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REWARD OFFERED.

icago, Aug. 6.—In an effort to
e that Ira G. Rawn, president of
Honon Railroad was murdered and
not commit suicide as hinted in a
ner's jury verdict, a reward of $5,-
has been offered by the Rawn es-
for information leading to the ar-
and conviction of his murderer or
derers. Mr. Rawn was found dead
is home at Winnetkha on the morn-
of July 20.

WILL BUY AEROPLANES.

erlin, Aug. 8.—Seven Japanese army
ers have arrived here under ar-
gements between the German gov-
nent and the Mikado's war office
which instructions in aeronautics
be furnished 25 army representa-
s. The Japanese government is now
anging to purchase several aero-
nes for use in the army. Wright
chines are favored.

ROAD BUILDING.

russels, Aug. 8.—The international road
ference, which opened its sessions here
July 21st, finished its work Saturday
adjourned, the members remaining
several excursions organized by the
gian government. The American dele-
es say that the great lesson of the
gress for America is the showing of
absolute necessity for the introduc-
of a uniform system of road building
he United States.

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COMING TO CONFERENCE

HUNDREDS OF DELEGATES EN ROUTE TO VICTORIA

Discussion on Missionary Work of Methodist Church Will Be Feature

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Aug. 11.—En route to Victoria, where they will attend the Methodist conference, 180 Methodist clergymen passed through here yesterday on a special train. The party was organized by Rev. Mr. Harper, Orangeville, Ont., and is known as the Harper party. A number of eastern delegates to the conference were in the city Tuesday on the way to Victoria. Among them were Revs. S. Walter Rigsby, of Carnia; Dr. Bishop, of Belleville; Solomon Cleaver, Toronto; Reuben Millyard, Forest, Ont., president of the London conference; D. N. McCamus, St. Mary's, and Dr. J. F. German, and the following laymen: W. F. Lawrence and George A. Proctor, Sarnia; J. H. Chapman and Wheatman, London; Abram Shaw, Kingston. There were one hundred who came in on the Pacific express, while Toronto and surrounding country also contribute. Maritime provinces are well represented. Those hailing from that part of the Dominion, including Rev. H. T. Thomas, of Charlottetown; J. M. Fulton, of Mountallison Academy, Sackville; Dr. W. W. and Mrs. Andrews and Rev. W. M. Harrison, of Grace church, Charlottetown; Rev. W. J. Croft and Judge Chesley, of Nova Scotia.

Among delegates leaving yesterday were Rev. Dan Martin, Stratford; Hon. J. W. Sifton, Winnipeg; Rev. Manley Benson, St. Catharines; Mayor Chas. Austin, Chatham; Rev. J. W. Churchill, Port Arthur; Rev. D. M. Kennedy, High Bluff, and Prof. Allen, Manitoba University.

Among the delegates who passed through the city to-day were: Rev. Dr. J. Cooper Antliff, Montreal; Rev. T. J. Mansel, Brantford; Rev. Dr. Thomas Manning, of London; Rev. H. M. Manning, Whitby; Rev. C. E. Manning, Toronto, field secretary of home missions; Rev. R. D. Hamilton and wife, Listowel; W. G. McAllister, Blenheim; Dr. D. W. Johnson, Halifax, editor of the Wesleyan; Chas. S. Deeprose, Ottawa, president of the Montreal conference; Benjamin Hills, Arcadia, president of the Nova Scotia conference; David Hickey, Pictou, N. S.; James Allen, M. A., Toronto, general secretary of home missions; Dr. A. C. Crews, Toronto, editor of Sunday school publications; H. W. Crews, Berlin; Dr. John W. Graham, Toronto, secretary of education; Dr. Jas. S. Ross, Hanover Tent; D. W. Snider, Elora, Ont., president of the Hamilton conference; A. L. Gee and wife, Simcoe, Ont.; Dr. J. S. Williamson, Niagara Falls, South; W. H. Emsley, Napanee, Ont.; Dr. W. B. Creighton, Toronto, editor of the Christian Guardian; G. J. Bond, River John, N. S., former editor of the Christian Guardian; S. P. Rose, Sherbourne Street church, Toronto; J. J. Redditt, assistant to Rev. Dr. Wm. Briggs, Methodist Book and Job Publishing

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RIFLES GOING TO ENGLAND

QUEEN'S OWN REGIMENT LEAVES TORONTO

Thousands Gather in Armory to Wish Officers and Men Bon Voyage

(Special to the Times.)

