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NEW BOOK ROOM WILL BE BEST IN WORLD

Million Dollar Building Soon to Be Started on Beverley House Site, Which Will Be Greatest Religious Publishing House in the World—Ministers Buy Bonds.

Toronto is to have the greatest religious publishing house in the world within two years. The Methodist Book Room board will put up a million dollar building on the site at the southeast corner of Queen and John streets.

The building committee has been authorized to raise four hundred thousand dollars for this year's operations, and four hundred thousand dollars next year. This $800,000 and the sum obtained for the Wesley Building in Richmond street, will place over a million dollars at the disposal of the committee.

Methodist ministers thruout the Dominion have for some weeks been sending in a perfect golden shower of money for the gilt-edged five per cent. Book Room Building debentures.

The plans are being prepared as rapidly as possible in accordance with a report by Rev. J. J. Redditt, who spent about a month recently visiting the great publishing houses of New York and other cities, for the best ideas exemplified in their buildings and equipment.

Work Starts Soon.

Work will be commenced as early as possible this spring, so that the new Methodist connexional headquarters may be available at the earliest possible date.

Owing to the rush of orders, the present Methodist book room and printing house is not able to keep pace with the demands upon it, and the contractors for the new building in West Queen street will be required to contract to erect the structure in the shortest time consistent with the best workmanship.

Enormous Profits.

It is expected that the erection of the Methodist building on the Beverley house site will revolutionize the character of the district from a business standpoint, owing to the enormous output of the publication department. Last year's business, including the recent holiday trade, was greatly in excess of any preceding year under Rev. Dr. Briggs' stewardship, and this year the profits will be enormous, assuring a vote of thousands of dollars to the superannuation fund.

The Methodist ministry regard the new building debentures as the best investment for their savings that the market affords.

COST OF LIVING CLIMBS.

OTTAWA, Jan. 16.—(Can. Press.)—The index number of wholesale prices rose slightly in December, standing at 135.2, as compared with 134.8 in November, and 129.4 in December, 1911. Commodities advanced slightly in nearly all groups, the only decline of importance being in grains and fodders. In retail prices, the upward movement was not as strong as during the past few months, meats and dairy products being steadier.

GREAT DEMONSTRATION MARKS HOME RULE BILL'S PASSING: MEASURE IS BEFORE LORDS

Substantial Majority of 110 Given in Commons After Series of Brilliant Speeches—Redmond Recalls Historic Words of Gladstone—Law Declares Rebellion Will Be Justified.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—(Can. Press.)—After a long, stern battle the home rule bill passed the house of commons tonight by a majority of 110. It was later read for the first time in the house of lords.

There were two divisions in the lower house, Mr. Balfour's motion for its rejection was defeated, 258 to 368, while the third reading was carried by a vote of 367 to 257, one member of each side having left the house in the interval.

The result of the division was too much a foregone conclusion for a tremendous demonstration, but Irishmen inside and outside of the house did their best, and, assisted by the Liberals and Laborites, gave the measure for which they had waited and worked so long a good sendoff on its way to the house of lords, where its fate is certainly sealed.

The division was preceded by another series of brilliant speeches by the political leaders, among whom were Frederic E. Smith and the solicitor-general, Sir John A. Simon, two of the cleverest among the younger members of the veterans; John E. Redmond, Timothy Healy and Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland.

House Was Crowded.

The house was crowded thruout the day. The Nationalists were only one short of their full strength, Joseph P. Nannetto being prevented from attending by a paralytic attack which he suffered today. Several of the older Nationalists, who are seldom able to attend, came over from Ireland for the division.

The Laborites and Liberals also turned out in force and the Unionists were not far below their total membership. The galleries likewise were filled to their capacity, those occupying seats including many dignitaries of the church and the Bulgarian peace plenipotentiaries.

Nationalists Jubilant.

