FISHERIES YIELD BIGGEST ON RECORD

CATCH VALUED AT NEARLY THIRTY MILLIONS

Report For Last Year—Industry Gave Employment to Nearly Ninety-Seven Thousand Persons.

The thirty-ninth annual report on the Canadian fisheries has just been tabled by the Hon. L. P. Brodeur, minister of the marine and fisheries department.

Besides the usual statistical statements on the different branches of the fishing industry, this report contains interesting articles upon the culture of fish, mollusks and crustaceans, upon the new systems of boxing, cold storage and freezers, on the dogfish reduction works, the Scottish method of curing our herring, and the new process of drying fish, all of them fostered and assisted by the department over which Hon. Mr. Brodeur presides. It also contains two special articles by Prof. E. E. Prince, Dominion commissioner of fisheries, "How to Establish a Trout Pond," and "The Pacific Fishing Industries of Canada," which would deserve special comment.

The catch of fish therein given is for the season of 1905, and it is valued at $29,479,562, nearly as much as the total production of gold and coal in the Dominion during the same period. It exceeds the high record of the famous yield of 1901 by over $4,000,000.

This is sub-divided by provinces as follows: British Columbia, $9,85[illegible],216, increase over previous season, $4,631,109; Nova Scotia, $8,259,085, an increase of $971,986; New Brunswick, $4,841,090, an increase of $176,006; Quebec, $2,103,776, an increase of $252,319; Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta together, $1,811,570, an increase of $94,593; Ontario, $1,708,963, a decrease of $84,216; and Prince Edward Island, $998,922, a decrease of $78,624.

The large increase in the return from the Canadian fisheries in that year is ascribed to the catch of salmon in British Columbia, which exceeded the prevous one by about $5,000,000.

The lobster industry comes next in importance to the salmon with its aggregate value of nearly $4,000,000, being an increase of $215,847 over the previous year's pack. Cod shows a falling off of nearly a quarter of a million dollars, but haddock on the other hand a fair increase. So also have herring, sardines and mackerel.

Of the fresh water species, the most important are whitefish, trout and pickerel, which have slightly fallen off in production. The fur seals of British Columbia for the same period realized $331,152, and the oil extracted from fish over one-quarter of a million dollars.

Over $16,000,000 worth of fish were exported to foreign countries, mostly to the United States and Great Britain.

During the season of 1905 no less than 96,908 persons were engaged in the Canadian fishing industries, including about 14,000 in the lobster packing factories.

While 9,366 sailors manned the 1,384 fishing crafts, no less than 73,500 fishermen used 41,463 boats for the Canadian in-shore fisheries catch, using altogether nearly seven million fathoms of nets and other implements aggregating a capital of nearly $13,000,000.

The lobster plant with its 723 canneries in the Maritime Provinces is valued at $1,426,300. The result was that 10,497,624 pound cans of this valuable crustacean were put on the market and realized $2,624,406.

The usual sum of about $160,000 was distributed amongst the deep-sea fishermen of the Maritime Provinces. Of this amount Nova Scotia received nearly twice as much as the other three provinces together,, viz., $100,664; Quebec, $34,185; New Brunswick, $15,379, and Prince Edward Island, $8,317.

The fish culture report states that there are now 32 establishments in operation for breeding fish in the different provinces of the Dominion. These instiutions hatched and distributed 653,000,000 fry, mostly lobster, salmon, whitefish and pickerel.

COAL LANDS SOLD.

Fields in Elk Valley Have Been Purchased by United States Capitalists.

"W. R. Ross, M. P. P., and S. F. Wallace, of Fernie, have completed arrangements whereby the coal lands in the Upper Elk valley, known as the property of the Elk Valley Coal Company, have been transferred to O. A. Robertson, of St. Paul, and F. E. Kenaston, of Minneapolis," says the Fernie Ledger. "Negotiations have been pending for some time, and the final deal was concluded in St. Paul last week. The price paid for the property has not been made public, but it is understood that a substantial payment in cash and an allotment of stock in the company, which is to be formed, was the consideration for which the property was transferred.