Toronto, Aug. 11.—Several thousand relatives and spectators crowded the galleries of the armory when six hundred stalwart officers and men of the Queen's Own Rifles, resplendent in new uniforms, paraded for a unique ceremony. Lieut.-Governor Gibson, Premier Whitney, and Mayor Geary of Toronto united in bidding the regiment God speed and in voicing the farewell of the people of the province and dwelling upon the precedent in imperialism that the regiment is setting in its visit to England.

TOURING SASKATCHEWAN.

Elbow, Sask., Aug. 11.—The agricultural editors spent a delightful morning yesterday in Moosejaw, the programme including luncheon as guests of the city and a thirty-mile auto drive through the surrounding wheat fields. The crops will be well up to the average, and the visitors were much impressed with the quality, considering the dry season.

RAVAGES OF CHOLERA.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 11.—Prof. Frey, of the medical faculty of the university, describes the present outbreak of cholera in Russia as an imperial danger. He estimates that the death list for 1910 already numbers 57,000, as compared with 28,000 in 1909 and 17,000 in 1908.

WILL RESIDE IN VICTORIA.

Winnipeg, Aug. 11.—Mr. and Mrs. Norman Matheson, an old Kildonan family, leave on Saturday to reside in Victoria.

FLOWER SHOW A GREAT SUCCESS

QUALITY OF EXHIBITS IS BETTER THAN EVER

Judges Speak Highly of Show—Decorated Baskets and Tables a Feature

(From Thursday's Daily.)

As was predicted beforehand the flower show, which opened yesterday and continues until 10 o'clock to-night, was larger, more representative, and the quality of the exhibits better than ever before in the history of the Horticultural Society, under whose auspices it is held. All the tables and benches were well filled, especially those on which the entries of the "C" class were placed.

While sweet peas were the great feature, insofar as number of exhibits and quality is concerned, those who went to see displays of flowers of varieties which could not be seen at home were attracted chiefly by the ferns and other foliage plants, and the immense begonias, tuberous-rooted and fibrous, which practically filled the central part of the hall. Expressions of appreciation were heard on every hand, and the directors and other members of the society were especially pleased at the success attending their efforts.

Judge L. Russell, who has judged nearly all over Canada, and Park Superintendent Thomas Purdy, who has done considerable judging in England, were agreed that the exhibit throughout was an admirable one. Mr. Purdy states that the peas here compare very favorably with those shown in England, being equal in every respect to those shown at the Royal Horticultural Society's show. He considered the coloring of the peas here superior to those grown in England, this being due to climatic conditions.

Mr. Russell, in discussing the exhibit, paid a tribute to the new sweet peas grown by J. A. Bland, secretary of the society. In all lines he considered the exhibit far ahead of anything he had seen here before. Mrs. Henry Croft had a very fine display of ferns, foliage plants and begonias, but there were many other exhibits of very great merit. They had given the prize for coleus to Bishop Perrin because his plants were better colored than Mrs. Croft's. They were not quite as large, but the colors were much richer. The bishop also had a number of other fine exhibits. There was a great improvement, Mr. Russell thought, in sweet peas, especially in the "C" class. Petunias were also fine, as were the exhibits generally.

The exhibit will be open this evening, when a promenade concert will be held and refreshments served. Doubtless there will be a large attendance of those who were unable to get out yesterday or who wish to revel among the flowers for one evening more.

The first prize for decorated baskets was awarded to Miss Bunnett, a new exhibitor. The basket was in crimson and bronze coloring, carried out with mixed flowers. Miss Mara, winner of the second prize, had chosen pink godetia. A large bow of nile green ribbon tied on the handle completed a dainty effect. Mrs. C. E. Wilson won the third prize with a large rustic basket of blue clematis. Miss Wark's basket of pink sweet peas and maiden hair fern was an easy winner of the fourth, but all the baskets were well worthy of prizes had that been possible. Miss Iris James, a child of four years, had submitted a very dainty effect in mauve sweet peas and gypsophila, which many thought worthy of a special prize.

Decorated Tables.

Mrs. Dupont, to whom was awarded the first prize for decorated tables, had chosen salpiglossis, with a large white centre-piece, underlaid with green, green-shaded candelabra and tinted glasses, with which to carry out her design and the effect was most artistic.

Mrs. Hasell's color scheme of mauve and silver won second prize and was much admired. A large centre-piece of thistles and mauve sweet peas, with quantities of mauve tulle and candle shades to match, were used with good effect. The name cards were very dainty.

