

# PROROGATION CEREMONIES

## Earl Grey Delivers the Speech From the Throne.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The first session of the eleventh Parliament of Canada was prorogued at 3.30 on Wednesday afternoon by his Excellency the Governor-General, with the usual pomp and circumstance. The session, which had lasted just four months, has been one of the shortest in many years, and, with the exception of the debate on the question of Canada's part in naval defence, has been perhaps one of the most uneventful. In all a hundred and sixty-one bills have been passed, of which some forty have been Government measures. The chief items are contained in the speech from the throne.

### SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Honorable gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

In relieving you from further attendance on this session I thank you for the assiduity and diligence which you have given to the discharge of the duties entrusted to your care, and it must be a source of satisfaction to yourselves that you have been able to perform your labors in a comparatively brief space of time.

I am pleased to notice that your attention has been engaged in some measures of great importance.

### AMENDMENT TO RAILWAY ACT.

In the first rank of such measures is to be noted the amendment of the railway act, under which by the joint action of the national Government, Provincial and municipal authorities, together with the railway companies level railway crossings are to be gradually removed, and a constant menace to life and property thereby effectually done away with.

### LOAN TO GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

The loan of ten million dollars to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company will no doubt ensure the completion during the coming season of the prairie section of the National Transcontinental Railway, and will secure to the fast developing western Provinces for this year's

crop a new and competitive outlet towards the sea.

The act to place the Department of Labor, which has been in existence for some years, under the direct responsibility of a Minister of the Crown, exclusively entrusted with its management, is in accordance with the oft-expressed wishes of labor organizations, and is a further step in a field of legislation wherein Canada has already taken a not unimportant part.

### WILL FACILITATE BUSINESS.

The act charging the Secretary of State with special responsibility in regard to the external affairs of Canada will facilitate the transaction of business in connection with the most important branch of the public service.

The resolution adopted by the House of Commons for the organization of a Canadian naval service, in co-operation with and in close relation to the Imperial navy, is a proper acknowledgement of the duties now apperching to Canada as a nation, and as a member of the British Empire.

The financial conditions throughout the world seem to be more hopeful than they were four months ago when I opened this session, and whilst in Canada we have undoubtedly suffered less than other countries during this period of universal depression, it will still be the part of prudence to exercise care and economy in all branches of the service.

### PROVISIONS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I thank you for the provisions which you have made for the public service.

Honorable gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

I sincerely hope and pray that Almighty God will continue to pour His blessings upon our country, and let us now offer Him the fervent expression of our gratitude for the signal favors which we have received from Him.

### MOTHER'S FEARFUL CRIME.

#### Killed Two Children and Then Herself.

A despatch from East Hampton, Conn., says: Mrs. Jennie Carsten, wife of Captain Louis Carsten, killed two of her children and herself at the Carsten home, a farm about two miles from the centre of this village, on Friday morning. She cut the throats of her children and then her own. She also slashed the throat of a third child, a boy, and while he is in an extremely critical condition it is thought that there may be a chance of saving his life. Mr. Carsten was outside with a friend at the time attending the stock, and was almost prostrated when apprised of the tragedy. It is believed that Mrs. Carsten was out of her mind.

### RIVERS AT OTTAWA RISING.

#### Great Mills at the Chaudiere Closing Down.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Ottawa has three rivers and they are all rising rapidly. The great mills dependent upon power from the Chaudiere Falls are closing down, including the Booth and Eddy works. The water is two feet over the bridge on the Aylmer road, and the Hull Electric Railway is engaged in raising its tracks. At Gatineau Point the flood is universal. Many families have moved out. Those remaining have been driven to the upper storeys of their houses for shelter. Below the falls the Ottawa River is a raging whirlpool, which recalls the rapids of Niagara.

# "OUR ARMY IS A SHAM"

## These Are the Words of Field Marshall Lord Roberts.

A despatch from London says: "Our army is a sham. We have no army," exclaimed Field Marshall Lord Roberts, earnestly, during a debate in the House of Lords upon the Duke of Bedford's motion for an inquiry into the condition of the reserve, on Wednesday. Earl Roberts, who is known to favor compulsory military training, declared that he was amazed at the manner in which both Houses treated the army as a party question, and at the apathy of the nation regarding military defence.

