

ST. THOMAS MAN FOR
THE RAILWAY BOARD

Samuel Price, K.C., May Succeed Dr. Mills—Broder Also Mentioned.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The ten-year period for which Dr. James Mills and Hon. Mr. E. Bernier were appointed commissioners of the Dominion Railway Board has expired. It is understood that these gentlemen will be continued as commissioners until the decision is given in the Western freight rates case, which will be in the course of a few weeks. Then they will be retired to private life. Dr. Mills was one of the commissioners who heard all of the evidence in this important case, and as he is the representative of agricultural interests on the board, the Government does not think that he should be allowed to go until the case is completed by judgment. Chairman Drayton is now drafting the judgment, and as soon as his work is completed the verdict will be given.

To Succeed Dr. Mills.
It is reported that J. H. G. Bergeron, ex-member of Parliament, will succeed Mr. Bernier. To succeed Dr. Mills the choice between Andrew Broder, M. P., for Dundas, and Samuel Price, K.C., of St. Thomas, who is the law partner of the Minister of Labor, Hon. Thomas Crothers. Mr. Price has been employed by the railway department for the past year preparing a consolidation of the railway statutes. This week is about finished, and will be introduced in Parliament shortly. His appointment is being urged by his partner, Mr. Crothers.

Pythians Pledged
To Policy of Peace

Washington, Feb. 20.—This was "Peace Day" for the Supreme Council, Knights of Pythias, an annual convention here and celebrating the Order's "golden jubilee." Thos. J. Carling, of Macon, Ga., supreme chancellor, pledged the support of \$60,000 "brothers" and 60,000 "sisters" to Secretary Bryan's peace policy.

BARRETT TO PROBE
TOBACCO SITUATION

Will Investigate Conditions in Southwest Ontario—Reports of a Combine.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Feb. 20.—A vigorous campaign by A. R. McColg, the Liberal leader member for West Kent for Ontario tobacco growers, has produced results. Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture, after hearing the representations of Mr. McColg, conferred with Hon. George E. Foster, minister of trade and commerce and District Superintendent Barrett, of the Department of Agriculture, who has been commissioned to go to South Western Ontario and thoroughly investigate the difficulty which tobacco growers have been having during the past few years in and subsequently a subcommittee from reports of a combine of buyers to keep down prices and it is understood that this will be one of the things which is to receive

Commercial Dispute, Thinks Burrell.
"Mr. McColg brought the matter to my attention personally in the first place and subsequently a subcommittee from the Commons agricultural committee consisting of its chairman, Mr. Wilcox and Mr. McColg waited upon me in regard to the matter," said Hon. Mr. Burrell. "Until the facts are before us the matter is purely a commercial one and the growers of the district find that they cannot dispose of their crop except under certain conditions which the buyers impose. If this is the case it is doubtful if we can interfere, but if, on the other hand, it is found that there is a combine to keep down prices then we will be in a position to take further action."

FLASHES FROM
THE WIRE

Reno, Nev., Feb. 20.—A series of earth shocks occurred here between 2 and 4:06 this morning. Many people awakened by trembling foundations and rattling windows, made for the open. No one was injured and no damage done. The earthquakes were from north to south and were not so violent as those of Wednesday.

New York, Feb. 20.—Charles Von Helldorf, New York agent of the North German Lloyd Steamship Line, received a message today from Philip Heineken, managing director of the line, now in London, saying that differences between the North German Lloyd and the Hamburg-American companies had been adjusted.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The Senate divorce committee today for the third time passed the Hamilton divorce bill which has twice been thrown out by the Senate. Andrew Lorne Hamilton, bank manager, Quebec, seeks divorce from his wife, Maud Church, of Toronto, who is a former Ottawa girl.

Paris, Feb. 20.—At the French war office it was announced today that 5,000 tons of flour would be placed in a warehouse in Paris to be used in feeding the population of the French capital in the event of any railway traffic being interrupted by the mobilization of the French army. This action was taken as the result of negotiations between the war office and the municipal council. The municipality will contribute \$50,000 as its share to pay for the food reserve.

Paris, Feb. 20.—It developed today that the pictures which the police found in the baggage room of the Northern Railroad terminus here yesterday, and which it was first believed had been stolen from the British Museum, were taken from the collections of Count De Cleef and others in Flanders. Several persons were arrested today and charged with being accomplices of the Belgian who was apprehended yesterday while taking the pictures from the railroad in the act of taking away packages containing pictures.