Miss Jesse, to whom was awarded third prize, had combined lovely crimson roses and maiden-hair fern, making a very rich and effective color scheme, with bronze tulle, brass-jars and candelabra and finger bowls. Pansy name cards gave a dainty finish.

Miss Hanington's pretty arrangement of nasturtiums, with tulle and candles carrying out the same color scheme, was awarded the fourth prize.

Many other pretty tables were shown. Mrs. C. E. Wilson carried out a most unique rustic design with nasturtiums and Spanish moss. In the centre, surrounded by nasturtiums, was a waterlily and gold-fish-pond, with a miniature fountain. Red electric light bulbs were introduced with excellent effect. Miss Allen's table with its centre-piece of shaded crimson roses, having at two corners a large green porcelain shoe filled with Dorothy Perkins roses, was much admired. Mrs. Beresford Hogg and Miss Bowron decorated a table in cornflowers and gypsophila which was very dainty.

Mr. Kishida submitted a Japanese design, consisting of a centre-piece of St. Joseph lilies, with dwarf plants at either corner, and bronze bell and candelabra. Miss Le Neven's decoration of shasta daisies and white sweet peas was delicate and effective. Mrs. Brett showed a pretty crimson and white color scheme with cut glass vases. Miss Pooley's table was much admired, a very dainty mauve color scheme being carried out with tulle, thistles, and cream roses. Mrs. Denage used blue clematis, thistles and silver candelabra with good effect. Mrs. S. Maclure carried out a most effective design in delft blue and yellow. Her table was considered by many one of the most artistic. Miss Angus' arrangement of pale blue and green in silver vases was very dainty and pretty. Walter Kippen carried out a very striking design with crimson tulle and carnations, and red shaded candles. Mrs. Roper's scheme of dark bronze, shading to lighter tints, was unique and excited considerable comment.

The showing of tables decorated by girls under seventeen was a most creditable one. Miss Dougall James, the winner of the first prize, carried out a mauve color scheme very effectively with godetias and gypsophila, pretty doylies and mauve shaded candelabra. Apricots in rustic baskets finished the corners. Miss Brownie Bodwell won second prize with a delicate arrangement of pink sweet peas and shaded candles. Miss Wolfenden, winner of the third prize, showed a very catchy combination of white and yellow daisies in cut glass vases.

The awards of the judges were as follows:

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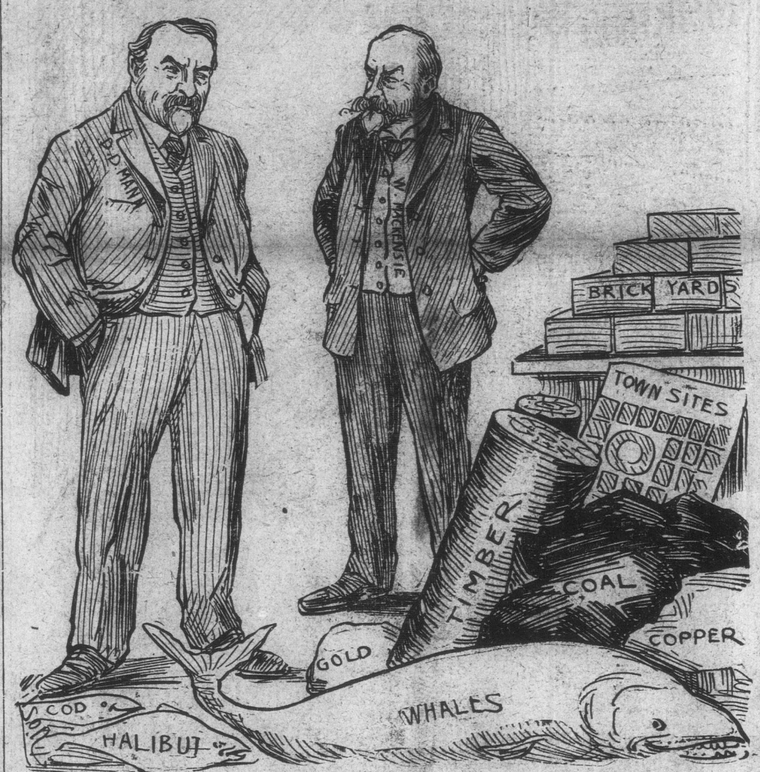

HAVE THEY TOO MANY IRONS IN THE FIRE?