When the figures were announced the Natinalists waved hats, handkerchiefs and papers and cheered lustily for Premier Asquith and Mr. Redmond. The latter, who is usually impassive, was carried away b ythe enthusiasm of his followers, and entered into the spirit of the demonstrations as effusively as they.

Those who crowded the lobbies received the figures with another roar of welcome, and followed this by cheering the bill itself as a copy was carried by an official from the commons to the lords.

The uper house met especially to receive the bill and formally passed passed its first reading.

The house of commons son quieted after the Irish demonstration, but outside the crowd continued to cheer for some time. A large force of police prevented any attempt at an organized demonstration, fearing a clash between the opposition factions. The Nationalists' songs and cheers brought forth counter cries from the public, who gathered largely out of curiosity.

An anti-home rule demonstration was held in the streets of Belfast tonight, and a copy of the bill burned amid deafening cheers. Intense ex-

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CATTLE EMBARGO UNDER HOT FIRE

Minister of Agriculture Holds Out Little Hope For Removal—Runciman's Remarks Raise Storm.

OTTAWA, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Aspersions cast upon the healthfulness of Canada's cattle by the chairman of the British board of agriculture were fervently deprecated in the house of commons to-day, both by the member for South Bruce, who brought the matter up, and by the minister of agriculture, who replied.

On the orders of the day being called Mr. Donnelly read the following Canadian Associated Press cable:

"London, January 15.—The Right Hon. Walter Runciman, president of the board of agriculture, informed Captain Campbell in the house of commons that the government did not contemplate the removal of the embargo on Canadian cattle. 'During the last two years,' Mr. Runciman said, 'glanders, sheepscab, rabies and tuberculosis had been noticed among Canadian stock.'"

Vital to Stock Raisers.

Mr. Donnelly proceeded to say that this was a question of paramount importance to the stock raisers of Canada. It was alleged that Great Britain was not continuing the enforcement of the embargo for the purpose of preventing the introduction of diseases, but as a measure of protection to the British stock raisers. The member for South Bruce added that he had no objection to any protection they might impose for the benefit of cattle raisers in the old country, but he did object to that protection being granted at the expense of the good name of Canadian cattle.

Burrell is Hopeful.

Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture, replied that he had received a cable from the high commissioner in reference to the strictures of Mr. Runciman, and stating that it was not likely that the British government would pass legislation removing the embargo.

Mr. Burrell gave a brief outline of the circumstances leading up to the imposition of the embargo against live cattle down to the protest against the policy which was made by the Canadian Government in 1907. The British reply at the time was that it was impossible, not because of the existence of disease in Canadian cattle, but because of the great extent of the boundary between Canada and the United States, which rendered easy the introduction of cattle diseases from the latter country.

Mr. Burrell showed that, as a matter of fact, Canadian herds were freer from disease than those of the United Kingdom, but it was not deemed consistent with the self-respect of Canada to continue to urge upon the government the reversion of what appeared to be a settled policy.

Body Was Identified.

The body of the man found in the lake off Spadina avenue yesterday afternoon was identified as that of Samuel Reid, aged 39, 13 Brookfield avenue. Mrs. Reid called at the morgue and had no hesitation in saying that it was her husband, who had been missing since Dec. 5.

Sixteen Were Drowned When Steamer Sank

VIGO, Spain, Jan. 16.—The British steamer Veronese, with 139 passengers on board, was wrecked at an early hour this morning off Leixoes, the outport of Oporto. Eighty-four of the passengers were saved by life lines from the shore, but it is reported that sixteen were thrown out of the basket and perished.

The steamer Hollandia stood by the Veronese all morning, but the tremendous seas made it impossible to render any assistance. The stranded vessel could not be reached by boats, but finally the life-savers managed to get their lines aboard.

The Veronese was bound from Glasgow to Brazil and thence to New York. She is owned by the Lampolt and Holt Line.

