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Vancouver, Jan. 14.-The Canadia. Pacific Liner Empress of Japan, which arrived yesterday from Hong Kong, was, during her stay in that port, fitted out as a British cruiser. The armament of the Japan, which is now at the British naval station Esquimalt, consists of ten guns, which can be mounted at any time within a few

have exclaimed: "My

would rather hang."

they not hang me next

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The Canadian Bost.

LINDSAY, FRIDAY, JAN. 22, 1807.

Was Very Much Exaggerated

in the Reports.

INDIAN AGENT MARTIN SUSPENDED

Found to Have Been Guilty of Active

Partisanship - Trinidad Centennial

Will be Marked by a Celebration

of an Historical Character-

Ottawa News Generally.

Hon, Mr. Sifton received a telegram

last night from the Indian Superin-

tendent in British Columbia, stating

that the report from the Pacific coast

about trouble among the Indians re-

garding potlatching was greatly ex-

aggerated. The telegram stated that

there was no difficulty with the In-

dians other than what the Indian offi-

cials and the local authorities could

attend to and that they could easily

Duncan Robertson, manager of the

Bank of British North America here,

has received notice of his promotion

to the branch in Halifax. Mr. Philpots

County Registrar Coffey has com-

pleted his annual report. It shows

that 2089 instruments in all were re-

gistered during 1896, as compared

with 1955 in the preceding year. Of

these 657 were deeds, 619 mortgages,

535 discharges of mortgages, and 64

wills. The considerations in the mort-

gages registered amount to \$594,466.22,

The celebration in the Island of Trinidad of the centennial of the oc-

cupation of that country by the Bri-

tish will not take the form of an in-

ternational exhibition, as at first pro-

posed. Instead, it is the intention to

hold a celebration of an historical

character between the 15th and 20th

of next month. The decision of the

Colonial Government to forego the ex-

hibition has been officially communi-

cated to the Dominion Government, so

that, instead of a display of Canadian

products, Canada's contribution to this

celebration will probably take the form

of a congratulatory message to the

Government of the colony. It was on

Feb. 17, 1797, that Sir Ralph Aber-

crombie took possession of the Island

for his sovereign, since which time it

has remained a colony of the British

Mr. Rainboth of this city, who was

appointed a commissioner to investi-

gate charges preferred against one

Martin, Indian agent at Maniwaki, has

made his report to the Minister of the

Interior, and the agent is under sus-

pension. Martin was charged with

having taken the part of an active

partisan. A large number of witnesses

The Minister of Militia, Gen. Gas-

coigne and Col. Aylmer visited a new

site suggested for the proposed rifle

range. It is situated about five min-

utes' walk from the C. P. R. station

that it was a most advantageous loca-

Exports from Ottawa consular dis-

The funeral of the late Prof. Glas-

trict to the United States last quarter

totalled \$734,468, a decrease of \$77,948.

macher took place this morning. The

faculty and students of Ottawa Uni-

The Sentinelle, published under the

patronage of the Oblat Fathers of

Mattawa, advocates the appointment

of a Roman Catholic bishop for that

locality on the ground that it is the

centre of the Nipissing and Temisca-

Senator George A. Cox was in town

A number of Quebec politicians, in-

cluding Messrs. Beausoleil, Savard and

Langelier, had an interview with Mr.

Mulock to-day regarding a readjust-

ment of mail subsidies on the Quebec

Prof. Mayor of Toronto University

lectured to a large audience here to-

night on the subject of Iceland. The

lecture was under the auspices of the

Literary and Scientific Society and the

The new civil service list made its

The Minister of Trade and Com-

merce was interviewed to-day by Mr.

.W. M. Macpherson of Quebec, on mat-

ters connected with the Dominion Line

Mr. McGregor, member for North

Mr. W. A. Fuller, agent for the Wal-

lace circus, was in the city to-day to

settle up with the Department of Cus-

toms for the past season's business.

The usual rebate of 90 per cent. has

been paid to the Wallace people on ac-

and circus paraphernalia generally.

M. P., arrived here to-night.

count of re-exportation of their cars

Mr. Penny, M. P., and Mr. Lemieux,

The Treasury Board was in session

The story is revived that Sir Richard

g for an informal conference at

thington or Canton with President-

· dwelling houses on Metcalfe-

manted by Mrs. Lambkin

'CcCullough and Mrs. Mc-

badly scorched this morn-

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McKinley on tariff matters.

