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Riddell Inspects the Assessment Books

Discovering Some Startling Irregularities

Maguire, D.R.O., in Police Court To-Day

Judge Morgan Will Begin Looking Into Commissioner Fleming's Department on Friday.

CIVIC INVESTIGATION ON TUESDAY

An exhaustive examination of the assessment books yesterday in the interest of the civic prosecution revealed some startling irregularities to be made public to-day.

Special Civic Prosecutor Riddell issues an invitation to all persons familiar with details of election corruption to supply him with confidential information. Anonymous communications, he says, are not barred.

Judge Morgan will commence hearing evidence in the charge against the assessment department Friday morning at 10.

Trial of George Maguire, D.R.O. of Ward 8, division 3, before Magistrate Denison, to be followed by prosecution of D.R.O. Cahoon and D.R.O. Thompson.

Handwriting expert examines suspicious ballots in division 3 of Ward 3, and pronounces fourteen marked by same hand.

Judge Winchester announces that he will begin the general civic investigation Tuesday.

Inquiry as to identity of officials who profited by the ballot-box stuffing.

What a detective authority thinks of the prospects of implicated persons turning Crown's evidence and revealing the inside of the corruption.

Detective department says surface indications are that ballot-box in division 10, Ward 5, was stuffed. Thompson Wilson was D.R.O. and George Hamilton was poll clerk.

Riddell Discovers Things.

With the disclosures of startling irregularities revealed by the investigation of the assessment rolls yesterday, under the direction of Mr. Riddell, the trial of George Maguire on the charges of ballot-box stuffing and the possible developments following the proclamation of the special prosecutor inviting confidence from direct, as well as anonymous, sources, touching municipal corruption, the prospects for renewed interest in the scandal to-day are numerous.

New and entertaining features of the situation are daily coming to public attention. The announcement of Judge Winchester, that he would begin his investigation Tuesday, Judge Morgan's assertion that Friday morning would see him busy with the assessment department, and the declaration of Mr. Riddell that he has already received several secret communications exposing inside facts touching the case overshadowed in general importance the statement of Mr. Curry that he would this morning begin the vigorous prosecution of George Maguire for conspiracy to stuff the ballot-box in his division, and the report from the detective department that surface indications warranted the belief that the box in division 10 of Ward 5 had been violated.

Riddell Invites Information.

But one of the most significant phases of the developments yesterday was the proclamation issued to the press by Mr. Riddell inviting secret information from whatever source concerning the municipal corruption and guaranteeing secrecy wherever desired. In some circles this was regarded as a direct bid for some of the implicated persons to avail themselves of the privilege tacitly extended suspects who become Crown witnesses to convict their accomplices.

Would he seek or accept evidence even tho it came as the betrayal of accomplices? Mr. Riddell assured The World that he would gladly receive "tips" from whatever source, inside or outside the suspected circles. Here is a chance for some young fellow who has been dragged into crooked election work for the first time to come forward and tell all he knows. It is no secret in interested circles that friends of one of the young polling clerks implicated are urging their accused friend to go to the authorities and reveal all he knows, and ask the court for mercy. Crown Attorney Curry said that under such circumstances he was inclined to think the court would be disposed to take a very generous view of such a person.

Will Witnesses Come Forth?

Will the proclamation bring out the Crown witnesses? That is the query being generally discussed in police circles and among the friends of implicated persons. A high police authority sizes the situation up for The World thus: "It is my experience, based upon many years in the business, that the so-called honor among thieves is an illusion. It is akin to the idea of personal loyalty among those in more respectable circles, and usually ends where personal interest breaks off. Very seldom does the real source of police information ever become public. It is not customary for a chief to press his subordinates for the names of those who supply information. As to urging accused persons to betray others, that is a delicate question. One thing is certain—the detective owes a duty to society to accept a clue from whatever source it comes. He may not solicit an accused with promises of immunity, but he certainly would be remiss in his duty unless he listened to anything affording a clue, and if it came in the form of betrayal of one suspect by another, that would surely not be a reflection upon the authorities.

Novice Men Come Forward.