"In round numbers there are 30,000 acres embraced in this purchase. In one section there have been uncovered and measured 25 seams of coal varying in thickness from one foot to 30 feet. Of these 25 seams only seven are less than three feet in thickness, and the total thickness of workable coal is 175 feet. The whole of the 30,000 acres has not yet been thoroughly explored, but enough is known to warrant the assertion that it is unsurpassed in the Elk valley so far as quantity is concerned, which is the same as that being mined by the Crow's Nest Company.

"Messrs. Robertson, Kenaston and associates now own 70,000 acres of coal lands and are in a position to finance and operate it.

"Steps have already been taken looking to the building of a railroad to the Livingstone range property, and the C. P. R. holding, as it does, a large area of coal lands near the areas just transferred to the owners of the Livingstone property, will probably build a line of railway up the Elk valley to these properties, and which will have for its ultimate destination a connection with the main line east of the Rocky mountains. Such a line would parallel over 58 miles of this extensive coal bed, and eventually be one of the great coal hauling roads of the country.

"A branch line from the Crow's Nest line east of Frank paralleling the Livingstone coal beds and joining the one up the Elk, where it emerges from the Rockies, is already being arranged for, and is one of the lines which is to be built in the next few years."

WATER APPEAL.

This Will Come Up To-Morrow Before Full Court—Civil Sitting To-day.

The Full court will hold a special sitting to-morrow to take into consideration the city's water appeal. This was by request laid over from the sitting at Vancouver to be taken up at a special sitting to be held in Victoria.

By arrangement to-morrow has been fixed as the date for the hearing of the argument.

This apepal is taken from the decision of Mr. Justice Duff on the initiative of the city. It will be remembered that when the city of Victoria applied for water rights at Goldstream the Esquimalt Water Works Company applied for an injunction to prevent this being done. The trial resulted in a decision by Mr. Justice Duff in favor of the Esquimalt Water Works Company.

The present appeal has been taken by the city in the hope of reversing that decision and securing rights at Goldstream.

Civil Sittings.

A sitting of the Supreme court for the hearing of civil causes is being held to-day before Mr. Justice Irving. As the Full court sits to-morrow it will be necessary to adjourn all the cases not disposed of to-day until after the water appeal is heard.

To-day Lamb vs. Johnson is before the court. In this action the question of a mortgage is involved. The plaintiff contends that this was given only as security in another business transaction, and that he has been relieved from liability in the matter. W. H. Langley appeared for the plaintiff and A. E. McPhillips, K. C., for the defendant.

RECOVERED BODY.

Remains of Mate Joe Walsh Have Been Found on Yukon River Bar.

Advices from the North tell of the finding of the body of Joe Walsh, mate of the steamer Columbian. Walsh disappeared at the time the explosion occurred on the Columbian on the Yukon river. His body was recovered on a bar between Tantalus and Five Fingers, about 25 miles below where the accident occurred. The advices state that a lynx was seen gnawing at something on the bar and investigation led to the finding of the body, which was easily identified as that of Walsh by the brass buttons of his vest, which was part of the clothing still on the body. The body was taken to Tantalus, where it will be kept until there is sleighing on the trail, when it will be taken to White Horse either for interment or shipment to the outside.

NOVEMBER ATTENDANCES BREAK ALL RECORDS

Twenty-Five Divisions in City School Average Ninety-Five Per Cent For the Month.

The report of F. H. Eaton, M. A., superintendent of city schools, on attendances during November is a most gratifying one. The public schools established an all-round record during the month, the daily percentage being 93.2, a figure that has never been reached before except in the month of August when the school are usually open for one week only.

