes.

Victoria exhibition: Best senior herd—1. A. H. Menzies & Son, \$40; 2. H. Bonnell, \$30; 3. Bamford Bros., \$15. Best junior herd—1. Grimmer Bros., \$15; 2. Bamford Bros., \$10; 3. J. T. Maynard, \$5. No awards in swine classes.

Bank of Nova Scotia

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NARROW ESCAPE FOR ITALIANS

Accidental Appearance of Aeroplane Prevents Turning Movement by Which Force Was Placed in Danger

FIFTY MEN KILLED IN THE SKIRMISH

French and Italian Representatives Confer on Question of Steamer Seizures—Active Demand for Insurance

GABES, Tunis, Jan. 24.—Details of the engagement between Turks and Arabs and an Italian column near Ghirgharish, a small oasis about ten miles along the coast from Tripoli, on January 19, have reached here and show that at the time of the fighting the Italian destroyers had temporarily withdrawn.

Boats loaded with contraband approached the shore and opened a heavy fire upon the Italian forces. At the same time 1000 Turkish regulars at Ainara prepared to attack the Italians. The Italians would have been annihilated if by chance an aeroplane coming out to try its motor had not been seen by the Turks, who became so alarmed that they were unable to carry out the turning movement. They kept up their firing, however, until nightfall. The Italians lost fifty killed and thirty wounded.

Italy and France

ROME, Jan. 24.—The subject of the detention of 29 Turks said to be members of the Red Crescent Society, captured on the French steamer Manouba, was fully discussed at the conference today between Premier Giolitti, foreign minister Marquis Di San Giuliano and the French ambassador in Italy, Camille Barrès. The conference is said to have been cordial, but the Turks are still held under arrest at Cagliari, island of Sardinia.

Italy maintains her right to capture and search ships of neutral nations suspected of carrying contraband of war, and does not admit any limitations of that right. It is her intention to protect the army in the presence of the enemy. So far as the Italian authorities would speak, the examination of the Turkish in question seems to have proved that both doctors and nurses were included in the group of prisoners, but it is suspected

KING AND QUEEN REACH MALTA

Are Given Enthusiastic Reception in Which British Mediterranean Fleet and French Squadron Take Part

MEDINA MEETS WITH SLIGHT MISHAP

MALTA, Jan. 24.—King George and Queen Mary reached here today aboard the steamer Medina, and were accorded an enthusiastic reception.

Besides the British Mediterranean fleet which was present in full strength, a squadron of French warships, under the command of Admiral Boned de Laperriere, joined in the greeting and thus marked the existence of friendship between France and Great Britain.

Their Majesties visited the French battleship Danton this afternoon. A slight mishap occurred to the Medina as she was entering the port. A buoy fouled her propeller, but the accident caused little delay.

The King and Queen intend to stay here until Saturday.

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Slept Through Fire

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YELLOW FEVER VICTIMS

Commander of U. S. Gunboat Yorktown and Enlisted Soldier Die at Guayaquil

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 24.—The death by yellow fever today at Guayaquil, Ecuador, of Commander Levi C. Bertolette, in command of the American gunboat Yorktown, guarding American interests there, will result in the American government insisting upon the sanitation of that port.

Should Ecuador temporize, it is said that the United States may issue quarantine against Guayaquil in the interests of the Panama canal. An enlisted American soldier has also died and three other enlisted men are seriously ill.

Professor Misener Dead

TORONTO, Jan. 24.—Rev. Austin Misener, professor of Oriental languages at Victoria university since 1902, died suddenly today, aged 59 years.

Women and Good Roads

TACOMA, Jan. 24.—With 148 delegates present, every one of them a voter under the equal suffrage act of the state of Washington, the first woman's good roads convention ever called began a three days' session here today. Dr. Cora Smith of Seattle, was chosen chairman and Mrs. Olive M. Bruce, of Bellingham, secretary.

WARM PRAISE FROM EARL GREY

Former Governor General on Occasion of Receiving Freedom of City of London Speaks About Canada

LONDON, Jan. 24.—With the customary ancient civic ritual, Earl Grey yesterday received the freedom of the city of London at the Guild Hall before a brilliant and crowded gathering, which included Countess Grey and Lady Sybil, the Ladies Kirkpatrick, Earl Minto, Lords Strathcona, and Milner, Sir H. Just, Sir C. Nisford, Sir T. Skinner, Sir H. and Lady Graham, J. H. Colmer, Hamar Greenwood, Hon. E. C. Fielding, A. W. Smithers, Dr. W. S. Parker, Dr. Pelletier, Harrison Walton, W. R. Griffith and a host of city magnates with their ladies. The usual quaint phraseology in which the new freeman was enjoined to "pay his sect and bear his lot" created considerable amusement. Earl Grey followed by swearing "to know no gathering or conspiracies against the King's peace."

Sir J. Dimsdale, city chamberlain, said Earl Grey's life was the typical biography of a true patriotic Briton. As governor-general of the great Dominion, he had always shown a far-reaching and expansive desire for future business development, and in this he had entirely carried the people of Canada with him. He quoted Canadian newspaper eulogies and eulogies from Premier Borden and the Canadian parliament.

Heartly applause greeted Earl Grey on rising to reply, and at the outset he said that he took the presentation as a token of the hearty desire of the city to do the fullest possible honor in their power to the Canadian people.

"I am not referring," he went on, "to recent political events in Canada. I intend no allusion to the general elections, and I am particularly desirous that I should not be understood to suggest that there is the slightest distinction in loyalty between one Canadian party and another. Seven years of intimate relationship have convinced me that all parties are equally loyal to the Empire and country. The spirit of Canada to which I refer is indicative in the growing belief of all Canadians, without distinction of party or creed, in themselves and the greatness of their future and in the consciousness that it is within their power as well as their determination to fulfill the inspiring role of their splendid destiny. The day is coming when Canadians will be ready as self-governing subjects of the crown to assume the full status of partners in the responsibilities and obligations as well as the privileges of the Empire. The desire to acquire the fullest measure of imperial citizenship is prevailing among many of the most thoughtful Canadians, and I rejoice in this evidence of strengthening self-respect of an adult and no longer adolescent nation."

"It is my happy conviction that the United Kingdom will welcome the people of Canada and the other great self-governing dominions as soon as the latter are ready, with open arms, to the council of the Empire, and when they are ready to demand a share in that council they will be received in no spirit of grudging exclusiveness or insular prejudice. The spirit of exclusiveness is happily buried in the past. I say, then, that the belief exists throughout Canada that no obstacle will be offered to the assumption by Canada of a fair share of imperial obligations."

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BODY IN TRUNK

Chinese Cannery Foreman Killed at Portland and Corpses Shipped to Seattle—Furn

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There had been no haste in placing the body in the trunk. It had been cut into pieces by one accustomed to surgery. Salt had been applied to prevent decay. The body must have been packed in the trunk soon after Seid was killed. The victim had been found in the height of American fashion with a coat hat, grey suit of good quality and a light brown cravat. His underwear was of silk, and he wore silk socks. In dismembering the body, none of the clothing was removed except the trousers.

Seid Bing's body was turned over to the coroner.

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