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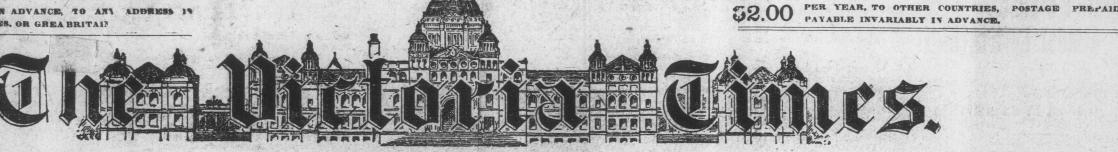
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ALARMING OUTBREAK OF FIRE AT SANDRINGHAM

Floor of Her Majesty's Bedroom Collapsed Shortly After She Left the Apartment.

London, Dec. 10.-A fire occurred at Sandringham, and Queen Alexandra and her secretary, Miss Knollys, had a narrow escape.

It broke out at 5 o'clock this morning n Miss Knolly's bedroom in the chimney flue, where a beam is supposed to have een smouldering for some days, and hold of both rooms and considerable damage was done before it was extinguished. The on treak caused a great deal of exciten as at Sandringham, where a number of seests are staying at

The reticence customary at Sandringnam was observed in connection with the fire. From later information, however, it appears that Queen Alexandra had a narrower escape than the first accounts of the fire indicate. Miss Knolwas fortunately awakened by the smoke in her bedroom, which is immediately below the chamber of Her Majesty. Northwest Mounted Police, a report of Queen, who was clad only in a dressing Queen, who was clad only in a dressing gown, and escaped from the burning room not a moment too soon, as the floor of the Queen's apartment collapsed almost immediately, carrying with it Her Majesty's bed.

soon bronght the household fire brigade, which begin the work of extinguishing the fire. Sir Dighton MacNaghten Probyn, keeper of the privy purse and extra equerry to the king, also arrived and took charge of the operation Queen Alexandru, who displayed the utmost composure, remained with Miss Knollys near the scene, until she was assured that there was no further dan-

ger of the fire spreading.

An examination of the apartments showed that more damage was done by water than by fire. A large number of the Queen's knick-knacks and some of her charming furniture was spoiled. The It is not stated that the trouble originated in imperfect electric light wires, Suffolk with reassuring news from age had been done. Loss, \$7,000. Queen Alexandra.

G. E. FOSTER RETURNS.

Says Canada Will Soon Supply England With Wheat Now Sent From United States.

New York, Dec. 11.-George E. Foster, formerly finance minister of Canada, who has just returned from England, where he has been making speeches in favor of preferential tariff and assisting in the campaign of the former colonial secre-tary, Joseph Chamberlain, declares that within five years the Dominion will be ber, 1903, were \$6,919,676; same week last ing yesterdar.

from us the United States imports very little. In manufactures our tariff The disparity seems too great. If you day considered the possibility of using won't let us in on a fair tariff, we will welsh coal for manufacturing purposes. introduced into the House. have to raise the tariff against you. "We think our country is just as good as the United States. There was a feeling of disappointment among us concerning away. You see the United States door. We have got to step over you peo- M ning Institute held a meeting here last ple when we want to get out to the sea, that is if you will let us."

TO SURVEY STEAMER.

Nanaimo, Dec. 12.-Capt. Gibson, Lloyd's surveyor, is here, under instructions from
San Francisco underwriters, to survey the steamer Pennsylvania, which had her bunksteamer Pennsylvania, which had her bunkers on fire on Thursday, before allowing three years' imprisonment for holding up

The condor keeps its young longer in the St. Catharines, secretary and treasurer; nest than any other bird. Fully twelve H. H. Collier, St. Catharines, solicitor, and Geo. H. Cowan, Vancouver, so

EXECUTION AT NANAIMO.

ood-Bye to Spectators When on Scaffold.