The record is the more remarkable when it is considered that November is one of the worst months as regards weather, the climatic conditions being seldom conducive to the regular attendance of scholars, especially those in the lower classes. Only one school in the city, and only five divisions of the sixty-eight divisions in all the schools, averaged lower than 90 per cent, while twenty-four divisions passed the 95 per cent mark. The latter were: High school, division 3; sub-High, divisions 2 and 3; Boys' Central, divisions 1, 3 and 5; Girl's Central, divisions 2, 6 and 8; North Ward, divisions 3, 4 and 6; South Park, divisions 1, 2, 4 and 6; Victoria West, divisions 1, 2, 3 and 5; Spring Ridge, divisions 1 and 2; Rock Bay, divisions 1 and 2.

Following is the complete abstract of attendances:

	Total Attend.	Daily Ave.	Perf. Att.
High School	240	222.42	121
Sub-High School	69	66.55	44
Boys' Central	502	468.64	294
Girls' Central	441	407.38	249
North Ward	391	362.09	234
South Park	388	367.27	235
Victoria West	225	212.34	153
Spring Ridge	175	163.75	116
Kingston Street	158	146.20	100
Hillside	121	107.38	56
Rock Bay	65	62.71	48
Totals	2,775	2,586.73	1,650

SCHMITZ AND RUEF.

Arraignment Has Been Postponed Until Next Thursday.

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—Mayor Schmitz and Abraham Ruef appeared before Superior Judge Dunne to-day for arraignment on charges of extortions preferred by the grand jury. The court room was thronged with spectators. No ovation greeted the mayor when he approached the Temple Sherith Israel, which contains the court where his trial will take place. He was accompanied by his attorneys and when he took his seat before the bar there was no greeting between himself and Ruef, who had arrived earlier with his counsel. Their actions seemed to indicate that the relations between the mayor and Ruef had become strained.

Attorneys for the two indicted men asked that the arraignment be postponed for one week, pleading the fact that the mayor had only a few days before arrived in the city and had not had time to confer with his counsel. Assistant District Attorney Heney objected to delay in the case of Ruef, while admitting that it could be fairly granted to Mayor Schmitz. Finally Judge Dunne set next Thursday for the day of the arraignment.

CAPTAIN COOK'S SKULL.

Says a dispatch from Honolulu: A skull, believed to have been that of Capt. Cook, discoverer of Hawaii, has been found in a cave near Kealokukua bay. Kealokukua is on the west coast of Hawaii. At Kealokukua village, on the west side of Kanwalda cove, is a monument to Capt. Cook, who was killed at Kealokukua bay.

HINDU QUESTION IN PARLIAMENT

RALPH SMITH GETS OFFICIAL FIGURES

Member For Nanaimo Is Making an Investigation Into This Latest Immigration Problem.

Ralph Smith, M. P., who is ever alive to the best interests of labor and the general welfare of the province, is making a thorough investigation into the Hindu question. The records of the House of Commons show that he has taken the earliest opportunity, after the opening of the session, to inquire into the situation with respect to this latest immigration problem to confront the province.

The following list of questions and their answers gives interesting information:

Ralph Smith asked:

1. How many Hindus have arrived in Canada, via British Columbia, in 1906, up to date?

2. How many have been deported, and for what reason, and what are the reasons for such deportation?

3. Does the immigration department contribute in any way to the support of impoverished Hindus arriving in British Columbia?

4. Do the present immigration laws provide for the prevention of people coming into Canada without means of personal support?

Hon. Frank Oliver, minister of the interior, replied as follows:

1. 2,193 Hinus have arrived in Canada via British Columbia, from January 1st, 1906, to date.

2. One hundred Hindus were deported from British Columbia between January 1st and October 31st, 1906.

They were deported for the following reasons:

Trachoma, 74.
Trachoma and partial blindness, 1.
Conjunctivits and partial blindness, 5.
Likely to become public charges, 8.
Partial blindness, 10.
Conjunctivits, 1.
Cataract, 1.

Since that date 25 were deported on the 14th of this month, but we have not yet received a detailed report as to the cause of deportation.

3. No.

4. Section 28 of the Immigration Act provides that:

"No immigrant shall be permitted to land in Canada who is a pauper, or destitute, a professional beggar, or vagrant, or who is likely to become a public charge; and any persons landed in Canada who, within two years thereafter, has become a charge upon the public funds, whether municipal, provincial or federal, or an inmate of or a charge upon any charitable institution, may be deported and returned to the port or place whence such immigrant came or sailed for Canada."