"In view of the invitation from Mr. Riddell, it would not surprise me if some of those implicated for the first time in such a thing should be prevailed upon by their friends to make a clean breast of their share in the work and supply the links that would connect those higher up with the crooked work. It is no small matter for a young man confronted with a possible sentence of six months as a convict in Central Prison for complicity in this thing to remain loyal to those who have involved him. What can a man who has been elected to office promise a young man who has stuffed a ballot box at his suggestion to keep him quiet when confronted by such punishment? That is the serious phase of the case and the element that convinces me that a Crown witness from the implicated persons is almost inevitable. When one clue is furnished the whole conspiracy will be exposed speedily."

Mr. Riddell's Invitation.

Here is Mr. Riddell's proclamation:

In the very important inv stigation which I have undertaken for the City of Toronto, I hope to receive all the information and assistance possible and from every possible quarter. If any one have

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DONE FROM THE INSIDE.

If there were any actual personators at work election day, the detective department, after two weeks of vigorous work, has failed to locate them. The conclusion has been drawn, therefore, that all the plugging was done from the inside, without the employment of regular personators. In former campaigns where outsiders were used for the purpose of personating voters, the police had little trouble locating them. This feature will be a factor in the police court trials.

All the accused election officials will be summoned to appear before Judge Winchester to answer certain questions relating to their employment by candidates prior to election day. In this way it is expected some will drop a clue that may throw light on certain implicated officials. Interest is aroused over this end of the investigation. Will these accused officials refuse to answer and claim the fear of incriminating themselves?

All the men now sent up for trial by Magistrate Denison will face a jury in the sessions early in March. That means those convicted may be confronted with six months in the Central within the next six weeks if the prosecution exhibits energy.

IN BRITISH MILLS.

Customs Ruling That May Cause the U.S. Much Trouble.

Boston, Feb. 2.—Unless some agreement is entered into between the United States and Canada, the long-time practice of carrying Canadian goods in bond to ports in the provinces without regard to the carrying vessel, must come to an end, and a lucrative business of American railroads and American steamships running from Boston will be shut off.

This has been established by the recent enforcement by the collector at St. John, N. B., of the Canadian regulation that goods passing to Canada from the United States shall be transported in British registered vessels.

The case at hand was that of a consignment of stoves from London, Ont., to St. John, by way of Boston, the water transportation being by the Eastern Steamship Company, whose steamers carry the American flag.

Secretary of the United States Shaw has been asked to make some arrangement with Canada whereby the non-enforcement of the regulation may be brought about.

ESCAPED AFTER 5-MILE CHASE.

Woodstock Police Nab 1 Man However, for Toronto Delivery.

Woodstock, Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Acting on instructions received from the Toronto police, Chief Zeats endeavored to arrest Snowden and Warner, two crooks wanted in Toronto for theft, on the arrival of the train here this afternoon. He landed Warner, but Snowden took to his heels. Chief Zeats and Constable Tisdale pursued him five miles, but he escaped by wading thru the river. Warner is in the police cells.

George Warner is wanted in Toronto on the charge of stealing $25 from George O'Neil of 11 Leader Lane. A detective will bring him back to-day. Snowden is a companion.

THREE EARLY MORNING BLAZES.

Total Damage Will Be Small—Water Pressure Was Good.

There were three fire alarms turned in to the department about 1 o'clock this morning.

The house of James Irvine, at 173 Bathurst-street, was damaged to the extent of $100, contents $25; cause unknown.

Wong Sing's laundry at 333 Yonge-street, suffered a few dollars damage in the drying room.

The third fire was in the old Severn Brewery building, off Yonge-street, occupied as a laundry machine factory. The damage will not be heavy. The water pressure was good.

RUSSIAN FLEET EQUIPPED.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 2.—A despatch from Vladivostock, dated to-day and issued here by a semi-official agency, says the Russian fleet at Vladivostock has been fully equipped for immediate service and prepared for sea. All the wood fittings of the ships were removed yesterday. The harbor is being kept open by ice breakers.

The fleet consists of four cruisers, the Gromober (of 12,336 tons), the Rossia (12,130 tons), the Bogatyr (of 6750 tons) and the Rurik (of 10,923 tons), and a transport, the Lena.

Prince Khilkoff, the Minister of Communications, started to-day on a tour of inspection of the Siberian and trans-Balkan railways.

SIR EDWARD BRADDON DEAD.

