WILL BE A GOOD YEAR FOR FARMERS

PROSPECTS SO FAR ARE ENCOURAGING

Condition of Affairs in Manitoba and Northwest—More Settlers Are Coming In.

Winnipeg, May 13.—C. W. Speers, Dominion colonization agent, returned from one of his periodical tours through the country yesterday. Mr. Speers states that in Manitoba the prospects for good crops were most encouraging. In western and southern Manitoba about 80 per cent. of the crop is in, while in many parts the wheat and barley sown last fall has sprouted. The country is fast drying up, and although the creeks and rivers are considerably swollen for this season of the year, the delay to seeding is not serious. The heavy influx of immigration is having a perceptible effect through the country, and especially through the territories of Saskatchewan and Alberta. A considerable number of small temporary shanties are springing up on the prairies. The settlement of the country indicates that in the next few years the grain output will be greatly increased as the new settlers develop their land. A great deal of good land is now being opened up for colonization, and in the course of the next few weeks large tracts in the Northwest will likely be thrown open for homesteading. In about two weeks a large party of Dunkards from Indiana and another party of Bohemians from Nebraska will arrive in the west to settle. The Welshmen from Patagonia have expressed great satisfaction with western Canada, and encouraging reports have been sent to South America by those who have taken up land.

Inspecting Iron Range.

A party of Chicago capitalists are here for the purpose of inspecting the iron range at Ikoken.

Stranded.

Ottawa, May 13.—An old lady named Mrs. Walsh is stranded here. She says she belongs to Chicago and left a week ago to visit a son in Montreal, only to find he had gone to Chicago. Mayor Cook handed her over to Chief Officer Keane, who placed her in St. Patrick's asylum. The authorities at Chicago have been communicated with.

Dr. Douglass Resigns.

Dr. Douglass, LL.D., F. R. C. S., Dominion archivist for the past 30 years, has resigned owing to ill-health. He will leave shortly for British Columbia on a visit to his son, who is manager of the Bank of Montreal at New Westminster.

Customs Regulations.

Toronto, May 13.—The chamber of commerce at Skagway has sent a letter to the Toronto Board of Trade asking co-operation in obtaining from the government customs regulations at Skagway to permit the warehousing of stuff in bond and the subsequent re-entry of Canadian goods into Canada in broken bulk, as the trade may require.

BIG COLONIZATION SCHEME.

Company With Capital of $3,500,000 Purchases Over One Million Acres.

Winnipeg, May 14.—The largest colonization proposition in the history of the Dominion of Canada has been successfully floated this week. A syndicate of Minneapolis, Duluth and Western Canada capitalists have organized a company with a capital of $3,500,000 and purchased 1,100,000 acres of the finest farm lands in Assiniboia and Saskatchewan, extending from Craik, 75 miles north of Regina, almost to Prince Albert, and lying along the south fork of the Saskatchewan. There are already good railway facilities.

Among the founders of the company are Walter D. Douglas, of Cedar Rapids, president of the Quaker Oats Company; Robert Stuart, of Chicago, one of the same company's largest stockholders, and other well known capitalists. The executive of the company consists of A. D. Davidson, president; W. D. Douglas, vice-president; G. F. Piper, treasurer, and A. D. McRae, secretary. With the exception of Messrs. Piper and Douglas, all the members of the syndicate are Canadians.

TRADE COMMISSIONER.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Reply to Deputation Which Waited on Him To-Day.

Ottawa, May 13.—A delegation representing the boards of trade of Ottawa and Toronto and the Manufacturers' Association waited on the Premier this morning and asked that the government appoint a trade commissioner to England to have a building there. It was also suggested that a commissioner should be appointed for each of the provinces of the Dominion who would work in harmony with the Dominion commissioner, who would be chief. The delegation was represented by John Coates, president of the Ottawa Board of Trade, Dominion Board; Messrs. Reid and Bethune, Ottawa Board, president and secretary of the Manufacturers' Association, and the president and secretary of the Toronto Board of Trade. Mr. Allan, of Toronto, was the principal speaker. He put the case strongly. Other members of the delegation presented their views to Sir Wilfrid on the matter, and the Premier, who had already recognized the importance of the subject, said there was an appropriation in the estimates in connection with the proposition. Hon. Messrs. Mulock and Patterson were present at the interview.