Sees Big Future
For Woodstock

W. J. TAYLOR, newly elected president of the Woodstock Board of Trade.

SIR JAMES SENDS
MESSAGE TO HOUSE

Grateful to Fellow-Members and People of the Province.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Feb. 20.—At the opening of the Legislature this afternoon a letter was read to the members from Sir James Whitney.

Addressing the House through the Speaker, the Premier said: "The session now being open, I feel it incumbent upon me to endeavor to express to you, my fellow members of the Legislature, and to the people of the province generally my grateful appreciation of the warm sympathy which has been extended to me during my recent severe illness, and above all for the prayers that were offered for my recovery. Apt and fitting language to express as I could wish what I desire to say on this subject would be difficult, indeed, for me to find and I confine myself to this simple expression of my hearty and earnest thanks."

Message in Reply.
Although the message was received in silence, the members accepting the Premier's words with much feeling, Mr. Rowell suggested, with the concurrence of Dr. Pyne, that the Speaker send a reply to Sir James, "expressing the gratification with which the House received the message of the Premier Minister and the hope for his early and complete recovery." Applause from both sides greeted this suggestion.

J. C. Elliott (West Middlesex) has scored a beat on the Conservative members in securing a first reading to his bill to give married women, otherwise qualified, the municipal vote. J. W. Johnston (West Hastings) has also scored on the bill to make it an offence for any person to style himself "doctor" who has no degree permitting the title to be used. Another bill seeks to prevent municipalities investing sinking funds in their own debentures.

CANADA TO GIVE \$25,000
TO PEACE CELEBRATION

Premier Borden Announces It—Loans For Harbor Work.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Feb. 20.—Twenty-five thousand dollars for preliminary expenses of the peace celebration will be voted by Parliament this session. The announcement was made in reply to a question by Mr. Welch. Premier Borden said that there would be an item of that amount in the supplementary estimates. "We are warmly sympathetic with the project and trust the centennial of peace between the Empire and the United States may be the first of many centuries of peace," said Mr. Borden in making the announcement.

"Anything that tends to perpetuate peace will find hearty support upon this side of the house," said Sir Wilfrid Laurier in endorsing the vote. He added, "Perhaps there is nothing which would better conserve peace than the continued development of trade relations."

Trade Growing With States.
"Our trade relations with the United States are really very excellent, because trade is increasing year by year," said Mr. Borden in reply.

The Government is generous with the ports of Montreal and Quebec. Dr. H. Hazen had given notice of a bill providing a loan of fifteen millions for the commissioners of Mount Royal Harbor and two millions for Quebec. The commissioners will be required to deposit with the Government debentures to the amount of the advances made them.

FARMERS' CLUB AT BIRR
Feeding and Fattening of Cattle Was Discussed by Expert.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Birr, Feb. 20.—A well attended and enthusiastic meeting of the Farmers' Club was held in the schoolhouse this evening. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. Arthur O'Neill, and Chester Hobbs.

Mr. Hobbs' address on "The Feeding and Fattening of Cattle" contained a vast amount of valuable information. In speaking on "The Care of Horses," Mr. O'Neill outlined many important points.

CHILD MEETS DEATH
BY EATING POISON

Boy Swallows Strychnine Tablets Used as Medicine—Dies Almost Instantly.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Alls Craig, Feb. 20.—The three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald, who live near Springbank village, East Williams Township, climbed up on a chair this afternoon, secured and ate a quantity of strychnine tablets kept for medicinal purposes, and died almost immediately afterwards.

The fatality happened while the little one's mother was in the room. The boy, along with the young child of Mr. and Mrs. John Watson, neighbors, was playing on the floor. He crawled up on the chair and managed to open a medicine chest where the tablets were kept. In fact, before his mother saw what the child was doing he had opened the small receptacle in which they were kept and he was cramming the tablets down his throat.

One of the tablets rolled on the floor, but luckily the Watson child did not notice it. Of there might have been a second fatality. Mrs. Watson happened to be in the house, and hurriedly ran for an emetic. But when she returned in company with her husband the McDonald child was stiff in death.