Those who know Mr. Smith will readily understand from these questions that he is preparing the way for a resolution on this subject. Closely in touch with the best interests of labor in the province, it is safe to say that should a resolution be presented by him it will be one carefully prepared to cover the situation which confronts the public men on this vexed question.

ENDED IN FREE FIGHT.

Tug-of-War Between White Men and Hindus.

"A tug-of-war between the Hindus and white men employed at the Fraser river mills, on Saturday afternoon, culminated in a free-for-all fight, in the course of which several of the employees were more or less severly injured," says the New Westminster News. "The trouble arose over the decision of the referee, the Hindus claiming the victory in spite of the fact that it had been awarded to their pale coworkers at the big lumber factory. It took a great deal of persuasion and a remarkable display of brute strength before they were finally convinced that they were beaten, but after a short, sharp and decisive struggle they decided to cry quits, and retired to their quarters to figure up how long it would take them to save up the $40 they had lost over the trial of strength.

"The tug-of-war commenced at twenty minutes after noon, and lasted for half an hour, when the victory was awarded to the white men.

"Before the tug-of-war commenced, the Hindu high priest knelt in the centre of a devotional group of aspiring athletes and invoked the help of Vishnu in the forthcoming struggle against the infidels. During the time the men were tugging away at the rope, the high priest, who looked upon himself as the mascot for the Hindu team, walked up and down the line of straining, perspiring men, exhorting each and every one of them to pull harder, because $40 was at stake. He was followed in his peregrinations by a number of interested parties, whose modest savings had helped to back the muscles of the team tage of every opportunity to help their straining brethren. But all to no avail. The white men won."

MOUNTED RIFLES.

Attempt Being Made to Form a Corps at Vernon.

"There is a move on foot to form a mounted rifle corps in the city of Vernon," says the Okanagan. "It is certainly a move in the right direction. There is plenty of material in the city and district in the shape of good horsemen and rifle shots to make perhaps the best corps in Canada. It is proposed to hold a meeting in the court house on December 13th to take preliminary steps to organization. In the meantime, a roll will be kept to be signed by all those who desire to assist in forming or join mounted rifles. As said before, there should be plenty of material in town and country adjacent of first-class men, including some Strathcona Horse members and others who have had experience, to form a strong company."

MAYORALTY CONTESTS.

Nominations in Cities and Towns of Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Winnipeg, Dec. 3.—Nominations took place in Saskatchewan and Alberta cities and towns to-day.

At Calgary, R. J. Stuart, R. A. Brocklebank and O. L. Cameron are in the field for the mayoralty.

Regina, Sask.—J. W. Smith ((acclamation.)

Wolseley—R. A. McGee (acclamation.)

Battleford—B. Prince (acclamation.)

Moosomin—Oliver Neff (acclamation.)

Wapella—J. Franks, J. Kidd.

Whitewood—R. S. Park (acclamation.)

Qu'Appelle—B. Harvey, Dr. Henderson.

Medicine Hat—Harry Stewart, W. Cousins.

Pincher—James H. Schofield, James J. Scott.

Saskatoon—James R. Wilson, John A. Schwanty.

Lumsden—H. F. Hall, A. Blair.

Yorkton—W. D. Dunlop (acclamation.)

Moosejaw—E. N. Hopkins, J. H. Bunnell.

Prince Albert—J. E. Bradshaw, R. S. Cork.

Lethbridge—Dr. Galbraith, William Henderson.

Carnduff—Alex. Fairbairn, C. C. Smith.

DELAY IN OPENING EMPRESS HOTEL

CAUSED BY CHANGES FROM ORIGINAL PLANS

F. M. Rattenbury Has Resigned and Is Succeeded by a Vancouver Architect.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

There has been a hitch over the construction of the new Empress hotel in this city, which will it is now caluculated delay the opening. F. M. Rattenbury, who designed the structure, has resigned his position of architect, and has been succeeded by Curtis, of Vancouver, who has gone East to confer with the officials of the C. P. R Company as to the plans to be followed out in the completion of the building.