SPEECHLESS AND PARALYZED.—"I had valvular disease of the heart," writes Mrs. J. S. Goode, of Truro, N. S. "I suffered terribly and was often speechless and partially paralyzed. One dose of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart gave me relief, and before I finished one bottle I was able to go about. To-day I am a well woman." Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—43.

TWENTY-ONE ARE DEAD

As Result of Explosion at Sheridan—Fifty Injured Will Die—Debris on Fire.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 13.—Twenty-one are dead and not less than 300 are injured the result of a terrible catastrophe at Sheridan last evening. Many of the dead have not been reported to the coroner, and an accurate list cannot be obtained at this time.

Of the 300 injured the physicians say that at least 50 will die.

The officials of the Panhandle road fear a worse explosion than the three which have already wrought so much damage. A danger line has been established 500 yards on all sides of the burning wreckage and extra police are keeping the curious crowd back.

A few feet below the burning wreckage lies the big 36 inch main of the Philadelphia Co., which comes from the gas fields in the southwestern part of the state, and which supplies the McKeesport and Lower Allegheny district with natural gas. It is feared that the concussion was so great yesterday that some of the joints or even the pipe itself may have been damaged. If such is the case, the gas, which is under great pressure, will soon force its way through and another terrific explosion will follow. About twenty cars are piled up between the Sheridan station and Cork's Run in the Sheridan yards. This is still a mass of flames. It covers an area of 40 by 150 feet. In this there is all kinds of merchandise. The volunteer fire department of Sheridan and number ten engine company from the west end are playing streams on the burning debris, but little headway is being made owing to the fact that the entire wreckage is saturated with naphtha and kerosene and every now and then a fresh volume of flame shoots out from various parts of the smouldering ruins.

Series of Accidents.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 13.—The list of dead and the long list of injured is the result of a series of four accidents culminating in one of the most frightful disasters in the history of greater Pittsburg. The telescoping of the naphtha tank cars in the yards of the Panhandle Railway Company in Cork's run was followed by the ignition of the naphtha, which ran through the culvert leading to the Ohio river, half a mile away. This was followed by an explosion, with attendant damage to life and property and by the explosion of three other naphtha tanks at the point of the original mishap after hundreds of people had been attracted to the spot by the burning naphtha.

The telescoping of the cars was one of those things that not infrequently happens, without serious consequences. Its subsequent ignition by an open switch lamp is a matter which will be given full investigation.

Fully two hours after the fire had started came the second explosion. There were three other naphtha tanks near the two tanks which had been telescoped and were burning. These had been growing hot, too, and efforts to get them out of range had, for some reason, been ineffectual. These tanks exploded almost at the same moment with terrific force. Tons of burning naphtha, flaming timbers and red hot iron descended on the people near the scene.

DOUBLE SUICIDE.

Doctor and School Teacher Found Dead in Hotel.

Lewiston, Idaho, May 13.—A special from Oro Fino, Idaho, tells of the death there by suicide of Dr. F. J. Leadbrook and Miss Minnie Boothe, the 19-year-old daughter of Rev. G. M. Boothe, pastor of the Methodist church at Moscow, Idaho. The couple arrived there and spent the night at a hotel. On the following evening they attended an Epworth League meeting and returned to the hotel. They did not appear next morning, and when their room was broken open at noon the girl was found dead on the bed. Leadbrooke was a married man and wealthy. He was the physician of the girl's family. He came from Minnesota about a year ago and became acquainted with Miss Boothe in connection with church work. She was a school teacher.

FORMER M. P. DEAD.

Hon. R. M. Wells, Brother of the Chief Commissioner, Passes Away.

Toronto, May 12.—Hon. R. M. Wells, K. C., of Wells & McMurchy, is dead. He had been ailing a couple of years. He sat ten years in the local House, and represented East Bruce in the Commons from 1882 to 1887. He was Speaker of the Ontario House from 1873 to 1880.

Deceased was a brother of Hon. W. C. Wells, Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works of British Columbia.