"BILL" TO "DAN"—Hadn't we better "ca' canny," as our mothers used to say in the old days, or we will be left without money to build our railways.

RACE CRY IN SOUTH AFRICA

APPEAL DENOUNCED BY PREMIER BOTHA

Dr. Jameson Says Famous Raid Was Step in Direction of Federation

(Special to the Times.)

Pretoria, Aug. 11.—Speaking here General Botha said his government still awaited the Unionist programme. He heard of people being stirred up to vote "British," but had not the Empire every reason to regard himself and his party as her sons, as good as any other.

Hon. Mr. Smute advocated military training on the Swiss basis, with a nucleus for a striking force. He was willing to abide by the advice of the war office that South Africa should be self-reliant, but further than this she should do everything possible to assist the Empire which had given the Transvaal her freedom. Education, he claimed, would be the dominating issue in the campaign.

Dr. Jameson's Speech.

Durban, Aug. 11.—Dr. Jameson, leader of the opposition, speaking here said that it was not sought by means of the famous raid of December, 1895, to replace Dutchmen by Englishmen in the Transvaal. During the raid he carried a letter containing a list of the proposed new executive, including Lucas Meyer. Though the raid was badly carried out and thoroughly deserving of the punishment it got, yet it was a step in the direction of the federation of South Africa which was Cecil Rhodes' policy.

SENSATION CAUSED BY NEW SWEET PEA

J. A. Bland, of This City, Develops Splendid New Variety by Cross-Fertilization

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Quite a sensation was caused among flower growers yesterday by the exhibit at the flower show of a new variety of sweet peas produced by J. A. Bland, secretary of the Victoria Horticultural Soicety. This pea is white, with a deep pink edge, and is an improvement on the "Elsie Herbert," which was formerly looked upon as the best in these shades. The flowers are very large and bold, one bloom measuring two and a half inches across.

The new pea is something which has been worked out by a process of cross-fertilization. First a cross was made between "Mrs. Collier," a cream, and "Helen Lewis," an orange. This gave a hooded seedling, which was then crossed with the "George Herbert," a pea of the Spencer type. The result was the well-fluted and bold pea described above, which has not yet been named. Mr. Bland has enough flowers from his new variety to pick a vase of exquisite blooms.

L. Russell, who has judged flowers for a number of years, and who was one of the local judges this year, speaking of the new flower to a Times representative last night, said he considered the new pea as being as far ahead of other present day sweet peas as the Lawson carnation was ahead of all others at the time it was put on the market. He considered that the new pea ought to be worth a good deal to Mr. Bland.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF BELFAST HOTEL FIRE

Mrs. W. J. McCaughan, Former Resident of Toronto, Succumbs to Injuries

(Special to the Times.)

Belfast, Aug. 11.—Mrs. William John McCaughan, who was injured by jumping from a window of the burning Kelvin hotel here on July 16th, died to-day. Her husband, Rev. Dr. McCaughan, who was pastor of May Street congregation here, was formerly in charge of St. Andrew's church, Toronto. Afterwards he took up ministerial work in Chicago. He was a victim of the same fire and died from injuries received July 21st.

The inquest into the death of Rev. Dr. McCaughan was resumed last night, and the feature of the proceedings was the reading of a statement from Mrs. McCaughan. It was obtained while she lay in a serious condition in the hospital and was in writing. She declared that when she and her husband discovered the fire they tried to escape by a door, but were prevented by smoke. She went to the window and endeavored to suspend herself from the sill but fell. Her husband rang a bell to all the servants before he jumped from the window.

GENERAL BADEN POWELL ARRIVES

CREATOR OF BOY SCOUTS IDEA HERE

Rousing Welcome to Hero of Mafeking at the C. P. R. Docks This Afternoon

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Greeted by reusing cheers from sixty Boy Scouts and heartily welcomed by officers representing the various services stationed at Victoria, General Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the bronzed veteran of many wars, the "Hero of Mafeking" and the creator of the Boy Scout movement, which has spread throughout the Empire, landed from the Princess Charlotte this afternoon at the C. P. R. docks on his first visit to this Outpost of Empire on the shores of the Pacific. The general smilingly acknowledged the greetings of those awaiting his arrival and he seemed immensely pleased at the heartiness and cordiality of his reception.