The trouble, it is stated, has arisen over the original plans not being adhered to. The representative of Mr. Hayter Reed, who has charge of C. P. R. hotels, has, it is stated, made some important departures in the interior arrangements, which are not in harmony with Mr. Rattenbury's plans. These changes involve the location of the office alterations in several of the interior arrangements, the changing of a number of the rooms and suites and other departures from the arrangements as originally projected.

It has been intended to have the opening of the hotel take place on May 1st in good time for the summer tourist travel, but in consequence of what has now taken place it is stated that this event cannot occur before the month of June. The exterior of the building is now well completed, the bulk of that yet to be done in so far as the ordinary eye can see being the placing in of the windows and doors. Within, however, there is a great deal to be done, the structure not having reached the point beyond the rough plaster stage.

DOWIE'S REASON UNBALANCED.

Deacons Decide to Have Him Closely Watched.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—John Alexander Dowie's mind became a blank to-day, and for several hours the founder of Zion City was hopelessly beyond the realms of reason. Then, after being taken to his room, it was asserted that he was merely affected by a temporary aberration, and that his reason had returned.

But the followers of the wonderful old man sadly shook their heads. Their grief gave evidence of a firm belief that the intellect that had swayed them so long had departed.

Dowie came to the regular services in Shiloh house to-day laboring under the hallucination that he was the aid to a general who had been killed in battle. He had assumed the uniform of this general to keep the spirits of his soldiers militant. He thought he had won his battle in his false feathers. Then he proceeded to tell his hearers, addressing them as the imaginary army, that he was an imposter in the role of general, and that his real chief lay dead at his feet.

His friends sought in vain to quiet Dowie. He threatened to have them court-martialled for insubordination on the battlefield. He pronounced an incoherent eulogy over the body of his general, which he fancied lay at his feet, and exhorted "his trusted soldiers" to follow his banner to more glorious victories.

The first evidence that Dowie's mind was shattered presented itself when the first Apostle appeared swathed in bandages. Laboring under the delusion that he had received serious wounds in a mythical battle, he had acted as his own surgeon.

The probable action in Dowie's case discussed by the deacons who have remained true to him, but no plan of procedure was decided upon. It was conceded that he should be closely watched to prevent harm to himself should a suicidal mania develop.

Stories Denied.

Chicago, Dec. 3.— The friends of John Alexander Dowie to-day denied strenuously the stories that the mind of the former leader of Zion church has become weakened. Deacon Lewis, Dowie's champion, said, however, that Dowie had been very sick and is still far from being well.

—The Saanich council met on Saturday evening but nothing of importance coming up the meeting adjourned at an early hour.

THE DUTY OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS

LANSDOWNE ON THE ATTITUDE OF OPPOSITION

Trades Dispute Bill Confers Excessive Privileges on Unions But Will Be Passed.

London, Dec. 4.—The House of Lords to-night passed the second reading of the Trades Dispute Bill.

Lord Lansdowne, in explaining the opposition position with respect to the bill, said that it raised the question as to what extent the House of Lords was justified in barring the way of measures raised by the House of Commons, which, in the opinion of the House of Lords, were detrimental to public interests. He said he believed the duty of the House of Lords was to arrest the progress of a measure when it believed it had not been sufficiently considered or was not in accordance with the wishes of the people. The government had a mandate from the people for the present measure, however, so that the only course open to the House of Lords was to pass the bill, although the House regarded it as conferring excessive privileges on trades unions, which were dangerous to the community and likely to embitter industrial life.

DARING BURGLARY.

New York Broker Beaten by Men Who Succeeded in Making Their Escape.

