KING AND QUEEN WELCOMED

Malta Was En Fete to Greet Their Majesties on Arrival

A despatch from Malta says: King George and Queen Mary landed here on Wednesday, and were given an enthusiastic welcome. The picturesque harbor of La Valletta, formerly held by the Knights of St. John as the most easterly bulwark of Christendom in the Mediterranean, was gaily decorated, and the British fleet thundered a Royal salute. The King and Queen were received in state by General Sir Ian S. Hamilton, commander-in-chief of the Mediterranean department; Chief Justice Sir J. Carbone, members of the Legislative Council, and a crowd of nobles. A drive through troop-lined streets to Government House was followed by a reception, at which most of the Maltese officials and noblemen were presented to the King and Queen. Although many of the Maltese are closely related to the Italians, they hate their neighbors, and much prefer self-government under British rule. Therefore, the reception accorded their Majesties was one of the most enthusiastic they have received since they left England. Beside the British Mediterranean fleet, which was present in virtually full strength, a squadron of French warships, under the command of Admiral Boue de Lapeyrere, joined in the greeting, thus marking the existing friendship between Great Britain and France. The City of Valetta is thronged with British and French visitors, who have come especially to participate in the festivities.

AEROPLANE SAVES ITALIANS.

Determined Attack by Turks—Heavy Italian Losses.

A despatch from Gabes, Tunis, says: Details of the engagement between the Turks and Arabs and an Italian column near Ghirgarish, a small oasis about ten miles along the coast from Tripoli, on January 19, have reached here, and show that at the time of the fighting the Italian destroyers had temporarily withdrawn. Boats laden with contraband approached the shore and opened a heavy fire on the Italian forces. At the same time 1,000 Turkish regulars at Ainzara prepared to attack the Italians from the rear. The Italians would inevitably have been annihilated if by chance an aeroplane, coming out to try its motor, had not been seen by the Turks, who became so alarmed that they were unable to carry out the turning movement. They kept up their firing, however, until nightfall. The Italians lost fifty killed and thirty wounded.

DARING BANK ROBBERY.

Branch of Royal Bank of Vancouver is Held Up.

A despatch from Vancouver says: The Royal Bank of Canada branch, at the corner of Main street and Seventeenth avenue, was literally cleaned out of all its cash by two robbers at 11 o'clock on Friday morning, and Ledger-keeper Harrison was knocked unconscious for resisting the hold-up. The amount of loot secured by the robbers is unknown, because A. A. Steeces, Manager of the branch, refuses to make a statement. It is, however, estimated that between $1,000 and $5,000 was taken. Instead of going out the way they entered, the two men unlocked the back door and made their exit that way. Excellent descriptions of the robbers, one of whom was tall and the other short, were obtained.

STRANGE PROVISION IN WILL

Income to Stand for One Hundred Years.

A despatch from Halifax, N.S., says: Jas. Cosman, a merchant of Meteghan River, Digby, N.S., died some time ago and left an estate of about $500,000. After certain comparatively small legacies were paid the will provided that the capital should be invested and the income allowed to accumulate for 100 years. At the end of that time the accumulated funds, principal and interest, are to be divided, one-half going to charities in Ireland and the other half to build a hospital in every county in Nova Scotia. The will provided that the Archbishop of Halifax should appoint three trustees of the estate. His Grace has named Mayor J. A. Chisholm, of Halifax, Judge Wallace and T. W. Murphy. Cosman was a widower and had no children.

ALBERTA'S FINANCES.

Premier Sifton Announces a Surplus—Telephones Paying.

A despatch from Edmonton says: Premier Sifton delivered his Budget speech in the House on Thursday afternoon. He quoted figures to show that the present assets of the Province, exclusive of the telephone system, in public buildings, etc., were $7,733,579, and the liabilities in treasury bond issued $7,293,333, leaving a surplus to the credit of the Province of $440,246. He congratulated the Province on the success of the Government administration of the telephone system. Every year since the Government took control, after paying the cost of maintenance, operation, etc., there has been a surplus. The Premier announced that it had been decided to increase the sessional indemnity of members from $1,000 to $1,500, and provision was also made for a salary of $1,500 extra for the leader of the Opposition.

FORESTRY ASSOCIATION.

Annual Convention Will be Held at Ottawa Feb. 7th and 8th.