The squad of Boy Scouts was assisted in their arrangements for the reception of the distinguished visitor by the brass band of the brigade and the bugle band. Accompanying General Baden-Powell were fifteen Boy Scouts of the British Isles division. Among the local military officers to welcome the veteran soldier were Col. Peters, D. O. C.; Lieut.-Col. Currie, O. C. of the Fifth Regiment, C. G. A., and Lieut.-Col. Hall, commissioner of the Boy Scouts movement here.

General Baden-Powell will rest this afternoon and evening, and will to-morrow take up the pleasing task which brought him across the continent to Victoria—the inspection of the local corps of the Boy Scouts. This evening he will meet all the Scouts in the school-room of Christ church cathedral and address them on the progress that the movement has made since its inauguration.

On Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock the whole brigade, consisting of 250 scouts, will muster on Broad street and march along the principal street to Beacon Hill park, where they will be inspected by the general.

It is hoped that arrangements may be made for General Baden-Powell to deliver an address before the Canadian Club. He will be in the city until Sunday. Frank I. Clarke, secretary of the Canadian Club, some days ago forwarded an invitation to him to speak under the club's auspices, but has not yet received an acceptance. It is assumed that the general will make known his intentions in the matter this afternoon.

AUSTRALIAN NOTE ISSUE.

Melbourne, Aug. 11.—The government has decided to invite the British association in 1913 or 1914.

In the House of Representatives Premier Fisher moved the second reading of the bill providing for a federal note issue. It provides for the maintenance of a gold reserve at 25 per cent. of the total issue, £7,000,000.

ALBERTA EXTENDS ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME

Large Crowds Greet Sir Wilfrid Laurier—Premier's Glowing Tribute to West—Hon. G. P. Graham on Hudson Bay Line

(Special to the Times.)

Ded Deer, Albt., Aug 10.—Two young ladies, unmistakably Americans, were standing on the outside of the gathering that met Sir Wilfrid Laurier yesterday morning. They were witnessing the enthusiasm of the premier's welcome.

"Say," quoth one, in all earnestness to her companion, "people think as much of him as they do of Roosevelt!"

Which was probably a tribute par excellence from a native of the United States at the present time.

The reference in the civic address to the climatic conditions in winter elicited from the premier a sparkling eulogy. "For may part," he said, "I have no fault to find with the Canadian climate. Some few years ago Rudyard Kipling, Imperial poet, referred to Canada as our 'Lady of the Snows.' Some critics find fault with the title. I approve the appellation. The climate of Canada is the glory of Canada. It is the climate of Canada which makes No. 1 hard wheat. It is the climate of Canada which puts the bloom upon the cheeks of the better half of the audience before me. When I rise on a winter morning and see the smoke rising in the atmosphere a hundred feet above the chimneys perpendicularly in the clear, cold, still air, I know what it is that makes our men strong and our women beautiful. This country has not been made by God for the effete, for the timorous or the laggard, but for the strong and willing, who will find their labor rewarded as in no other part of the world."

Dr. Thomas Stevenson, cousin of the minister of railways, presided at the meeting, and Premier Sifton and Hon. Frank Oliver extended Alberta's welcome. Discussing the Hudson Bay railway project with the grain growers, Hon. G. P. Graham expressed the hope that the opening of the route with its trans-Atlantic adjunct would give impetus to all lines of agricultural effort.

"I come from a part of Ontario noted for the dairy output," observed the minister. "I have been studying this northern part of Alberta with great interest as we came along. This part of Canada, peculiarly blessed by nature, lends itself to the development of one of the best dairy sections in the known world. There is no reason why northern Alberta butter should not take first place on the Liverpool market with New Zealand and Danish butter."

He also looked for a trans-Atlantic business, in view of the new route, from the expansion of the chilled meats industry in the west.

Speaking from his car at Ponoka, Sir Wilfrid briefly reiterated his welcome to the newcomers, of whom there were many in that district, and urged them to contribute by energy and effort to the future of their Canadian home land.

At Lacombe, where a stop was made to enable the party to visit Alberta's experimental farm, the premier addressed himself specially to women. He had found no agitation for woman sufferage, but he had been proud to notice the important part the women of the west were performing in evolving a country of happy and contented homes. He appealed to them to keep the standard of Canadian life high and to inspire their husbands and brothers to take an active, intelligent interest in civic and national affairs.

Superintendent Hutton conducted the ministerial party on the auto trip of inspection over the experimental farm, covering half a section and three years old, rejoining the train a mile west of the town. The farm is modelled on the lines of the older eastern institutions, and is situated in Lacombe valley, the richest portion of Alberta. The provincial government is enthusiastic over what is being attained.

