

REPRESENTATIVES OF SOUTH AFRICA

Good Chance for Canadian Trade Development—Races Working in Harmony—Two Problems.

Canadian Press.
New York, Jan. 15.—Bubbling over with enthusiasm for the future of the new South African Union, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux reached New York today and tonight started on the last lap of his world circling tour. Captain Hector Verrett accompanied him chief on the mission. Mrs. Lemieux and Mrs. Verrett met their husbands at Montreal with Dr. Eugene Lemieux, who has been here since Thursday awaiting the arrival of the Celtic.

"South Africa is not Canada, of course, but it is a great country," said the Postmaster General to the reporter of the Canadian Press, who was the first to reach the deck as the big ship was warped into her dock. "We had a splendid voyage across," he added, "not a ripple and we were far enough out to avoid the fog which detained the Atlantic seventeen hours just outside the harbor. I have become quite a sailor, for it took us 17 days from Southampton to Cape Town, while from Durban to Naples it takes only ten days."

"The chances for trade with South Africa are excellent. If the Canadian manufacturers will only send agents over there, they will find a market the best they could wish for. South Africa is a great ranching and mining country, but so far they have no manufacturers. Maize is grown to a large extent and exported, but Canada could sell them fruits as well as wheat and flour."

Union Working Fine.
"They have everything that could be desired to make a splendid success of their union," continued Mr. Lemieux, "and up to date the union is working fine. The nation and the new union have been chosen as a new starting point for all. You could not believe, in seeing how the Dutch and English are working together earnestly for the upbuilding of the country, ten years ago they were at one another's throats."

"How does the dual language question affect the union?"
"There is no friction that I could observe," said the Canadian minister, "and the use of both languages, as they are used at the opening of each sitting are said in both languages, and everybody seems satisfied. They have no school question like we have in Canada. The various provinces or states have charge of primary education, but in view of the possible difficulties that might arise out of the application of the Herzog act, Dr. Jamieson and General Botha have agreed on the appointment of a joint committee which shall take up the educational question for all parts of the country."

WINNIPEG HAS SERIOUS FIRE

Blaze in Tailor's Shop Destroyed Valuable Furs—Loss \$5,000, Covered by Insurance—Poultry Show.

Special to The Standard.
Moncton, N. B., Jan. 15.—Quite a serious fire occurred in Mr. McLeod's custom tailor shop about two o'clock this morning. It originated about a stove in the press room of the workshop on the second floor, and did considerable damage to the interior of the building. Stock furs and cloths below were badly damaged by fire, smoke and water.

On Building.
Phoenix, of Hartford . . . \$1,500
Springfield . . . 1,500
London Mutual . . . 1,500

On Furs.
Hudson's Bay . . . 1,750
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On Stock.
Northern . . . 1,000
Anglo American . . . 1,000
Dominion . . . 1,000
Non tariff companies are chiefly concerned.

Poultry Show.
The Westmorland Poultry and Pet Stock Exhibition which closed Saturday night after lasting three days, was the most successful in the history of both exhibits and visitors are the largest on record. Special prizes were awarded as follows:

Silver Cup, for best Wyandottes, A. A. Tuttle, Moncton.
Silver Cup, Barred Plymouth Rocks, Watson Lutes, Moncton.
Cup for Black Minorcas, R. B. Stewart, Moncton.
Cup for Silver Laced Wyandottes, R. A. Knight, Moncton.
Cup for White Leghorns, Odbur James, Moncton.
Best four birds any variety, Odbur James, Moncton.
Special prizes for whitest bird, and best conditioned bird, O. James.

TO ARREST POSTMASTER WHO STOLE PACKET

Free Yesterday On Return To New Waterford, But Warrant Will Be Executed—Gave Money To Priest.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 15.—It develops that William O'Neill, postmaster at New Waterford, Cape Breton, who left with \$7,500, belonging to the Bank of Nova Scotia, which was returned to the bank at Truro, is back at New Waterford. He had given the money to the parish priest in Truro to be handed into the Truro branch. O'Neill then started back for Sydney and reached there last night.

MAINTAIN SECRECY OVER RECIPROcity NEGOTIATIONS

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—The reciprocity negotiations between the United States and Canada will be continued this week. It is understood that fair progress is being made though all the commissioners concerned are reticent as to being the Kelly block on the secrecy of the negotiations was the fact that, under the item could be finally agreed upon until the proceedings were ended because of the interdependence of the duties on the articles being considered.

