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SEVENTEENTH YEAR

CONFERENCE TO BE HELD
Toronto on Friday.

PROF. ROBERTSON COMING
To Talk It Over with the Council and the Board of Trade.

The People's Whisky Bill Last Year Was
Lighter Than in Former Years—Wine
and Beer Consumption Also Decreased

Dr. McPhail Looking to an Improvement
in the Method of Lobster Packing

A. A. Officials After the Vendors of
Fitted Cases—General Ottawa News.

Ottawa, Nov. 24.—(Special)—The
Agriculture and Dairy Commissioner

was notified by Mayor Fleming to-day
that he had arranged for a meeting to

be held in the City Council Chamber,
to-morrow, on Friday morning at which

members of the council and of the
Board of Trade interested in cold storage

for perishable products would be
present to meet Prof. Robertson. Ac-

cordingly the Commissioner will leave
for Toronto on Thursday evening. Af-

ter the meeting there, on his way west,
Prof. Robertson will visit St. Mary's

and other points where cold storage
warehouses have already been con-

structed, with a view to acquiring
information as to the methods of con-

struction.

LOBSTER CANNING
Dr. McPhail of McGill University

visited here to-night to discuss with
the officers of the Fisheries Depart-

ment the steps to be taken toward
putting into force the method dis-

covered by Dr. McPhail for prevent-

ing the blackening of lobsters after
canning. Packers on the Atlantic coast

are very anxious to learn Dr. McPhail's
method, as it is likely to be success-

fully carried out.

CHASING THE CHEESE MILLERS.
Information has reached the Agricul-

tural Commission from Washington,
that the Internal Revenue Department

is going to sue the parties who ship a con-

tingent of filled cheese to Glasgow
without paying duty. The officers al-

ready at work will make it hot for
anyone who contravenes the United

States law.

OUR WHISKY BILL.
The Internal Revenue Department is

tors an opportunity to return to the
terms of the agreement, and if that is

not done it is not improbable that the
resignation of the entire staff will be

handed in.

WILL NOT INTERFERE.
The suit brought by Mr. A. S. Wood-

for compensation for hindery
work given out by the Government

during the time that he held the
contract, from Dec. 1, 1879, to Nov. 9, 1886,

is likely to be a lengthy one. Collec-

tors of Customs have been instructed
forward to that department certified

copies of all accounts and vouchers re-

lating to the contract.

THE MINISTER OF MARINE HAS DECLINED
to intervene with a marine investigation

into the cause of the collision between
the steamer Tiber and the schooner

Maggie in St. John's harbor, New-

foundland, owing to the fact that the
steamer Tiber is now under trial

for manslaughter.

THE TARIFF TINKERS.
Ottawa is to have a sitting of the

Tariff Commission at a sufficient num-

ber of manufacturers and importers of
the district signify their desire to give

the Ministry the benefit of their sug-

gestions. To that end circulars have
been sent out by the Board of Trade.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.
Mr. S. H. Jones of Toronto is again

in the city.

Mr. Davies yesterday instructed the
department to look into the report

made by the Spanish Consul at Hal-

ifax, that the steamer Bermuda was
arranging for a filibuster expedition

to Cuba.

Several specimens of anthrax-like
from the Soudan district have been sent

to the Geological Survey museum, and are
now on exhibition there.

There are yet seven miles of the
O.A. & P. S. Railway to pass Govern-

ment inspection. The inspection of
this part of the line will likely take

place next week.

Mr. Robert Chalmers of the Geo-

logical Survey has returned from his
season's field work among the alluvial

deposits of the Chaudiere district of
Quebec and the Eastern Townships.

Chief Engineer Schreiber was in-

specting the Cornwall Canal to-day.

Col. Tucker, P. W. Underhill and
Mr. Tarte will meet them at Winnipeg

to discuss certain matters before he
comes home, and his colleagues go

west. The Minister of Public Works
will be at Calgary to-day and will be

at Edmonton to-morrow.

Postmaster-General Mulock returned
to the city to-day.

The outposts of Wellington Square
and Hagersville, under Hamilton, are

to be abolished after the 1st of January.

Mr. F. T. O'Hara, private secre-

tary to Sir Richard Cartwright, has in-

formed the work entitled "Snap Shots
From Boy Life." It will be illustrated

by some of the best artists in the
States.