Red Deer gave Sir Wilfrid and his party an enthusiastic welcome. A procession, headed by bands, wended its way under a canopy of arches to the city park, where a civic address was presented. Alluding to its congratulations upon his health, Sir Wilfrid said:

"I thank God that I am in perfect health. I do not know that I ever felt better in my life. The only thing of which I can complain is that I am growing older, but that is a very prevalent complaint. But if I am growing older in time, I am growing younger in spirit these days. I fancy I am imbibing something of that spirit of perennial youth, buoyancy, courage and hope, which belong peculiarly to this country. The west is doing me good in many ways."

The premier rested last night and will address meetings here to-day.

Hon. G. P. Graham's fame as a baseball pitcher has brought him in for another honor. He will pitch the first ball in a game between Red Deer and Alix to-day.

Sir Wilfrid, assisted by the minister of railways, drove the first spike in the construction of the Alberta Central railway.

The company is operating under its own charter, and plans to connect with the Pacific.

London Comment.

London, Aug. 11.—The British Weekly says: "For once we almost envy any Liberal member going down to the country. The Canadian revolt against protectionist is a great fact, so great that it cannot be silenced or suppressed by any conspiracy of Unionist papers. It is a momentous fact that Canadian farmers desire no preference in the British market. Canadian manufacturers will fight hard, but the future of Canada is in the west."

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

Concordat Established Between the Various Governing Bodies.

Chicago, Aug. 11.—The resolution unanimously adopted here, establishing a concordat between the Knights Templar governing bodies, is said by Masons to be the most important step taken by the conclave in years. The concordat establishes amiable relations between the Knights of England, Ireland, Scotland, Canada and the United States, and is an event that has been crystallizing for many years.

Its consummation is said to be the chief object for which the Earl of Euston, pro-grand master of England and Wales, visited the 31st triennial conclave.

All the Templars of the world are affiliated with the governing boards of one or the other nations, and yesterday's legislation practically consolidates them.

WICKERSHAM RE-ELECTED.

Independent Republican Is Again Selected as Alaskan Delegate.

Juneau, Alaska, Aug. 11.—Judge Jas. Wickersham, independent Republican, has been elected to succeed himself as delegate to congress over Ed. S. Orr, organization Republican, by a plurality variously estimated at from 1,500 to 2,000. The exact figures will not be known for several days, or perhaps weeks. Orr, who had the support of National Committeeman L. P. Shackleford, appears to have led only in the territory about Cordova, where it was conceded that he was strongest. In the other large centres Wickersham led by large majorities. Even in the Valdez district, where Orr makes his home, Wickersham polled 196 votes to his opponent's 84, and in Fairbanks, Nome and Juneau, where Wickersham's strength lay, Orr ran far behind.

RIFLE MEET IN QUEBEC.

Montreal, Aug. 1.—The tenth annual prize meet of the province of Quebec Rifle Association opened on the range at Point Aux Trembles yesterday, with all signs pointing to one of the most successful tournaments in the history of the association. An attractive programme covering three days has been prepared for the meet

DEATH ROLL GROWS IN JAPAN

HUNDREDS OF PERSONS FACE STARVATION

Trains Are Stalled by Landslides—Passengers Without Food for Two Days

(Times Leased Wire.)

Tokio, Aug. 11.—The list of fatalities as a result of the recent heavy rainfall in the Island of Hondo continues to grow. Hundreds of people who have been rendered homeless are now facing starvation. The region between Tokio and Yokohama is a sea of mud.

Two trains are stalled by landslides near Kanaya, and the passengers have been without food for two days.

A train is beyond the reach of rescuers at Horinouchi, and three hundred are starving. There are six hundred refugees in the Buddhist temple.

Thirteen engineers were caught in a slide when rushing to the rescue of the stalled trains and were buried alive.

At Shidzukoa thousands of houses are submerged and the city of Takasaki is a veritable lake. Part of Tokio is under water.

Rain still continues, although clear weather is forecasted.

CLEVELAND MYSTERY.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 11.—Every theory in regard to the murder of William L. Rice has been upset by the testimony offered yesterday at the coroner's inquest. The first sensation came when George Freeman, a gun expert, testified that the bullet taken from the dead man's head had not come from a 32-calibre revolver, as supposed, but belonged to either a Winchester rifle or a Russian gallery rifle. This testimony complicates still further the mystery of Mr. Rice's death, but it gives the police a clue which they think may bring results.