Nanaimo, Dec. 11.-Kangu Maida, the Japanese murderer, who last August kilied two fellow countrymen with an axe. suffered the extreme penalty of the law COMMERCIAL BODIES

Yesterday, for the first time since taken into custody, Maida showed some little perturbation, probably owing to the sounds of the erection of the scaffold reaching him, and the visits of Japanese ice-Consul Yoshie and Rev. Goro

He spent last evening from 7 to 11 writing out a confession in which, while acknowledging his guilt, which he said was proved by the testimony of his dear-est friend, Hagaski, he maintained that he had no recollection of the actual tra-gedy, but attributed his downfall to

spread to the bedroom of the Queen, who was asleel at the time. She was awakened by Miss Knollys, who raised an alarm, but the fire obtained a good and with a smile said, cheerily, "Goodbye, gentlemen."

The execution was carried out by Radcliffe most expeditiously, and without a hitch. Death was practically instantaneous. At the formal inquest the differently. The boards of trade have

ESTABLISHED POLICE POST. Supt. Constantine Tells of His Journey to the Mackenzie.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.-The government has Miss Knollys rushed upstairs to the the journey he made to Mackenzie river, immediately, carrying with it plies. The journey from Athabasca to plies. The journey from Athabasca to Fort Macpherson, distance 1,854 miles, and Ier Majesty's bed.

The alarm raised by Miss Knollys was accomplished partly by canoe and partly by teamer. The party left Athapartly by teamer. The party left Athapartly by teamer. the revenue can be protected in these waters is by an armed revenue cutter with a strong crew.

MURDERER GAINS LIBERTY.

Locked Guards in Cell and Made His Escape-Burglars Set Fire to Store.

the fish and game store of Henry Gate-house last night, and, after wrecking the which set fire to a beam between the ceiling of Miss Knollys's bedroom and the floor of Her Majesty's apartments.

King Edward was immediately notified of the occurrence, and later in the day a special messenger was sent to Suffolk with reassuring news from the ceiling of Miss Knollys's bedroom and the floor of Her Majesty's apartments.

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within five years the Dolland with the wheat able to supply England with the wheat now sent from the United States.

Daring Escape.

A Calgary dispatch says: Ernest Cashel, million bushels of wheat, and more than one hundred million bushels of grain. We now under cultivation 3,000,000

A Calgary dispatch says: Ernest Cashel, the murderer of Rufus Belt, made a most daring and successful attempt at escape from the mounted police barracks to-night.

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refused. He was 21 years old to-day.

To Test Welsh Coal. Welsh colliery owners intend sending out samples of 200 pounds for the purpose of enabling manufacturers to experiment. The

C. P. R. will carry these free. Mining Institute. The executive committee of the Canadian night and decided to fix the meeting place

meeting place is Montreal. THREE YEARS FOR PUGILIST.

Jap Paid Penalty For Murder—Said PROTESTS COMING

RAISE OBJECTIONS

Government Seeking to Rush Obnoxious Measures Through Before Business People Can Be Heard.

The government is attempting every possible move to get their measures through the House as early as possible in order to avoid the opportunity for usual breakfast this morning and submitted calmly to the pinioning. Accompanied by Mr. Yoshie, Rev. K. Kaburagi and Rev. Mr. Sanford, Maida mounted the serial of the seri measures intended to increase the reand now in turn wish to stampede the country.

usual verdict was returned by the jury. taken the subject up, and are protesting in a most vigorous way at the unfairness of the proposed measure.

The council of the Victoria board of trade have had it under consideration, and by taking specific businesses into consideration it has been found that received from Supt. Constantine, of the taxes are increased in some instances as much as ten times the original amount

But Victoria city is not alone in this. A special from Kaslo says: "The Kaslo board of trade has sent the following message to Hon. R. F. Green: 'This board emphatically protests that time for consideration of the proposed Assessment Act be given in order that the interest affected may be heard.'"
Grand Forks board of trade also has entered a vigorous protest against rushing the bill through without giving business interests a chance to consider it, and has nessed the member to that effect.