Mr. Wells has since the incipiency of the Canadian Pacific railway been closely connected with this corporation as its solicitor for the Ontario system of that company. His early career was closely connected with the Hon. Edward Blake, first as university and law student, going into partnership under the firm of Blake, Wells & Kerr. He was a Liberal in politics.

CHILDS-DREXEL HOME.

Colorado Springs, Col., May 13.—The tenth anniversary of the opening of Childs-Drexel Home for Union Printers of the United States, Canada and Mexico, has been celebrated here. Lieut.-Governor Coates and H. E. Garman, president of Colorado State Federation of Labor, were among the guests. The affairs of the home are especially prosperous.

QUEEN WILHELMINA.

The Hague, May 15.—Dispatches from Castle Loo, received to-day, show that the improvement in the condition of Queen Wilhelmina continues. The physicians of Her Majesty are so highly satisfied with her condition that Dr. Roessingh will leave Castle Loo to-morrow to resume his hospital duties.

REV. H. IMODAI DEAD.

San Francisco, May 13.—Rev. Henry Imodai, for years superior general of the Jesuit order in California, and former president of St. Ignatius college, in this city, is dead, aged 71 years.

NO DOMINION AID TO RAILWAYS

WILL NOT GRANT ASSISTANCE THIS YEAR

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Statement in the Commons—Parliament Will Prorogue To-Morrow.

Ottawa, May 14.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier made the following announcement in the House of Commons to-day regarding railway subsidies:

"I may take advantage of this opportunity to give an answer to numerous applications which have been made for assistance in railway construction. The government has determined not to ask parliament this year for any appropriations for that object. At the same time we are not unmindful of the fact that railway development is more than ever a pressing necessity. This is specially true of railway construction in those fertile lands of the Northwest Territories and the valley of North Saskatchewan river, towards which immigrants and settlers are now rapidly and unanimously flocking. It is those people that should be assured that their wants in that respect are engrossing the attention of the government, and it is hoped that next session assistance will be given to the construction of a railway by as rapid stage as possible from one point on the western boundary of Manitoba through the Saskatchewan valley towards Edmonton."

Mr. Haggart—"Has the government passed, or do they intend to pass, an order-in-council giving assistance to this particular road before next session?"

Sir Wilfrid Laurier—"The government has not passed any order-in-council, and we do not intend passing any before next session."

Dawson Memorial.

R. L. Borden brought up the Treadgold concession in the House to-day. He read a memorial from certain parties in Dawson, published in the Dawson newspapers, in regard to the concessions. The memorial was dated April 15th and was prepared by R. W. Shannon.

Hon. Clifford Sifton said that he had never received a copy of this memorial, nor had it reached the department. The gentlemen who prepared it evidently did not take the most expeditious way of forwarding it to him, although it purported to be addressed to him. However, as to merits of the memorial, he said that nearly all the matters complained in it had been removed by an amended order-in-council.

Did Not Pass.

The item in the estimates which did not passed last night was that of $280,000 for buoying the St. Lawrence.

Prorogation.

Hon. W. S. Fielding announced when the House adjourned at 3.30 o'clock that prorogation would take place to-morrow.

Passed the Senate.

The bill empowering the Governor-in-council to remit fines and penalties passed the Senate. It is retroactive in respect of certain penalties imposed under the Railway Act, and will therefore cover a number of British Columbia cases.

Aids to Navigation.

In the appropriation for aids to navigation the sum of $30,000 has been allotted to British Columbia for lighthouses, beacons and buoys on the west coast of Vancouver Island, on the east coast, especially on the route to Ladysmith, and generally on the northern route. The chief engineer of the marine department will visit the coast and locate the sites for lighthouses, etc.

A BANQUET.

Liberals Will Entertain Sir Wilfrid Laurier on His Return From England.

Ottawa, May 13.—It was intended to give a banquet to Sir Wilfrid Laurier by the Liberal party before leaving for England, but it was decided to-day to defer it until the Premier's return. Liberal members and Senators have the matter in hand.

REBELS DEFEATED.

Pekin, May 13.—The government announces that after two days' fighting the rebels in the southern part of the province of Chi Li have been completely defeated and their leaders captured.