Cartwright will very shortly be leav-

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IS NOW A WAR VES. SEL.

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will be his successor here.

preserve order.

Ottawa, Jan. 14.

Bank,

get prices.

EMPHATIC DENIAL OF THE REPORT

No Government Agents Sent to

Washington.

that Mesers. Farrer and Chariton are at the U. S. Capital in an Official Capacity-influx of Population From the West of England Probable -The Art Gattery Crowded.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 15 .- (Special.)-Ministers give an authoritative denial to the report from Washington that Mr. John Charlton, M. P., and Mr. Edward Farrer are there on business for the Canadian Government in regard to the tariff. The Government has not sent either of them to Washington, and, if they happen to be there at present, it is their own business which has taken them. Whatever Mr. Chariton may have to do with any commission that may be appointed to go to Washington in the future, The Journal save certainly Mr. Farrer

Journal says certainly Mr. Farrer will have no connection with it. Meantime there is no commission, and no one has been appointed by the Canadian Government to go to Washington or elsewhere in connection with the subject of reciprocity or any tariff arrangement with the United States. Mr. E. H. McAlpine, barrister of St. John, has been appointed a commissioner to investigate into charges of political partisanship preferred against certain fishery officers in New Bruns-wick. Captain Bloomfield Douglas, who was deputed to investigate into the charges in the three Maritime Provinces, will confine his enquiry to Nova Scotia and P. E. Island. Mr. J. W. Dunn, Canadian agent at

Bristol, England, writes the following well-informed remarks to a friend in this city: "The good crops in Manitoba and the Northwest, with advance of prices, are now getting pretty well known, and I am certain that if the people in this country can only find the money they will emigrate in large numbers next spring, and Canada will get the cream of this western portion of England. Hundreds are now writing for pamphlets, etc., containing information respecting the country. The Militia Department has been

informed that the Maxim guns ordered by Col. Lake, Quartermaster-General, last year are now en route from the Old Country, and may be here any day. There are 15 of these quick-firing machines, and they will be distributed at different points Nothing has been heard yet concerning shipment of heavier cannon to be placed on the fortifications at Quebec and Kingston, or of the neld artillery guns to be distributed among the Canadian batteries.

President Van Horne was asked today as to the proposed new station for Ottawa, and replied that the company had taken no steps in the matter as yet. The Montreal and Ottawa road was still 40 miles from this city, and they would not decide where the depot would be built until the road reached the city. He, however, stated that the decision arrived at some months ago to build at the northern end of Bankstreet had been abandoned, as it was too expensive and not convenient enough. He stated that there was another site in view, the location of which he did not feel free to state. There has been another shuffle round of the pictures in the National painting by George P. Renagle, a Royal Academican of 1802-30. The is a worthy representation of that memorable event. The picture was procured in Europe at a great bargain by the late Minister of Public Works, Judge Ouimet. A splendid specimen of the work of the late Paul Peel, entitled, "A Venetian Bather," is also now on the walls. The time is near at hand when the Government must do something to find new quarters for this collection of pictures. The fisheries exhibit is cramped, the space in the art gallery is limite, while in the geological museum hundreds of valuable specimens are stowed away out of sight for want of show case room. Before long the Government will be compelled by force of circumstances to put up a new geological building, and it is to be hoped when that time arrives the Government will see its way clear to provide more

room for the National Gallery. The Premier formally inaugurated the open air rink of O. A. A. C. and delivered a very pleasant address. He congratulated the Athletic Club on its success and said it was one of the few institutions in the Capital which was not looking to the country for fi-

It is announced that the infraction of prison rules by Father Cloutier, chaplain at the Stoney Mountain Penitentiary, consists of leaving his post without the sanction of the Minister. Father Cloutier wanted to accompany Archbishop Langevin on his eastern trip to Quebec, and applied for leave of absence. Before an absence was received from the department Father Cloutier started off with the Archbishop. The reply to Father Cloutier's request from the department was that be could not get away. The result was hat the priest was suspended, and the matter is now before the Cabinet. Father Cloutier's salary is about \$600. It is announced that until the civil service and superannuation legislation rasses Parliament appointments to the public service will be very few. It is claimed for the Postmaster-General that since he assumed his portfolio he has not made a single appointment. He has arranged a number of transfers and managed several dismissals, very urgent in the public interests, but his policy is to cut down the staff as far

