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TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS

WILL PLANT LARGE BEDS OF LOBSTERS.
 Vancouver, Aug. 20.—The fisheries cruiser Kestrel, is now at Victoria for the purpose of taking Prof. Prime, chairman of the Canada Fisheries Commission, to the west coast of Vancouver Island, it having been arranged that an examination was to be made by him of the various inlets north of the west coast and of the Mainland coast with a view to the planting of extensive lobster beds for the purpose of establishing a lobster industry on the British Columbia coast.

It is likely that the exploration of the ocean beds at Barclay Sound, Clayoquot, Kyusnot and Quinsimo, as well as other inlets, will be deferred, and the present trip devoted to deep sea dredging for scientific purposes.
 The Kestrel will take another trip carrying Prof. Prime for the purpose of looking into the temperature of the water, the bottom and other particulars to be ascertained before any decision is definitely reached with regard to the planting of lobsters. Some small beds of lobsters have already been planted on this coast and left to propagate. These beds would first be visited to see what the result has been. It is understood that the proposed scheme is for the planting of very extensive beds in order that in the course of four or five years a lobster-taking industry may be established on this coast on a large scale.

SQUAW CHOKED HER HUSBAND.
 Shovel Lake, Man., August 21.—The arrest of a squaw charged with murder and the finding of the body of John Assinwasiss, of Rolling River, commonly known as Fred Johnson, has cleared up the peculiar and sudden disappearance of that Indian about a month ago. The squaw was on trial here yesterday and today for the murder of her husband.

Between three and four weeks ago Assinwasiss disappeared and nothing had been seen or heard of him for some time. Indian Agent Wheatley notified the provincial police and asked for an investigation. Provincial constables Jos. Guertin and Garlock of Portage la Prairie were put on the case. The two started in, and after a careful hunt found a little mound about two miles north-east of the town. Scrapping the earth away they came upon the body of the Indian, which has been buried in a hodge.

Confesses to Murder.
 The accused squaw made a confession, and stated that her husband had been drinking and brought home to the tepee two large bottles of whiskey, which she had hidden from him. Johnson then threatened to kill her if she did not give up the hidden whiskey. He chased her and she hid down her child. She then choked and choked him, not intending to kill him, but he died shortly afterwards.

Early in the morning she dragged the corpse to a big knoll near by, wrapped him in his blanket, and buried him, putting his drinking cup under his arm.

NEWS FROM THE SOUTHERN CITY.
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 Calgary, Aug. 21.—Word was received today that Marsh, of Winnipeg, would not compete in the race with Burn here on the 24th of August, and great dissatisfaction is felt at his action. A large amount of money being the Marsh is afraid to meet Burn.
 The local lumbermen, who have received notice of prosecution from the Provincial government as a result of a large meeting and after discussing all the details of the case finally appointed R. B. Bennett, of Lougheed & Bennett, to look after their case for them. They refused to make any statement to the press.

The Bluejay, which was held at a Victoria park this afternoon was a great success. The city had granted a half holiday on which 10,000 people turned out to witness the sports, 2,000 of whom were from the Maritime provinces. Judge Travis, who made the opening address, congratulated the city council, and Mayor Cameron, in replying, said he thought it was rather out of place on such an occasion.

To Visit Alberta Mission Fields.
 Winnipeg, Aug. 20.—Rev. Dr. Johnston of Montreal, and Mrs. Johnston, are here. Dr. Johnston is on his way to the West to visit the home mission fields in number, in the province of Alberta which are supported by the congregation of which he is pastor, the American Presbyterian church of Montreal.

General French Coming.
 Ottawa, August 20.—General Sir John French, inspector general of the forces, intends to visit Canada to make an official examination of the state of the defensive service. No date has been fixed, but it is likely that he will go early next year.

Inspector Coming West.
 Ottawa, Aug. 21.—Inspector White, of the Northwest Mounted Police, leaves Ottawa tomorrow on a three-weeks inspection trip in the West. He will take in the most important headquarters, going as far north as Edmonton.

BANK RATE UP.
 Bank of England Raises Discount From 4 to 4 1/2 Per Cent.
 London, Aug. 21.—The directors of the Bank of England after a prolonged discussion today raised the bank's discount rate from four to four and a half per cent., owing to the monetary situation on the continent, and in New York and the anxiety of American houses to see the financial hills here, which is taken to indicate possible gold shipments to New York in the near future.