The nation, he said, did not believe in the danger of invasion, and no wonder, for their leaders told them there was no fear of it. He added: "I know perfectly well that the leaders in both Houses are anxious about the future, but they do not tell the country that we have neither an army to send abroad or to defend the country at home. While we are sitting here, taking it easily and comfortably, the danger is coming nearer and nearer to us

daily, and unless you cease telling the people they are living in safety and get an army fit to deal with any enemy we shall one day come to such utter grief that you will bitterly regret your inaction.

"It is a perfect marvel to me how Great Britain can see what is going on around us in Europe and be content with the condition of our army. No country in the world would attempt to defend itself with the paucity of men and with the untrained men we have got. You will never have a real army until you have taken the nation into your confidence and tell them their danger. You may think you are safe, but you are not.

"Be frank and tell the nation what is before them. They will respond."

His admonitions were addressed to the Government representatives. The Peers showed their approval by carrying the Duke of Bedford's motion against the Government by a vote of 73 to 22.

# THE WORLD'S MARKETS

## REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTRES.

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

#### BREADSTUFFS.

Toronto, May 25.—Flour—Ontario wheat 90 per cent. patents, \$5.40 to \$5.50 in buyers' sacks outside for export; on track, Toronto, \$5.60 to \$5.70. Manitoba flour, first patents, \$6.20 to \$6.40 on track, Toronto; second patents, \$5.70 to \$5.80, and strong bakers', \$5.50 to \$5.60 on track, Toronto.

Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.29½, Georgian Bay ports; No. 2, \$1.26¼, and No. 3 at \$1.25¼.

Ontario Wheat—No. 2 \$1.30 to \$1.35 outside.

Barley—No. 3 extra, 62 to 63c outside, and No. 3 60c outside.

Oats—Ontario No. 2 white 52 to 52½c on track, Toronto, and 49½ to 50c outside; No. 2 Western Canada, 52½ to 53c, and No. 3 at 51½c, Bay ports.

Peas—No. 2 95 to 96c outside.

Rye—No. 2, 74 to 75c outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2, 63 to 65c outside.

Corn—No. 2 American, yellow, 82½ to 83c on track, Toronto, and No. 2, 82c on track, Toronto; Canadian yellow, 73 to 77c on track, Toronto.

Bran—Manitoba, \$23.50 in sacks, Toronto freights; shorts, \$24.50 to \$25, Toronto freights.

#### COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—\$4 to \$5 for choice qualities, and \$3 to \$3.50 for seconds.

Beans—Prime, \$2 and hand-picked, \$2.15 to \$2.20 per bushel.

Honey—Combs, \$2 to \$2.75 per dozen, and strained, 10 to 11c per pound.

Maple Syrup—95c to \$1 a gallon.

Hay—No. 1 timothy, \$13 to \$13.50 a ton on track here, and lower grades \$11 to \$11.50 a ton.

Straw—\$7.50 to \$8 on track.

Potatoes—Car lots, 90 to 95c per bag on track. Delawares, \$1.10 per bag on track.

Poultry—Chickens, Spring, dressed, 35c per pound; fowl, 12 to 14c; turkeys, 18 to 22c per pound.

#### THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Pound prints, 20 to 21c; tubs and large rolls, 16 to 18c; inferior, 14 to 15c; creamery rolls, 20 to 24c, and solids, 19 to 20c.

Eggs—Case lots, 18 to \$18½c per dozen.

Cheese—Large cheese, old, 14 to 14½c per pound, and twins, 14½ to 14¾c; new cheese, dull at 12½ to 12¾c.

#### HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 13 to 13½c per pound in case lots; mess pork, \$22 to \$22.50; short cut, \$24 to \$25.

Hams—Light to medium, 15 to 15½c; do., heavy, 13 to 13½c; rolls, 12 to 12½c; shoulders, 11 to 11½c; backs, 17 to 17½c; breakfast bacon, 16 to 16½c.

Lard—Tierces, 13½c; tubs, 13½c; pails, 14c.

