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THE 5 P.M. EDITION

COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

What is Going on in the Business World—The Market News.

During January 150 home-made entries were made at Edmonton.

The number of sheep in Australia to-day is given as about 87,000,000.

The Winnipeg electric railway company has increased its capital stock by \$250,000.

The potato farms nearly fourteen per cent. of the total food of the people of this country.

The grain stored in Chicago public and private elevators now amounts to 22,126,000 bushels.

It is reported that Danish, South Shore and Atlantic will be united with "Noo," and become part of that system.

Nearly 500,000,000 pounds of steel were consumed in the year 1900 in countries other than the sources of production.

Paris consumed 1,750,000 pounds of steel last winter. The best came from the Burgundy vineyards and were sold for from 8 to 9 francs a thousand.

The Postal Telegraph is laying a cable from California to the Philippines, a distance of 8,000 miles, without subsidy or guarantee of any kind.

The United States real estate inventory, started at Columbus, Ohio, with a capital of \$2,000,000, will develop a tract of 18,000 acres of coal land in Jefferson county.

Forty-eight thousand tons of iron wire were used in building the Forth bridge. The Brooklyn suspension bridge cost \$27,500,000, but only 30,000 tons of iron wire were used in building.

The socks employed on the lakes are forming a union. Wages for the first sock will be \$100 a month and \$65 for second sock. The Canadian steamers pay the smallest wages in marine circles for this class of workers.

There are 271 establishments engaged in extracting cotton seed oil in the United States. They used 2,479,386 tons of cotton seed, costing \$28,032,616, an average of \$11.55 per ton. The total value of the products were \$42,411,843.

In 1898, 40,000,000 eggs, \$507,046 worth; in 1901, 41,001,640 worth, or just about double; in 1896, \$13,956,271, in 1901, \$21,675,541; bacon, hams, and pork, in 1895, \$9,467,684, in 1901, \$11,829,820.

A. A. Furtos, N.O., J. G. Harris, V.S.G., F. Davis, A. C. Lorieup and F. Cox; all of Duluth, have been incorporated by the Ontario government as the Consolidated copper company, of Pary Sound, limited, and authorized to issue shares to the amount of five million dollars.

WAS INSTANTLY KILLED.

A DEPLORABLE ACCIDENT ON TORONTO ESPLANADE.

If Britain Taxes Colonial Products Then Preference Should Be Given To Products Grown Within The Empire.

Toronto, Feb. 12.—Annie Cameron, aged thirteen, the daughter of Alexander Cameron, a tanner, residing on Esplanade street, was instantly killed this morning, at ten o'clock, on the esplanade, by a G.T.R. shunting engine. She was watching a freight train and waiting an opportunity to cross when the other engine came backing up, the crew not being aware of her presence.

At a meeting held at noon to-day the board of trade, on motion of C. B. Watts and A. E. Kemp, M.P., passed a resolution that if Great Britain should place a tax on products similar to those being produced in Canada a preference on that taxation should be given to the products grown within the empire.

In the preamble there was a reference to the fact that Canada had shown a desire to strengthen the bonds binding the empire together by her participation in the war in South Africa, but this was struck out as rather a palpable and unbecoming reference to the fact that Canada had shown a desire to strengthen the bonds binding the empire together by her participation in the war in South Africa, but this was struck out as rather a palpable and unbecoming reference to the fact that Canada had shown a desire to strengthen the bonds binding the empire together by her participation in the war in South Africa.

Miss Moon, the young domestic charged with the murder of her baby, appeared before Judge Ellis this morning and pleaded "not guilty." She was remanded for a week if Miss Moon this morning repudiates the confession she made last night, but Alexander Downey, the court stenographer, has a short-hand note of what she said, and is prepared to swear that she said that she killed the baby by striking it on the head with a nursing bottle.

DUTY IS REDUCED.

Cutting Tolls From Twenty-Five To Fifteen Per Cent.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—The government has decided that a combination exists among the manufacturers of printing paper in Canada, and in order to bring competition has decided to reduce the duty on newsprint from twenty-five per cent. to fifteen per cent.