Launceston, Tasmania, Feb. 2.—(Special.)—The Right Hon. Sir Edward Nicholas Coventry Braddon, formerly Premier and Treasurer of Tasmania, and Minister of Lands, and latterly leader of the opposition in the House of Assembly, is dead. He was born in 1829, served as a volunteer in the Indian Mutiny, was Commissioner of Excise and Revenue Secretary in Oudh, and acted for some time as Agent-General of Tasmania in London. In recognition of his services he was made K.C.M.G. in 1891 and became a Privy Councillor of Great Britain in 1897.

INCENTIVE TO CANADA.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Feb. 2.—The Post, referring to the increase of the American navy, says it is very much mistaken if it does not stimulate Canada and Australia to take a livelier interest in Imperial defence.

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DIED OF JOY.

London, Feb. 2.—An inquest at Doncaster yesterday on Margaret Hanson revealed the fact that she was so overcome by joy at her brother's success in obtaining a local appointment that hemorrhage of the brain came on, causing death.

The after-dinner smoke "Cafe-Noir" Pure Egyptian 15c

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Robbed and Wanted to Die.

Fort Frances, Feb. 2.—A young man was robbed last night of $700, and was only prevented from drowning himself by the timely intervention of two boys.

BREEDERS IN SESSION HERE DISCUSSED VITAL MATTERS

Representative Cattlemen Declare Against St. Louis—National Ass'n Finds Warm Support.

Men of prominence in the breeding of cattle and horses are in the city attending the annual meetings of the associations in which they are interested. Yesterday the Holstein-Friesian Cattle Breeders, the Harness, Hunter and Saddle Horse Society and the Ayrshire Breeders' associations transacted business. To-day the Canadian Shire Horse Breeders, the Canadian Hackney Horse Society and the Canadian Pony Society will meet. A banquet of the combined horse associations will be held to-night. The general topic of discussion yesterday was the proposed National Live Stock Breeders' Association, by which it is hoped to concentrate the influence of the various societies for the purpose of bettering their interests. A convention is to be held in Ottawa in March and representatives were appointed to attend, the project being heartily endorsed.

Breeders Condemn St. Louis.

Last night the cattle men, representing the Dominion, assembled at the Rossin house for the purpose of hearing what the Inspector of Live Stock, F. W. Hodgson, had to say in reference to the question of having a national exhibit of live stock at the St. Louis Fair. They had come by special invitation, that they might have explained to them fully the exact position the government were in regarding this exhibit. At the conclusion of the address, it was unanimously decided that the government would not be doing wisely if they spent the money that was at first proposed. The whole situation was gone over with them by the inspector, so that if they had any desire to make individual exhibits they would understand just what they would be about.

It was the feeling of the breeders that the St. Louis authorities have not acted fairly in the matter at all, and that if the Canadian government should decide to send an exhibit after the way in which their offers of assisting to make this branch of the fair a success were treated they would be doing an injury to the live stock breeders of the country. With the present conditions prevailing, Canadians are not assured of not being the victims of prejudice in the judging of their stock, and the reputation that they have built up in other countries, especially in the beef cattle business, would be in jeopardy if they should receive anything but justice at the hands of the judges.

As representing the opinion of nearly every part of the Dominion, it is safe to say that their decision is a representative one, and that being the case there will be no Canadian national exhibit at St. Louis.

Holstein Friesian Association.

The Holstein-Friesian Cattle Breeders' Association met at the Palmer House yesterday, for their twenty-first annual meeting, with H. Bollert in the chair. Besides the consideration of routine business, the meeting was addressed by F. W. Hodson, Inspector of Live Stock, Ottawa, who spoke to them in regard to the conditions under which the St. Louis Fair people have invited a national display of Canadian live stock, as well as referring to the proposed National Live Stock Association shortly to be formed.

A resolution was passed similar to the other associations that have voiced their sentiments on the matter of he St. Louis exhibit, coming out strongly against the government spending the proposed $100,000 for the purpose of sending a representative exhibit of Canada's live stock. In regard to the National Live Stock Association, the meeting decided to send delegates to the first meeting in Ottawa, in March next, when it proposed to have representatives from every association in the Dominion. The idea will be to have an organization of all breeders that will be in a position to speak to the government on matters of importance with greater chances of success than if they would singly. The following will represent this association: J. Rettie, Norwich, secretary; G. W. Clemons, St. George; W. G. Ellis, Toronto.

