

200 PRELATES PROCESSION

Imposing Services Mark Opening of First Plenary Council Held in "Canada." Hundreds of Prelates and Church Dignitaries in Solemn Services at Quebec.

Special to The Standard. Quebec, Sept. 19.—The first plenary council to be held in Canada was, practically speaking, solemnly opened today when a procession of all the members of the council and all those who are to assist at the session, gathered at the archbishop's palace and escorted by the Zouaves, marched from the archbishop's palace to the Basilica by way of Buard, Garden and Fraque streets.

Imposing Procession. The procession was a most imposing one, and included about thirty archbishops and bishops, their assistants, fathers of the council, and the clergymen took part in the procession, being witnessed by thousands of citizens.

During the procession several hymns and psalms were sung, and when the fathers of the council had arrived at the Basilica, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and crowded to the doors, each one of the prelates, their assistants and insignia bearers, took their places.

Lieut. Gov. Pelletier and Sir George Garneau, mayor of Quebec, had special seats placed at their disposal just outside the sanctuary railing.

Mgr. Regis officiated at the grand mass and very eloquent sermons were preached by Mgr. Burchard and Mgr. Gaubier.

AERONAUTS ARE IN CONVENTION NOW

Second International Congress Now Being Held In France—Many Important Matters To Come Up.

Nancy, France, Sept. 18.—The second international aeronautic congress opened here today. The various problems raised by the recent great advance in aerial navigation were discussed, especially the necessity of elaborating national and international legislation, defining rules of the air and the question of frontiers. While the discussions will be purely academic, they are expected to have ultimate practical results.

Lieut. Foulouis, U. S. A., is following the proceedings of the congress for the American War Department. The first congress was held at Milan in 1906.

HOYLE BANK IS AT HALIFAX FOR REPAIRS

Lumber Laden Steamer Grounds at Sheet Harbor And Is Forced To Make Halifax For Repairs.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Sept. 18.—With her bottom stove in and several inches of water in the hold, the steamer Hoyle Bank, lumber laden from Sheet Harbor for Manchester, into port for repairs. The steamer sailed from Sheet Harbor Thursday and when going out of the harbor grounded on Indian Point and after a quantity of cargo was discharged she floated and started for Manchester. On Saturday the steamer began to make water so Capt. King thought it unwise to proceed farther and turned his ship about and came to this port where repairs will be effected.

8,500 SEE MONTREAL DEFEAT SHAMROCKS.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Sept. 19.—In an exciting and rather rough game of lacrosse Montreal on Saturday defeated the Shamrocks by a score of 6 games to 2. The Shamrocks play the Tecumseths of Toronto, next Saturday on their own grounds, and if they win will be tied with Montreal for first place for the championship event. The Shamrock will likely win, in which case the tie will be played off on the following Saturday on the National grounds. Over 8,500 people saw Saturday's game, the largest attendance at a game in many years.

DILLON MUST PAY PENALTY WITH HIS LIFE

Eccentric Book Agent Who Killed Constable Shea During Sensational Battle In Montreal Is Sentenced.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Sept. 19.—John Dillon, the eccentric book agent who shot and killed constable Shea on April 6, 1908, was found guilty of murder on Saturday afternoon and sentenced to death on November 19. The jury was out two hours.

The Sentence. After the verdict had been returned Mr. Justice Cross retired to his chamber, returning within a few minutes. As he took his seat on the bench the court crier called "Stand up, John Dillon." The clerk of the court asked "Are you ready to receive sentence?" There was no sign either from the accused or his counsel upon which the judge addressed the prisoner in these words: "John Dillon, you have been found guilty of murder by a jury of your peers. You will be taken to the common jail of this district, where you will be held until the November 19th, 1909, and on sunrise of that day you will be hanged by the neck until you are dead, and may the Lord have mercy on your soul."

This was the first time that Mr. Justice Cross had presided at a murder trial and when he donned the "black cap" he appeared to be very much affected. Dillon received the sentence coolly, although his lips quivered slightly and he stumbled as he moved to pass out of the courtroom.

Story of the Crime. The crime for which Dillon was convicted was committed on the April 6, 1908, when Constable George Shea was shot and killed at 34 Mance street. Dillon, who has been ordered by his landlady, Mrs. James Pritchard, to leave the house before 6 o'clock that evening or take a smaller room, refused to do either, and when the constable, armed with a warrant, arrived at the house to place him under arrest, a battle, lasting five hours, was fought, which started the entire population of the vicinity.