W. F. Kehoe, B. A., private secretary to Hon. R. W. Scott, died tonight, after two months' illness, of low fever. Mr. Kehoe was the eldest son of Governor Kehoe of Carleton jail. He was for some years engaged as a reporter on the staff of The Ottawa Free Press, and was well and favorably known throughout the city. He was a graduate of Ottawa University, one of the stars of the famous football team, and valedictorian of his class. His demise will be greatly deplored by a large circle of friends, among whom are his former journalistic confreres. | they seized. The Department of Public Works is calling for tenders for the construction of sheep piling at Owen Sound and Kincardine; also for the reconstruction of the approach to the wharf at

C'Orignal. Mr. Controller Paterson returned from the west this morning. Mr. Casey, M. P., is in the city, as ilso Lieut.-Col. Stacey of St. Thomas. Hon. Col. Tisdale was in town to-Sir William Van Horne, President

of the C. P. R., was in the city to-day nd saw the Premier and Sir Richard Cartwright, it is said, on the subject f the Crow's Nest Railway.

Tuesday; I Rigo Janest Was in This Country With the Hungarian Band in 1888-He's a Glant in Music. New York, Jan. 10.-It now apptars that

Rigo Janesi, the Hungarian gypsy fiddler, who took the beautiful Princess de Chimay from her husband, has played his wonderful fiddle in America, with the Hungarian Band, who apptared in New York in 1888, and afterwards toured the United States and Canada. Hundreds of women hung on the same entrancing fiddle strings with which the young woman born in Dttroit us committed social suicide. 7r. Sommer, who controlled the gypsy
1 when in America, speaking of "Jan2 as he is called, said: "He is an ugly
3 He is very dark, short and squareow. red. He is a giant in music,

Than Gold Mining

IN THE OPINION OF PROF. DEAN

Close of the Successful Creameries Convention at St. Mary's-Prof. Robertsen on Bread and Butter for the Nation - Officers Elected for the Coming Year.

St. Mary's, Jan. 15,-The Ontario Creameries Convention closed at 5 o'clock this afternoon what is considered on all hands the most successful convention held in the twelve years of its existence. The attendance was large and the interest throughout the sessions of the three days never flagged, in fact increased, making this afternoon's session in many respects the most interesting and most profitable of the week.

Prof. Dean of the Ontario Agricul-tural College, Guelph, discussed the question of the butter and cheese in-dustry of Canada. He treated his subject in an exhaustive and able manner and argued there was much more for the people of Canada in the dairy industry of Ontario than in the mining industry of British Columbia. Gold out of the soil, which would ultimately become exhausted, would never better the country as much as butter out of

Hon. Sydney Fisher, ex-Governor Hoard of Wisconsin, C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture; J. Dillon of Prince Edward Island, all gave able Prof. Fletcher of the Dominion Experimental Farm, Ottawa, interested

the large number of ladies who were in attendance by an address on beautifying our homes. Prof. Robertson, Dominion Dairy Commissioner, ably handled the subject, "The Nation's Bread and Butter," and at a later stage took up the subject of packing butter for shipment, and detailed to the dairymen present the result of the most recent experiments in packing and shipping. He

advocated the raising of hogs in con-

nection with cheese and butter-mak-

ing, and urged upon his hearers the importance of system in every work they undertook and cleanliness in everything connected with dairying. Prof. Fletcher occupied the greater part of the afternoon with the subject, "Injurious Insects." It was one in which the farmers were particularly interested, as was evidenced by the scores of questions asked from the audience, all of which were handled to the entire satisfaction of the questioners by Prof. Fletcher, who was as painstaking in his endeavor to give the most detailed information on the various points raised as the readiness

of his answers showed him to be capa-

ble of doing. No more thorough or ex-

haustive address on this subject was

ever given to an audience in this section of the country. A caucus of creamery men was held at the Windsor Hotel last night and as a result of it, a resolution protesting against the action of the Joint Committees at Toronto in abolishing the Ontario Creameries Association was put to the meeting and carried

unanimously. The association then elected officers Art Gallery on O'Connor-street to for 1897, as follows: President, A. make room for a fine large historica! Wenger; first vice-president, J. Croil; second vice-president, F. J. Miller; directors W. D. McCammon, A. Campsubject is the death of Nelson, and it bell. C. R. Tousaw, John Sprague, A. A. Wright, F. L. Green, James Carmichael, W. J. Walton, A. R. Robier, Daniel Eckstein, James Struthers, William Halliday, W. H. Snider.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Items of All Kinds Taken From the Despatches and Paragraphed for the Convenience of Readers. The Springhill, N.S., coal miners' strike