Officers were then elected as follows: President, James Rettie, Norwich; first vice-president, Matthew Richardson, Caledonia; second vice-president, R. Stevenson, Ancas-

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STABBED TO DEATH.

Glace Bay, N.S., Feb. 2.—During a quarrel in a shack at Dominion No. 2 to-night Friedmanda Materio was stabbed to death by Alex. Piccolo. Both are Italians. While the men were struggling, Piccolo plunged a stiletto thru Materio's heart and he fell dead. During the excitement the murderer escaped and is still at large.

Two Firemen Reported Dead.

Knoxville, Tenn., Feb. 2.—The six-storey Gay Building, occupied by Murphy and Robinson, wholesale hats and millinery, and the Ross and Company building, are in flames, and the fire is spreading. Two firemen are reported dead. The present loss is $300,000.

TO-DAY IN TORONTO.

Canadian 'Shire Horse Breeders, 11 a.m.
Canadian Hackney Horse Society, 2.30 p.m.
Canadian Pony Society, 4.30 p.m.
Woman's Art Association, 10.30 a.m.
C.M.A. Parliamentary Committee, 2 p.m.
Dominion Grange, Albion Hotel, 10 a.m.
The Legislature, 3 p.m.
St. Andrew's Masonic Lodge at home, 8 p.m.
Princess—Irving in "The Merchant of Venice," 2 p.m.
Grand—"Awakening of Mr. Pipp," 2 and 8 p.m.
Majestic—"Deserted at the Altar," 2 and 8 p.m.
Shea's vaudeville, 2 and 8 p.m.
Star, burlesque, 2 and 8 p.m.

WHEN SCHOOL OPENS

Miss Canada will have some important national questions awaiting her legislator boys.

FRIENDS TO SEND DR. WILKIE TO INDIA

Refusal of Presbyterian Foreign Mission Committee to Re-establish Him Brings About Independent Movement.

Friends of Rev. Dr. Wilkie, whom the Presbyterian Foreign Mission Committee have several times refused to reappoint to a station, have finally determined to take it upon themselves to provide means and maintenance for him to resume, what one said yesterday was, his real life's work. The case of Dr. Wilkie is widely known. After a score of years' service in India, he returned to Toronto in 1892, when charges concerning his personal conduct were made, and he was deprived of his station. After a rehearing he was exonerated, but his applications for reappointment have always been denied. His many friends throughout the country have decided on a public meeting of those favorable to the movement to provide him with a post, to be held to-morrow afternoon.

REV. DR. WILKIE.

Applications Denied.

The movement to secure a new field for Dr. Wilkie has many prominent laymen and clergymen behind it. J. K. Macdonald, who has appeared before the Presbyterian General Assembly in Dr. Wilkie's behalf, said yesterday that this independent action is the result of the most recent refusal of the Foreign Missions Committee to act favorably.

At the General Assembly in Vancouver last June the committee was instructed to consider Dr. Wilkie as eligible for another appointment, and a special committee appointed to report upon India missions generally reached his case and found favorably, and his friends were told to make representations to the Foreign Missions Committee. This was done in November and again in the early part of January, but to no purpose.

Thousands of Friends.

"Dr. Wilkie has thousands of friends in Canada who never believed the accusations that were made and who are anxious that he be allowed to return to India, where he accomplished work that has never been equalled, and that stands to-day as a monument to his endeavor. We cannot understand the reason for the continued refusal of the committee to send him back to a work for which he is pre-eminently fitted. We do not desire to act in any way antagonistic to the church, but we do intend that Dr. Wilkie shall be given an opportunity to resume his labors."

Will Leave Within 3 Months.

It will cost about $4000 for the first year, and this expense and subsequent maintenance will be met by voluntary subscription. The meeting to-morrow will be held at 3 p.m. in Room 134, Confederation Life Building, when organization plans will be completed. Dr. Wilkie will, it is hoped, be able to leave in two or three months' time for Central India, tho no definite selection of a station has been made.