Dr. Hamilton, of Alls Craig, eight miles distant, was called, but the child was dead long before his arrival. Mr. and Mrs. Watson are among the best-known residents of the village and have the sympathy of many friends in the loss of their only child. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

HOMESEEKERS' EXCURSIONS AND
SETTLERS' TRAINS TO THE WEST.

Those taking advantage of above Excursions should bear in mind the many exclusive features offered by the Canadian Pacific Railway in connection with a trip to the West. It is the only all-Canadian route. Only line operating through trains to Western Canada. No change of trains. Only line operating through standard and tourist sleepers to Winnipeg and Vancouver. All equipment is owned and operated by Canadian Pacific Railway, affording the highest form of efficiency.

Homeseekers' fares will be in effect each Tuesday, March 3 to October 27 inclusive, and round-trip second-class tickets will be sold via Canadian Pacific Railway from Ontario points (Azilda and East) at very low fares—for example, from Toronto, also West and North of Toronto, to Winnipeg and return \$35, to Edmonton and return \$43. Other points in proportion. Fares from points East of Toronto will be slightly higher. Return limit two months.

Homeseekers' trains leave Toronto each Tuesday during March and April. Each Tuesday during March and April, the Canadian Pacific will run Settlers' trains to Winnipeg and West and for the accommodation of settlers travelling with live stock and effects, a colonist car will be attached to the settlers' effects train. This car will leave Toronto on regular train at 10:20 p.m., and on arrival at West Toronto it will be attached to settlers' effects train as mentioned above.

For those not travelling with live stock and effects, special Colonist cars will be attached to regular trains from Toronto, running through to Winnipeg without change. No charge is made for accommodation in Colonist cars.

Tourist sleeping cars are also operated on regular train leaving Toronto 10:20 p.m.

Full particulars from any C. P. R. Agent or write W. Fulton, C. P. A., London; M. G. Murphy, District Passenger Agent, Toronto. 61-tyw

ST. DAVIDS MAN DROPPED DEAD.
PICKS TALL WIFE FOR LIFE PARTNER

St. Catharines, Feb. 20.—Stephen McCullough, of St. David's, aged 50 years, dropped dead on Geneva street this afternoon.

MIDGET "SNOOKUMS" PICKS TALL WIFE FOR LIFE PARTNER

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Farmer's Wife Discovered Valuable Jewel in Dish of Salmon.

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BACK in the sixties, A.D. 18....., when P.O.'s were few, a small boy was privileged by an indulgent uncle to follow behind a harrow, drawn by "Buck and Bright," who were doing the work, on the only field on the farm that could be said to be free of stumps. Along about noon (by the sun) a horn sounded, blown by a heart that was always ready with good things, "B. and B." stopped for dinner, the small boy got busy with his blue beech (no whips), and urged his team on to the end of the furrow to come back on the home stretch, but no response, save vigorous kicks and shaking of the head from the fellow who felt the bud. The Oxen held their ground, and when unhooked, as they had to be, made for home on the double quick, leaving the boy to wonder why he could not make that team do the best thing. On that farm is the third generation, and according to "Noah" there ought to be at least a fourth. In the place of the second growth log house is a brick mansion that for comfort, convenience, etc., puts Holyrood or Edinburgh Castle out of the count. Queen Mary would have a few things to learn—Telephone, etc., etc. Everything to make life and work sweet and swell. Along the sixth (no corduroy now) at high noon "King George" drives a horse or horses, that would get a second look even at the Derby, and stops at this and every other mansion and delivers his daily budget of news. Now this progressive country has a Parcel Post System, and it's this parcel service we are after, (the missing link). Send us your orders. Remember we are within the 20 mile limit and looking for your business. It belongs to the fellow near by. If we are working together like B. and B., it will come. No other house, far or near, will give you better what you want—SERVICE. Send your address and R. R. and the order, and we and "King George" will make you happy.

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GERMANY LAUNCHES
ANOTHER DREADNOUGHT

"Kron Prinz" To Be the Last to Carry Twelve-Inch Guns.

[Canadian Press.]
Kiel, Germany, Feb. 21.—The seven-teenth Dreadnought for the German navy was launched here today and christened Kron Prinz by Crown Prince Oetle.