From Nelson to its representative has been sent the following message: "The board of trade requests you to urge on the government the necessity for affordsiness interests of the country time for full consideration of the new Assessment Act before passing the

Other cities have joined in the protest, and it may safely be said that the gov-ernment in taking the course it is attempting, is going in the face of the

had been extinguished considerable damage had been done. Loss, \$7,000.

Change of Officials.

W. L. Wankiyn to-day resigned the vice-presidency and general managership of the street reliwer company to accept the vice.

have now under cultivation 3,000,000 acrees of wheat land, and still have one hundered million acrees just as good, which will be grain producing land in the near future. No country in the world will take the place of Canada as a food producing country. This is due to the richness of her soil, and the climate.

"We have now under cultivation 3,000,000 from the mounted police barracks to-night. When his cell was searched shortly after 6 o'clock, Cashel pulled two revolvers on that the conditions. They are getting what they ask for, and are delighted with the 'conditions. They are getting what they ask for, and are adelighted with the 'conditions. They are getting what they ask for, and are adelighted with the 'conditions. They are getting what they ask for, and are adelighted with the 'conditions. They are getting what they ask for, and are adelighted with the 'conditions. They are getting what they ask for, and are adelighted with the 'conditions. They are getting what they ask for, and are adelighted with the 'conditions. They are getting what they ask for, and are adelighted with the 'conditions. They are getting what they ask for, and are adelighted with the 'conditions. They are getting what they ask for, and are adelighted with the 'conditions. They are getting what they ask for, and are adelighted with the 'conditions. They are getting what they ask for, and are adelighted with the 'conditions. They are getting what they ask for, and are adelighted with the 'conditions. They are getting what they ask for, and are adelighted with the 'conditions. They are getting what they ask for, and are adelighted with the 'conditions. They are getting what they ask for, and are adelighted with the 'conditions. They are getting what they ask for and was being washed about by waves, over which it had no control."

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The States in all its relations with us has been a very insistent nation. Your people are the best in the world, but we do not look upon your government as the broadest minded in The world.

"We import from the United States a large number of agricultural products,"

"They does not relation of the murderer, visited the barracks to day, and has been arrested on suspicion of any national entry furnished Ernest with the revolvers. Cashel was to have been hanged on Tuesday next, and news was only received from the hope of saving the party prestige they are doing all in their power to they are doing all in their power to evoke order out of tht jumble into which the Premier and his ministry have runs about 28 per cent., while that of the United States is about 49 per cent. Canadian Manufacturers' Association to they urge should have been consulted

THERE IS NO HITCH.

Negotiations Regarding Grand Trunk Pacific Deposit Are About Completed.

Ottawa, Dec. 11.-It is expected that the negotiations about the Grand Trunk of the annual gathering to be held in the first week of March for Toronto. The usual day or to-morrow at latest. It is more a matter of arrangement as to the character of the security, there being no other

SITUATION CRITICAL.

Address in Reply to Japanese Emperor's Speech Condemns Cabinet.

ters are now conducting, with prudence and circumspection, important interna-tional negotiations for the preservation sion, which arbitrated the boundary

The brevity of the allusion by the The brevity of the alusion by the the police post at Wells on the Dalton Emperor to the crisis in the Far East trail to the Pleas of camp. It is possi caused much disappointment. Soon after the speech from the throne was deliver-but this will depend upon the internal tne speech from the throne was delivered in the Upper House, the House of Representatives met for the purpose of considering a reply. The reply was almost immediately formulated and was rushed through the House with unusual expedition. It was as follows:

"Your Majesty has been gracious enough to personally open the Diet and to deliver a cordial message, which the House has received with great gratitude. The Empire of Japan is now at its zenith. Its position is one unparalleled in the last thousand years. The members of the House of Representatives the course pursued by the cabinet is illadapted to the needs of the situation ard inconsistent with the enhancement compatible with the progress of the empire and to be purely domestic and temporizing. The diplomacy of the cabinet is a failure, and we humbly appeal to Your Majesty to review the situation. Our solicitude for the progress of the mpire dictates this reply, which represents the aspirations and expectations of

the nation."