The recent foreign competition for the gold arrivals evidently helped the directors to arrive at their decision and the annual demand for Europe, as well as South America, must be met before the year end. The reserve will be sufficiently depleted without

AN ALTOGETHER WEAK PLATFORM

Is That Upon Which Conservatives Propose Fighting Next Elections.
 Montreal, Aug. 22.—Commenting on the Borden platform, the Montreal Star says: "He deals in hints rather than dramatically positive assertions. His platform contains several good ideas, but it is not too much to say that he appears to be a trifle afraid of naming them himself."
 The Montreal Herald finds that in eight out of the fourteen planks there is no new issue raised, and between the time he left the ark and the time he joined the McKinley-Darragh, prospecting round Lake Temagami after riding several hours back from the haunt of the millionaires he struck an iron mountain and promptly staked it. The vein, he says, is over a hundred feet wide and runs across five lots. It is magnificent and shows assays from 20 to 66 per cent. ore. The Mackenzie & Mann railway from Sudbury will run within two miles of this mountain of ore and put it within reach of a market.

THEY WILL AID.
 Ottawa, Aug. 21.—The Canadian Manufacturers Association has forwarded to the Government a resolution endorsing the request of the commercial travellers' associations that the Thanksgiving day be held on a Monday instead of Thursday. Hon. Mr. Scott, Secretary of the Department of Trade and Commerce, has promised that the Government will consider the matter carefully.

RETURN FROM TRIP TO ICELAND.
 Copenhagen, Aug. 21.—King Frederick and the members of the Danish parliament will return tomorrow for their trip to Iceland. The visit has been exceedingly successful, and it is hoped that the intercourse between Iceland and Denmark will be greatly improved. A fleet of mail-boats of all descriptions, with 30,000 persons on board, will welcome his majesty on his return. The king's trip into the interior of Iceland lasted a week. The whole party travelled on horseback after riding several hours a day. His majesty was accompanied by a thousand horsemen and horsewomen, including 200 tourists, Danes, Americans, British and Germans.

ENCOUNTER WITH TROOPS.
 Odessa, Aug. 20.—An encounter has taken place at Kryvoscera between a detachment of troops and a party of anarchists. The anarchists barricaded themselves in a house. They opened fire from the windows and held the troops at bay for 18 hours. The local police and several cosaks were killed. Two of the anarchists lost their lives but the others managed to escape. General Gregoroff, who has been prefect of Odessa for nearly two years, has been dismissed and the result there is a great anxiety among the Jews of this city. General Gregoroff is in the city in a serious condition. A Jewish attack last February, in which personally to the Emperor the impending trouble.

MOORE TO GRAB HOLD OF CHINA.
 Washington, Aug. 21.—Chablegrams announcing that the Empress Dowager of China proposes to accept at the next Chinese fair, a new order of significance to the west. A report mentioned recently regarding the possibility of sending the Pacific American fleet to the Pacific in the early winter. As stated, well posted commercial interests insist that the fear of a Chinese revolution, which the Empress Dowager steps aside more deeply concerns the high officials of this government than the ordinary people of the country.

NEW PLAGUE IN INDIAN EMPIRE.
 Consumption of Alcohol is Greatly on the Increase.
 London, Aug. 21.—Replying to a deputation which drew attention to the growing consumption of intoxicating liquors in India, John Morley, secretary of state for India, said: "I confess it is shocking that while we are flatter ourselves that we are spreading Western civilization in the East—a long and difficult operation—at the same time, by transporting our industrial systems, to some extent and in other ways spread one of the main causes of the ruin of much social happiness in the West."

RICHEST FIND YET IN COBALT.
 Cobalt, August 20.—The cluster of mines round the Green-Melhan mine in Bucke are almost without exception making good. The latest to come in luck's way is the Cobalt Contact mine.

ENDORSE ALL-RED ROUTE.
 St. John, N. B., Aug. 22.—The annual meeting of the Maritime provinces boards of trade opened yesterday with many important subjects slated for discussion. The following resolution was passed unanimously: "This convention of the Maritime Provinces Boards of Trade believing that fast and high class mail, passenger and express freight services are essential to the development of the British possessions and the political advantage to Canada and all parts of the Empire, hereby heartily endorse the All-Red line, the project proposed by the Premier of Canada, and unanimously adopted at the recent Imperial conference, and to the Canadian Government to take all possible steps to hasten the inauguration of the scheme."

In Effort to Save Long Walk.
 Amherst, Aug. 23.—A serious accident occurred as the Royal Blue excursion was returning from the lake last night. Frank Brown trying to save a walk attempted to jump off the train just as it was starting. He was evidently the man hit on his head falling back on the track. He was removed to the hospital. His right leg was crushed, requiring amputation.

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Striking New Plan.
 The plan of the secretary is new to the financial world, and he believes will prove more efficacious than the old method of waiting until the country was severely shaken financially, and then coming to the rescue at the last moment by placing a large sum of government funds in New York, Boston and other points. The security required to be approved state, municipal and railroad bonds, acceptable under the existing requirements of the department, with the understanding that if called for such bonds should be returned after January 1 in instalments to be fixed by the secretary of the treasury.

Avoid Acute Stringency.
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