

The News Briefly Told

THE WORLD'S EVENTS OF INTEREST CHRONICLED IN SHORT ORDER.

Interesting Happenings of Recent Date—The Latest News of Our Own Country—Doings in the Mother Land—What is Going on in the United States—Notes From the World Over.

CANADA.

The twentieth century begins January 1, 1901.
Vancouver Catholics will build a \$60,000 church.
Stratford offers \$95,000 for the local water-works plant.
J. T. Middleton has been appointed sheriff at Wentworth.
It will cost \$157,000 to run the Hamilton schools this year.
There will not be any military tournament in Toronto this year.
They have already begun to teach the Doukhobors English at Winnipeg.
A large vein of hematite iron has been discovered to the north of Wabigoon.

The outlook for the lumbering business in the Ottawa valley next season is promising.
Winnipeg already has signs of great activity in building circles and real estate during the coming summer.

The temperance people of Hamilton will petition the City Council to reduce the number of tavern licenses from 75 to 50.

The Council of Arts and Industries at Quebec has opened a night class for the making of patterns of boots and shoes.

Mr. William Webb of Binbrook was thrown out of his wagon and killed while driving to Hamilton with a load of wood.

Hon. Col. McMillan, Provincial Treasurer of Manitoba, has returned to Winnipeg from the Southern States, restored to health.

Henderson's directory for Winnipeg places the population of Winnipeg at 45,000, an increase of 4,000 or 5,000 over last year.

J. E. Bayden, master mechanic at the Trail, B.C., smelter, has been killed by an electric shock, while repairing the switchboard.

T. G. Owen, a young Ottawa, 22 years of age and son of Mr. Owen, accountant of the Marine Department, is reported to have made a fortune in the Yukon.

The Cataract Power Company has declined to fix the price for power for Hamilton, but offers to give cheaper electric light if a ten years' contract is signed.

Complaints have reached Ottawa of the extensive importation of liquor into the Yukon. The Ottawa authorities are leaving the issue of permits to the Territorial authorities.

Owing to the grippe epidemic, the Kingston penitentiary hospital is so overcrowded the new south wing had to be turned into service to accommodate the convict patients.

The proposal to establish a military organization at McGill University is again being discussed, and it now looks as if the scheme would be an accomplished fact before very long.

Mr. George Hague, who has managed the affairs of the Merchants' Bank for twenty-two years, has handed over his duties to the joint manager, Mr. F. W. Fisher. Mr. Hague is still attached to the bank in an advisory capacity.

Ald. Hoy of Montreal declares that an attempt was made by two civic employees to bribe him in connection with a recent appeal, and by sending to his house twelve promissory notes for \$50 each, and requesting him to accept the money for his vote.

New Westminister has a balance of \$51,000 on hand of charitable funds after all disbursements made by the great fire has been recalled, and the city now has a bill before the Legislature of British Columbia to empower the corporation to spend the money in public works and thus provide work for the needy.

Several deaths have occurred recently in Kingston Penitentiary from spinal meningitis. Medical authorities have recently discovered that the disease frequently originates from a germ inoculated into the system through imperfect ventilation or the unsanitary condition of public institutions. Mental worry is frequently the cause of the complaint.

Seventeen of the convicts concerned in the recent mutiny at the Kingston Penitentiary have been committed to prison of isolation for one year, and fifteen of them have had their rights taken from them for one month. It is also said that all the convicts concerned in the revolt will lose their remission or good-conduct time.

The customs department is completing arrangements for the transit of goods to the Yukon over the White Pass Railway in bond. Trains are now running from Skagway to nearly the Canadian border, and as soon as the line reaches Canadian Territory a sealed car will be placed on the route to carry Canadian bonded shipments from Skagway across the disputed trip.

The returns of British imports of dairy produce last year show that out of a total of 2,377,106 cwt. of cheese imported, Canada sent 1,431,781 cwt., the United States 474,995 cwt., and Holland 292,225 cwt. On all qualities Canadian cheese rules from 2 to 3 shillings higher than American. Our exports of butter to the British market for the year were 150,865 cwt., as against 190,402 cwt. in 1897, and 88,857 in 1898.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Earl of Lindsey is dead.
Lord Halam Tennyson, son of the late poet, has been appointed Governor of South Australia.

The Duke of York will command the British squadron which will receive the American ships in June.

Preparations are being made in England for the 30th anniversary of the birth of Cromwell, which occurs on April 25.

The Earl of Elgin, former Viceroy of India, has been appointed a Knight

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Notes of Proceedings in the Local Parliament.
DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS.
Contrary to the practice in many previous sessions, the debate on the address only occupied one sitting of the Legislature. It began in the afternoon and ended about 9:30 at night. In addition to the mover, Mr. Samuel Russell, of East Hastings, and seconder Mr. F. F. Pardee, of West Lambton, the address, Mr. Whitney and the Attorney-General were the only speakers.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

The following notices were handed in:—
The Attorney-General—Bill respecting the moneys of infants and others in the High Court.

