

JOINT COMMISSION. A BATTLE IMMINENT.

No Immediate Prospect of the Resumption of its Sittings.

DIPLOMATIC NOTES EXCHANGED

Alaska Boundary Negotiations in Progress Between the British Government and the United States-Imperial Authorities Know What Canada's Contentions Are in the Matter - Conservative Leadership.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—It was learned last night that while there is no immediate prospect of the resumption of the sittings by the Joint High Commission, negotiations with respect to the Alaska boundary have recommenced between the United States and the British Governments, and that an active interchange of diplomatic notes is in progress.

The Imperial authorities are, of course, well informed as to the contentions of Canada in this matter, the Dominion Government having some time ago placed in their possession a history of the question which was prepared by Sir Louis Davies. The report in question is an elaborate document of some 300 pages, which deals with the former treaties bearing on the Alaska boundary and the correspondence connected therewith, and comprehensively presents the Canadian side of the case.

The Conservative members and Senators of the Dominion Parliament, it is stated here, will meet in Ottawa on the 5th of February, the day when the House assembles, in order to select one of their number to act as leader during the session. The appointment, it is said, will only be a temporary one, but whoever is chosen for the position may continue to hold it until a permanent leader is called to take command.

ANOTHER CIVIL WAR.

Revolution in Venezuela Against National Asphalt Company's Concessions.

New York, Dec. 20.—The Tribune says: A cable message has been received at the office of the National Asphalt Company, from its agent in Venezuela, which announces that a revolution has broken out in that country. No details were contained in the message.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

A. C. Fraser has been elected Mayor of Brandon by a majority of seven Mr. Hanbury. The New York police have refused to issue a license to the Duke of Windsor on the ground that he is a fugitive.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The State Department has received a cablegram from the United States Charge d'Affaires at Bogota, stating that a great battle has been fought at Girard Point, Magdalena River, Colombia, which lasted two days, and resulted in a decisive victory for the Government.

BEILIN'S PROGRESS.

Berlin, Ont., Dec. 20.—During the past year 151 new buildings and improvements have been undertaken in this town, at a cost of \$150,000. This includes eight new manufacturing establishments.

A GREAT SCHEME.

Whereby It Is Hoped to Add 5,000 Yearly to the Population of the Province of Quebec.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—There is a great scheme on hand to add very largely to the population of this Province. It is understood that negotiations are progressing between the Quebec Government and certain representatives of Finland to secure a concession of a million acres of land on the Perabuka River, Lake St. John, and that the proposition is to settle 5,000 Finlanders every year on these rich agricultural lands of the Lake St. John.

The delegates who represent the Finlanders say that the climate of Quebec is not so severe as that of their own country, and with the pulp mills and other industries now under way, they claim that these proposed newcomers will make prosperous homes for themselves, and, at the same time, become valuable settlers.

WINBERG THREATENED.

Gen. Knox Has Quit the Chase After Dewet in Consequence.

London, Dec. 20.—It was reported yesterday afternoon that Gen. Knox has been forced to discontinue the pursuit of Gen. Dewet, owing to the situation created in Cape Colony by the Boers crossing the Orange River. It is said that 3,000 Republicans have entered Cape Colony, and that a considerable number have reached Philippstown. The report adds that Dewet, with about 4,500 men, is now northwest of Ladybrand, and that an attack on Winberg is momentarily expected.

KITCHENER'S SILENCE

Increases Public Disquiet Regarding the Cape Colony Invasion.

London, Dec. 20.—The War Office last evening could give no information regarding the reports of a Boer invasion of Cape Colony. The officials expressed the opinion, however, that the newspaper accounts were exaggerated, and that probably the troops who had been employed in chasing Dewet will be diverted to deal with the invaders.

REQUEST TO MR. LYNE.

Gov.-Gen. of Australia Offers Him First Premiership of Federation.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 20.—The Earl of Hopetoun, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, has requested Mr. William John Lyne, the Premier of New South Wales, to form the first Federal Ministry. Mr. Lyne is considering the proposition.

Didn't See the Other Car.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Alice J. Evans of 69 Grand avenue, widow of the late ex-Lord George M. Evans, was run over by trolley No. 542 at the corner of Peter and Queen streets shortly after 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and received such severe injuries that she died in the Emergency Hospital about an hour later. Mrs. Evans was crossing the road, and had apparently gone round behind a west-bound car, and did not notice a Queen and Dundas trolley going east.

George Payne Sent For Trial.

Bowmanville, Ont., Dec. 20.—Geo. Payne and Harry Brinnacome were brought before Police Magistrate Haynes yesterday on remand charged by Chief Jervis with connection with the fire at the Upper Canada furniture factory on Dec. 4. The case occupied all next trial at the Assizes on March 4 next, and Brinnacome was released, no suspicion attaching to him further than being in bad company.

Will Own Its Light.

Kingston, Dec. 19.—The corporation of the city of Kingston has served notice on the Kingston Light Heat & Power Company of its intention to proceed, under the terms of an agreement existing between the city and the company, to arbitrate and fix a price for the purchase of the gas and electric light plant of the company. The value of the plants aggregate \$100,000. The company's contract for street lighting ends with the close of 1901.