New York, Dec. 5.—Awakened by the sound of a stealthy footstep in the splendid home in the heart of the city's most exclusive residential district early to-day, Elias Asiel, a broker, found himself gazing into the muzzles of two revolvers which were held only a few inches from his face. "We'll shoot if you make a squeak," said a voice as the guns and the men behind them began to draw slowly away toward a door which had been left open when they entered the room. Mr. Asiel did not heed the warning but, raising himself on his elbow, sent a shout for help echoing through the house. An instant later the two men were upon him raining blows upon his head, and when a servant who had heard the cries rushed into the room, the broker was lying in bed helpless, on the verge of insensibility, his head and the pillow upon which it lay bathed in blood. The robbers had escaped.

Two minutes later the whole neighborhood had been aroused by the screams of the servants and Mr. Asiel's daughter, and a score of policemen from nearby stations were rushing to the scene to search for the burglars, but the few minutes had given the thieves time to make their escape.

A large amount of gold and silver plate in the dining room had been gathered and tied up in two compact bundles, but in their flight the men did not have time to take it.

So far as can be learned the only articles stolen were a few silver knives, forks and spoons, a dozen pearl and sapphire stick-pins which are missing from Mr. Asiel's bedroom.

SEEKING INFORMATION.

G. S. Bowles Asks If British Government Knows of Convention Between States and Germany.

London, Dec. 4.—Both the foreign office and American embassy here have expressed themselves as being quite unable to imagine the reasons for the question which George Stewart Bowles, Conservative, proposes to ask in the House of Commons on December 6th. It asks, in effect, if the foreign secretary, Sir Edward Grey, is aware of any convention or arrangement having been made between the United States government and the German government, providing that in case Germany is engaged in war the German mercantile marine shall be taken under the United States flag, and if His Majesty's government has received any communication on the subject from the British ambassador to the United States.

At the foreign office to-day it was stated that the officials there had never heard the slightest suggestion of such an arrangement or anything which could have given birth to such an idea.

SCOTTISH PROTEST

Against Proposal to Remove the Scots Greys—Lord Rosebery's Speech.

London, Dec. 3.—War Secretary Haldane, in pursuance of the plans for army reorganization, decided recently to remove a cavalry regiment, the Scots Greys, from Scotland. This decision has caused the greatest resentment in Scotland, which was voiced at the great meeting of protest held to-night in Edinburgh. Lord Rosebery moved the resolution of protest in a vigorous speech. He declared there was such a thing as unwise frugality. If for the sake of small economy the government was going to revive and stir hidden forces and animosities long dormant in the Scotch nation, it would find the money badly saved. The time might come, Lord Rosebery continued, when the Scottish nation would be compelled if such treatment was continued, to examine more strictly into the benefits derived from the treaty of union between England and Scotland.

EXPERIENCES IN LABRADOR.

Toronto, Dec. 4.—At the Canadian club luncheon yesterday, Dillon Wallace, the celebrated explorer, related in an interesting way some of his experiences among the wilds of Labrador. He declared that the value of exploration work that was being done could hardly be appreciated. The time might come when the barren, lonely land would be to Canada what Alaska is to the United States to-day. He believed that the land would be found rich in minerals.

There are at present 16,000,000 European settlers living out of Europe.

THE THAW TRIAL.

Hearing of Case Will Probably Be Postponed.

New York, Dec. 3.—On motion of counsel for Harry K. Thaw, a commission was to-day appointed to take testimony of witnesses out of the state.

The motion was made by Clifford W. Hartridge, who suggested an open commission and named as the witnesses whose testimony was desired Thomas McCaleb and Truxton Beale, both of whom he said were in California.

District Attorney Jerome told Justice Newburger he had no objection to the appointment of a commission provided it be allowed to take the testimony of witnesses for the prosecution who are outside the state.

Mr. Jerome said he wanted the testimony of the mother, brother and sister of the defendant's wife, and possibly that of a witness who is in South Africa.

As the lawyers were leaving the court room Mr. Hartridge turned to Assistant District Attorney Garvin and said: "Why, this is an awful thing. If you find it necessary to get the testimony of a witness in South Africa, it will be months before the case can be called."