HAS SHE FOUNDERED?

British Steamer Overdue at Rangoon From Madras.

London, May 14.—A dispatch from Rangoon, British Burmah, says that a lifeboat belonging to the British steamer Camorta, overdue at that port from Madras, has been picked up in the bay of Bengal. The Camorta was reported to have had 650 passengers on board.

More Wreckage.

London, May 14.—A lifeboat and boom belonging to the Camorta has also been picked up by a vessel searching for the missing steamer near Krishna lightship, on the Madras coast. It is believed that the Camorta foundered during a cyclone on May 6th. Besides her 650 passengers, who were natives, the Camorta had a crew of 80.

Chicago, May 15.—The annual meeting of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Company will be held in this city on June 4th. A proposition will be considered and voted upon that the capital stock of the company be increased to $75,000,000. It is not expected that any important changes in the management will be made.

BOER LEADERS

Are Gathering to Attend the Conference To-morrow.

London, May 14.—Lord Kitchener has notified the war office that representatives of all the bodies of Boers throughout the two colonies, Transvaal and Orange River, are gathering at Vereeniging, south of Pretoria, and close to the Orange River Colony border, for the conference which commences to-morrow, and that he has arranged that the delegates shall not be impeded in reaching the rendezvous. Consequently the assemblage is expected to be large.

The decision reached regarding the peace terms will later be submitted to the British. A delegation, consisting probably of the same Boer leaders who went to Pretoria recently, will be deputized to convey the decision to Lord Kitchener.

DELEGATES WILL HAVE TO DECIDE

IF MINERS' STRIKE IS TO BE PERMANENT

Convention at Hazelton To-Day—Majority Believed to Favor Suspension of Work.

Hazelton, Pa., May 14.—The general convention of the United Mine Workers of America, for the anthracite coal territory of Pennsylvania, began here this morning. Before it adjourns it will have reached a definite conclusion on the question of whether the temporary strike for higher wages or shorter hours, which was inaugurated on Manday, shall be made permanent, or whether the men shall return to work and await a more opportune time.

While there is an absolute lack of official information by reason of the decision of the mine workers not to talk, there is every indication that the delegates in convention will decide to strike.

There is a strong sentiment, however, against a permanent suspension of work at this time, and it promises to make a decided stand against a strike order. This minority is growing stronger with the passing of every hour, and the longer the final vote is delayed the smaller will become the apparent majority for a strike.

President Mitchell and the district leaders say that they are keeping hands off, and will insist that the delegates decide the issue themselves.

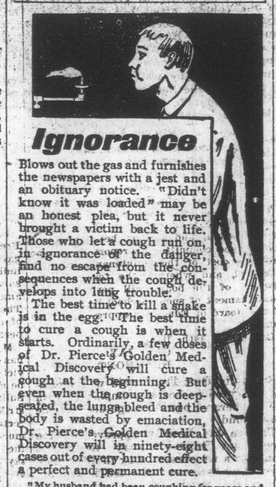
In an interview with a correspondent of the Associated Press, just before he entered the convention, President Mitchell plainly indicated that he had a definite plan in view, but he refused to say what it was. In reply to a question he said that he had finally decided that he would, if necessary, advise the men what should be done.

The delegates were called to order shortly after 10 o'clock by President Duffy, of district No. 7, the middle district. Mr. Mitchell was immediately elected chairman of the convention. Most of to-day sessions will be consumed in organizing.

A LONG JOURNEY.

Officer and Three Men Travelled Over a Thousand Miles to Report Accident.

Melbourne, Australia, May 15.—The British steamer Boveric, from Melbourne, March 21st for Port Natal, reported on May 8th disabled at sea with the loss of her propeller, arrived at Fremantle in tow. The Boveric has on board remounts and soldiers. Her mishap was reported by a lifeboat, containing an officer and three men, which came from the steamer a distance of 1,500 miles for assistance.



Blows out the gas and furnishes the newspapers with a jest and an obituary notice. "Didn't know it was loaded" may be an honest plea, but it never brought a victim back to life. Those who let a cough run on, in ignorance of the danger, find no escape from the consequences when the cough develops into lung trouble.