When Mr. McKinley goes to Washington his mother, wife, brother and nieces will The Treasury deficit at Washington for the 1st of January is \$6,860,963, and for the

fiscal year to date \$44,763,360. Frazer, the transcontinental trotter, was a Morrisburg, Ont., yesterday, seven days ahead of schedule time, and in good shape. Lieut.-Gov. Kirkpatrick is doing as well

as could be expected in the hospital at

London, Eng., but will need careful at-Mrs. La Francis of North Chatham, Ont., has a pearl valued at \$100 which her husband found last night in an oyster on the half shell.

The Panama Canal Company is increasing the force of laborers at work on the canal. Five hundred more men are expected to arrive shortly from Carthagena. Mr. Mucklestone, teller of the Bank of Commerce at Chatham, broke through the oce while playing hockey yesterday and had a hard struggle to get out of the lcy water. The Canadian Bridge Company of Mont-real are in liquidation, Mr. J. W. Ross be-Fing appointed liquidator. The liabilities will reach about \$100,000 and assets about

Dr. D. H. Muir has been chosen as the Conservative candidate in Colchester, N.S., for the Commons seat vacated by Mr. Dimock being unseated. The Liberals have not yet chosen their man, At Philadelphia Patrick Donohue got married on Wednesday and the pair, it is said,

the same amount.

went on a drunk. During the night the woman died and now Donohue is under arrest on suspicion of having killed her. HERE IS A NEW SENSATION.

The Princess Be Chimay Suspected of Being

a Russian Spy. London, Jan. 15.-A despatch from Buda Pest to The Pall Mall Gazette says that before the eloping Princess Chimay and her Hungarian gypsy paramour, Rigo, left Buda Pest for Nice yesterday the police made a raid upon the apartments which the couple occupied, upon the strength of information furnished to the police authorities that the Princess was a spy in the employ of the Russian secret service. The police found no evidence of the woman's connection with the Russian secret service, but in the course of their search found a packet of letters that had been addressed to her by a European monarch, which

TWO OFFICERS ESCAPED.

Capi, Bolsragen and Consular Officer Locke Got Away From the Benin Tribe.

London, Jan. 15.-Despatches received at the Foreign Office this morning say that Captain Boisragon of the Niger Coast force and Consular Officer Locke, who were of the British Commercial Expedition, recently massacred by wild tribesmen in the territory of the King of Benin and were supposed to have perished with the ceeded in escaping from the onslaught Consul Phillips, Consular Officer Maling, Dr. Elliott, two civilians and about 250 Kroomen and native carriers, with the exception of seven. Kroomen, who made their escape and brought the news of the messacre to the officials of the Niger protectorate, are believed to have been killed.

William Hutchinson, Tarmer, or Mount Charles, has been arrested by High Constable Broddy of Brampton charged with fraud in having endorsed a note under false pretences, and with removal and concealment e goods to raud on altors

Dairying a Better Industry Julian Ralph Says the Princess is Demented.

Act as a Sacrifice Upon the Alter of True Love-The Gyper Very Nervous Lest He Should Lose Her.

New York, Jan. 14 .- Julian Ralph cables from Budapest to The Journal; As I am obliged to print every letter in thousands words in order that the Budapest telegraphers may send the long despatches mechanically to New York, it has been impossible heretofore for me to give more than the bare dialog with the Princess Chimay. To-day I give some comment and On my way to Hungary I wondered if she would refuse to see me, and mylong journey prove fruitless. I know now that my negro office bby with a newspaper card may talk for hours with the unfortunate

Seven-eighths of the Princess' money has been spent; the rest is in the hands of her uncle in America. Already she feels hampered for funds. The vanity of beauty and of past conquests, coupled with Parisian demoralization, has wreaked all this. It is the most perfect, the most lamentable example of the ruin that Paris produces on moths that frolic too near the flames of La Ville Lumiere.

The Princess talks plainly of all this, but

The Princess talks plainly of all this, but by defending herself reveals an unhinged mind, and she fancies herself the leader of realism applied to life as Paris has been applying it to art. She fancies that many leaders high in the social world yearn to imitate her example. She speaks of her awful act as a sacrifice upon the altar of true love.

