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OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

Speech From the Throne Promises That Hudson Bay Line Will be Rushed

A despatch from Ottawa says: Through a cold wind on a dull November day the Governor-General drove in state on Thursday afternoon to open the third session of the eleventh Parliament. The Senate Chamber presented a brilliant scene. Nearly all the members of the House of Commons were in their places. Having already taken the oath of allegiance to King George Fifth, his Excellency spoke as follows:—

"When I prorogued Parliament in the month of May last," said Earl Grey, beginning the address from the throne, "I was about completing the term usually allotted to the office of Governor-General, but it has pleased his Majesty King George V. to continue me as his representative in Canada, and therefore it is my great pleasure again to greet you at the opening of this new session.

"I meet you under the shadow of the calamity which has befallen this country and the whole British Empire, in the demise of our beloved Sovereign King Edward VII. His death is mourned, not only by his subjects the world over, but by all civilized nations, who had learned to appreciate the many gifts and qualities which had earned for him the name of Peacemaker, by which he will be known in history.

"It is with great pleasure that I congratulate you on the ever-growing prosperity of this favored land. Trade and commerce are advancing in all directions with rapid strides. The total volume of imports and exports far exceeds all previous records and the growth of our industries and internal trade keeps pace with the development of our external commerce.

COUNTRY IS PROSPEROUS.

"Whilst in certain of the Western Provinces the crops did not realize the sanguine expectations which had been formed in the early spring, yet the total yield was reasonably satisfactory, and the Eastern Provinces in this regard have been more than ordinarily blessed. The conditions now existing over the whole country conclusively demonstrate that even with lesser production at some points, the vastness and variety of our resources ensure at all times a high degree of progress for the whole country.

"Negotiations for the acquisition from the Admiralty of the two cruisers, Niobe and Rainbow, have been carried on with his Majesty's Government, and the two ships have

MEAT MAY ENTER FREE

German Government Proposes to Remove the Duty on Live Stock

A despatch from Berlin says: It was unofficially announced on Wednesday that the Imperial Government contemplates the early opening of the frontiers for the importation of foreign live stock in order to counteract the high price of meat. Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg has already given permission to the Governments of Baden and Alsace Lorraine to import a considerable weekly amount of French animals. The Bavarian Government also intends to admit French live stock and will appeal to the Berlin authorities to modify the restrictions

now arrived, and are stationed in Canadian waters, in pursuance of the policy adopted last session for the creation of a naval service.

HUDSON BAY LINE AND G.T.P.

"The Hague Tribunal, to which was referred the controversy between Great Britain and the United States with reference to fisheries in Canadian and Newfoundland waters, has rendered a decision which has been accepted by all parties interested as a fair and equitable adjustment of this long pending dispute. The result is gratifying, inasmuch as it will tend not only to promote peace and friendship between us and our neighbors, but also to further the practice of settling international questions by means of arbitration.

"Marked progress is being made in the construction of the National Transcontinental Railway, and a large quantity of grain is this season finding an outlet from the West to the Great Lakes over this new highway. It is hoped that ere long a satisfactory arrangement can be made for the operation of the finished portions of the line, pending the completion of the road from Moncton to Winnipeg.

"The construction of a line of railway to Hudson Bay, which has occupied the attention of the people for many years, has assumed practical shape. Already a contract has been awarded for the construction of a bridge forming part of this railway across the Saskatchewan River at Pas Mission, and the work is now in progress. During the present session a measure will be laid before you providing for the prosecution and completion of this work with all possible speed. The connection of the Great West with the eastern portion of Canada, and also with the overseas markets by this new rail and ocean route, will not only open up a new section of Canada, but will greatly assist in the development of trade and thus benefit both producers and consumers.

"The construction of the bridge across the St. Lawrence River at Quebec, the largest work of its kind ever undertaken, has been receiving the careful attention of my Government, and the utmost care is being observed so that success may be assured. The substructure is now under contract. Tenders for the erection of the superstructure have been received from four responsible companies, and are now being considered. It is expected that the contract will shortly be

on the Danish frontier. It is said that Baron Schorlemer, the Prussian Minister of Agriculture, proposes to open all the frontiers except the Russian. However, sanitary restrictions will be maintained to the extent that all animals imported must be immediately slaughtered. The yielding disposition of the Government is described as due to the fact that the Socialists are profiting from the present agitation over the famine prices for meat. The Government finds it advisable to take the wind out of the Socialists' sails before the general elections to the Reichstag.

awarded and the work pushed forward to completion.

COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

"While recognizing the importance of the Canadian home trade and the value of markets for our staples in the United Kingdom my Government feel that they should avail themselves of every opportunity to promote friendly commercial relations with the British colonies and foreign countries, so that our surplus products may be admitted into the markets of these countries on the most favorable terms. In pursuance of this policy commercial arrangements involving reductions of our Customs duties have been made with Italy and Belgium and a reduced schedule of duties has been granted to the Netherlands.