Ontario Beats Them All.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Hon. John Dryden has received a letter from J. G. Jardine, Ontario Commissioner to the Paris Exposition, saying that Canadians have been awarded an additional 2 gold, 15 silver and 5 bronze medals for fruit, and, with a total of more than 20 awards for agricultural and horticulture, has beaten every country in the world.

Black Pearl Worth \$15,000.

New York, Dec. 20.—The customs authorities have received at the appraiser's stores for appraisement a black pearl from London, weighing 165 grains, and valued at about \$15,000. It is said to be the largest pearl ever imported into this country.

German Steamer Crippled.

Porto Delgado, Azores Islands, Dec. 20.—The North German Lloyd steamer, Trier, Captain Von Decken, which sailed from Bremen, Dec. 1, for New York, has put in here with her machinery out of order. She has 630 passengers on board.

Death of Judge Ouint.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—Death struck down early yesterday morning Hon. Judge Alphonse Ouint, of the Superior Court, aged 55 years. Deceased, who had been on the bench since 1886, was no relation to Hon. J. A. Ouint, of the Court of Queen's Bench.

OUR GRAIN IN ENGLAND.

British Buyers Complain of Shipments to Canadian Authorities and an Investigation Will Be Held.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Lord Strathcona was presented with complaints from the purchasers of grain in Britain as to the character of the certificate on which the grain was forwarded from Canada. The High Commissioner laid the matter before the Canadian authorities, and it is now understood the Minister of Inland Revenue has recommended the appointment of a commission to investigate the whole matter so that it may be remedied.

UNITY OF THE EMPIRE.

Principal Theme of Lord Strathcona's Inaugural Address at Aberdeen University.

London, Dec. 19.—Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, the Canadian High Commissioner, was installed yesterday as Lord Rector of Aberdeen University. He met with a demonstratively cordial greeting from the students. In his rectorial address, Lord Strathcona dealt with the unity of the Empire. He referred to the gratifying growth of the Dominion of Canada, the Federation of Australia, and the similar Federation of South Africa, to follow the way. The speaker did not altogether favor an Imperial Parliament. He thought a consultative Imperial Council would meet all the needs.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

Manitoba Government Will Introduce Such a System Shortly.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 20.—Hon. C. H. Campbell announces that it is the intention of the Local Government to introduce a system of compulsory education into the province at an early date. This had been decided upon after mature consideration by the Government, and it was felt that something must be done to ensure the proper education of the large foreign population, which, in the near future, the province will have to take into account. It could not afford to allow these people to grow up in ignorance of the English tongue, and consequently compulsory education was felt to be a good remedy.

30,000 MEN ON STRIKE.

Antwerp, Dec. 20.—The dock laborers' strike, growing out of the dispute between the shipowners and their employes regarding night and Sunday work, became general yesterday, and it is estimated that 30,000 men have quit work. The coal men have joined the dock laborers. Ships' crews and firemen are leading their vessels, but they make little progress, few, if any, outsiders have yet arrived to take the places of strikers. Four hundred men are expected from England to-night.

Ship Down From Dawson.

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 20.—The Anur has arrived after a rough trip. She reports the drowning of a party of early miners in Hata Lake, near Copper Mountain, owing to the capsizing of their boat. The bodies were not recovered. Early and Mrs. Baker were on the eve of marriage.

Thibet Would Break From China.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 19.—The Rev. Herbert H. H. head of the American Chinese mission in South China, who has returned to Canada for his health, after six years' labor in the mission field, states that he is in possession of information from an excellent source to the effect that Thibet is taking advantage of the condition of China, desires to throw off the yoke, and preferring to be a vassal of Russia or Great Britain, has made overtures to both those countries to open up Thibet to the commerce of the world.

Parliament Opens Feb. 6.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 17.—Saturday's Canada Gazette has a proclamation summoning Parliament for Feb. 6.

Far Above All Others.

That's the standing of the "King Quality" shoe for Women. Many Women imagine that they have to pay a big price when they want a fine pair of shoes. That's a mistake. "King Quality" is the one shoe that gives comfort to the feet, wears long, fits snug and nice and looks stylish. Sensible Women buy the "King Quality" shoe. They cost \$3.



TREASURER'S SALE OF LANDS IN THE COUNTY OF VICTORIA

FOR ARREARS OF TAXES, TO BE HELD IN THE COURT HOUSE, LINDSAY, ON Tuesday, February 26th, 1901, at 11 o'clock a.m.

Table listing land parcels for sale in various townships including Bexley, Bobcaygeon, Garden, Dalton, Digby, Eldon, Fenelon Falls, Laxton, Mariposa, Omemee, Somerville, Kinmount, and Woodville. Columns include Part of Lot or Street, Lot, Con., Acres, Area, Costs of advertising and commission, Total, and Patented or not.

Talking About CLOTHES

Did it ever occur to you that we make Suits and Overcoats to order at prices but slightly in excess of those asked or ready-made? While the workmanship and materials we use are far superior in every respect. The striking and agreeable features about tailor-made garments are: They hold their shape and keep their color. If you can't afford a \$20 Suit try one at \$15 or \$17.50. We'll guarantee to give \$25 worth of satisfaction.

Cathro & Co.

FREE! We give this splendid gift to every customer who orders a suit or overcoat. Our agents had these buttons very cheaply. Everybody uses buttons and they are very necessary. We will give you a button for every suit or overcoat you order. We will also give you a button for every suit or overcoat you order. We will also give you a button for every suit or overcoat you order.