Mr. Garvin made no reply.

The appointment of the commission will have the effect of postponing Thaw's trial, which was scheduled to begin early in the coming year.

ROBBERS' HAUL.

Secured Over One Hundred Thousand Dollars From Cotton Belt Train.

Chicago, Dec. 4.—A dispatch from Palestine, Texas, says "It was learned yesterday that the train robbers who probably fatally wounded the express messenger of a cotton belt train on Saturday night secured $110,000 from the messenger's safe. The Pacific Express officials refuse any information, claiming it is impossible at present to state the amount taken. A glance at the messenger's books, however, would tell the amount stated above. About eighty thousand dollars, it is learned, was from the local trasury department of the cotton belt at Tyler and consigned to General Treasurer S. C. Johnson, at St. Louis."

RESCUED AT SEA.

Liverpool, Dec. 3.—The British steamer Ardeola arrived here from Lisbon to-day, and landed the crew of the British barque Ancona, who were rescued in the Bay of Biscay, November 30th. The Ancona, which left Antwerp November 11th, for San Francisco, was on fire when sighted by the Ardeola and was destroyed after a vain attempt to tow her into port.

BRITISH TROOPS WILL JOIN CANADIAN FORCES

London, Dec. 5.—Imperial reciprocity in soldiers promises to be one of the results of War Secretary Haldane's recent disbandment of some battalions of the British army in the furtherance of the general programme of economy.

The new movement will be initiated by one hundred and fifty men who were lately disbanded from the third battalion of the Manchester regiment who in January will proceed to Canada to join the Dominion forces.

The men with their wives and families will all be taken at the cost of the Canadian government and it is understood that contingents of the Garrison artillery which shortly will be disbanded will follow suit.

The war office authorities are hopeful that the movement will develop and that later a system of exchange will be arranged by which Canadian troops can be sent to England and British troops sent to Canada with the object of more closely welding the services into an imperial force.

VISITORS CARELESS.

Responsible for the Death of Ten Prisoners in the Philippines.

Manila, Dec. 3.—An investigation made at Filisa, where the 10 prisoners who had been inoculated with cholera serum recently died, has disclosed traces of plague germs in the dead bodies. No formal report on the result of the investigation has been made and the government has reached no decision in the case.

It is asserted that tubes containing plague germs and others filled with cholera serum, which are so much alike that it is almost impossible to distinguish them apart, were mixed in the laboratory by a visitor who examined the plague germs and by mistake placed them in a rack with the serum tubes. This is said to have occurred during the temporary absence of Dr. R. F. Strong, of the bureau of science, who has been conducting experiments and innoculation of prisoners with cholera serum to test its efficacy.

The natives generally are in ignorance of the situation, but the native newspapers are indignant and bitter. It is not believed that criminal charges will be preferred, but it is possible that Dr. Strong may resign.

ELECTION EXPENSES.

In Last Contest in Old Country Votes Cost on Average Ninety-Six Cents.

London, Dec. 1.—A parliamentary return of the "Official" expenses of the candidates of the recent general election, shows that it cost the 670 members of parliament $5,834,290 to obtain their seats, an average per vote of 96 cents.

The sums privately disbursed would substantially increase the total judging from the evidence of some of the bribery charges which followed the elections.

JAPANESE PUPILS.

Action Will Be Instituted to Test the Legality of California Statute.

San Francisco, Dec. 5.—Under orders from Washington the representatives of the department of justice in California have been instructed to begin an action in the courts to test the legality of the state statute which provides that children of Mongolian descent shall attend a separate school.

ROCKEFELLER OFFERS SIXTY THOUSAND

CONDITIONS OF GIFT TO M'MASTER UNIVERSITY

Hotel at Regina Destroyed by Fire—Boy Burned to Death—Switchman Killed.

Toronto, Dec. 4.—Chancellor McKay, of McMaster's University, announced that John D. Rockefeller had offered $60,000 to the university on condition that the Baptist denomination complete the collection of $50,000 required for the science buildings now in process of erection. The new science building is to be erected in 1907, and Rockefeller's money is to be used for the crection of an additional building containig lecture rooms, dormitories and gymnasium.