\$400,000 FIRE IN WINNIPEG

Insurance Companies Lose Nearly Half a Million in Midnight Fire in Big Block—35 Below Zero.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 15.—Winnipeg has had another midnight midwinter fire which cost the insurance companies about \$400,000, the building destroyed being the Kelly block on Bannantyne avenue, east, in the very heart of the wholesale district.

The firm suffering are the Winnipeg Fur Co., \$200,000 insured, \$180,000; John Erizinger, tobacco, \$80,000, insured to 90 per cent; Kilgour Bros., paper dealers, \$25,000, insured to the full; The Wingold Stove Co., \$25,000, insured to \$18,000.

26 ENGAGED IN PLOT TO KILL MIKADO

London, Jan. 15.—The Chronicle's Yokohama correspondent gives details of the plot to assassinate the Emperor of Japan for which 26 Japanese anarchists recently were capital tried and sentenced to death.

NEW ZEALAND SERVICE SUCCEEDS AUSTRALIAN

Laurier Cables Regrets Because Mail Service To Commonwealth Is Not Renewed—5 Years' Contract.

U. S. FOREIGN TRADE AT HIGH WATER MARK

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—With the enormous total of almost \$2,500,000,000, the total value of the foreign trade of the United States during the year which ended Dec. 31, 1910, was greater than that of any year ever before, and left a balance in favor of the country of over \$7,000,000. This exceeded the former high record of 1907 by about \$400,000,000.

THREE NEGROES LYNCHED BY FIFTY MASKED MEN

Shelbyville, Ky., Jan. 15.—Fifty men early today stormed the Shelby county jail, seized and lynched three negroes, two of whom were charged with insulting white women, while the third was sentenced to hang for the murder of a negro woman. The bodies of the three were found hanging to a bridge on the Eminence Pike, near the jail, while that of Patterson was found in Cedar creek. Patterson, it is said, attempted to escape from the mob with a rope about his neck.

CHARTER FOR CANAL SCHEME

Parliament Asked To Authorize Plan For Construction Of Channel From Lake Huron To St. Lawrence.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 15.—The latest canal scheme and probably the most ambitious which has been listed for the consideration of parliament, is that of "The Great Lakes and Atlantic Canal and Power Co." for which a charter will be sought during the present session.

FATAL INJURY TO WESTMORLAND MAN

Charles Weldon Fell From A Load Of Hay And Has Neck Broken—Taken To Moncton Hospital.

Moncton, Jan. 15.—Charles Weldon, a middle aged man belonging to the four churches engaged in educational work among the Indians of Canada, the Roman Catholic church will receive \$165,000; the Methodist church, \$61,250; the Presbyterian church, \$34,250 and the Methodist church, \$23,500.

EARTHQUAKES IN TASHKENT

St. Petersburg, Jan. 15.—Despatches received here from Tashkent or Russian Turkistan, say that further earth shocks have been felt at Yverny, capital of Semiretchensk. These, however, have been slight. The intense cold continues and there is great suffering in the district.

TRUXILLO CAPTURED BY REVOLUTIONISTS

Celba, Honduras, Jan. 11.—Truxillo was captured by the revolutionists on Tuesday after a hard skirmish with the small squad of government soldiers.

R. R. STRIKE IN PORTUGAL OVER

Men Return To Work And The Train Service Is Normal Once More—Gas Fitters Not Supported By People.

Lisbon, Jan. 15.—The strike of the railroad men having ended, normal train service has been resumed. The strike of the gas house workers, however, continues, but it is expected that the strike will speedily terminate on account of the strong opposition displayed by the people generally, who fear that these inopportune strikes will prove prejudicial to republican institutions.

It is reported that the authorities of the town of Campomaier, nine miles northeast of Elvas, urgently requested the Lisbon government to despatch two battalions of troops to that place. No reason for this request is known, and the government refused on the ground that troops could not be spared at the present time.

WERE THEY ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS?

Mr. Gilbert and Family Nearly Asphyxiated as Result of Visit of Government Plumbers to His House.

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—If the member for Drummond-Arthabaska has not opened a notable career he has at least started an eventful one. First he got the wrong telegram and rushed home to attend the funeral of a relative, who fortunately was not dead.

REPRIMAND SIMS FOR LONDON SPEECH

Secretary of U. S. Navy Sends Order To Commander In Chief To Be Given To Erring Officer.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—A general order reprimanding Commander William S. Sims for his "last drop of blood" speech in London, has been issued by Secretary of the Navy Meyer.

KING ALFONSO HOME.

Madrid, Jan. 15.—King Alfonso returned today from Malilla, after a visit of nearly a week.

CHANGES MADE OF MUTUAL BENEFIT

PLAGUE RAGING IN MANCHURIA

Feared That Whole Villages Are Wiped Out—Chinese Object To Summary Disposal Of Bodies.