It is understood that this reply was adopted at the instance of the president of the Lower House, and was a complete surprise to the government and its supporters, who had not time to oppose the adoption of the reply, which was approved amid a scene of great enthusi-

The members of the government party in the House have vainly tried to per-suade the president to reconsider the the adoption of the reply, an interpella-tion was introduced in the House of Representatives declaring that the delay in the settlement of the negotiations with Russia concerning the Far East was a ource of regret to the nation and an element of danger to its peace, and delanding a statement of the progress of the negotiations.

The situation is regarded as extremely critical and is likely to involve the proregation, if not the dissolution, of par-

London, Dec. 11.-The correspondent of the Times at Tokio cables as follows: "It is practically certain that the House of Representatives will be dissolved to

DEVONSHIRE'S ADVICE.

London, Dec. 11.—Sir William Verstreet railway company to accept the vicepresidency of the Dominion Coal Company
with a managerial position. He was succeeded as vice-president of the street railway company by K. W. Brachwell, while
W. G. Ross becomes the managing director.
Duncan McDonald is marager and Patrick
Dube, secretary.

Bank Clearings.

Winnipeg, Dec. 10.—The Winnipeg bank
Clearings for the week ending 10th Decem
Size of the company
with a managerial position. He was succeeded as vice-president of the street railway company by K. W. Brachwell, while
stormy caucuses were held, and only
when an incompetent and impracticable
government consented to give way on
made by their supporters in the House,
who understand the situation, was the
bill allowed to come up for second readclearings for the week ending 10th Decem
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Sir William said he would leave Mr. The purposes of S. Tamura's visit to Ottamberlain with his present and his Chamberlain with his present and his "topical conscience," and deal with that

"It was," said Sir William, "only a derelict wreck of fortuitous atoms, received. The Russian minister informed stairs of a rectangular down the

counsels the Unionist electors to decline to support any Unionist candidate who expressed sympathy with Mr. Chamber-

DIRECTORS ELECTED

the Nicola, Kamloops & Similkameen Coal & Railway Company met yesterday when a permanent board of directors were elected and the organization of the company perfected. The projected to Nicola, and thence to the American boundary, about 190 miles. At yesterday's meeting the following were appointed directors: E. A. Jukes, Toronto, president: Geo A. Begy, St. Catharines, vice-president; Welland D. Woodruff, St. Catharines; W. A. Sherlock, Canton. Ohio: C. H. Keefer, C. E., Ottawa: W. Dorsitt-Birchall, Montreal: Geo. Dawson, St. Catharines; W. S. McNamara,

Those Formerly at Wells, on the Daltor Trail, Are Now at Pleasant Camp.

Seattle, Dec. 11.-A dispatch to the the Diet this morning. With reference to Russia he only said that his ministers are now conducting with prudence.

Post-Intelligencer from Dawson says:

"Major Wood, who has returned to Dawson, announces the first change of

of peace in the Far East and of Japan's tween Canada and the United States.

"Major Wood, who is the commander of the Northwest Mounted Police, moved tional survey which will be made next

MANITOBA'S CROPS

Over Eight-Two Million Bushels of Grain Produced During the Year.

of each cereal is as follows: Wheat, 40,116,878 bushels; barley, 8,707,252; rye, 49,900; oats, 33,035,774; flax, 564, 440; peas, 34,154; total, 82,576,519.

COMMENDS WORK.

The Pope Satisfied With Progress of Restoring St. John's Church.