The thirteenth Annual Meeting and Convention of the Canadian Forestry Association, under the patronage of H.R.H. the Governor-General, for the reading and discussion of papers, the reception of reports, election of officers, and other business, will be held in the Railway Committee Room, Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 7th and 8th, 1912, and to it all friends of forest conservation are invited. The aim is to make this the most practical convention yet held, and to this end the gentlemen who will read papers and make addresses will direct their attention to subjects now pressing for immediate solution in Canada.

DEBT OF NEW YORK CITY.

Exceeds Public Debt of the United States by $20,000,000.

A despatch from New York says: According to official figures submitted on Wednesday to Mayor Gaynor by the Finance Department, New York City's total debt at the beginning of 1912 was $1,037,811,718, or approximately $20,000,000 more than the public debt of the United States. During 1911 the funded debt increased $71,432,485 of which $44,200,000 represents bond issues for rapid transit work and the new water supply system.

Samuel Alex was fined a thousand dollars at Sault Ste. Marie for five violations of the liquor law. He is alleged to have sold a patent medicine for whiskey.

QUEBEC HAS GOOD SURPLUS

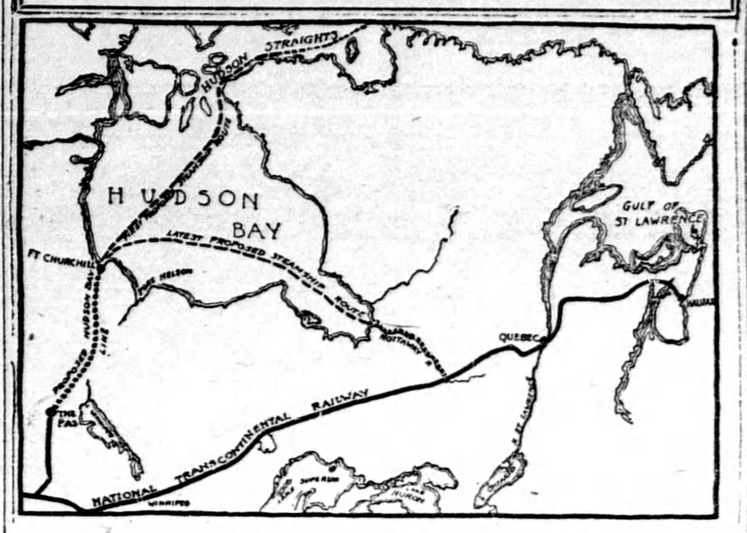
Budget Speech of Hon. Mr. Mackenzie Shows Encouraging Features

A despatch from Quebec says: At Thursday afternoon's session of the House, Hon. Mr. Mackenzie, Provincial Treasurer, delivered his annual Budget speech, which proved an interesting review of the financial state of the Province for the past year, with encouraging estimates for the coming twelve months. The ordinary receipts amounted to $7,032,744, and the ordinary expenditures to $6,126,834, making a surplus of $905,910. But as there had been an additional extraordinary expenditure of $298,065 the actual surplus was announced as being $607,845.

The Provincial Treasurer emphasized the increasing prosperity of Quebec, by which the Government was able to announce a surplus of $600,000, with provision for increased amounts for the cause of education, for the construction of iron bridges, for the abolition of toll gates, and for the large loan for the improvements of roads, which are to be built with the co-operation of the municipalities of the Province. For the past year it was shown that both the receipts and the expenditures had exceeded the estimates, the former by $1,128,210, and the latter, ordinary and extraordinary, by $716,909.

Coming to the estimates for the year 1912-13, the hon. Minister estimated that the ordinary revenue would reach $7,133,221, and he also estimated the ordinary and extraordinary expenditures at $6,755,820.

AN ALTERNATIVE HUDSON BAY ROUTE



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Hon Mr. Cochrane has announced that if the Hudson Straits prove impracticable as a grain route from Western Canada, owing to ice, that the grain may be carried from the terminal of the Hudson Bay Railway, across James Bay to the Mattawa River, and thence to the National Transcontinental Railway, probably by a spur line. This would save 600 miles of railway haul. The map shows the proposed route and its alternative.

STORY OF HEROISM.

Former Guelph Man Saved Several Lives, but Died Himself.