RECIPROCITY NEGOTIATIONS

The desirability of more equitable tariff arrangements between the United States and Canada has long been felt on this side of the border. The commercial policy of the Republic has not hitherto favored imports from Canada. We have bought largely from the United States, but they have bought much less from us in return. It is gratifying to find that a more liberal policy is now favored by the neighboring country, and that the Government at Washington express a desire to establish better trade relations with the Dominion.

Following the negotiations which took place some months ago between the President of the United States and my Government, the results of which were at the time communicated to Parliament, a further conference between representatives of the two countries has been held at Ottawa. While no conclusions have been reached, and no formal proposals made, the free discussion of the subject that has taken place encourages my Government to hope that at an early day, without any sacrifice of Canada's interests, an arrangement may be made which will admit many of the products of the Dominion into the United States on satisfactory terms.

TRADE WITH WEST INDIES.

"A very careful inquiry into the conditions of trade and transportation between the British West Indies and Canada has been held by a Royal Commission, appointed by his late Majesty, including among its members two of my Ministers. The report of the commission will be laid before you.

"In view of the Imperial Conference on copyright, at which unanimous conclusions were reached in favor of harmonious legislation on this subject throughout the Empire, a bill to revise and consolidate the law on copyright will be submitted to you.

"A measure will be submitted to you in furtherance of the provisions of the treaty recently passed with the United States on subject of contiguous waters.

"Bills will also be introduced respecting banks and banking, terminal elevators at the head of Lake Superior, and with regard to the investigation and betterment of industrial and labor conditions and other subjects."

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, Nov. 22.—Flour—Winter wheat 90 per cent. patents, \$3.35 to \$3.40 outside, in buyers' sacks. Manitoba flours—First patents, \$5.70; second patents, \$5.20, and strong pakkers', \$5, on track, Toronto.

Manitoba Wheat—No. 1 Northern at 97½c, Bay ports, and No. 2 Northern, 94½c, Bay ports.

Ontario Wheat—85 to 86c on track for No. 2 white and red Winter.

Barley—Malting, 56 to 58c outside, and feed 50c outside.

Oats—No. 2 white, 36c on track, Toronto, and 33c outside; No. 2 W. C. oats, 39½c, Bay ports, and No. 3 at 26½c, Bay ports.

Corn—No. 2 American yellow, 59c, Toronto freights; No. 3 yellow, 58½c, Toronto freights; No. 3 quoted at 54c, Midland.

Peas—Good No. 2, free from bugs, 86 to 88c outside.

Rye—No. 2 at 62c outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2 at 46c outside.

Bran—Manitobas, \$19, in bags, Toronto, and shorts \$22, in bags, Toronto. Ontario bran, \$19.50, in

THE HUDSON BAY RAILWAY

Tenders Will be Called in January for Construction of the First 150 Miles

A despatch from Ottawa says: It is announced that the construction of the Hudson Bay Railway from the Pas Mission to Split Lake will be proceeded with without waiting for a decision as to whether Fort Nelson or Fort Churchill is to be a terminal port. Tenders will be called for the construction of the first 150 miles, probably in January.

No less than four large interests will compete for this contract. Mr. J. D. McArthur, one of the largest

contractors for the National Transcontinental, will tender for the construction of the Hudson Bay Railway; so also will Mr. M. J. O'Brien, of Renfrew. Another tender is expected from a powerful syndicate. A fourth tender, and probably the successful one, will be made by the Canadian Northern Railway. The Canadian Northern will have the advantage of owning a railway line to the Pas, and rival tenderers must figure upon getting in their supplies over the Canadian Northern line to that point.

sacks, Toronto, and shorts, \$22.50, in sacks

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—\$3 to \$4.50 per barrel. Beans—\$1.60 to \$1.70 f.o.b. per bushel, Western points. Small lots, \$1.85 to \$1.90.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 10 to 11c per lb.; No. 1 comb, wholesale, \$2 to \$2.25 per dozen; No. 2 comb, wholesale, \$1.75 to \$1.85 per dozen.

Baled Hay—No. 1 at \$12 to \$13 on track, and No. 2 at 10.50 to \$11.50.

Baled Straw—\$6.50 to \$7, on track, Toronto.

Potatoes—Car lots 52 to 55c per bag.

Poultry—Chickens, alive, 11 to 12c per lb.; fowl, 9 to 10c per lb.; ducks, 11 to 12c per lb.; turkeys, 17 to 18c per lb., and geese, 11 to 13c per lb. Dressed, 1 to 2c more.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Dairy prints, 22 to 22½c; do., tubs, 19 to 21c; inferior, 18 to 19c. Creamery quoted at 26 to 27c per lb. for rolls, 24½ to 25c for solids, and 22 to 23c for separator prints.

Eggs—Case lots of pickled 26c; cold storage, 26 to 27c; selected, 30c, and strictly new-laid, 35c per dozen.

Cheese—Large, 12c, and twins at 12½c.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 14 to 14½c per lb. in case lots; mess pork, \$24 to \$24.50; short cut, \$27.50.