A member of the Foreign Missions Committee was spoken to and characterized the movement as "divisive" and harmful to the church discipline. It is said that when the committee first considered Dr. Wilkie's position that the division was very close, and that personal grounds were largely responsible for the opposition.

ORANGEMEN TO WATCH LEGISLATION IN PROVINCIAL AND CIVIC MATTERS

At Annual Meeting of County Lodge, Committee Is Appointed for That Purpose.

John H. Pritchard and Frederick Dane, both absent, the first on account of illness and the latter on the ocean, on a business trip to Europe, were last night re-elected unanimously as Master and Deputy Master respectively of the County Orange Lodge of Toronto. Owing to the absence above noted, Bro. George Harris, senior District Master, presided. The annual election, which was conducted by John McMillan, Grand Master of Ontario West, resulted as follows:

John Pritchard, C.M.; Frederick Dane, D.C.M.; Rev. H. C. Dixon, C. chaplain; William Lee, C. recording secretary; R. H. Watson, C. financial secretary; Frank Lloyd, C. treasurer; B. Armstrong, C. D. of C.; W. J. McCausland, D. Coleman and William Steen, lecturers.

The re-election of County Master Pritchard was at the unanimous wish of all, as a testimonial of the appreciation felt by the order at Mr. Pritchard's valuable services on the committee having in charge the reduction of the debt on the County Hall. His absence from the meeting was generally regretted.

E. F. Clarke, M.P., assisted by J. S. Duff, M.P., R. Burns, Imperial Vice-President of the Triennial Council; Ald. Bell and Geary, ex-Ald. Oliver, H. Lovelock, P.C.M., and J. S. Leighton installed the officers.

A resolution was passed congratulating Rev. H. C. Dixon on his appointment as a canon of the Episcopal Church.

A committee consisting of Bros. Joseph E. Thompson, W. D. McPherson, Andrew Coulter, A. R. Williamson, John Gordon, C. J. Wilson and Thomas H. Self were appointed to watch legislation in the local house, City Council and Board of Education, to keep the County Lodge fully informed on any measure inimical to Protestantism.

A movement was inaugurated to arrange for special attractions on a large scale for the next 12th of July celebration.

West York County Lodge.

The County Orange Lodge of West York, meeting at Weston yesterday afternoon, elected the following officers for the coming year: Peter Ellis, J.P., Toronto Junction, County Master; A. Irving, Toronto Junction, D.C.M.; W. Bailey, Davisville, chaplain; John McClure, Toronto Junction, recording secretary; G. C. Flintoft, Toronto Junction, financial secretary; Edward Connelley, Carlton, treasurer; Charles Yeatman, Weston, D. of C.; James Wallace, Woodbridge; George Elliston and William Saville, lecturers. The meeting, which was enthusiastic and largely attended, was presided over by R. Mallaby, P.C.M., assisted by R. Burns, Imperial Vice-president, and C. J. Wilson, P.D.M., East Toronto, and Capt. Thomas Wallace of Woodbridge.

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SPEECHES ON FISCAL REFORM.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.)

London, Feb. 3.—In the course of his speech in the House of Lords yesterday, Lord Lansdowne said, referring to the government's fiscal policy: "I here say I for one certainly do not conceal my sympathy for Mr. Chamberlain's aspirations. Mr. Chamberlain's policy was to draw the empire closer and put its forces on a business footing. Now when the colonies were ready to assume their portion of the imperial burden and to give Britain commercial facilities they denied to other nations, was not the time to exclude discussion of a proposal of that kind. The political difficulties were greater than the commercial. Mr. Balfour's pamphlet and his Sheffield and Manchester speeches defined the government's policy.

Earl Spencer (Liberal leader) spoke on the changes Mr. Chamberlain had made in his arguments while conducting his great campaign. It was an insult to the colonies to declare that their loyalty must be secured thru a preference, when their loyalty had always been so magnificently given. Chamberlain's policy was now protection, owing to the colonial attitude, but Canada objected to give a preference because it would be injurious to her manufacturers.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman in the house said the government had spoken with two voices long enough. This was not a one-man government, and the country was entitled to an answer as to how the government viewed preferential duties, and also the proposal to place a 10 per cent. tax on manufactured goods.