Dillon, who was known as James Smith, was one of the best known characters in the downtown district of the city. He was always dressed in a black frock coat, a silk hat, and carried an umbrella over his head during the summer months, rain or shine. Mr. Mathieu, counsel for Dillon, after the trial said that as the jury had made a recommendation for mercy in bringing in their verdict, they had given the right to the Minister of Justice for commutation of sentence to one of penal servitude for life. The application would be made immediately, and Mr. Mathieu felt that it would probably be granted.

ERIE TO MAKE BUT ONE TRIP THIS WINTER

C. P. R. Announce Change In Schedule Of Sailing—Nov. 10 Trip Of Erie Cancelled—Manitoba To Be a Stranger

Montreal, Sept. 19.—An official circular issued by the C. P. R. steamship department on Saturday announced that the sailings of the Lake Erie from Liverpool, November 10 and from St. John November 27, are cancelled. The Lake Manitoba will also be seen little during the coming season. With the close of the St. Lawrence season she will be put into drydock at Liverpool and thoroughly overhauled. Her first sailing to St. John will be from Liverpool March 16 and from St. John April 12. This will be her only visit to St. John during the season.

CITIZENS' LEAGUE TO RESORT TO BALLOT

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Sept. 18.—The Provincial executive of the Citizens' League met last night in the Euclid Avenue Methodist Church, and decided to make the abolition of race gambling and the abolition of liquor traffic in hotels and clubs an issue at the next Provincial and Dominion elections. To this end the organization will proceed to ascertain how every member of every church in the Province stands on these questions.

Congress For Cheaper Cables

UNITED STATES GETS ROUDE JOLT OVER FORESTRY

Returns Of Lumber Expert Shows That Uncle Sam's Forests Are Being Speedily Depleted.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 19.—A startling situation has developed as the result of a taking of stock of the forestry resources of this country, according to Treadwell Cleveland, timber expert in the bureau of forestry, in a bulletin made public today, entitled, "The Status of Forestry in the United States." It has been shown, Mr. Cleveland declares, that we are still destroying the forests as we used to; that we are taking from it every year three and a half times as much wood as is added by the new growth. It has shown that less than one-third of the growing trees felled by the lumbermen are ever used in the country. Two-thirds of all the timber cut is simply destroyed. It has shown that one-eighth of all the forests is swept by fire every year, and that on the average since 1870 forest fires have yearly cost \$50,000,000 in timber and fifty lives.

UNABLE TO RAISE MONEY TO FREE BEACH

Relatives And Friends Rally To Ex-Ticket Agent's Support But Fail To Get Together The Necessary \$835.

Fredericton, Sept. 18.—George S. Beach, the defaulting C. P. R. ticket agent, will come before Col Marsh in the police court tomorrow when it is likely that some definite action will be taken in his case. Since his arrest Beach has been several times remanded to jail while negotiations have been in progress for a settlement of the case on the basis of friends of the young man getting together sufficient money to square his accounts with the C. P. R. Beach's relatives and other friends have rallied to his support and his wife's mother, Mrs. Murray Grass, of Waasla, has endeavored to raise enough mortgage on her farm to raise a settlement. It has been impossible, however, to arrange this mortgage as a title to the property is not altogether clear, owing to the fact that Mrs. Grass has an interest in the title and one of them being under age. Owing to their being unable to arrange the mortgage Beach's friends have been unable to raise the \$835 but have a considerable amount collected which will be offered to represent the full amount of \$835 but in the final negotiations for settlement. It is considered unlikely that the C. P. R. officials will agree to a settlement of the case unless the full settlement of Beach's delinquencies is returned.

BANK STATEMENTS SHOW IMPROVEMENT

Continued Betterment Evidenced In Business Conditions From Reports For August As Furnished By Banks.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 19.—The bank statement for August indicates a continued improvement in business conditions. Demand deposits totalled \$225,397,679 as compared with \$222,558,749 in July, while note deposits totalled \$472,397,679 as against \$466,337,816 in the previous month. Reserve funds of the banks stands at \$78,540,484. The figures at the end of July were about the same. The credit side of the documents show that short loans in Canada were \$56,830,172 as compared with \$52,242,587 in July while \$120,659,989 was accounted to so outside the Dominion as against \$114,886,337 in July. Current loans in Canada totalled \$248,151,683. In July they were \$239,821,941.

TOURING ENGINEER DEAD AT OWN HAND.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Sept. 19.—Thos. Evans, a civil engineer from London, England, who was a first-class passenger on

At Meeting of Chambers of Commerce in Sydney An Imperial Service is Urged.