Rome, Dec. 12.-The Pope has expressed his satisfaction to Cardinal Satoli at the work now in progress of restoring the basilica of St. John Laterna, and especially the roof, which threatened to fall in. The late Pope Leo XIII. had already given a sum of money for the church's restoration, but it being for the church's restoration, but it being insufficient he interested the Franciscans in the matter, and they made a quest throughout the world. Pope Leo requested the Franciscans to engage in this work because of the legand pointed by the state of the state of the House that work because of the legend, painted by Giotto, according to which St. Francis, one of his visions, saw the Laterna church falling and the callet he was a specific part of a fee of \$2 to the notary of the callet he was like the description of a Mongolian is practically impossible, and he is therefore immune from pursuit by the officers of the law. Even if the callet he was a specific part of the callet he was a spec church falling, and the saint, by order of Christ, hastening to uphold the walls.

TO OPEN COAL MINES.

Company Being Formed to Develop Deposits in Crow's Nest District.

Montreal, Dec. 11.-Montreal capital sts are organizing the Imperial Coal & Ooke Company, with a capital of \$4,500,-000, to operate deposits in the Crow's Nest district of British Columbia, situated close to those now being worked by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company on Fording river. A large number of coking ovens will be erected.

WILL SUPPORT EMPEROR.

Japs Will Stand by the Mikado's Decision

ly from extreme cold. Although ten de-grees of frost were registered at Ta Lien

the hospital facilities are inadequate. THE FLORA

Toronto, Dec. 11.-The shareholders of Will Sail This Afternoon for Esquimalt Where She Enters Dry Dock.

Nanalmo, Dec. 12.-H. M. S. Flora leaves

The dry dock at Esquimalt will be vacat- all about the islands. ed for the Flora to-day, the Moana being floated for the purpose. The blocks will be elevated a foot, and possibly by Monday the cruiser will be in shape for a survey of injuries. Until the vessel is in dock it is impossible to give any definite information

AT EVADING THE LAW

Revelation of Manner in Which the So-Called Japanese "Exclusion" Act is Nullified in Administration.

Winnipeg, Dec. 12.—During the year 1903, Manitoba produced a total crop of all grains of 82,576,519 bushels. Such is the official estimate just issued by the provincial department of agriculture.

Met, which was designed to protect this province against the incursions of hordes of ignorant Japs, has been seriously called in question by an examination of the manner in which the act works out in provincial department of agriculture.

Met, which was designed to protect this call, and paying a hotary public the sum of \$2. The said notary public the sum of \$2. Th provincial department of agriculture. This season's crop shows a falling off in the total production of 17,455,824 bushels, by far the larger portion of which is made up by wheat and flax. The total of each cereal is as follows: Wheat, of each cereal is as follows: Wheat, of each cereal is passed by the state of the legislature has been approximately the state of the pointed with power to summon witnesses and examine them under oath for the he professes.

the statute. methods employed by visiting the ocean wharves and observing the procedure adopted by the officers charged with the enforcement of the act. His charges are practically to the effect that these officials instead of carrying out the spirit of the law which aims at the exclusion of Japanese, connive at their admission of Japanese, connive at their admission to this province and facilitate their ensoundness.

ation was the United States. Even suppose he is prosecuted, the steamship company cannot be compelled to return thin, and if he has to be deported it will be at the government's, who held the interest authorities.

This loophole in the law practically who held that it was discriminatory in its effect against an ally of the British Empire. However it has been repeated-ly made law in this province, and in the

tive" intervals in question, it is general-ly believed that while Japanese immigra-tion is not real with the motary alone profiting, as he pockettion is not prohibited, those who do secure an entrance to British territory are cure an entrance to British territory are at least able to read to a limited extent | the officials connive at this breach of the

The efficiency of the so-called Natal formality (to an Oriental) of subscribing Act, which was designed to protect this to an oath, and paying a notary public

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purpose of ascertaining the methods which have been pursued in enforcing journey to the other side of the line he the statute.

next interviews the United States consultation.