Right Hon. Austen Chamberlain, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in replying said the government affirmed that the country's fiscal policy needed reform, but they were not bound to present it in advance.

Austen Defends the Attitude of Balfour and His Parent Toward Fiscal Question.

COMMONS MUST DECIDE IF A CHANGE

London, Feb. 2.—"My right honorable friend, the member from West Birmingham," as Austen Chamberlain described his father, was the central figure in the drama that marked the opening of parliament to-day.

For the first time in years Joseph Chamberlain took his seat as a private member of the House of Commons, and was separated from his former colleagues in the cabinet by the gangway. From this seat he saw his son act as leader of the House of Commons, a position which Joseph Chamberlain, with all his years of parliamentary experience, never attained.

Premier Balfour was unable to be present because of influenza. When Austen Chamberlain rose to reply in behalf of the party, of which his own father is supposed to be the most powerful member, the house was spellbound. It had been expected Sir Ackers-Douglas would take the Premier's place, and interest was also heightened by the fact that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, had just concluded a merciless satire on Joseph Chamberlain. THE SITUATION WAS WITHOUT PARALLEL IN THE RECOLLECTION OF THE OLDEST POLITICIAN, AND ALL EYES WERE FIXED ALTERNATELY UPON THE FATHER AND THE SON.

Father Nervous for Son.

Joseph Chamberlain, who had sat unmoved under the ridicule of the Liberal leader, turned nervously toward his son, who now takes precedence over him. With his monocle in his eye, an orchid in his buttonhole, and his hands clasped across his knees, the most prominent figure in the British Empire listened while his son defended him.

Austen Chamberlain spoke haltingly and under evident strain; yet, when he referred to his father, it was always as "the member from West Birmingham."

Now and again jeers greeted Austen Chamberlain, whereupon, with unmistakeable anger, his father turned his glance in the direction of the offender, and occasionally Joseph Chamberlain cheered his son on. When Austen Chamberlain neared the conclusion of his defence of the attitude of Premier Balfour and his father towards the fiscal question, the interruptions grew more frequent, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer clutched the brass-bound treasury box, on which Gladstone was so fond of leaning, and addressed his remarks almost solely in the direction of his father. Defiantly Austen Chamberlain accused Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman of attacking the Premier in his absence, and with a touch of pride he said: "The member from West Birmingham is here; he can speak for and look after himself."

House Felt Relief.

The house frankly expressed its relief when the speech was over and generally termed the proceeding as one of the most extraordinary personal situations that ever had occurred and the speech as one of the weakest defences of the government's policy ever made.

On behalf of Premier Balfour, Austen Chamberlain declared the House of Commons must first decide whether or not it desired any change at all in the fiscal system, and until that point was settled the opposition demands for details of the government's fiscal reform plan could not be granted.

His Majesty's speech from the throne is generally regarded as having merely recorded facts already known, while the government's legislative program has been announced already in these despatches.

In the House of Lords, the only note

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Men's Coon Coats.

In this good old winter time a coon coat is an absolute necessity. The Dineen Co. have three hundred new coon coats on hand, all just from the workrooms. They will be sold at reduced prices starting at $35 and up to $100.

CONTINUED COLD.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, Feb. 2.—(8 p.m.)—Snow has fallen to-day in Ontario and in parts of Quebec. The weather has been somewhat milder in Western Ontario, but has continued cold in the eastern portions of the province and in Quebec, where the temperature has not risen above zero. Another severe cold wave has appeared over the Northwest Territories.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 32—42; Kamloops, 22—32; Prince Albert, 18 below—10 below; Winnipeg, 24 below—2 below; Port Arthur, 12 below—2; Parry Sound, 24 below—6; Toronto, 9 below—22; Ottawa, 24 below—8 below; Montreal, 18 below—10 below—Quebec, 24 below—10 below—Halifax, 8—10.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes — Fresh westerly winds; fair and continued cold.

Georgian Bay—Strong westerly winds; continued cold, with local snowfalls.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Northwesterly and westerly winds; snow flurries and not quite so cold.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Very cold, with light snowfalls.

Maritime—Fresh to strong winds; a little milder, with light snow or sleet.

Lake Superior—Strong westerly and northwesterly winds; fair; becoming much colder again.