In April last the Canadian press association represented to the government that the price of printing paper was very much higher in Canada than in the United States, and offered a given opportunity to prove that this advance was due to a combination or agreement among the paper manufacturers of Canada to keep up prices.

Are Not Satisfied.

Toronto, Feb. 12.—In an interview to-day, H. J. Pettipiece, M.P.P., president of the Canadian press association, expressed dissatisfaction with the order-in-council reducing the paper duty. The finding of the judge granted more and broader reductions to the publishers who buy news print in sheets and those using higher grades of paper would have no relief, because the reduction in duty is limited to paper costing two and a quarter cents or less. Further representations will be made to the government.

POISON ON FALSE TEETH.

Pennsylvania Doctor Had Narrow Escape From Death.

Connelville, Pa., Feb. 12.—Before starting out to visit a patient at Adelaide, Dr. Phillips, New Haven, took his false teeth out of his pocket and put them into his mouth. When he arrived he was delirious and was taken off the train. Physicians detected symptoms of lead poisoning and brought the doctor out of danger. Dr. Phillips says that from the queer taste in his mouth when he put the teeth in he now supposes that a tablet in his pocket containing a half grain of strychnine had adhered to the plate and dissolved in his mouth.

He Charges Toll.

On a portion of the main road leading across Wolfe Island, the snow is banked high, making it impossible for sleighs to pass. Although in an open field and passage through it being easy, drivers of sleighs began to use it. The owner, a farmer, saw a chance to make a few shillings, and armed with a pitchfork, merely as a weapon of authority, he hid up those driving over his land, and charged them ten cents toll. Most of the sleigh owners paid the sum, but one Kingstonian objected and, according to rumor, would have got out and whipped the farmer, only that his horse would not stand. He claimed that the farmer has no right to charge such a toll, and is responsible for having the road kept clear. The stages running to the cape do not pay anything for going over the private property.

Illcit Still Captured.

Halifax, Feb. 12.—An illcit whiskey still was found in full operation in the heart of this city last night. Five inland revenue officers dashed into Abner N. Brennan's fruit store on Brunswick street and quickly descended into the cellar, where they found a man named Kennedy making the whiskey. The worn boiler and a sample of the liquor were carried away by the officers, and Brennan and Kennedy placed under arrest. Several barrels of whiskey found in the cellar were destroyed.

Sent Up For Trial.

Winnipeg, Feb. 12.—Walter Gordon received his preliminary trial last night at Boissevain for the murder of Charles Dew and J. Sault. He was committed to the spring assizes at Brandon in March. Several witnesses were examined and a couple of them gave strong evidence, amply confirming the story of Gordon's confession, which was discredited by the attorney-general's department a few days ago.

Nearing New York.

New York, Feb. 12.—The German imperial yacht Hohenzollern passed the Sandy Hook light ship at 11:57 a.m., coming into port.

SEEKING A SITE.

The Deering Co's Superintendent In The City To-Day.

B. A. Kennedy, general superintendent of the Deering harvester company, Chicago, was in the city to-day, in connection with the company's desire to open up a branch industry at some advantageous Canadian point. The company is not bonus-hunting, but will select whichever location is most desirous from a geographical and shipping standpoint.

Mr. Kennedy, in company with the mayor, city engineer Kirkpatrick and aldermen Craig, Sears and King, the latter three forming the civic committee on industries, this morning drove down to the smaller site, which property is proposed to let the company have on certain specified conditions. This location was looked thoroughly over. Returning to the city the delegation drove along Ontario street, to a waterworks pumping station, which was also inspected. They afterwards dined at the British American.

In the afternoon Mr. Kennedy and the same gentlemen met in the mayor's office at the city buildings, where a private conference was held. At the time of going to press they were still in session. Neither the mayor nor his colleagues would give out anything concerning the matter to-day, stating that the progress of the business was at this time, not far enough advanced to warrant a statement being given to the public. Mr. Kennedy had nothing to say on the subject.

When asked as to his impression of the site, he was emphatically replied, "Well, it seems to me you've got lots of snow here, anyway." This much is certain: the company will start a branch industry in eastern Ontario. All the implements sold in South Africa and other parts of the British empire will be manufactured at this branch. This would mean the employment of about 1,000 men to begin with.