Mr. Oliver personally investigated the sul at Victoria. Here he is confronted

payment of a fee of \$2 to the notary public in attendance, enabled this man to land unmolested at a British Columbia where the payment of the landed he merely swore that his ultimate destinant of the landed he merely swore that he was a swore he landed he merely swore he was a swore he was a swore he wa ation was the United States. Even sur

This loophole in the law practically nullifies the Natal Act in so far as exintervals between disallowance, and while in active operation, is popularly supposed to afford an efficient barrier against undesirable immigrants from the land of the Crysanthemum. ant, destitute, and diseased Japanese The present being one of the "opera- They walked ashore here, and from them

Whether for Peace or War.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—S. Tamura, of Sun Ban, Japan, is here seeing the minister of agriculture. He says that Japan has been expecting trouble from Russia for some time and has been preparing for it all along. The people of Japan are very enthusiastic concerning the future of the nation, and will stand, by the decision of the Emproyer.

at least able to read to a limited extent a European language, and that those law, but that the government is equally guilty in the matter, as the form which the notary uses while stating on its face that it is employed under the provision of the British Columbia Immigration Act is absolutely unwarranted by any section of that statute. He furpowisions of the law. In the case of intelligent Japanese ticketed for British

LORD ABINER DEAD. Succumbed to Injuries Sustained in Fall Down Stairs.

Paris, Dec. 12.-Lord Abiner died in a

Ottawa. Dec. 12.-Sir Frederick Borden Wan, the soldiers are still in tents and sion to England in connection with the militia has been successful. This means that Canada can appoint in future the tons; Sunset, to Boundary Falls smelter, ommanding officer of the militia should it 900 tons; Emma, to Greenwood and Nelson desire to do so. The bill has also other smelters, 297 tons; Oro Denoro, to Boundfeatures of interest to the militia.

Lodge's Denial. Some time ago a statement appeared in Union Bay this afternoon for Esquimalt, certain newspapers that Senator Lodge having taken on all guns and stores. The had urged the purchase of the islands of certain newspapers that Senator Lodge Total for the week, 16,064 tons; total for road is from a point on the main line of the Canadian Pacific at Spences Bridge the Canadian Pacific at Spences Bridge quarters. She will be convoyed to Esquisite the Canadian Pacific at Spences Bridge the Canadia Senator Lodge denies that he ever made any such statement, or any statement at

> Was Not Recalled. John Charlton, M. P., is here. He gives an emphatic dental to the story that Sir Wilfrid Laurier had called him back from Boston. He had no communication one way or another with the Premier.

Invited to Toronto. President Parker, of the Canadian Club, her. Sold by Jackson & Co. and Hall & Toronto, is here to see the Premier to in- Co.-42.

vite him to address the club.

Deposit Question. Mr. Wainwright and Vice-President Morse, of the G. T. R., had an interview with Sir Wilfrid Laurier to-day. The demeeting this afternoon.

BOUNDARY OUTPUT

Phoenix, Dec. 12 .- The shipments of ore from the Boundary mines run over s.xteen thousand tons for the current week, most of the mines sending out a trifle less than isual, with the exception of the Granby group, which are maintaining their output

The several mines shipped the following amounts of ore: Granby mines, to Granby smelter, 11,018 tons; Snowshoe mine. Boundary Falls smelter, 1,500 tons; Mother ary Falls smelter, 528 tons; Senator, to Pot, to Boundary Falls smelter, 210 tons. the year to date, 633,864 tons.

This week the Granby smelter made a record run, reducing 12,443 tons of ore. making a total of 335,885 tons this year.

THE GOVERNOR'S WIFE A PRISON-ER .- Mrs. Z. A. Van Luven is the wife of the governor of the county jail, Napanee Ont., and was a great sufferer from rheumatism. When the best doctors in the community and "specialists" failed to help her, she buried her scepticism of pr prietary remedies and purchased South American Rheumatic Cure. 4 bottles cured