Hams—Light to medium, 18c; do., heavy, 17 to 17½c; rolls, 14 to 14½c; shoulders, 12½ to 13c; breakfast bacon, 18½ to 19c; backs (pea meal), 19 to 20c.

Lard—Tierces, 14½c; tubs, 14½c; pails, 15c.

BUSINESS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Nov. 22.—Oats—No. 2 Canadian Western, 40½ to 40¾c; extra No. 1 feed, 39½ to 39¾c; No. 3 Canadian Western, 39 to 39½c; No. 2 local white, 38½ to 38¾c; No. 3 local white, 38 to 38½c; No. 4 local white, 37 to 37½c. Barley—Manitoba No. 4, 48 to 48½c; Manitoba feed barley, 47 to 47½c. Flour—Manitoba spring wheat patents, firsts, \$5.80; do., seconds, \$5.30; Winter wheat patents, \$4.85 to \$5.10; Manitoba strong bakers', \$5.10; straight rollers, \$4.40 to \$4.60; do., in bags, \$2.05 to \$2.15; extras, \$1.75 to \$1.80. Feed—Ontario bran, \$13.50 to \$19; Ontario middling, \$22.50 to \$23; Manitoba shorts, \$22; pure grain mouillie, \$31 to \$32; mixed mouillie, \$25 to \$28. Cheese—Westerns, 11½ to 11 5-8c; easterns

11 to 11½c. Butter—Choicest, 25c; seconds, 24 to 24½c. Eggs—Selected stock, 29 to 30c; No. 1 stock, 25 to 26c; No. 2 at 19 to 20c.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Minneapolis, Nov. 22.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, \$1.06¼; No. 1 Northern, cash, \$1.05½; December, \$1.02. May, \$1.06¼. Flour—First patents, \$4.85 to \$5.35; second patents, \$4.75 to \$5.25; first clears, \$3.25 to \$3.60; seconds clears, \$2.20 to \$2.75.

Buffalo, Nov. 22.—Spring wheat—No. 1 Northern, carloads, store, \$1.11½; Winter, No. 2 red, 94c; No. 3 extra red, 90; No. 2 white, 92c. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 58½c; No. 4 yellow, 57½c; No. 3 corn, 57c; No. 4 corn, 56c, all on track, through billed. Oats—Firm. Barley—Feed to malting, 83 to 87c. Rye—No. 2, track, 81c.

LIVE STOCK MARKETS.

Montreal, Nov. 22.—Steers sold all the way from \$3.50 for ordinary stock to \$5.25 to \$5.50 for choice; cows, \$2.75 to \$4; bulls, \$2.75 to \$3.75. Sheep brought \$3.75 to \$4, and lambs \$6 to 6.10. Hogs were slightly weaker at \$7 to \$7.40; sows, \$6 to \$6.40. Calves—From \$3 to \$10.

Toronto, Nov. 22.—Eight butcher heifers sold at \$5.85 and a number of good quality cattle brought \$5.50 to \$5.65. There was a very heavy run of sheep and prices were about 5 or 10c lower and weak. Hogs were steady at the low quotations of the first of the week.

COUNT TOLSTOI IS DEAD.

Passing of the Great Russian at Astapova.

A despatch from Astapova, Russia, says: Count Leo Tolstoy died peacefully on Monday morning. Countess Tolstoy was at his side when the end came. It was recognized long before that his case was hopeless, and at 5 o'clock in the morning after the Countess had been summoned and the other members of the family had gathered in an adjoining room, the physicians issued a bulletin announcing that the activity of the heart had almost ceased and that Tolstoy's condition was extremely critical. Several of the physicians were greatly overcome by the approaching death of Russia's great writer.

Dr. Crippen, condemned to death for the murder of his wife, has issued a statement that he is resigned to his fate and that had he had more money he could have proved his innocence.

LIQUOR ON LODGE TABLES

Important Ruling of the Ontario License Department

A despatch from Toronto says: From now on no liquor may be placed upon the refreshment tables of secret, fraternal or other societies without making the individual members liable to prosecution for breaking the liquor license act. This is the view taken by the Ontario License Department of a recent decision in the courts, and on Wednesday definite action was taken by the department upon the case in point. Some weeks ago the caretakers of one or more of the public buildings were warned that they must be careful in permitting the consumption of liquor, but they had no idea that the order meant the barring of intoxicants from the refreshment tables of secret societies.

A second circular was sent out on Wednesday to the caretakers of all the public buildings (about one hundred in number) in Toronto defining clearly the law upon the point.

The department is acting upon a decision given by Judge Widdifield at Owen Sound in the case of Beckett v. Cahoon, and is of far-reaching importance, for it will have the effect of stopping the supply of liquors by fraternal and other societies to the membership. The case was tried at Owen Sound, and was an appeal from the decision of the Magistrate, who dismissed the case. His Honor ruled that a room in which eight men were found drinking came within the act, and a conviction and fine were recorded.