It was stated to-day, by one who is closely connected with the company, that all things being equal, Kingston would be given the preference. The company wishes to locate at a point where it can obtain its supply of coal for the least trouble. Kingston, in this respect, would offer a good inducement, as it is an easy matter to ship coal across the lake to Kingston.

THE DECKS ARE CLEAR.

An Unexpected Ending To The Budget Debate.

Toronto, Feb. 12.—A most unusual proceeding characterized the finish of the budget debate in the legislature last night, when the discussion came to an end without the customary closing speech by Mr. Whitney or premier Ross. Old officials state that this is the first instance of the kind in the history of provincial legislatures. At 9:30 Mr. Crawford concluded his address, and neither Mr. Whitney, who was expected to close the discussion on his side, nor any other member rose to continue the debate. After some moments of hesitation the speaker put the question, and on a division the amendment was lost by eleven. It was understood that Mr. Whitney took the position that he would not speak if he was to be followed by both Mr. Stratton and Mr. Ross, while on the other hand Mr. Stratton would have concluded the debate on the government side. The failure of Mr. Whitney to take part in the debate was the occasion of much speculation and comment in the corridors, and the sudden silence was a great disappointment to the crowded galleries.

The principal speech of the day was made by Hon. Mr. Davis, who, in a careful address of upwards of two hours, dealt in a high manner with the government's policy with regard to the crown domains, and subjected the opposition's amendment to a searching criticism. The decks are now cleared for the premier's prohibition of speech, which will be the first item on to-day's order paper.

The railway committee of the legislature this morning passed the bill relating to the Sandwich, Windsor and Amherstburg electric railway. The Eastern Ontario Railway bill providing for an electric line from Wipitor, by way of Essex, to Chatham, was passed and bonding powers to the extent of \$25,000 a mile granted.

A Jeweller's Advice.

The growing fancy for wearing an abundance of rings during the daytime as well as for evening affairs makes special care of the gems they encase very necessary. If you want your rings to last well do not wear them under gloves. That is what a prominent jeweller says. But if you decide that gloves are a necessity, as probably you will, he adds, then end your rings twice a year to be re-set. The reason for this warning is that the friction of the glove wears the tiny points that hold the stones in place, and the result is that the stones fall out, unless they are constantly looked after. Their wearers might not detect a loose stone but a jeweller would at once, and by a little timely intervention might prevent the loss of a valuable gem.

The London Chronicle quotes a naval officer as saying that during the year 1912 the British admiralty sent out to Kingston, where some British ships were then stationed, a large number of water tanks, in the belief that Lake Ontario was a salt water lake.

A rig containing a young lady and gentleman was upset on Ontario street this afternoon in attempting to cross the street car tracks. The occupants were thrown out but escaped injury.

The sleigh was slightly damaged. Last evening, William Pollitt, Collingwood avenue, entertained about thirty friends at a card party. Music, games, refreshments, etc., served to while away the time pleasantly.

The revolutionary steamer Liberator sank the Venenzolan gunboat General Crespino recently near Cumarebo. The captain and the crew are prisoners on board the Liberator.

Our stock of hair brushes is so large, that we want to reduce it, and to do this we are offering 20 per cent. discount for this week only. E. C. Mitchell.

H. A. Calvin, M.P., Mrs. Calvin and Miss Marion Calvin left at noon to-day for Ottawa.

BLOCKED THE OVERTURES

PERSUADE DELEGATES NOT TO MAKE ANY ADVANCES.

Will Not Confer With The Leaders —Dr. Mueller Has Prepared Plan Of Campaign In United States.

Brussels, Feb. 12.—After a discussion in which the opinion of the Boer delegates was considerably divided, Mr. Kruger and Dr. Leyds convinced the others that it was not wise, to sign a minister, Lord Lansdowne, to the view of the reply of the British foreign secretary, Lord Lansdowne, to the note of the Netherlands on the subject of peace in South Africa, to make overtures to Great Britain regarding obtaining permission to open telegraphic communication with the Boer leaders in the field. Dr. Kuyper, the Dutch premier, coincided in this view, and therefore it has been provisionally determined to maintain the status quo.