Need for Greater Facilities for Communication Takes Form of Resolution.

Special to The Standard. Sydney, Australia, Sept. 18.—At the meeting of the Congress of Chambers of Commerce of the Empire yesterday Mr. H. B. Ames of Montreal moved the resolution of the Montreal Board of Trade urging upon the home Government and the Governments of the Colonies the appointment of an advisory imperial council to consider questions of Imperial interest, especially those tending to promote trade between the various parts of the Empire. Mr. Ames said the object of the resolution was the appointment of a permanent body to labor continually for consolidation of the Empire and the removal of trade barriers.

Sir A. Spicer's Views. Sir A. Spicer thought it would be an immense advantage to have a representative consultative council of commercial men of the whole to meet in different parts of the Empire.

Mr. Cockshutt said there was no subject more acutely debated than that of a proposed imperial council of all the Empire. He explained his faith in the scheme and asserted that there should be one mouthpiece to speak on behalf of the outlying portions of the Empire and Great Britain herself.

The resolution was finally carried and Sir A. Spicer moved the following consolidated resolution, embodying the purport of the three resolutions put forward by the London, Sydney and Montreal Chambers respectively. This Congress is of opinion that it is desirable to complete the imperial route between the Motherland, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, and to establish an electric communication across Canada to Great Britain and that the postal departments of the various governments of the Empire should be authorized to frame a combined scheme for substantial reductions in telegraphic rates, especially in the direction of cheapening press cables.

7,000 ON STRIKE IN CANADA DURING AUGUST

Report Of Department of Labor Issued At Ottawa Furnishes Statistics Of Labor Situation In Canada.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 19.—The Department of Labor reports that sixteen trade disputes were in progress during August, more than in July and August more than in August, 1908. About 211 firms and 6,819 employees were involved. Loss of time to employees was 108,925 working days. Of sixteen disputes in existence nine were terminated, leaving seven still unsettled at the end of the month.

ONTARIO TOWN HAS \$250,000 LUMBER FIRE

Destructive Fire Swept Lumber Property Of Chew Brothers Mill At Midland, Ont., Causing Much Damage.

Special to The Standard. Midland, Ont., Sept. 19.—One of the most destructive fires that has visited Midland for many years took place today when the entire stock of lumber, amounting to about 15,000,000 feet together with slabs, edgings, laths, etc., in Chew Bros. mill yard went up in smoke.

Discovered in Yard. About nine o'clock this morning the fire was discovered in a lumber pile on the east side of the yard a few feet from the Esplanade on the waterfront.

A stiff breeze was blowing at the time and the flames spread so rapidly that little hopes were entertained of saving even the mill, but the firemen worked like Trojans for several hours and had a large number of logs cut to complete the season's work. The total loss is estimated at a quarter of a million dollars. The lumber was owned by a number of firms and was partially covered by insurance. The lumber covered an area of about 15 acres.

The Allan line Corinthian, shot him in the cabin while the vessel was docking here yesterday and died at the hospital today. Evans claimed that the shooting was accidental, that he was accompanied by his wife and intended to make a tour of the Do-

MILITIA STAFF COURSE IS NOW PROVIDED FOR

Important Militia Order Issued That Will Enable Qualified Officers To Add Three Letters To Name.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 19.—An important militia order is issued providing for a militia staff course. The object is to qualify officers in the active militia and on the reserve for employment on the staff at camps of instruction and mobilization. Such courses will be held, beginning the first week of December, 1909 at Toronto, Montreal and Halifax or elsewhere, if at any of these stations a sufficient number of candidates is forthcoming on the Applications must be in by November 1st. The number of candidates attending each course will be limited to five.

Not Below Captain. A candidate must be of rank not below that of Captain. He must be in possession of a field officer's certificate and he must be specially recommended. The first portion of the course will be theoretical, the second portion practical.

The theoretical portion will last four months, as a rule in winter or early spring, and will consist of a course of lectures in tactics, topography and military administration to be delivered by officers either of the permanent staff or of the structural staff of the Royal Military College. The practical portion of the course lasting ten days, will be performed during the summer, either at Kingston or at the other stations. On its conclusion, candidates will be required to undergo an examination, lasting two days, and those who pass will have the letters "M. S. C." recorded after their names in the militia list, and be noted for such staff appointments as they may be reported to be best qualified to fill.