#### BUSINESS AT MONTREAL.

Montreal, May 25.—The market for oats is strong, with prices 1 to 2c a bushel higher; peas, No. 2, \$1.05 to \$1.06; oats, Canadian Western No. 2, 54¼; extra No. 1 feed, 54½c; No. 1 feed, 54½c; No. 3 Canadian Western, 54c; barley, No. 2, 70 to 72c; Manitoba feed barley, 61 to 61½c; buckwheat, 69½ to 70c. Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat patents, firsts, \$6.30; Manitoba Spring wheat patents, seconds, \$5.80; Manitoba strong bakers, \$5.60; Winter wheat patents, \$6.15 to \$6.25; straight rollers, \$6 to \$6.10; straight rollers, in bags, \$2.90 to \$3; extra, in bags, \$2.50 to \$2.60. Feed—Manitoba bran, \$22 to \$23; Manitoba shorts, \$24 to \$25; Ontario bran, \$23 to \$24; Ontario shorts, \$24.50 to \$25.50; pure grain mouille, \$33 to \$35; mixed mouille, \$28 to \$30. Cheese—12½c to 12¾c, and easterns 12 to 12½c. Butter—21½ to 22c. Eggs—19 to 19½c per dozen.

#### UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, May 25.—Wheat—May, \$1.29½; July, 1.27¼; Sept. \$1.05½ cash, No. 1 hard, \$1.32; No. 1 Northern, \$1.31; No. 2 Northern, \$1.29; No. 3 Northern, 1.27; to \$1.27½. Flour—First patents, \$6.10 to \$6.30; second patents, \$6 to \$6.20; first clears, \$4.75 to \$4.95; second clears, \$3.35 to \$3.55. Bran—In Bulk, \$24 to \$24.50. Chicago—Wheat—Cash, No. 2 red, \$1.49½; No. 3 red, \$1.40 to \$1.47; No. 2 hard, \$1.30 to \$1.33; No. 3 hard, \$1.25 to \$1.30; No. 1 Northern, \$1.30 to \$1.31; No. 2 Northern, \$1.28 to \$1.30; No. 3

# FOUR CHILDREN BURNED

## Lamp Exploded While the Little Ones Were Being Put to Bed.

A despatch from Toronto says: Four children of Ernest Oldfield, a harnessmaker, of Wychwood Park, were burned to death on Thursday night in the bed in which they had been tucked away by their loving mother but a few minutes before.

Mrs. Oldfield herself had a narrow escape, as did also her eldest boy, Ernest, and it was only by a miracle that the whole family was not wiped out. Mrs. Oldfield managed to save Ernest from death in the flames by throwing him from the upstairs window, and leaping after him to the ground, about ten feet below.

The frantic woman tried in vain to save her four younger children, who were huddled together in their bed in the room from which any chance of escape was cut off by the flames which were fast devouring the house. Many times she was driven back by the fierce heat, and as she felt herself being overcome by the smoke and heat she thought of the chance of saving at least one of her family. Seizing Ernest, who was by her side when she discovered the house on fire, she dropped him out of the window and quickly followed, just in time to save herself from a terrible death in the

flames. All that remains of the four children are their little bodies burned to a crisp and totally unrecognizable, it being impossible for friends of the family to tell one from the other.

It was about 9.30 o'clock that Fred Lucas, a neighbor, passing along the Vaughan road, heard cries for help coming from the Oldfield home. As he rushed over he saw that the rear of the house was in flames. He tried to force the door, and just as he had succeeded Ernest Oldfield dropped from an upstairs window, closely followed by his mother, who cried piteously for someone to save her children. Had she not been restrained Mrs. Oldfield would have returned to the burning house through the door which Lucas had just a minute before forced in. She could not be persuaded to leave, but finally she was overcome and fell in a faint in the arms of Mr. Lucas, who made several heroic attempts to save the little ones, who met a terrible death in their bed in the upstairs room.

The dead children are: Charles, aged seven years; Albert, aged five years; William, aged three years; Edward, aged one year.

Spring wheat, \$1.25 to \$1.29. Corn—No. 2, 76c; No. 2 white, 76½c; No. 2 yellow, 76½c; No. 3, 75½ to 75¾c; No. 3 white, 76½c; No. 3 yellow, 76 to 76½c; No. 4, 74½ to 75½c. Oats—No. 3 white, 53 to 60c; No. 4 white, 58½ to 59c.

#### LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, May 25.—Prime beefs sold at 5½ to a little over 6c per pound; pretty good animals, 4½ to 5½c; milkmen's strippers, 3¼ to 4¼c; common stocks, 3¼ to 4¼c per pound. Milch cows were in demand at from \$30 to \$65 each. Calves sold at \$2 to \$10 each, or 3 to 5½c per pound. Sheep sold at 5 to 6c per pound; lambs at \$4 to \$6 each. Goods lots of fat hogs sold at 8¼ to 8½c per pound.

Toronto, May 25.—While there were not many straight loads of exporters', shippers were able to pick out a goodly number of choice well finished heavy cattle, which sold readily at \$6 to \$6.30. Choice butchers' cattle were in strong demand and trading active. The same may be said of stockers and feeders, but the supply was small, those on offer selling firm at about \$5. Milkers and springers—Unchanged. Sheep and lambs—Slightly easier. Calves—Unchanged. Hogs—Strong; selects were quoted \$7.60 f.o.b., and \$7.85 fed and watered.

#### FOUR MEN DROWNED.

#### Were Log Driving on Rouge River When Boat Upset.

A despatch from Montreal says: According to advices received here on Friday night, four men employed by the Riordon Paper Company lost their lives by drowning on the upper waters of the Rouge River, about 125 miles from Calumet. The men were out in a boat log driving, when the boat capsized and all were drowned. Three of the men were brothers, named Grenier, who lived in the Village of Ascension.

James Stevens of St. Catharines was drowned in the Welland Canal.

The Dominion Steel Company is said to be planning extensions to the Sydney works to cost five million dollars.

#### YOUNG FOOTPAD SENTENCED.

#### Term in Central as Penalty for Hold-up Near Beamsville.

A despatch from St. Catharines says: Jesse Strickler, the young man who held up ex-Warden Calder at the point of a revolver, on the road near Beamsville, last week, and afterwards compelled a boy to drive him to Beamsville Station, after firing several shots at his pursuers, was brought before Judge Carman on Wednesday, and pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to four months in the Central Prison, and if not deported before the expiration of his sentence he is to be given 48 hours to leave the country, or he will be rearrested and sentenced on a charge of shooting at Calder.

#### TO RUN INTO PORT ARTHUR.

#### Grand Trunk Pacific Conferring With City on Question.

A despatch from Montreal says: It was stated on Wednesday at the offices of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway that Mr. E. J. Chamberlin had gone to Port Arthur to confer with the city regarding the matter of the G. T. P. securing a route of entry there. In the meantime, in order that Port Arthur can be made the terminus of the Superior branch, arrangements may be made with the Canadian Northern to use their tracks from West Fort.

#### AN IMPUDENT BURGLARY.

#### Thieves Loot a Trunk in North Bay Police Station.

A despatch from North Bay says: North Bay police station was burglarized on Wednesday afternoon, the office door being forced, and a trunk opened, the loot including a number of "phony" gold rings confiscated from a faker, several jack knives, and Chief Rayner's revolver. Wm. Flowers, released from jail on Tuesday, after serving a term for attempted housebreaking, was arrested while trying to sell some of the rings in Little Italy. A man named Freedlander, also released on Tuesday, after doing time for stealing whiskey from a C. P. R. car, was arrested as being implicated in the burglary.

# "WHEAT IS COMING UP"

## The Season in the Prairie Province Is Not Late.

A despatch from Winnipeg says: "Wheat is coming up" is the welcome message the crop report of the Canadian Pacific Railway sends out this week. The weekly report of the company's agents along the system was compiled on Wednesday by Grain Agent Atcheson, and has the effect of wiping out all the ideas that the season is very late and the crops will not do well. In very few cases do the agents report the seedlings delayed. In these instances it

is on account of rain, which only means that the land will be in much better condition to receive the seed. The weather throughout has been generally favorable and the rain that has fallen has been a blessing. It is what was wanted to give the wheat a start. The work of sowing the coarse grains has been commenced, and in many parts this seeding is very far advanced. Reports from Alberta show that as much as ninety per cent. of the oats and barley has been sown.