Manitoba—Fine and extremely cold, with strong winds.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Feb. 2.	At.	From.
La Champagne	New York	Havre
Minnetonka	London	New York
Kaiser W. II	Cherbourg	New York
Kroonland	Antwerp	New York
Prinzess Irene	Gibraltar	New York

U.S. BLUFFED GREAT BRITAIN INTO ALASKA ARBITRATION

London Express Calls the Decision the Notorious Award and Awaits Publication of Facts.

London, Feb. 3.—The Daily Express, reviewing the official correspondence in connection with what it calls the notorious Alaskan award, says: "The full and significant facts are not yet made public, but the correspondence reveals the extraordinary facility with which the United States succeeded in bluffing Great Britain into accepting an appeal to arbitration under their own conditions.

Lansdowne on the Award.

Lord Lansdowne, Foreign Secretary, referring to the Alaska award, which he declared had removed all danger of any serious clashing on the spot between the Canadian and United States settlers, said "the result of the finding was not entirely satisfactory, and, in this respect I do not draw any distinction between the interests of Canada and ours. The question at issue was not merely a question of the position of the frontier of Canada, but of the frontier of the British empire for the defence and integrity of which we are responsible." He did not believe any one expected a favorable verdict all along the line, but he found consolation in the fact that the islands awarded the Americans were of no strategical value whatever. Replying to Lord Spencer's interrogations as to the employment of Chinese labor in South Africa he declared 10,000 laborers would be introduced into the Rand mines experimentally. The Transvaal in this matter must be regarded as a self-governing colony and nothing would be done until parliament had been accorded ample freedom of discussion.

NO PRECISE MEANING.

London, Feb. 2.—The Chronicle says that the Alaskan papers remind us that Canada has a serious cause of complaint on the way our Foreign Office managed the negotiations. Lord Lansdowne is unable to attach any precise meaning to the vague phrase "impartial jurists of repute."

RAILWAY TO SUDBURY.

Deputation Will To-Day Ask Government for a Bonus.

Mayor John A. Johnson and County Crown Attorney W. L. Haight of Parry Sound are in the city, being the advance guard of a large deputation from that district that will wait upon the government to-day and submit a request for a bonus for a proposed railway from Toronto to Sudbury. A few miles of the railway have been built from the Canada Atlantic Railway to Parry Sound. The Dominion government has given a subsidy for the whole distance, while the Ontario government has assisted the enterprise from Parry Sound to Sudbury, a distance of about 90 miles. The entire length of the railway will be 265 miles, and among the advantages claimed for it is that it will shorten the run from Sudbury to Toronto by 80 miles, and bring to this city the business of the great nickel district that now goes to Montreal. The railway will skirt the east shore of Lake Simcoe, thru the Townships of Thorah, Mara, Rama and Morrison to Severn Bridge, thence by way of Bala to Parry Sound. "It means more to the City of Toronto than does the Grand Trunk Pacific," one of the deputation said last night, "and we are confident that the aid asked will be granted."

CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL LIBEL.

Montreal, Feb. 2.—William Blackley of Toronto appeared in the Police Court this afternoon to answer a charge of criminal libel preferred against him by J. P. Cook, Crown prosecutor. Mr. Blackley pleaded not guilty to the charge, and the preliminary hearing was fixed for next Tuesday. Bail was fixed at $1600, $800 personal and two sureties of $400 each.

The case arises out of the Margolius alleged conspiracy, in which Messrs. Bachrack, Blackley and Levy of Toronto were charged with defrauding the creditors of Margolius. After many postponements Messrs. Blackley and Bachrack were allowed to plead guilty, and were fined a nominal sum.

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CONSERVATIVES OF HOCHELAGA.

Montreal, Feb. 2.—Dr. A. A. Bernard of St. Henri was to-night nominated by the Conservatives of Hochelaga to contest that riding in the by-election called for Feb. 16, against L. A. Rivet, Liberal.

Try the decanter at Thomas.

MORGAN GOING TO MONTREAL.

Saratoga, Feb. 2.—J. P. Morgan's special train, en route from New York City to Montreal, passed thru here at 2.34 this afternoon. Mr. Morgan was accompanied by a number of friends.

SIR RICHARD'S MOVE.

Is He Preparing to Take Other Position Under Government?