The best time to kill a snake is in the egg. The best time to cure a cough is when it starts. Ordinarily, a few doses of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will cure a cough at the beginning. But even when the cough is deep-seated, the lungs bleed and the body is wasted by emaciation, Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will in ninety-eight cases out of every hundred effect a perfect and permanent cure.

"My husband had been coughing for years and people frankly told me that he would go into consumption," writes Mrs. John Shireman, of No. 265 28th Place, Chicago, Ill. "He had such terrible coughing spells we not only grew much alarmed but looked for the bursting of a blood-vessel or a hemorrhage at most any time. After three days' coughing he was too weak to cross the room. The doctor did him no good. I state the case to a druggist, who handed me a bottle of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. My husbands recovery was remarkable. In three days after he began using Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery he was up and around, and in two more days he went to work. Two bottles cured him."

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PARLIAMENT WAS PROROGUED TO-DAY

LORD MINTO READ SPEECH FROM THRONE

Hon. W. S. Fielding Says Surplus Will Be Larger Than Predicted in the Budget.

Ottawa, May 15.—At 3 o'clock this afternoon Lord Minto prorogued parliament. There was a good attendance in the Senate chamber to witness the closing ceremonies. A detachment from the Ottawa field battery fired a salute from Nepean Point. The Princess Louise Dragoon Guards furnished an escort, and the Governor-General's Footguards supplied the guard of honor. Lord Minto delivered the following speech from the throne:

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate;
Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In relieving you from further attendance in parliament, I desire to thank you for the care and attention given to your important duties.

The unusual number of acts that have been passed incorporating industrial and railway companies may be taken as an evidence of the rapid progress that Canada is making in wealth and prosperity. Further proof of that satisfactory condition is afforded by the increase in the trade and revenue of the country.

It has been gratifying to note the unprecedented flow of immigrants from Europe and from the United States that are now seeking homes in Manitoba and in the Northwest Territories. The rapidly increasing population in that fertile section of the Dominion must yearly add to the trade of the country.

The agreement entered into with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, when authorizing an increase of its capital, to expend over $9,000,000 in providing additional rolling stock, will, it is hoped, materially diminish in the future the serious losses that have arisen from the insufficient supply of cars to carry the products of the West to Eastern ports.

The amendments made to the Manitoba Grain Act, authorizing the farmers in Manitoba and in the Northwest Territories to erect flat warehouses for storing their grain at railway stations, will, it is believed, be found to serve a useful purpose, and defeat any attempt to depress prices by combinations.

The growing population in the Yukon Territory and the rapid development in the trade of that section of Canada amply justify the act granting to its residents a representative in parliament who will be authorized to speak for its constituency in all matters affecting the more important interests of the people of that remote part of the Dominion.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I thank you in His Majesty's name for the liberal supplies you have granted for the public service:

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate;
Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In bidding you farewell, I desire to express the hope that when we meet next year we shall be able to again rejoice in the continued prosperity which now prevails over this wide dominion.

Will Take Holiday.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier will leave for a couple of weeks' holidays now that the session is over. He will take a rest before going to the coronation ceremonies in London.

To Visit West.

Hon. J. I. Tarte will likely take a trip to Manitoba and the Northwest during the month of August or September.

Presented With Portrait.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was presented by his Liberal admirers to-day with a portrait of himself. An address accompanied it in which among other things it was said: "You are again to visit our new King as you visited his illustrious mother. We have no fear but that Canada now, as then, will be represented in you with greater glory to our Dominion than it would be of any other Canadian. All faithful Liberals and true Canadians are with you in your efforts to enhance our common heritage."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier in reply said that when in England he would try not alone to represent Liberals, but the whole Canadian people. Mr. S. Calvert, Liberal whip, read the address, and R. L. Borden, leader of the opposition, said that he joined with those who extended their admiration and esteem to the Liberal leader.

W. B. Scarth Dead.

W. B. Scarth, deputy minister of the agricultural bureau, died this morning. He has been confined to his home for about two years.

Surplus Will Be Larger.

Hon. W. S. Fielding announces that the revenue had been so buoyant since the delivery of the budget speech it is now clear the result of the financial year would be a larger surplus and a smaller addition to the public debt than has been predicted in the budget.