RINGLEADER OF DARING GANG CAUGHT IN NORTHERN WOODS AFTER CHASE ON SNOWSHOES

Jack Weston, Alias Wilson, Wanted in Toronto For Burglary, Highway Robbery, Shooting With Intent and Other Offences, Captured Single-Handed by Provincial Constable.

Tracked by the city detectives to the borders of Northern Ontario, followed over miles of open country into the woods and then rounded up in the heart of the bush by a lone provincial constable, are the events that preceded the arrest of Jack Weston, alias John Wilson, 52 miles north of North Bay, yesterday morning.

Weston is wanted in Toronto charged with highway robbery, shooting with intent, burglary and numerous other offences. He was taken into custody on a warrant issued by the Toronto police. This was turned over to Jos. E. Rogers of the provincial police, who was notified where his man was. The police had been warned that Weston was armed with a rifle and a revolver, also a good supply of ammunition. It was also understood that he would not hesitate to use his weapons if approached by an officer.

Provincial Constable Markle's capture was all the more thrilling, because he could not summon help from any police post.

Traced to North Bay.

Two weeks ago the city detectives succeeded in tracing Weston as far as North Bay. They learned that he had secured a job as second camp cook in the northern woods, thru a local employment agency. Information was received from another source by which it was learned that he had gone to a camp near a place called Sanila, about 43 miles from North Bay. Again came the news that the alleged "bad man" carried two guns.

Forthwith the warrant was turned over to the provincial police.

Used Snowshoes.

A few days ago Markle left Parry Sound and traveled as far as possible by train. Then he had to use a horse and sleigh for many miles. Snowshoes were the next resort, and by undergoing hardships such as are only known to the police of these districts, the officer arrived at Sanila.

He was forced to go nine miles further into the bush before he arrived at the camp where Weston was employed, there being two camps in different directions from Sanila.

It was early morning when the constable reached the camp. Knowing the dangerous character of the accused, Markle took no chances in making his arrest. By adopting a ruse he took Weston by surprise and soon had him in custody.

Then followed the long journey back to the railroads.

Superintendent Rogers received a telegram from Markle last night saying he had made the capture. He was instructed to bring his man to Toronto, and is proceding here.

Gang Rounded Up.

By the arrest of Weston the city detectives believe they have cleaned up a notorious gang of robbers. Already Cyril Smith is serving a three-year term in Kingston after being convicted of robbing Rosedale houses of silver plate and jewelry. John Blandford was arrested last week by Detective Archibald as a second member of the gang, and Weston is said to be the ringleader.

Among other crimes it is alleged that Blandford and Weston walked into a drug store at the corner of Harbord and Markham streets, held up the clerk at the point of a revolver, got the money in the till, fired a shot and decamped.

It is also said the three robbed many residences in Rosedale and the residential districts, among them the homes of Colonel Gooderham, Mr. Mulock, Mr. Massey, and Mr. Treble.

Cyril Smith was arrested while attempting to dispose of the jewelry at a second-hand store by Detectives Sockett and Twigg. The value of the property taken runs into the thousands.

The guns that Weston was said to be armed with were taken from Pike's store on East King street, when that place was robbed. All the burglaries occurred in October, and Weston has been missing since then. He is about 6 ft. in height, aged 24, and comes from New York State.

Nazimova's Gorgeous Gowns.

The gowns worn by Alla Nazimova, the famous actress, this season in her latest success, "Bella Donna," are said to be exquisite and the most delicate of creations. Naturally they were all made in Paris.

TORONTO WOMAN WANTS DIVORCE

Mrs. Ruby Foy Applies to Senate Committee For Dissolution of Marriage on Usual Grounds.

OTTAWA, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—An application for dissolution of marriage was heard before the senate divorce committee today, the petitioned being Ruby Christina Foy, who asked that her marriage with James Cuvillier Foy, an officer in the Royal Canadian Regiment, be annulled, alleging cruelty, drunkenness, misbehavior and non-support. The marriage took place in October, 1902, at Niagara Falls, the petitioner being 20 years of age, and the respondent 21 at the time.