A despatch from Guelph says: Word has been received here that by fighting a pack of timber wolves single-handed all night long Harry E. Fennell, lately of Denver, Colo., but up to six years ago residing in Guelph, saved the lives of seven girls and the other men who were in a party and died as the result of the exposure he was forced to endure. Fennell's desperate fight with the wolves took place near Hudson Bay. He and a chum were trapping up near Hudson Bay and went to a party or dance that some half-breeds were giving. They were the only people near, and on the way home were given a ride with another man and some girls in a bobsleigh. It was late at night and they were chased by wolves. Mr. Fennell got out and got up a tree and told the others to run the horses to their cabin and he would fight the wolves. The others wanted to stay, but he begged them to go on and not take any chances with the girls. They then went home, but could hear shots all night. Fennell killed nine wolves. The men went back at daylight and there was only three wolves left. Fennel was so cold he could hardly walk, and died before they could get help, the nearest doctor being sixty miles away.

MAD RUSH FOR GOLD.

Minitonas, Manitoba, is Now Overrun by Prospectors.

A despatch from Minitonas, Manitoba, says: One hundred more gold prospectors arrived on Thursday night from scattered points in the United States and Canada. Not much prospecting is doing, only a wild desire to stake regardless of location. The private car of Mr. R. J. Mackenzie, of the Canadian Northern, is here, with his mining expert from California and several others. They left at daybreak for the scene of action with the necessary equipment. Several are looking for residential and business sites, and the stampede is on in earnest, with all public buildings full of men, lying all night on floors like sardines. Excitement and crowds are increasing every hour.

TO DISENDOW CHURCH.

Home Secretary Will Introduce Bill at Coming Session.

A despatch from London says:—Addressing an enthusiastic meeting at Queen's Hall on Thursday night, Reginald McKenna, the Home Secretary, said that early in the coming session of Parliament he would introduce a bill for the disestablishment and disendowment of the Church in Wales. All the resources of the Government, he added, would be used to carry the measure into a law.

FOR MURDER IN FRANCE.

Frenchman Arrested at Regina for Killing a Woman.

A despatch from Regina, Sask., says: Emile Oscar Pougnet has been arrested near here on a charge of murder committed near Paris, France, on January 9, 1910. It is alleged he murdered and mutilated Mrs. Guisienne Legrand, his friend's wife.

IN HONOR OF HIS NAME DAY.

King Alfonso Donates $5,000 to Poor and Remits Sentences.

A despatch from Madrid says: King Alfonso has celebrated his name day by donating $5,000 for the poor and by remitting eight death sentences.

A SOCIALIST LEADER

HERR BEBEL, leader of the German Socialists, who cut a wide swath in the recent general elections in Germany. They are rapidly gaining strength in the Reichstag.

THE NEWS IN A PARAGRAPH

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE IN A NUTSHELL.

Canada, the Empire and the World in General Before Your Eyes.

CANADA.

There are now seven cases of smallpox at Montreal.

York County Council proposed to tax autos for road improvement.

Sugar prices have been again reduced by ten cents throughout Ontario and at Winnipeg.

A Grimsby farmer said the price-of-food problem could be solved by the producer and retailer getting closer together.

Owen Sound hotel proprietors have decided to increase rates owing to the strict enforcement of the local option law.

Three foreigners were injured, one fatally, by drilling into an old charge on the Canadian Northern line near North Bay.

The Lake Erie Coal Company, it is said, has submitted an offer to the London City Council to electrify the Port Stanley Railway.

The William Davies Company have decided to close their Harriston pork-packing branch, but may use the building as a cold-storage.

A sufferer from an infectious disease is housed in an old shed in a cemetery near Brantford, the city having no place to keep him properly.

Peter Peterson of Cobalt was sentenced to ten years in penitentiary for writing a Black Hand letter to Manager Goodall of the Imperial Bank.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Troops will be despatched to Belfast to preserve the peace between Unionists and Nationalists.

The tension in Belfast has been somewhat relieved by a change of venue for the Churchill home rule meeting.

Mr. Winston Churchill, while abandoning the Ulster Hall as a place of meeting, insists on his right to speak in the city of Belfast.

GENERAL.

Resumption of hostilities in China seems inevitable.

France insists on the release of Turks taken by Italians on board French vessels.

