

SHEFFIELD CHOR BIDS FAREWELL

Immense Audience Greeted Singers on Their Second Appearance... The choir, consisting of twenty-five members, was accompanied by a piano and a violin.

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THE COMMONS TO ADJOURN MAY 23

But if Work is Rushed Date May Be Changed to 19th Inst.—Lancet Denies Further Changes—Borden Expresses Displeasure—Premier Will Attend Conference.

Ottawa, May 16—Soon after the House met Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced that parliament would adjourn from May 23 to July 13.

The premier said that ten days ago the leader of the Opposition had drawn the attention of the House to the approaching imperial conference.

As to the second suggestion, there were two or three precedents. In 1884, Sir John Thompson, then premier, went to Paris to take part in the negotiations regarding the railway.

The question then arose at what time the House might adjourn. He thought that it might be adjourned at the end of May, but it had been represented to him that there were two holidays during the last week of May.

He expressed the thanks of the choir for the exhilarating reception which they had given to the choir.

Even the sun had got busy and the rain clouds were rolled away so the visitors enjoyed their trip very much.

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BITTER ENMITY TO RECIPROcity

Outburst Against Bill in U.S. Senate Committee on Finance—Big Opposition to Oppose Measure—United States Farmers' National Congress Take Strong Ground.

Washington, May 16—Vicious assaults on the Canadian reciprocity bill marked today's hearing on that measure by the senate finance committee.

Probably the greatest outburst against the bill occurred when former Governor John Straube, of Wisconsin, introduced as representing wrappings paper manufacturers and the boards of trade of Netanah and Menasha, Wis., addressed the committee.

Chicago, May 16—Legislative agent, John M. Stahl, of the Farmers National Congress, announced today that the alliance which is represented in its membership in nearly all the important farming states, would oppose reciprocity with Canada.

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A STARTLING STORY

F. M. Kelly Who Has Been to Peace River, Is Reported to Be Poisoned.

Victoria, B.C., May 16—According to an extended trip through Peace River valley, in which he met near Athabasca Landing two weeks ago a secret service officer and guide, bound to the scene where the mounted police were found dead, the policemen told their lives not to the cold and hunger but through poison.

He said the government official who had been in the area had received showing absolutely that Inspector Fitzgerald and party, including Kelly, Finlay and Taylor, were poisoned.

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WINTER STORMS

Approval to Route is Given by the Minister of Railways—C.N.R. Entrance into Winnipeg—Railway May Be Compelled to Come into City by Underground.

Ottawa, May 16—Hon. George Graham, minister of railways, had before him for consideration today a number of western railway route maps for approval, including application of Canadian Northern Railway for the approval of its proposed new line into the station on Winnipeg.

The interests of the city were looked after by City Solicitor Hunt and Alex Haggart, M.P., was on hand to point out that the proposal to run a new line into the station on the level would increase the congestion and create dangerous conditions.

The following lines were approved subject to the usual conditions: G.T.P. Branch lines to Co. Biggar to the meridian.

Entrance to Calgary (subject to the condition that if there is a variation in the level the matter will have to be reconsidered).

Canadian Northern Railway, Vonda northwesterly, revision of Davidson westerly lines, from Grosse Point on Oak Point branch, Manitoba, northerly.

Canadian Pacific, revision of Langdon, north line.

The G.T.P. Branch Lines Company applied for the approval of a line from Lacombe to Edgemoor, and the C.P.R. asked for the approval of a line from Tantalum to Dyer.

TERRIFIC STORM SWEEPS MANITOBA

It is Feared That There Has Been Loss of Life—Wind Ripped 26 Inches One on Record—Tens of Thousands of Acres of Cattle Carried Away.

Winnipeg, May 11—It has been swept by one of the fiercest storms in the history of the city in any direction and it is impossible to say how much damage has been done.

The city is practically a mass of ruins, and communication with the outside world is almost entirely cut off.

The C.N. telegraph was badly affected during the day, but there was still a faint glimmer of hope.

The G.N.V. is in very bad luck, the storm having carried away a large section of the line just north of the city.

Citizens had to walk to their offices, the street and practically all the power in the city being cut off.

One of the heaviest rainfalls in the city, which was reported to be the heaviest in the city for many years.

The long distance telegraph at Daocath, Man., was cut in the storm and telegraph communication with the South-Western Manitoba is cut off.

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