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Recent events all point to some kind of impending move on the part of Sir Richard Cartwright. He has abandoned South Oxford, Mr. Hyman of London is about to join the cabinet without portfolio, another son of Sir Richard's has been appointed to a place in the civil service, viz., Capt. A. D. Cartwright, barrister of Toronto, secretary of the new Railway Commission at $4000 a year. Sir Richard may leave the cabinet to make a portfolio for Mr. Hyman, or he may take Hon. Mr. Scott's place in the Senate and let Mr. Hyman succeed that gentleman as Secretary of State. There is still another report that Sir Richard will be made Canadian High Commissioner at London. From authoritative sources in London it is learned that Lord Strathcona is thinking seriously of resigning, and his retirement may be announced any day.

MUST GIVE MEALS AT ALL HOURS

New Regulation Results From Refusal of St. Mary's Hotelkeepers.

The License Department of Ontario has inaugurated a new regulation which will compel hotelkeepers to supply meals at all hours. This action is the result of the alleged refusal of the proprietor of the Grand Central and Windsor Hotels at St. Mary's to furnish breakfast for delayed travelers.

License Inspector Choppin of Mitchell has been looking into the complaints and sends letters from the hotel proprietors, explaining the affair. They state the travelers came in at 10.30 and were told they could not get anything to eat till dinner time.

STILL BATTLING WITH SNOW.

Each Succeeding Storm Adds to Difficulties of Train Despatcher.

Yesterday's snow storm added greatly to the difficulties of the train despatched. Every incoming train was behind schedule time from an hour to four hours. The 9.30 G.T.R. from Chicago was three hours late, and the 9.10 C.P.R. from the west two hours and thirty minutes late. "It has been the hardest winter we have had in twenty years," remarked an old conductor. "Some of the cuts are so completely filled with snow that the least fall puts us out of business."

MOLYNEUX ST. JOHN AT REST.

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—The funeral of the late Molyneux St. John, Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, took place this afternoon from the Senate Chambers to Beechwood Cemetery. It was largely attended. Among those present were several ministers and deputy ministers. The obsequies were conducted by Rev. Canan Kittson. George Ham, represented the C.P.R., and H. R. Charlton the Grand Trunk Railway. The pall-bearers were: Hon. Clifford Sifton, Col. Fred White, Comptroller of N.W.M.P.; C. J. Jones, secretary Department of Railways and Canals; Capt. Agar Adamson, Archibald Stewart and J. W. Pugsley.

NEW VICTORIA MUSEUM.

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—The plans have been completed for the new Victoria Museum. It will be an imposing building longer than the Langevin block, and will have a tower 200 feet high.

Smoke the Guardian—for sale everywhere.

MORGAN NOW IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Feb. 2.—J. Pierpont Morgan, the New York financier, is in Montreal with some friends on a pleasure trip.

The announcement of the death of W. C. Whitney may cause him to return to New York immediately.

DEATHS.

BLOOR—At the Asylum for the Insane, on Sunday, January 31, 1904, James E. Bloor, aged 63 years, beloved husband of Ruth E. Bloor.

Funeral will take place from Chas. Bolton's undertaking rooms, on Thursday, the 4th, at 2.30 p.m., to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Army and Navy Veterans please accept this notice.

DAVIDSON—At Nordrach Ranch, Colorado Springs, Col., U.S., on Monday, the 1st of February, 1904, Amelia Penfold (Amy), beloved wife of N. Ferrar Davidson, and second daughter of the Hon. Mr. Justice Osler.

FINN—At his late residence, 606 Queen-street West, on Tuesday, Feb. 2, 1904, Hugh Finn, aged 44 years.

Funeral from above residence Thursday morning, at 8.45, to St. Mary's Church, thence to St. Michael's Cemetery.

Members C.M.B.A., 111, and friends please accept this intimation.

MILES—At his father's home, 47 Teraulay-street, George Charles Miles, dearly beloved son of Henry and Emily Miles, aged 18 years 4 months. His end was peace.

Funeral from above residence Thursday, at 2.30, to St. James' Cemetery.

STEWART—At Hamilton, on Saturday, Jan. 30, 1904, Agnes, wife of W. H. Stewart, aged 40 years.

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