

QUEBEC COMMISSION.

Details of Twelve Subjects of International Concern About to Be Submitted.

Principal Industries of This Province Directly Involved in the Proposed Bargaining.

Bering Sea Rights, the Fisheries and Alaskan Boundary Have the Leading Place.

Washington, July 30.—It is announced that the first meeting of the joint high commission appointed by the United States and Great Britain to consider various matters of importance between the United States and Canada will be held on August 23 at Quebec. They are to consider in the main, the following matters:

- 1. The questions in respect to the fur seals in Behring sea and waters of the North Pacific ocean.
2. Provisions in respect to the fisheries of the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, and in the waters of the common frontier.
3. Provisions for the delimitation and establishment of the Alaska-Canadian boundary by legal and scientific experts if the commission shall so desire, or otherwise.
4. Provisions for the transit of merchandise to or from either country across intermediate territory of the other, whether by land or water, including natural and artificial waterways and intermediate transit by sea.
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6. The question of alien labor laws applicable to the subjects or citizens of the United States and Canada.
7. Mining rights of citizens or subjects of each country within the territory of the other.
8. Such readjustment and concession as may be deemed mutually advantageous of customs duties applicable in each country.
9. A revision of the agreement of 1857 respecting naval vessels on the lakes.
10. Arrangements for the more complete and making of any part of the frontier line by land or water where the same is now insufficiently defined or so marked as to be liable to dispute.
11. Provisions for the conveyance for trial or punishment of persons in the lawful custody of either country through the territory of another.
12. Reciprocity in wrecking or salvage rights.

WHY GARCIA SULK.

General Scharf Refused to Place Him in Authority at Santiago.

Washington, July 30.—The war department has received the following: Santiago de Cuba, July 29.—Have the Sun of Saturday, July 23, in which comments are made as to my treatment of General Garcia. I desire to say that General Garcia was invited by me personally to go into the city of Santiago at the time I entered, but he declined upon the ground that the Spanish officers were left in power. It was fully explained to him that it was convenient to change them for others.

General Garcia's assistance to me personally was voluntary on his part. I was told at the beginning that I did not exercise any control over him, except such as he chose to give. I had no trouble with General Garcia was that he expected to be placed in command at this place, in which I was not. Cuban independence could not be considered by me.

Another grievance was that finding several thousand men that finding without opposition from General Garcia, and closed up the gap as I thought I had to depend on my own men for an effective investment of the place. (Signed) Scharf.

THE OVERLAND ROUTE.

Story of Mistortune to Prospectors in the Far Interior.

Seattle, Wash., July 30.—Maurice B. Atkinson, of New York, who started Klondike by way of the Ashcroft trail, has returned here with a story that 500 prospectors are stranded at a point about 700 miles from Ashcroft.

DOMINION NEWS NOTES.

Lintope Factory Destroyed.—Western Crews Invited to Toronto.—An Incendiary Chinaman.

Fred Garwin, of River du Loup, David B. O'Neil, of St. Hubert, Montreal, and G. O. Binet, of Quebec, have arrived at Montreal from Klondike with gold said to amount to \$200,000 which they took out of Hunker and El Dorado creeks during the last three years. They came home by way of St. Michael and San Francisco. They expect to return to Yukon.

The governors of McGill University have appointed Ernest Rutherford, M.A., B.Sc., of Trinity College, Cambridge, the W. C. Macdonald chair of physics, and James Wallace Walker, of University College, London, the Macdonald chair of organic chemistry.

The Lintope factory on St. Antoine street, Montreal, has been almost completely destroyed by fire. Loss, \$300,000. The executive committee of amateur regatta at Toronto on August 8 and 9 have decided to send a special invitation to Manitoba and British Columbia rowing clubs to send representatives.

It has been definitely arranged that H. B. O'Neil, Q.C., will attend the preliminary investigation into the Nanaimo bank robbery case in the interest of the crown.

W. Ingram of the Winnipeg police force, has been appointed chief game warden for the province. A man named Kennamore, serving a month at Regina for drunkenness, has confessed to murdering a clergyman in

BISMARCK (GORE).

Hopes for Recovery Disappointed and Death Claims Another Maker of History.

Incidents in the Eventful Career of the Builder of the German Empire.

In His Day the Man Most Feared in the Capitals of Continental Europe.

Berlin, July 30.—Prince Bismarck died shortly before 11 o'clock this evening. Details of the ending moments of the venerable statesman's career are obtained with difficulty, because of the lateness of the hour, and the strenuous endeavors of the attendants and family to prevent publicity. The death of the ex-chancellor came as a surprise to all Europe.

Despite the family's denial there was an undercurrent of opinion when the sinking of the Prince was first announced, inspired more by what the family left unsaid than by any information given, but when the daily bulletins were chronicled by the press, the Prince's condition, detailed his extensive fields of fare, and told of his devotion to his wife, the public opinion of Mr. Schlieffinger's assertion that there was no reason why Bismarck should not reach the age of 90 years. The reports were deemed to be repetition of the claim that Prince Bismarck was in extremis which had been often repeated in the past.