On all sides I hear offers to wager that she and Algo will separate within three months. She already speaks of "living

Already he is in a chronic nervous terror of losing her. He fears being poinsoned; he suspects that some one will stab him, and he sees an enemy in every visitor.
The truth of the matter is he realizes that his good fortune is undeserved, and urges the Princess to fly to the remotest corners of the earth, and yet no sooner does he hear any place proposed than he conceives that somebody is bent on assassinating him in order to secure possession of his beautiful Princess.

Already, too, the life he is leading tell on his physique perceptibly. As to Rigo's appearance, it is enough to say that he a Hungarian musical gypsy. All are as near alike as so many cows or brownies. For all who are curious to know how other, it is amusing to hear her speak with almost reverence of Consuelo Vander bilt, the Duchess of Marlborough, as the Of the Marquise Castellane she says: Plain little thing, if she only knew it she could have married a king. Any king in the world would have liked to get her

one who can exercise a strong influence over the Princess Chimay, now is the time o step forward and divert her from her her present course, rouse her to her bette self, and to the exercise of her moral will ecause the fastest train in Europe, the Orient Express, does not approach its des-tination at half the speed with which the Princess is now rushing to destruction.

MR. BLAKE'S CHANCE.

a Cabinet Council yesterday in London

The Canadian Grator will have the Ol portunity of his Life in Moving the Taxation Amendment. Montreal, Jan. 15 - (Star Cable.) -At

it is stated Ministers considered the Queen's speech will be allotted. Though in no danger of defeat over a vote on the Irish taxation amendment, the defections in the Unionist ranks from that Island are not pleasant for the Government to contemplate. The Nationalist-Unionist coalition grows in strength, until in Hon. Edward Blake, who will move the amendment to the address, all parties are represented. Ireland will not await a deliverance by a new commission through which the Government designs to delay dealings with the Irish demands for financial redress. If the Irish members of all political faiths fail to obtain some better satisfaction of their demands than the appointment of a new session a campaign of obstruction, factory the dead fish which program. The Irish Unionists are led of the popular interest in the tax question in Ireland has been fully evinced by the great meetings held in Dublin, Limerick and Belfast, which attracted a strongly influential attendance, composed of men of all shades of political mand for the redress of their financial grievance, whereby Ireland pays an annual excess of £2,500,000, as reported by the commission. This body's reeleventh of that of Great Britain, the relative taxable capacity of Ireland is

very much smaller, and is not estimated by any of us as exceeding onetwentieth." this great grievance in such a way that all parties in Ireland will be satthe Queen's speech, the Canadian statesman has the chance of his lifetime. He was chosen because he represents the cool-headed, argumentative and logical type rather than the hot-headed, warm-hearted enthusiast. That Mr. Blake will do the matter fustice no one who has heard him before the Privy Council doubts. The subject calls for technical reasoning and in this Mr. Blake is a past master. It will be the greatest speech that Mr. Blake has made since he entered the British Parliament in August 1892, after being triumphantly elected member for South Longford.

BIG FIRE IN MONTREAL.

A Large Warehouse Belonging to Crathern & Caverbill Bestroyed-Loss \$300,000. Montreal, Jan. 14, 2 a.m.-Montrea

was the scene of another big fire to

night, which resulted in a loss of sev-

eral hundred thousand dollars. The fire started shortly after midnight in a large structure on Colborne-street, occupied as a warehouse by Crathern & Caverhill, wholesale hardware merchants. The warehouse was stored with a large and valuable stock of all kinds of hardware, heavy and light, others, have arrived at New Benin the firm being probably the largest wounded and exhausted. They suc- hardware merchants in the Dominion. The origin of the fire is a mystery, of the natives, and wandered in the but it seemed to have started in bush for a week before reaching New heart of the warehouse, and when the Benin. All of the others of the party, firemen reached the scene, the flames were furiously shooting out from all Campbell, Major Crawford, Captain sides. The warehouse and stock burned likea furnace and the firemen had great difficulty in handling the fire. The warehouse, which extended near-ly a whole block from Colborne to Ann-street, was soon ablaze from end to end, and, as it was impossible to rave the structure, the firemen turned their attention to confining it to the warehouse. The Dominion Transport Company's stables, which were situated on Ann-street, and in which there were over 100 horses, were saved. he fire at this hour is under control Crathern & Caverhill's warehouse is al most a complete ruin.