THE YEAR'S LABOR DISPUTES

Department Returns Showing Loss of Time and Settlement Reached

A despatch from Ottawa says: Statistics issued by the Labor Department show that approximately 2,013,740 working days were lost by employees in Canada through trade disputes during the past year, as compared with the loss of approximately 718,745 days in 1910. There were approximately 28,218 employees involved, directly and indirectly, in trade disputes last year, compared with 19,594 during the preceding twelve months. The increase in the figures for last year was due largely to the coal miners' strike in Alberta and British Columbia, involving 7,000 men for nearly eight months. The only other large strikes were the coal miners' strike at Springhill, N. S., which was settled on May 22, and the strike of the building trades in Vancouver during June and July.

Of the ninety-eight strikes throughout the Dominion, which occurred last year, forty-two took place in the Province of Ontario and nineteen in the Province of Quebec. Demands for higher wages caused strikes in forty-two cases, while the question of wages in regard to threatened reductions, etc., also entered into twenty-one other disputes.

The employers won in thirty-three of the strikes, and employees in twenty-three, while in nineteen cases a compromise was reached. In the other cases the settlement was indefinite or not reported. During the past ten years, out of a total of 1,079 trade disputes in Canada, the employers won 393 cases and the employees 380. In 244 cases the strike was settled by a compromise.

PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES OF AMERICA.

Prices of Cattle, Grain, Cheese and Other Produce at Home and Abroad.

BREADSTUFFS.

Flour—Winter wheat, 90 per cent. patents, $3.60 to $3.65 at seaboard. Manitoba flours—First patents, $5.50; second patents, $5; and strong bakers', $4.30, on track, Toronto.

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, $1.11 1-2, Bay ports; No. 2 Northern at $1.08 1-2; and No. 3 at $1.04 1-2, Bay ports.

Ontario wheat—No. 2 white, red and mixed, 92 to 93c, outside.

Peas—Good shipping peas $1.10 to $1.15, outside.

Oats—Car lots of No. 2 Ontario quoted outside at 45 1-2c, and of No. 3 at 42 to 42 1-2c; on track, Toronto, 45 to 46 1-2c. No. 2 Western Canada oats, 49 to 49 1-2c, and No. 1 feed, 45 1-2 to 46c, Bay ports.

Barley—48 lbs. quoted at 92 to 93c, outside.

Corn No. 3 American yellow, 71c, Toronto freight.

Rye—96c to $1, outside.

Buckwheat—65 to 67c, outside.

Bran—Manitoba bran, $24, in bags, Toronto freight. Shorts, $25.50.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—Winter stock, $2.75 to $3.50 per barrel.

Beans—Small lots of hand-picked, $2.35 to $2.40 per bushel.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 11 to 12c per lb. Combs, $2.50 to $2.75.

Baled hay—No. 1 at $16.50 to $17, on track, and No. 2 at $14 to $15.

Baled straw—$8 to $9, on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—Car lots, in bags, quoted at $1.50, and Delawares at $1.60 to $1.65. Out-of-store, $1.65 to $1.75.

Poultry—Wholesale prices of dressed poultry:—Chickens, 14 to 16c, per lb; fowl, 10 to 12c; ducks, 15 to 16c; geese, 13 to 15c; turkeys, 20 to 21c. Live poultry about 2c lower than the above.

BUTTER, EGGS, CHEESE.

Butter—Dairy, choice, in wrappers, 23 to 30c; large rolls, 27 to 28c, and inferior, tubs, 18 to 19c. Creamery, 34 to 35c for rolls, and 32 to 33c for solids, per lb.

Eggs—Strictly new-laid, 35c, delivered here, and fresh at 29 to 30c per dozen, in case lots.

Cheese—Large, 16c, and twins at 16 1-2c per lb.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 11 1-2 to 11 3-4c per lb., in case lots. Pork—Short cut, $22.50; do., mess, $19.50 to $20. Hams—Medium to light, 16 to 16 1-2c; heavy, 14 to 14 1-2c; rolls, 10 3-4 to 11c; breakfast bacon, 16 to 17c; backs, 19 to 20c.

Lard—Tierces, 11 3-4c; tubs, 12c; pails, 12 1-4c.

MONTREAL MARKETS.