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STANDING BY ZOLA.

Eminent Members of the Legion of Honor or Resign Because of His Expulsion.

Paris, July 30.—The expulsion of M. Emile Zola from the Legion of Honor promises to create serious dissension in the ranks of that organization. The well known author, M. Jules Barbier, resigned yesterday on account of Zola's expulsion, and this morning M. de Pressensac, the distinguished editor of the *Revue*, has resigned a similar course, saying it is repugnant to wear a decoration which still ornaments the breast of a man like a felon.

VANCOUVER AND VICINITY.

A Prize Story From Chilliwack—Expense Headwear.—The Victorian Nurses.

Vancouver, July 30.—Marine insurance men are putting up rates rapidly owing to the number of accidents of late. In several instances risks have been refused. Others have been taken at a ten per cent. rate.

A story comes from Chilliwack that a large deposit of fire-burning rock has been located averaging \$200, but numbering specimens are running from \$3,000 to \$10,000 to the ton.

Mr. Justice Irving filed a witness \$10 yesterday, and held that the witness on his part during a session of the court. The fine imposed at first was \$20, but was later reduced to \$10.

The following ladies and gentlemen comprise the committee chosen to take the training home for nurses of the Victorian order: Dr. Ely, Dr. Brydon-Jack, Mr. Salsbury, Mr. McQueen, Mr. Dun and the executive of the local council.

The Westminster school board is devising ways and means for increasing the capacity of the schools as the pupils are becoming too crowded in the present buildings.

The Conservative association in Westminster have convened and elected officers. The sunken steamer *Georgie E. Rose* is being repaired. She is to be lifted between barges and taken up to the beach, and let go again to be patched up at low tide.

The Rev. Field-Yolland is leaving Westminster owing to ill-health.

PROF. CAIRD DEAD.

The Eminent Theologian Closes His Career at a Venerable Age.

London, July 30.—Prof. John Caird, D.D., is dead at the age of 78 years. Prof. Caird was a native of Glasgow, and graduated from the University of Glasgow in 1845. In 1862 he was appointed professor of Divinity in the University of Glasgow, and eleven years later he became principal and vice-chancellor of the institution. He died at the office of one of Her Majesty's captains for Scotland.

THE MARQUIS DE MORES.

Tragic End of His Mischievous Mission to the Sudan Recalled.

TO AVOID COLLISIONS.

Canadian and French Authorities Both Stirred by the Burgogue Calamity.

Suggestion That Trans-Atlantic Routes Shall Be Fixed by International Law.

Bodies of Many Passengers Found Afloat and Valuables Recovered From Them.

Halifax, July 28.—(Special.)—Captain W. H. Smith, R.N.R., government wreck commissioner, made public to-day his report on the result of the inquiry into the cause of the collision between the *Burgogue* and the *Cromartyshire*, which resulted in the loss of the former vessel and over 500 persons on board. Capt. Henderson and officers of the *Cromartyshire* were declared free from responsibility for the disaster and their conduct after the collision is pronounced to have been most praiseworthy. As for the *Burgogue*, the evidence, it is asserted, is clear that instead of endeavoring to avoid the *Cromartyshire* she apparently made no effort to do so. She was running at a very high rate of speed, whereas she should have maintained only a moderate speed on account of the thick fog which prevailed.

Local underwriters have decided to take no more risks on boats bound for the North. A free fight occurred among fishermen in South Vancouver. One of them used a knife and as a result a man named Otto was severely stabbed. Water front thieves are stealing boats belonging to boat horses nightly. The trouble is becoming exasperating. Last night six boats were stolen and they have not yet been recovered.

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The SEARCH FOR ANDREW. Journey of the Relief Expedition Through Siberian Wilds.

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Placed at San Francisco For Protection Against Hostile Fleets—Can Be Seen 100 Miles.

The United States government has received a patent for a most powerful electric searchlight. The light from this great projector is conservative. The light from this great projector is conservative. The light from this great projector is conservative.

IMPERIAL PENNY POSTAGE.

The Scheme Will Go Into Effect on The Prince of Wales' Birthday.

Toronto, Aug. 1.—A cable to the Telegram from London says: "Hon. Wm. Mulock, postmaster general of Canada, has gone to Paris on a visit. The penny postage, in the bringing about of which Mr. Mulock gave such valuable services, will go into force on November 5, the Prince of Wales' Birthday."

NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL. Baron Henschell Coming to the Coast—The Greater Britain Exhibition.

Ottawa, Aug. 1.—L. K. Jones, secretary of the department of railways and canals, has gone down to Quebec to take Baron Henschell on a trip to the Pacific coast. Sir J. G. Bourne being unable to go to England the Royal Society of Canada has appointed Gilbert Parker its representative at the opening of the Canadian tower by Lord Dufferin at Bristol in September.

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