COLONEL MERRITT.

Colonel Evans Has Asked That He Be Recalled From Africa.

Ottawa, May 15.—It is understood that Col. Evans, commanding the 2nd C. M. R. in South Africa, has asked that Col. Merritt, second in command of the regiment, be recalled. In the meantime, Col. Cameron, who was junior major, has been given the place of Col. Merritt. The matter is now under the consideration of the minister of militia.

The reasons which are given by Col. Evans are said to be of a rather peculiar, if not startling, character. It is said that upon arriving in South Africa Col. Merritt endeavored to get himself promoted so that he would be senior to Col. Evans, and also tried to get the name of the regiment changed.

PICTURE PUZZLE.

Lord Culpeper were present. Find them. ds was ordered, Governor Berkeley and When the seizure of the Virginia Recor

UNDER CONSIDERATION.

Strike Question is Now Before Miners' Delegates at Hazelton.

Hazelton, Pa., May 15.—The convention of the anthracite mine workers, called to consider the matter of making permanent the suspension of work in the hard coal fields, resumed its session in the opera house this morning. The question was not reached at yesterday's session, owing to the inability of the credentials committee to complete its work. The committee made its final report this morning, and after a few unimportant matters had been disposed of the question of the hour was introduced by President Mitchell. This was in the form of an exhaustive report of his negotiations with the Civic Federation and the presidents of the coal companies. The same secrecy as yesterday surrounded the proceedings of the convention today, and no forecast of the result can be made with any degree of accuracy. The strike sentiment is still strong, but it cannot be said that it is as great as it was yesterday.

President Mitchell reiterated to-day that he would advise the miners what course to pursue when the proper time came. He declined to indicate whether or not this plan or advice would be in the nature of a well laid plan, saying that he did not like to give his case to the newspapers in advance of their presentation to the convention. There is no doubt that many propositions will be introduced by delegates for consideration, and it is possible that the debate on them may continue until to-morrow.

There is a rumor afloat that President Mitchell is trying to delay action in the hope that something may come from the other side. This Mr. Mitchell denies. He says that all negotiations are off with the mine-owners. He hopes that the convention will come to a final decision to-day.

WORKING FOR PEACE.

Delegation to Interview Haytian Revolutionists in Order to Prevent Civil War.

Port au Prince, Hayti, May 15.—A delegation, headed by M. Solon Menos, a former minister of foreign affairs, and sent by the provisional government of Hayti, started at 5 o'clock this morning for Cape Hayti on board the steamer Mancel with the object of endeavoring to arrive at an agreement with the leaders of the revolutionary forces in the northern part of Hayti, and prevent a civil war. It is generally believed here that the delegation will meet with success, as it is known that lack of funds is preventing the northern forces from marching on Port au Prince. Quiet has been entirely re-established here. All the administrative offices have been reopened.

The correspondent here of the Associated Press interviewed Gen. Sam on board the French steamer yesterday. Gen. Sam said he had resigned his office with the conviction that he had done everything possible for the prosperity of Hayti. He further asserted that he was leaving Hayti fully satisfied that he had served his country with the greatest loyalty and patriotism.

It has been asserted in the newspapers here that Gen. Sam in the past six years made $2,500,000, but the General, in a published interview, protest against this assertion, classing it as a calumny.

The latest news received here from the north of Hayti is to the effect that Gen. Firmin has been refused a loan of $10,000 by the manager of the National Bank. The belief here, however, is that the National Bank officials are favorably inclined towards Gen. Firmin, who is by far the strongest of the many presidential candidates in the field.

The provisional government is very much incensed against Admiral Killick for having left Port au Prince with his warships without the consent of the government.

The President of Hayti receives a salary of $24,000 per year. Gen. Sam was elected President on April 1st, 1896.

CREMATING BODIES.

Work Proceeds Night and Day at St. Pierre.

New York, May 15.—In the destroyed city of St. Pierre the work among the ruins is being continued in a satisfactory manner, says a Fort de France dispatch to the Herald. The dead are being burned, the pyres being fed with petroleum and tar. Great fires are kept going, which at night light up the entire island, and which, being seen at St. Lucia, led to the belief that Fort de France had burned.