The crown prince, who was to have delivered an address, was prevented from attending the ceremony by illness. He has not yet completely recovered from the attack of tonsillitis which caused him to be confined to his bed on February 16 by order of his physicians. Prince Henry of Prussia acted as his substitute.

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TEMPERANCE CONVENTION
IN CHURCH AT CLINTON

Huron County Workers Celebrate the Great Victory of the Twenty-Ninth.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Clinton, Feb. 20.—The Huron Temperance convention met in the Ontario Street Church here today with an attendance of 120 delegates from nearly every municipality in the county. Following the address by the president, Frank Buchanan, a special service commemorating the victory of January 29 was held.

The work of the convention was divided among three newly organized committees, business, law enforcement and legislation. At the afternoon session, following the adoption of the reports, a discussion was entered upon regarding the appointment of a field secretary. This, the convention by a big vote, decided to do, but by a resolution it was later decided to call another convention at a subsequent date to make the appointment and arrange for financing.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, A. T. Cooper; first vice-president, Frank Buchanan; Wingham; second vice-president, School Inspector Tom, of Goderich; third vice-president, John Scott, Exeter; secretary, J. A. Erwin, Clinton; treasurer, A. Cousins, Wingham. The W. C. T. U. entertained the delegates in the basement of the church, providing both dinner and supper.

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TORONTO LAWYER
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[Canadian Press.]
Toronto, Feb. 20.—"As a slight token of appreciation" of the advertising he has received through the charges made by Messrs. John M. Godfrey and G. Wilkie, that jurors in the courts of Toronto and the county of York were prejudiced in his favor, H. T. Lennox, M. P. P., barrister, has forwarded to each of the above-named gentlemen a check for one hundred dollars, with the explanation that "he could not accept their assistance for nothing."

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TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

SARNIA TUNNEL TO SUSPENSION BRIDGE AND TORONTO.
Arrive from the East—*3:52 a.m., 10:55 a.m., *11:12 a.m., *11:28 a.m., *6:30 p.m., *7:55 p.m., 10:45 p.m.
Arrive from the West—*12:14 a.m., 3:43 a.m., *11:55 a.m., 1:10 p.m., *4:10 p.m., 6:25 p.m.
Depart for the East—*12:19 a.m., *3:48 a.m., 7:20 a.m., 9:00 a.m., *12:05 p.m., 2:05 p.m., *4:25 p.m., *5:53 p.m.
Depart for the West—*3:57 a.m., 7:40 a.m., *11:13 a.m., *11:35 a.m., 1:40 p.m., 8:20 p.m.

LONDON AND WINDSOR.
Arrive—11:30 a.m., 4:00 p.m., 6:50 p.m., 11:05 p.m.
Depart—5:35 a.m., *11:43 a.m., 2:05 p.m., *8:05 p.m.

STRATFORD BRANCH.
Arrive—11:15 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 11:30 p.m.
Depart—5:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:45 p.m., 4:30 p.m.

LONDON, HURON AND BRUCE.
Arrive—10:00 a.m., 6:10 p.m.
Depart—5:30 a.m., *11:25 p.m.
Trains marked * run daily. Those not marked, daily, except Sunday.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.
Arrive from the East—*11:42 a.m., 6:55 p.m., *7:20 p.m., *11:15 p.m.
Arrive from the West—*4:30 a.m., *1:00 p.m., 5:35 p.m., 9:15 p.m.
Depart for the East—*4:38 a.m., 8:00 a.m., *11:10 p.m., *5:43 p.m.
Depart for the West—*3:15 a.m., *11:50 a.m., 7:30 p.m., *11:25 p.m.
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MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILWAY.
Trains Arrive—7:05 a.m., 1:20 a.m., 4:50 p.m., 9:40 p.m.
Trains leave—*11:22 a.m., *3:30 p.m., 5:27 p.m., 10:15 p.m.

PERE MARQUETTE RAILWAY.
Trains Depart—5:30 a.m., *7:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 2:10 p.m., *4:20 p.m., 16:30 p.m.
Trains Arrive—8:45 a.m., *12:45 p.m., 1:40 p.m., 5:10 p.m., *10:10 p.m.
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Jan. 31 (From St. John, N.B.) 31, Jan. 31, for St. Thomas, St. Croix, Feb. 28 (From St. John, N.B.) Tyrolia

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