The union, it was stated, has been a very unhappy one, and there has been several separations and reconciliations. The respondent's conduct, it is stated, became so bad that Mrs. Foy left him on Oct. 14, 1911, and has since resided with her grandmother, Mrs. A. S. Irving, 149 St. George street, Toronto.

It is alleged that respondent had been guilty of misbehavior in August, 1912, at the Pembroke House, Pembroke, and at McLaine's Hotel, Petawawa.

R. A. Pringle, K.C., appeared for the petitioner, and W. R. White, K.C., for respondent. Only three of the 13 witnesses were examined and the hearing will be continued tomorrow.

PUBLIC POWER FOR MANITOBA

Legislature Decides Unanimously to Consider Project Along Lines of That in Ontario.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 16.—(Can. Press.)—The legislature by a unanimous vote today decided to adopt the resolution introduced by T. C. Norris, leader of the opposition, asking that the public utilites commissioner be authorized to investigate and report as to the feasibility of publicly-owned hydro-electric power within the province, with a view to securing for all sections of the province, rural as well as urban, the benefits and conveniences now enjoyed by the citizens of Winnipeg on power distribution.

UNITED STATES GRAVE MENACE

W. F. Cockshutt Thinks German Peril Isn't Only One—Burnham Would Abolish Titles.

OTTAWA, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Some spirited speeches were contributed to the naval debate today, which was resumed by Dr. J. W. Edwards, the Conservative member for Frontenac. Dr. Edwards is a thoro-going Britisher and dealt severely with what he termed the separatist policy of Sir Wilfrid and the Liberal party.

Representing, as he does, one of the most thoroly agricultural districts of Canada, he spoke for the farmers of the country. No class, he said, was more interested than the farmers in having effective aid given to the navy of the empire. Eighty-seven per cent. of all the exports of Canada, which came from the farm, went seaborne.

Mr. Bolvin, Liberal member for Sherford, Que., said that the navy could easily be manned in Canada. As conditions now were young men in his riding enlisted in the U.S. Navy to get the training and education they could not get in Canada.

PUBLIC RIGHTS SUFFER THRU APPEALS TO PRIVY COUNCIL: SHOULD ABOLISH PROCEDURE

South York Member's Proposal of Absolute Powers For Canadian Courts Given Support by Other Speakers—Question Brought Up by Bill Asking Authority to Purchase G. T. P. Bonds.

OTTAWA, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The feeling that municipal and provincial rights have suffered at the hands of the privy council and that Canadian statutes should be interpreted by the courts of Canada was voiced this afternoon by W. F. Maclean of South York in the debate which arose upon the resolution offered by Finance Minister White empowering the government to purchase at par future issues of Grand Trunk Pacific bonds guaranteed by the government.

A number of members agreed with the member for South York that the present right of appeal to the privy council should be greatly curtailed, if not eliminated.

Mr. Maclean reminded the house that the privy council in a number of cases involving the construction of contracts between the municipalities and public service corporations had reversed the Canadian courts and had construed the agreements to mean something far diuerent from the general understanding of their meaning and intention. He suggested that it would be well for municipalities hereafter to insert a clause in all agreements made with public service corporations to the effect that the highest court of the province should be the final interpreter of their meaning.

Provinces Should Take Action.

Provincial governments, he said, in dealing with such corporations should insist upon a similar proviso, and the Dominion Government in all contracts with corporations which parliament enfranchised should insist upon a provision making the decision of the supreme court of Canada final in any matter of controversy arising thereon. He did not say that the right of appeal in all civil cases should be taken away, but he contended that Canadians were capable of interpreting their own statutes.

White's Resolution.

Hon. W. T. White, in presenting the resolution for authority to purchase future bonds issued of the Grand Trunk Pacific, explained that the government had been compelled to pay nearly five million dollars in cash to the G.T.P. and might be compelled to pay eight million dollars additional under the ruling of the privy council. The law lords had reversed the judgment of the supreme court of Canada, and had decided that under the G.T.P. agreement the government was bound to implement by a cash payment the difference between the selling price and the par value of the bonds.