The Free Press (Liberal organ) pub-

lishes a letter condemning for its pa-

per hunting privacies Mr. E. A. Meredith
of Toronto, recently appointed a com-

missioner to investigate the affairs of
Kingston penitentiary.

W. Crisler of Ottawa, formerly a
workman employed as a brakeman on

the Ottawa and Parry Sound Road,
was crushed to death by the cars at

St. John's, N.S., on Nov. 24.—(Special)—
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Archbishop Langevin Will Take Catholic
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EVERYBODY GIVES THANKS.
To-morrow will be Thanksgiving Day.

Everyone should give thanks. No matter
whether he or she may think they are in

the hardest kind of luck, there must be
something still left for which they can feel

grateful. If you are broke, be thankful
that you are still on earth, and that there

are other pebbles on the beach, and you
may find one some day.

They Are Thankful.
Mayor Fleming: That his friends helped

him to crawl out of a very small hole.
Senator Cox: That Uncle O took him

into the Joe House.
Ald. J. J. Rogers: That had boys make

a soft situation for him.
Ald. Preston: That he has a chance

to talk.
Undertaker Bates: That he can admire

his whiskers.
Ald. Ballan: That he has a dress suit

and good appetite.
City Clerk Blevins: That he runs his

department in a very quiet way.
Ald. Speer: That the prohibition game

keeps going.
Ald. Jolliffe: That he sleeps well.

Superintendent Cullen: That he does not
ride in the night refrigerators.

Inspector Archibald: That nobody en-

quiries how he earns his salary.
Inspector Stephen: That he is cleaning

out the dives.
Chief Grasset: That he found the man

who cracked the Varsity safe.
Ald. Lamb: That he did not build two

summer houses.
Ald. McFarland: That the Mayor tried

to touch for that \$500.
Ald. Sheppard: That Actor John Hare

is English.
Manager Small: Bargain matinee.

The Barber: That the football season is
over.
A. W. Ross: That Roseland is booming.

E. A. Macdonald: That the big blast
was a success.
Frontier Hardy: That he can wear his

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AN ENCOURAGING WAR ON
Where's Danny Lamb and His
Municipal Scheme?

UNDERWRITERS TO FIGHT.
They Propose to Meet the Low Rates
of the Outside Companies.

A Round Robin Circular to Call a Special
Meeting of the Board for Friday to Take

Action—An Attempt Will First Be Made
to Drive out a New York State Com-

pany; Then the Other Outlets Must
Go—Many Insurance Men Talk About
the Trouble.

It looks as if there is going to be quite
a hot war for business between the

Board of Fire Underwriters and the com-

panies who are not in their association.
A meeting of the Board has been called

for Friday morning next, and the principal
matter for discussion is a resolution to

meet the cheap rates of the Agricultural
Insurance Co. and to take up a certain

class of policies at such rates as may be
necessary to secure the business.

A WELL-POSTED MAN TALKS.
This is the way a man who evidently

knows something about it put the matter
to the World yesterday:

"Something which was shown to me to-

day justifies the question: Has the munici-

pal insurance scheme died, or is it only
sleeping? and it is to be hoped it is not

dead. The Toronto Board of Fire Under-

writers have from time to time altered
the rates upon property in this city and

added clauses to their policies which are
not understood by the people, until now

it requires a court decision to fix the
amount due the insurer when a loss oc-

curs. Take, for example, the case of
McMill College mentioned in this morning's

World. Not content with the amount the
Board are contemplating a war against
the outside companies, they are doing in-

dependent of them, and the first step is
set out in this circular, a copy of which,
understand, has been sent to all com-

panies belonging to the Association, and
which reads as follows:

Toronto Board of Fire Underwriters,
Toronto, 27th October, 1896.

Notice of Special Meeting.
In compliance with the following resolu-

tion: Notice of Special Meeting, Articles 8
and 9 of the constitution, a special meet-

ing of the Toronto Board of Fire Under-

writers is hereby called, to be held in the
Board room, Friday, 27th of November

at 10 o'clock, for the purpose of con-

sidering the following resolution: That
the Board do meet the rates of the Agri-

cultural Insurance Co. and to take up a
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