Montreal, Jan. 30.—Oats — Canadian Western, No. 2, 49 1-2 to 50c; do., No. 3, 47 1-2 to 48c; extra No. 1 feed, 48 1-2 to 49c; No. 2 local white, 47 to 47 1-2c; No. 3 do., 46 to 46 1-2c; No. 4 do., 45 to 45 1-2c. Barley—Malting, 98c to $1. Buckwheat—No. 2, 71 to 72c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, $5.60; do., seconds, $5.10; strong bakers', $4.90; Winter patents, choice, $4.75 to $5; straight rollers, $4.30 to $4.40; do., bags, $2 to $2.10. Rolled oats—Barrels, $4.65; bags, 90 lbs., $2.20. Bran—$23; shorts, $25; middlings, $28; mouillie, $28 to $34. Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots, $15 to $15.50. Cheese—Finest Western, 15 1-4 to 15 1-2c; finest Easterns, 14 3-4 to 15 1-8c. Butter—Choicest creamery, 33 to 34c; seconds, 32 to 32 1-2c. Eggs—Fresh, 45 to 50c; selected, 33 to 34c; No. 1 stock, 28 to 29c. Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, $1.60.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, Jan. 30.—Wheat, May, $1.06 5-8 to $1.06 3-4; July, $1.07 1-2; No. 1 hard, $1.07 1-4; No. 1 Northern, $1.06 1-4 to $1.06 3-4; No. 2 Northern, $1.04 1-4 to $1.04 3-4; No. 2 wheat, $1.02 1-4 to $1.02 3-4. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 62 1-2c. Oats—No. 3 white, 43c. Rye—No. 2, 88 to 89c. Bran—$24 to $24.50. Flour—First patents, $5.10 to $5.40; second patents, $4.75 to $5; first clears, $3.50 to $3.85; second clears, $2.40 to $2.80.

Buffalo, Jan 30.—Spring wheat—No. 1 Northern, carloads, store, $1.15 1-2; Winter, No. 2 red, $1.03; No. 3 red, $1; No. 2 white, $1.02. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 68 1-4c; No. 4 yellow, 66 3-4c, all on track, through billed. Oats—No. 2 white, 54 1-4c; No. 3 white, 53 3-4c; No. 4 white, 52 3-4c. Barley—Malting, $1.25 to $1.35.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, Jan. 30.—Butchers' cattle, choice, $6.75 to $7; do., medium, $5 to $6.50; do., common, $3 to $4; canners, $2.50 to $3; butchers' cattle, choice cows, $5.25 to $5.50; do., medium, $3 to $5; do., bulls, $3.50 to $5.50; milkers, choice, each, $70 to $75; do., common and medium, each, $45 to $55; springers, $30 to $40. Sheep—Ewes, $4.50 to $4.75; bucks and culls, $4 to $4.25; lambs, $6.50 to $7. Hogs—F. o. b., $7. Calves—$3 to $12.

Toronto, Jan. 30.—The trade is still good for choice steers, and several loads brought as high as $7 and $7.25. Cows and bulls ranged from $2.50 to $5. Canners were bought at around $1.50. Sheep were steady, but trade was dull. Lambs were also easier at $6 to $6.75. Hogs and calves were unchanged. There was a fairly active demand for good milk cows, but common ones were not wanted. Milkers are now selling from $50 to $80.

DIED FROM RABIES.

Valuable Ponies Bitten by a Mad Dog.

A despatch from Hempstead, N. Y., says: Champion, the third of the string of imported polo ponies of John S. Phipps, of the Meadowbrook Polo Club, was destroyed on Wednesday because of an attack of rabies. The pony was valued at $4,000, and was imported from England for the polo match between teams of the United States and England last summer. Two weeks ago rabies developed in the Phipps polo stables after a cur dog had bit Gay Boy, a $4,000 pony, and also a $5,000 brood mare. Both these animals died within a few days.

THE SOCIALISTS ARE STRONG

Capture One of the "Kaiser Seats" at Close of the German Elections

A despatch from Berlin says: Thursday's second ballots brought the Socialist strength in the new Reichstag to well over one hundred. The Socialist, Dr. Liebknecht, captured the coveted "Kaiser division" of Potsdam, where the principal residences of the Emperor, the Crown Prince, and other members of the Imperial family are situated. The new member for Potsdam, where all the crack regiments of the army are garrisoned, only recently finished serving an eighteen-months' sentence in a fortress for anti-militarist propaganda. Dr. Liebknecht, who defeated the Conservative Burgomaster of Potsdam, is a brilliant barrister, and son of one of the founders of the Socialist party. He is also a member of the Prussian Diet. This is the first time in the history of the Empire that one of the "Kaiser seats" has fallen into the hands of a Socialist, and the joy of the crowd gathered in front of the office of The Vorwaerts, the Socialist paper, knew no bounds when the result was announced on Thursday night.