Also—Bill respecting voters' lists in unorganized territories.
Mr. Davis—Bill to amend the prison and asylum inspection act.
Mr. Barr—Bill to amend the registry act.

TO SAVE THE FRUIT TREES.

One of the most important of the bills which will be introduced during the present session will be one to extend the operations of the San Jose Scale Act. It provides for inspection of nurseries, and a careful survey of all nursery stock.

GAME LAW CHANGES.

Mr. Carnegie will make an attempt to have the Game Law amended. He asks that settlers be allowed to shoot deer one week before and one week after the close season.

FARMS IN A TOWN.

The town of Exeter is asking permission to assess vacant lands in the corporation as farm lands.

THE NICKEL RANGE RAILWAY.

One of the many railway companies which will ask for incorporation this session is the Nickel Range Railway. It will run from the Sault Ste Marie branch of the C.P.R. in the Township of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry, asking for the framing of a model and uniform by-law regulating the use of public thoroughfares and pathways on rural roads by wheelmen. The wheelmen of Ontario are watching all matters relating to the Nickel Range Railway, and will be heard when legislation as to the wheel is proposed. Several petitions asking for legislation making markets all over the province free to all farm produce were presented. A petition from Carleton County Council asking that legislation be enacted giving County Councils the power to appoint their own constabulary.

SALE OF LAND FOR TAXES.

Hon. J. T. Garrow has given notice of a bill to amend the Assessment Act. The object is to require the sale of lands for taxes to be advertised for a period of 14 days before the sale, and will be heard when legislation as to the wheel is proposed. Several petitions asking for legislation making markets all over the province free to all farm produce were presented. A petition from Carleton County Council asking that legislation be enacted giving County Councils the power to appoint their own constabulary.

THE SCHOOL ACT.

Mr. Brower, of East Elgin, has some changes to propose to the Education Act. The law provides that a second teacher is required in schools of 50 pupils. He asks that the number be raised to 40, and that the rate of salary be increased to \$1,200 per year. He also asks for an amendment so that among the ten men who form the Board of Education to control the Public School examination, three must be Public School inspectors.

JUDGES' FEES.

The Ontario Government has decided upon re-arranging the system of payment of fees of some of the Surrogate Court officers, and in the following way, annually: Judge Hughes, Elgin, \$681; Judge Barron, Perth, \$873; Judge Elliot, Middlesex, \$229; Judge Joyce, Huron, \$54. Judge Monk of Westworth gets the surplus of fees over amount paid to Surrogate judge, provided that that sum does not exceed \$600; and Judge Mosgrave of Carleton receives a like amount.

FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB.

Mr. Davis, laid on the table Inspector Chamberlain's twenty eighth annual report of the Belleville Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, and the twenty seventh annual report of the Brantford Institute for the Blind. The reports are for the year ending September, 1898. In the first-named report, that of the Institute for the Deaf and Dumb, the inspector recommends the erection of an institution in order that ample provision be made for the education of all deaf and dumb children in the province. Admission to the institution should, he says, be free to all such children residing in the Province of Ontario. The number of pupils on the roll at the end of the year was 200, viz., 144 boys and 116 girls. There was only one death during the year, and the health of the pupils was uniformly good. The total cost of maintenance for the year was \$44,887.22, as compared with \$45,282.70 for 1897. The weekly cost per pupil in '97 was \$3.26, and in '98 \$3.22; the yearly cost in '97 being \$170.22, and in '98, \$167.48. The average attendance of pupils in '97 was 265, and in '98, 298.

BRANTFORD INSTITUTE.

In the report of the Brantford Institute for the Blind the inspector states that there are 126 inmates, 64 boys and 62 girls. There is urgent necessity, he states, for increased accommodation especially to the girls' side of the institution. The total cost of maintenance in 1898 was \$33,589.15; weekly cost of each pupil per week, \$5.07; yearly cost per pupil \$260.38. The figures for the preceding year were, total, \$32,782.80; each pupil per week, \$4.92; yearly cost per pupil, \$260.11. Detailed statements by Principal Dymond and others, dealing with the year's work, are included in the report.

FUNDS OF THE PROVINCE.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt delivered his bud-

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get speech on Thursday. The public accounts this year consists of a book of 497 pages, considerably larger than former years. In these extra pages is given more detail of the revenue and expenditure of the province.

THE REVENUES.

The revenues from all sources during 1898 amounted to \$5,517,338.03, while the expenditure totalled \$3,833,061.83, showing a deficit of \$1,684,276.20. At the beginning of the year the Treasurer had on hand \$95,819.54 and \$510,000 on a special deposit account. The receipts were as follows:—Consolidated revenue fund—Dominion of Canada, \$304,060; Crown Lands Department, \$1,100,539; Licenses, \$276,761; Law stamps, \$17,284; Education Department, \$59,573; succession duty, \$506,183; casual revenue, \$106,569; sale of lands, \$12,290; public institutions, \$94,113; Algotna taxes, \$4,133; open accounts, \$188,971; total, \$3,647,353.

THE EXPENDITURES.