CHATHAM'S STREETS ARE ENLIVENED BY FIGHT

Chief Lawson And Burly Drunk In Free Fight Before Scores Of Citizens—Prisoner Finally Taken.

Special to The Standard. Chatham, N. B., Sept. 19.—About four o'clock this afternoon Chief Lawson attempted to arrest Paddy Anderson, for drunkenness and using bad language. Anderson is a big strapping man and topped the chief by a head and shoulders. The chief however, got him down and handcuffed him. Anderson as well as the second, and the fight went on for fully 30 minutes before Officer Coughlan arrived and Anderson was subdued.

DRIVING ACCIDENT AT FREDERICTON.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Sept. 19.—While driving with her father Miss Benah Denison, daughter of Harry Dennison, was thrown from a carriage near the city hall last night and badly hurt.

ESCAPED CONVICTS. TO BE MADE CARDINAL.

Rome, Sept. 19.—It is stated that Monsignor Falconio, the apostolic delegate at Washington, will very probably be made a cardinal at the January Consistory and that he will be succeeded by Mgr. Aversa, the apostolic delegate to Cuba.

WORLD'S WIRELESS WARFARE WAGES

ST. JOHN OUT IN FORGE AT THE EXHIBITION

Attendance At Fredericton Fair Grows Daily—Entire Change Of Programme This Week.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Sept. 19.—Saturday was another big day at the exhibition and the attendance figures almost hit the 7,000 mark. The official figures were 6,750, and that is exclusive of the 1,000 who have free admission to the grounds and do not pass through the turnstiles.

Ideal Weather. With weather conditions approaching the ideal at times, the big crowds were well handled and appeared to enjoy the show immensely. All were warm in their praises of the efforts of the management in putting on one of the best exhibitions ever held in New Brunswick, and it was generally acknowledged that the results had eclipsed all previous efforts.

Dr. Cook, Nearing Home Shores, Expresses Annoyance at Controversy—Makes Statement.

Says Records Are Accessible To All—New Light is Thrown On Polar Controversy.

On Board Oscar II, Off Nantucket, 8.30 p. m., Sept. 19, by United Wireless and Marconi Wireless—To the Associated Press: My desire to get on American soil increases with every mile laid behind by the Oscar II. The vessel is doing her best record, although delayed occasionally, making 400 miles in the last 24 hours.

"Commander Peary's unfortunate accusations have disclosed another side of his character. The specific records of my journey are accessible to everyone who reads and all can decide for themselves when Peary publishes a similar statement."

Dr. Cook appears to exercise great self-restraint, but can hardly repress a natural annoyance at impeachment of his veracity without proofs. He requested The Associated Press to make public the following: "Commander Peary has as yet given to the world no proofs of his own case. My claim has been fully recognized by Denmark and by the King of Sweden; the president of the United States of America has wired me his confidence; my claim has been accepted by the International bureau for polar research at Brussels; most of the geographical societies of Europe have sent me congratulations which mean faith and acceptance for the present and almost every explorer of note has come forward with warm and friendly approval."

STRATHCONA IN HURRIED TRIP TO KEEP PROMISE

High Commissioner For Canada To Visit Halifax For Few Hours At Instance Of Lieutenant Governor.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., Sept. 19.—Speeding over the I. C. R. from Montreal for Halifax in a special train is Lord Strathcona, Canada's grand old man, who is making the nine hundred mile trip to keep a promise made to his old friend Lieut. Governor Fraser, when the latter visited England last winter with the Canadian Carriers' Governor Fraser invited Lord Strathcona to visit Halifax on his next trip to Canada and he accepted. When the Canadian High Commissioner reached Montreal a few weeks ago the Governor reminded the High Commissioner of his promise but the latter owing to lack of time he was doubtful that he would be able to come.

REV. WM. M'INTOSH IS DEAD IN OTTAWA

Well Known Divine Returned From Vacation Spent In Nova Scotia Succumbs To Heart Disease.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 18.—Rev. Wm. McIntosh, for 15 years pastor of the First Congregational church and active in temperance and moral reform work, died suddenly on Saturday night of heart disease. Mr. McIntosh, who came here from Yarmouth, N. S., had returned on Friday night from Nova Scotia.

SCHOONER GRETA ASHORE.

Guilford, Conn., Sept. 19.—The British schooner Greta, Capt. H. A. Cole, from New York, went ashore last night on Goose Island, and was hauled off today by tug Sea King, and proceeded, apparently undamaged.

Wm. Sutherland, of Woodstock, Ont. cut his throat with a razor Saturday and died before aid could reach him.