Although thousands of bodies have been burned, many still remain to be cremated. Searchers, while walking through the ashes, often step upon what appears to be a charred pillar of stone, only to learn, as it yields gruesomely under foot, that it is the trunk of some unfortunate. Some of the walls of the houses that still stand, crumble and fall at a touch.

CARNEGIE'S PROPOSITION.

Wants to Hear From Any Cities Anxious to Secure Public Libraries.

London, May 14.—The freedom of the Plumbers' Company was presented to Andrew Carnegie to-day at the Guildhall in a valuable casket of various metals.

Replying to the presentation address, Mr. Carnegie declared that he thought it more difficult to conscientiously distribute wealth than to acquire it. "It is the swimming tenth and not the submerged tenth which we can greatly benefit," said Mr. Carnegie. Any satisfaction which he had derived from his gifts arose from what he had induced individuals and communities to give.

"I think it will be found," he added, "that far from being a philanthropist, I am engaged in making the best bargains of my life. For instance, when New York had been given over a £1,000,000 for 72 libraries, I succeeded in getting a pledge from her that she would furnish sites and maintain these libraries (I hope this may not go across the Atlantic to alarm her). This is not philanthropy. It is a clever stroke of business. I am open to propositions of a similar character from cities in any part of the English-speaking world."

CHANGE OF FLAGS.

Ceremony Takes Place at Havana Next Thursday—Transfer of Troops.

New York, May 15.—All the American forces will assemble at the palace next Thursday at noon after the informal transfer of the government to the Cubans, says a dispatch to the World from Havana. A national salute will be fired and then the United States flag on the palace will be lowered, the American troops and Cuban artillerymen presenting arms. General Gomez will then raise the Cuban flag, the troops presenting arms and a national salute being fired. The American forces will immediately board a waiting steamer. Five batteries of artillery will remain until transferred to points where the naval stations are located. At these places the American flag will fly within the fixed limits of the camp, but the United States troops will be amenable to the island civil laws. They are positively instructed not to interfere in Cuban affairs unless ordered to do so from Washington.

Governor-General Wood appointed all the judges for life, or during good behaviour.

HOPETOUN RESIGNS.

Salary Insufficient to Maintain Dignity of Office.

Melbourne, Australia, May 14.—It was announced in the senate to-night that the Earl of Hopetoun had decided to resign the Governor-Generalship of the Australian Commonwealth.

The federal parliament recently refused to grant the Earl of Hopetoun an additional annual allowance of £8,000. The Governor-General then sent a cablegram to Mr. Jos. Chamberlain, the British colonial secertary, in which he asked to be relieved of his duties after the coronation of the King, saying the position was a heavy drain upon his private resources, and that the salary attached to the Governor-Generalship was wholly insufficient to maintain the dignity of the office.

Mr. Chamberlain replied to the Earl of Hopetoun accepting his resignation, although it means, he said, a serious loss to Australia and the Empire.

It is understood that Lord Tennyson will administer the Governor-Generalship of the Commonwealth in the interim.

The Earl of Hopetoun's salary was £10,000 a year.

LEAPED INTO RIVER.

Ottawa, May 15.—Napoleon St. Dennis, a shantyman of Hull, committed suicide last night by jumping from the Chaudiere bridge into the Ottawa river. "My name is St. Dennis, and I am astray," were the last words he shouted to some workmen who were on the bridge at the time. Before they could catch him he had jumped into the vortex below.

CIRCUS TRAIN WRECKED.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 15.—The Forepaugh & Sells Bros.' curcus train, on its way from Lewistown to New York, was wrecked during last night at Marysville, seven miles west of this city, and a number of employees were hurt. Six were brought to the Harrisburg hospital, and one man died on the way to that institution.

TWITCHY MUSCLES AND SLEEPLESSNESS.—The hopeless heart sickness that settles on a man or woman whose nerves are shattered by disease can best be pictured in contrast with a patient who has been in the "depths" and has been dragged from them by South American Nervine. George Webster, of Forest, Ont., says: "I owe my life to it. Everything else failed to cure." Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Co.—44.