Pekin, Jan. 15.—Reports from Harbin say that the Chinese there are vigorously opposing the summary disposition of the bodies of those who have died from this bubonic plague. The authorities do not dare to burn them, the people desiring that they remain intact so that their ancestors may recognize them in the future life.

Some of the corpses have remained in the city for days, but they are now being taken to the open country, where trenches for their interment have been prepared. It is reported that the Russians in Harbin are not concerning themselves with the Chinese section, although they are dealing drastically with the Chinese within the Russian city.

Divide Money For Indian's Education

Roman Catholic Church Gets Lion's Share With Anglican Presbyterians And Methodists Also Represented.

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—By an agreement reached between the department of Indian affairs and the four churches engaged in educational work among the Indians of Canada, the Roman Catholic church will receive \$165,000; the Methodist church, \$61,250; the Presbyterian church, \$34,250 and the Methodist church, \$23,500.

HEAVY FOG TIES UP NEW YORK SHIPPING

New York, Jan. 15.—For the second time this year a heavy fog, such as New York is not accustomed to, blanketed the city and hampered navigation. The ferries were delayed and in some cases suspended. One woman fell to her death through the inability to see her way.

ST. MICHAEL'S BEATEN.

Toronto, Jan. 15.—The unbroken string of victories of the champion St. Michael's hockey team received a rude jar Saturday night, when Parkdale not only defeated the champions but gave them a good drubbing. The score: Parkdale 8; St. Michael's 2, gives a true indication of what margin Parkdale had on their opponents. The half time score was 5 to 2.

Canadian Representatives at Fishery Conference Return Today to Consult Governor General.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—Diplomatic negotiations have scored a victory over arbitration in the fisheries dispute between Canada, Newfoundland and the United States, a statement being issued Saturday by the state department here disclosing the fact that a complete agreement on all details involved have been reached between Canada and the United States, and likewise sufficient adjustment of differences with Newfoundland has been effected to make unnecessary any recourse to the mixed commission of The Hague tribunal.

The negotiations between the United States and Newfoundland will be continued; Sir Edward Morris, premier of Newfoundland having returned home to confer with the members of his cabinet, but enough ground already has been covered to warrant the belief that a complete settlement of disputed points soon will be effected. Sir Edward Morris' departure to Newfoundland was made possible on Thursday, when negotiations reached the point where it became obvious that the trade of the States was concerned. Sir Alexander Acheson, Minister of Justice, and L. P. Brodeur, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, the Canadian representatives in the conference, were not in Ottawa on Monday and submit the agreement that was reached Saturday to Lord Grey, the Governor General, when it will be made public.

Much Straightened Out.
Upon stratification by him the agreement will become effective. The details of the agreement were not divulged here, but they include the modification of certain fishing regulations as well as the continuance of others. The agreement was not divulged here, but they include the modification of certain fishing regulations as well as the continuance of others.

It is believed that Sir Edward Morris will return here soon to complete the negotiations with respect to the Newfoundland questions involved. Should diplomatic exchange fail to settle all the points at issue, the mixed commission at The Hague will find mutual benefit from the improved regulations.

The official statement announcing the conclusion of the negotiations with Canada and the status of the Newfoundland proceedings follows: "The award in the fisheries arbitration directed that certain provisions be taken by means of a special commission for purposes of giving practical effect to the principles decided as to fishing regulations. Negotiations with respect to the application of the award to such regulations. Very gratifying progress has been made toward accomplishing this."

An agreement was reached today with the Canadian representatives and will be given out at their convenience. Negotiations with the Newfoundland government are still proceeding.

Fish Goes to U. S.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 15.—The loading of Gloucester fish at the wharf of two Newfoundland schooners with herring for the market and the announcement that more vessels may undertake the trade in herring following the recent action of the colonial cabinet refusing Americans permission to purchase herring in the southern bays, where no treaty rights obtain, has brought sharply to notice an unusual situation in the colonial fisheries.

The west or treaty coast has fallen the Gloucester fishermen this season for the first time in years, and the fisheries there just closed, are a failure. The southern bays on the other hand have teemed with the fish for months, but the natives there have been unable under the Newfoundland regulations to dispose of the fish to American vessels.

Thus, more than half a hundred Gloucester fishing vessels all carrying large crews, have had a disastrous season on the west coast, several being forced to return home in ballast, owing to a lack of cargo. The present decision to have specially chartered Newfoundland vessels engaged in the American trade, has opened a solution of the matter for the natives of the non-treaty coast.