Following are the expenditures:—Consolidated revenue fund—Civil Government, \$1,529,988; legislation, \$1,651,189; administration of justice, \$438,276; education, \$735,998; public institutions maintenance, \$815,744; immigration, \$7,108; agriculture, \$106,688; hospitals and charities, \$184,462; repairs and maintenance, public buildings, \$70,781; locks, dams, etc., \$8,973; colonization roads, \$107,454; surveys, inspections, etc., \$8,893; charges Crown Lands, \$162,395; refunds, \$27,190; statutes consolidated, \$43,831; miscellaneous, \$218,302; open account, \$349,866; total, \$3,505,081.83.

In only two cases was there an increase in revenue over 1897. These were in interest from all capital held in the Department of Education, \$3,067. The net decrease amounted to \$507,935, being principally in the Woods and Forests, where the falling off amounted to \$345,951. The other decreases were:—Total on instalments, \$1,374; Crown Lands, \$50,413; rent, \$104,142; licenses, \$12,630; law stamps, \$2,098; succession duty, \$22,633 casual revenue, \$19,275; public institutions, \$8,592; York County yielded more in 1898, \$1,240; the Central Prison, \$38,778; during 1898 year, and the receipts from that institution amounted to \$100,885.15.

A comparative statement shows that in 1898 the expenditure was \$3,803,061, as against \$3,767,075 in the previous year. The results of the year were \$3,647,353, as compared with \$1,139,817 the previous year. The great reduction was in the Crown Lands Department, where the revenue fell from \$1,100,539 to \$304,060.

ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR.

The estimates were also placed on the table at the Legislature yesterday. The proposed expenditure amounting to \$3,408,573. Of this amount, \$3,172,461.34, is on account of current expenditure; \$22,875.39, is on refund account, and \$214,231, on capital account. The amount required for the different departments is as follows: Civil Government, \$2,235,525; justice, \$103,200; administration of justice, \$442,796; education, \$730,862; public institutions (for maintenance), \$805,782; immigration, \$7,075; agriculture, \$106,688; hospitals and charities, \$182,593; maintenance and repairs of Government and departmental buildings, \$17,590; public buildings (repairs), \$10,800; charges on Crown Lands, \$136,975; miscellaneous expenditure, \$127,000, and unforeseen and unprovided, \$50,000. Total, \$3,172,461.

CIVIL GOVERNMENT INCREASE.

There is an increase in the estimates for civil government of \$5,257, as compared with last year, and the following items also appear: Lieutenant-Governor's office, increase \$600; Attorney-General's Department, increase \$368; Department of Education, decrease \$2; Crown Lands, decrease \$49; Public Works, decrease \$3,450; Treasury Department, increase \$100; Provincial Board of Health, decrease \$175; Provincial institutions, decrease \$1,225; public institutions, decrease \$50; insurance branch, decrease \$49; Department of Agriculture, increase \$150; Department of Immigration, decrease \$50; miscellaneous account, decrease \$50.

The sum of \$7,000 is asked for expenses in the elections, and \$1,000 for expenses in contested elections. Gratuity to the daughters of the late Alex. Grant, Osgoode Hall, \$2,200; gratuity to the estate of the late Principal Kirkland of the Toronto Normal School, \$2,500; gratuity to the estate of the late Prof. Stanton, Agricultural College, additional, \$1,300; gratuity to C. G. Horezsky, Public Works Department, \$1,100; gratuity to S. G. O'Grady, Public Works Department, \$1,050; gratuity to the widow of the late Aaron Slight, mining inspector, \$500.

FISHERIES DEPARTMENT.

The newly formed Fisheries Department is estimated to cost \$25,500, while for 1898 it was \$6,000. A contribution to the Victorian Order of Nurses is placed at \$2,500, to be expended in New Ontario. There is an increase of nearly \$10,000 asked for the maintenance of public buildings. An increase of \$30,000 to repair public buildings is asked to be thus expended:—Asylums, at Toronto, \$535; Mimico, \$2,580; London, \$7,170; Hamilton, \$3,350; Kingston, \$4,000; Brockville, \$6,805; Elliotville, \$2,800; Central Prison, \$5,300; Reformatory, at Pentangris, \$700; do., Females, Toronto, \$3,000; Deaf and Dumb Institute, Belleville, \$1,450; Blind, Brantford, \$4,525; Agricultural College, Guelph, \$4,100; Education Department, Toronto, \$2,000; Normal school, Ottawa, \$500; Normal school, London, \$1,000; School of Practical Science, Toronto, 4,235; Osgoode Hall, \$600; New Parliament buildings, \$2,400.

PUBLIC WORKS EXPENDITURE.

Following are the sums asked for public works:—Gull and Barré Rivers, Works, \$6,458; Lake of the Woods, \$4,000; Star Lake, \$400; to remove obstructions from navigable streams, \$750; maintenance of locks, dams, etc., at Bala and Port Carling, \$13,550. Revenues were given to Stobbes river, \$295; Talbot river, \$60; bridge across Madawaska river at Burnstown, \$1,500; Payne river, improvement of bed of stream, \$4,000; improvement of bed

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