NOTICE TO PAY UP.

Parties indebted to us by Note or Book accounts will have to pay. There are quite a number who, if they do not come forward quickly, will be disagreeably surprised.

No more credit for longer than 30 days. From this date forward we will not charge any goods for a longer period than One Month.

SPRATT & KILLEN.

From Government to Postoffice Savings Bank.

The Idea is to Convert Them Into Fertilizing Material and Oil - An Important Decision in the McRae Case

-General News of All Kinds From Ottawa. Ottawa, Jan. 13.-(Special.)-The

Government Savings Bank at Yarmouth, N. S., has been closed owing to the death of Mr. Rowley, for many years the Assistant Receiver-General at that place. The whole of the deposits, amounting to \$658,116. way in which the amendments to the have been transferred to the Postoffice Savings Bank. For this reason the paid out of Mr. McRae's personal as withdrawals from the Government tate. Appeals will be taken by th Savings Banks last month appear to lawyers on both sides. be abnormally large, although as a matter of fact they are really below the deposits, which amounted to \$270, 381. Mr. John Fraser of the Finance Department recently visited Yarmouth, closed up the Government Bank there, and transferred the accounts to the Postoffice Savings Bank. This policy was adopted a few years ago, and as the present Assistant Receivers-General drop off the Government banks will be closed and all the deposits be handled by the Postoflice

A communication has been received at the Fisheries Department from gentleman in Prince Edward County, asking for information regarding the proposed establishment of a fertilizer and cil commission, they can make the whole factory. It is proposed to use in the which would blast the Government thrown up annually by the thousands on the shores of Lake Ontario. These by Col. Saunderson, member for North ish have proved a perfect nuisance Armagh, and the vitality and intensity along many portions of the lake, especially in the summer time, when their rotting pollutes the atmosphere to the annoyance of the summer residents at pleasure resorts. They are known as Menhaden, and were introduced into Lake Ontario by the late and religious faith, all eager to impress | Seth Greene, the celebrated fish culupon the British Government their de- turist. They are a sea fish, but being migratory in their habits often find their way to fresh water. In the case of those planted in Lake Ontario, however, they have simply remained port showed that, "While the actual there and died by thousands every tax revenue of Ireland is about an year. Factories similar to the one proposed to be established in Prince Edward are already in existence on the Atlantic coast,

C. E. Britton of Gananoque, brother of B. M. Britton, M.P., and who it tak-It is the duty of Mr. Blake, in re- | ing a deep interest in the reservation presenting the Dillonites, Healyites, of the waters of the Thousand Islands Redmondites and Unionists, to voice as an anglers' resort, was in the city to-day and had an interview with some of the Ministers. The practice of issuisfied. In moving the amendment to ing commercial licenses to fishermen in the waters of the St. Lawrence adjacent to Thousand Islands has been stopped, and Mr. Britton is here for the purpose of securing licenses for these men in other waters. Mr. Doyon of the Inland Revenue

Department has returned to Ottawa after a lengthy visit to Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, during which he made a thorough examination into the working of the Inland Revenue offices, with a view to reorganization and reduction of staff.

Mr. Knapp, barrister of Prescott, is in the city endeavoring to enlist the co-operation of local capitalists in an invention which, he thinks, is calculated to revolutionize ocean steamship traffic. He has invented a vessel, cylindrical in shape, with a stationary shaft. He desires to raise a few thousand dollars to construct a model in order to test the utility of his invention, and has already secured a large number of subscribers. Mr. Knapp has received the endorsation of one of the first naval engineers on the Clyde. The fishermen of British Columbia are urging the re-imposition of the duty on fresh salmon. The duty was removed two or three years ago in order to enable the canneries to purchase supplies of salmon in the States, but the fishermen say it has operated most injuriously against them.

Some years ago officers of the Customs Department seized several thousand school books on the ground of under-valuation. These have been lying in Ottawa for a long time past, and an effort is now being made by the department to dispose of them. Tenders are to be received until Feb. 15 for the purchase of 12,000 copies of Royal reader No. 2 and 25,000 copies of Royal reader No. 3. The Minister of Agriculture has de-

cided that horses driven by persons crossing the frontier when visiting friends in Canada shall, for the present, be not subject to quarantine inspection and fees. A similar concession will be made by the United States Government with regard to horses driven by parties in Canada crossing into the United States for the purpose

of visiting friends.