Fell Under Wheels.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 4.—John W. Lewis, about 24 years of age, a switchman, was killed in the Michigan Central railway yards here this morning. He was coupling cars when he slipped and fell under the wheels.

Burned to Death.

Brockville, Ont., Dec. 4.—Inez Albott, 9 years old, was burned to death from a spark from a cook stove which ignited his dress. His mother was badly scorched in trying to save the boy.

Sank in Anglins Bay.

Kingston, Dec. 4.—As the steamer Jessie Bain was returning to her winter quarters in Anglins Bay and breaking her way through three inches of ice, she was cut through the hull and sank.

Death of Joseph Hardisty.

Montreal, Dec. 4.—The death occurred last night of Joseph Hardisty, aged 74. For nineteen years he was Canadian manager of the Lord Strathcona estate. He was a former resident of Edmonton and factor of the Hudson's Bay Company. He was a brother of Lady Strathcona and of the late Senator Hardisty.

Nominations.

Montreal, Dec. 4.—The Conservatives of Nicolet to-day nominated Geo. Ball, ex-M.P., as their candidate in the approaching election for the House of Commons.

J. S, Patch Dead.

Montreal, Dec. 4.—J. S. Patch, general agent at Montreal of the Canadian Express Company, and with a record of forty years in its service, died here today. He was a native of New Hampshire.

Strike Settled.

Halifax, Dec. 4.—The strike of the section men on the Dominion Atlantic railway was settled this morning, and the men all went back to work. The management granted an increase in wages on certain conditions.

Snowstorm.

Halifax, Dec. 4.—One of the heaviest snowstorms of the season raged throughout the province last night and to-day. Traffic at Amherst, Digby and other towns is seriously interfered with owing to immense drifts.

Section Man Run Over.

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 4. — Fabien White, a section man on the I. C. R., was run over and killed by an accommodation train this morning. He did not hear the train approaching owing to a storm in progress. He was 35 years of age and leaves a widow and family.

Blaze at Listowel.

Listowel, Ont., Dec. 4.—A brick block on Wallace street, owned by J. Livingstone, was destroyed by fire to-day. The stock of J. R. Grant was lost also.

Hotel Destroyed.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 4.—The Wascana, the largest hotel next to the destroyed Windsor in Regina, was burned to-night. The building had just been erected and men were at work on the interior finishings. The loss will be in the neighborhood of $75,000 to $100,000. The building was five storeys.

Dropped Dead.

Winnipeg, Dec. 4.—William Harris, who operated a sash and door factory here, dropped dead to-day. He came here three years ago from England.

For Mayor.

Winnipeg, Dec. 4.—J. H. Ashdown, Ald. Latimer and C. R. Wilkes were nominated for the mayoralty to-day.

Walked Out.

Winnipeg, Dec. 4.— Ten printers in the employ of E. W. Rugg walked out this morning, having joined the union. Rugg is left with one man.

Committed For Trial.

Calgary, Alta., Dec. 4.—Principal Geo. Bryan, of the Normal school, was committed for trial on a charge of assault on a young girl in his employ.

Car Barns Burned.

Preston, Ont., Dec. 4.—As the result of an early morning fire the car barns of the Galt & Preston railway and every car were destroyed.

Killed in Yards.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 4.—Thomas W. Lewis, aged 24, was killed in the railway yards here to-day.

New Water Mains.

Winnipeg, Dec. 4.—At a meeting of the fire, water and light committee tenders were called for 30 miles of assorted water pipe, to be delivered between June 1st and August 1st.

Conservative Defeated.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 4.—The by-election in East Hamilton to-day to fill the vacancy in the Ontario legislature caused by the death of Henry Carscallen, Conservative, resulted in the election of Allen Studholme, Labor, by a majority of 844 over J. J. Scott, K. C., Conservative. The crushing nature of the defeat is unexplainable, as Scott's friends were confident of his election.