There were still to be issued bonds to the face value of £6,800,000, which would be guaranteed by the Government of Canada. These bonds, bearing thre per cent. interest, could not be marketed at more than seventy-five cents on the dollar. If they were sold to the public at this price the Dominion Government would have to pay $8,000,000 to implement the difference between the selling price and par.

Saving of Two Millions.

He thought it would be good business for the government to buy the bonds. By so doing the government would save perhaps two million, and he thought it most desirable that bonds guaranteed by the Government of Canada should not be selling on the market at seventy-five cents on the dollar.

Several Liberal members, Hon. George Graham, Hon. William Pugsley and A. K. McLean, Halifax, agreed that the finance minister had adopted the proper course.

Mr. Maclean (South York) asked whether the G.T.P. had applied to the government for any further financial aid, also as to whether the G.T.P. was operating any part of the National Transcontinental between Winnipeg and Moncton or intended to operate the whole eastern section when completed.

Not Seeking Further Aid.

The prime minister said in reply that no application had been made for further financial aid, neither had the government and the company been able to come to terms respecting the operation of any of the completed portions of the road between Moncton and Winnipeg. As to the operation of the whole line when completed, he said that was a matter governed by a

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INTERNATIONAL ABSORBED BY HOME BANK

Pellatt Syndicate Will Make Formal Transfer of Big Block of Shares, Following Dismissal of Charges Made Against Former General Manager of International.

MONTREAL, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The official announcement was made this evening that the syndicate, headed by Sir Henry Pellatt, which had accumulated 75,000 shares of the International Bank, had sold out to the Home Bank of Canada, and that G. Bird, formerly general manager of the International Bank, has been appointed supervisor of branches for the Home Bank in the Province of Quebec. The formal transfer will be made in a week or two, and the official statement is also made that the Home Bank will have at least two resident directors in this city, as that institution has been endeavoring to get foothold in the province for some time past.

About the time the announcement was made Judge Leet dismissed the case in the police court, instituted by Mr. Ducout of Paris, charging Bird with making a false return to the government.

This morning John Knight, secretary of the Bankers' Association, and Chief Accountant Muir of the Merchants', went before Judge Leet and assured the magistrate that there was nothing wrong with Mr. Bird's report, and that any bank manager would have done the same thing, hence his honor's decision declining to issue a warrant.

Legal Steps Justified.

Judge Leet said: "In considering the importance of this case the public persons involved and as a necessary consequence the public interest aroused, I think it proper that I should make a statement, part of which may be regarded as a personal explanation.

"Partly because Mr. Ducout's information was second-hand and partly because of important results that might come to pass from the institution of these proceedings, especially if it was found that Mr. Ducout's information was not correct, I suggested that before a warrant was issued evidence be taken and that it be taken in camera.

"This procedure was followed and certain witnesses examined. I came to the conclusion that the facts disclosed were quite sufficient to justify the laying of information, and I feel I should have been thoroly justified in giving information that a warrant should be issued not only against Mr. Bird but all the others who had signed the returns.

Conviction Out of Question.

"This would not have meant that a commitment would have resulted, much less a conviction, but it would no doubt have been the easiest and simplest thing for me to have done and thus have disembarrassed myself in the matter."

Judge Leet went on to explain that he had been informed that negotiations were under way for the transfer of the business of the bank to a Canadian institution, and that if it were possible he should withhold his judgment for a while.

SARNIA CLAMORS FOR HYDRO.

SARNIA, Jan. 16.—(Special.)—The new council is getting things in working order to proceed as soon as possible with the Hydro-Electric matter. The citizens are very anxious that the power should be secured for the town. The council has also to deal this year with improvements which will cost $300,000, including a new waterworks.

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