Mr. J. M. Macoun of the Geological Survey, who has spent several months at the seal rookeries in Behring Sea, leaves for England 10-morrow. He

is going to London for the purpos: of assisting Prof. D'Arcy Thompson. who came over at the request of the Foreign Office this year to study seal life, in the preparation of his report to the Imperial Government. Master-in-Chancery W. L. Scott ren dered an important decision to-day which hinged on the point whether Mr. or Mrs. Peter McRae, who were drowned in Deschenes Lake last summer, died first. The case involved the payment of about \$34,000 life insurance Mr. Scott maintained the contentions

of the counsel for the surviving child, that Mr. McRae died before Mrs. Mc-Rae. The judgment was founded principally on the evidence of Mr. F. H. F. Mercer, the last person to se the ill-fated family alive. The disposition of the insurance money was then governed by point of law. Mr. Scott held that five of the eight policles did not contain a declaration with in the meaning of the statutes, providing for the payment of moneys to heirs. He therefore ruled that thre of the policies, which definitely named Mrs. McRae and children as heirs. amounting to \$11,200, should go to the surviving child. The other five policies, \$22,800 in all, are to go to the creditors. Mr. O'Gara having proven the claims of Mr. J. W. McRae and Mr. A. W. Bell, they are to be paid out of the insurance money. Advance. made by the Ontario Bank are to b

J. A. Smart, who was spoken of recently as coming to Ottawa in con-Department. is no engaged by Mr. Sifton in looking into the working of the agencies of the department in Manitoba and the Northwest. Mr. Smart will pay a visit to Ottawa

Applications are still coming in asting the Tariff Committee of Ministers to visit a number of different places, but it is simply impossible to do so. Mr. Fielding and his co freres have not unlimited time at their disposal, and it is in the general inte est that the session shall come on as son as possible. Quebec, St. John and Halifax are the only points to be visited in

The Imperial Institute has notified the Government of its Intention to hold a fisheries exhibit in the institute next summer, and asking the co-operation of Canada to make it a success. Besides fishery products, all classes of appliances are to be shown. The Minister of Public Works has awarded a contract for three 1:ew boilers in the eastern block to Ald.

William Campbell of this city. Hon. Mr. Borden will accompany the Tariff Committee to the Maritime Provinces. The Ministers will leave here next Saturday evening for Quebec, thence to St. John and Halifax. It has been decided to pay a flying visit to Manitoba. Hon. Mr. Tarte left for Montreal this

afternoon. While there he will consult a physician. It is said he is suffering from inflammation of the liver. Hon, Mr. Fielding returned to the city to-day. There will be no further meetings of council until Saturday.

Contractor A. Onderdonk was in the city to-day. THE PLAGUE IN BOMBAY.

Half the Population of the City Have Fled - Cemeteries Overflowing. Bombay, Jan. 14 .- Over half of the

population of this city, estimated to amount to about 900,000, have fled from the plague, and the erstwhile crowded streets, docks and bazars are not recognizable. Business in piece goods, metal, crockery and hardware is at a standstill. The money-lenders have vanished, the courts are deserted and the judges and officials have gone to a healthier climate. Many of the native doctors, graduates of the college, have fled, and those remaining refuse to attend plague cases, or, when they do attend them, will not touch the sufferers. Clerks and others whose vocations call them to the city daily have fled to suburban stations, where the people are mostly living in thatched huts. It is estimated that 800,000 persons are encamped at Andheri, whence they will soon be forced to migrate owing to lack of water and sanitation threatening to breed cholera. The cemeteries are already filled to overflowing and the wind is spreading the contagion. The nights are made hideous by cymbals and melancholy

HE WAS ALMOST DEAD.

Young Man in Mamilton Drugged and Robbed by Strangers.

man named Charles Southon, who lives at 294 King-street east, was found behind the butter market building to-night unconscious and suffering from violent spasms. It was supposed that he had taken poison, as a small empty vial was found in his pocket, and he was immediately taken to the City Hospital. Emetics were administered, and Hospital. Emetics were administered, and after vomiting a great deal, the patient regained consciousness, but at a late hour to-night was still in dreadful agony. He denies having attempted to take his life. He states his illness was the result of having drunk what he supposed was whiskey from a bottle given him by two strangers in the Central Market. When the victim was found his trousers pockets were turned inW. G. Woods.

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