The plan of campaign drawn up by Dr. Mueller, who is on his way to New York, with despatches from the Boer delegates in Europe to president Roosevelt, includes the formation of two standing committees, one or more of less political, to include the pro-Boer senators and representatives and other prominent men who, it is claimed, have already promised to join. The other and larger body will be chiefly interested in the collection and forwarding of money for the Boer cause.

Dr. Mueller is entrusted with a letter from Mr. Kruger to president Roosevelt.

Woodstock Trooper Dead.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—The governor general is advised of the death of trooper Myrtle Davidson, of the S.A.C., who died from enteric fever on February 9th. His father is William Davidson, of Woodstock, Ont.

A Deserter Shot.

Somershet, East, Feb. 11.—A trooper of Nesbit's horse, who deserted to Krutzing's commando, and was subsequently captured at Wepener, was shot this morning.

LORD CLANDEBOYE SUCCEEDS.

The Funeral Of Lord Dufferin Will Be Private.

London, Feb. 12.—The marquis of Dufferin passed away peacefully after a night of total unconsciousness. With the exception of his youngest son, lord Hamilton, Temple Blackwood, who is with his regiment, the 9th Lancers in South Africa, all the family were present at the deathbed. Lord Clandeboye, the oldest son, who is a clerk in the foreign office and who married Florence, daughter of John H. Davis, New York, succeeds to the title and thus another American joins the ranks of peerages. The funeral of lord Dufferin will be private. His remains will be buried in the graveyard at Clandeboye on February 15th.

FOUGHT FOR HER.

One Band Of Brigands Made Attack On Another.

Vienna, Feb. 12.—The information to-day says that another band of brigands has attacked the captors of Miss Ella M. Stone, the American missionary, intending to seize her and secure the ransom for her release. A desperate encounter occurred between the two bands, the paper says, and twenty of the brigands were killed and injured. Miss Stone miraculously escaped injury. The account does not say which band got the missionary.

She Didn't Give It Up.

Chicago Journal.

"Robson, do you know why you are like a donkey?" "Like a donkey?" echoed Robson, opening his eyes wide. "I don't." "Because your better half is stubbornness itself." The jest pleased Robson immensely, for he at once saw the opportunity of a glorious dig at his wife. So when he got home he said to her: "Mrs. Robson, do you know why I am like a donkey?" "He waited a moment, expecting his wife to give it up. But she didn't. She looked at him somewhat pityingly as she answered: 'I suppose it's because you were born so.'"

Verdict For Libel.

London, Feb. 12.—John Douglas Foster, lawyer, attached to lord Roberts' staff, in South Africa, and who Dr. Krause, the former governor of Johannesburg, was accused of attempting to have murdered, obtained a verdict of £2,000 damages for libel in the king's bench division of the high court of justice, to-day, against Arthur B. Markham, liberal member of parliament for the Mansfield division of Nottinghamshire. The latter was charged with publishing a letter, written by Dr. Krause, indirectly accusing Foster of connection with illicit diamond buying.

Death Of Mrs. O'Brien.

The death occurred early this morning of Mrs. Lawrence O'Brien, Union street, after an illness of heart disease. Deceased was born in Ireland sixty-five years ago. Her husband, one son and two daughters survive. The son and one daughter living in C. Paul, Minn. Deceased was a highly respected lady. Her many good acts in the cause of charity and church work will long be remembered.

John Donnelly and Staff Returned To-Day From Prescott.

They made additional repairs to the steamer Belleville.

The quarterly board of Queen street Methodist church met last night, but only routine business was transacted.

Rev. Dr. Williams, Montreal, will preach in Queen street Methodist church next Sunday morning.

Frontenac-Beechgrove and Belleville juniors will play here next Wednesday.

Two Bottles Cured Asthma.

A. V. Home, C.P.E. engineer, writes: "I suffered terribly for 12 years with asthma. I was cured by two bottles of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I can now do any kind of work without a moment's rest. I would urge all sufferers to use it." All Druggists or The S. & M. Co., Limited, 131, Church St., Toronto.

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RE-BUILDING SALE. This Sale means a general clearance in all departments and a more determined effort to hurry out all goods before going back to our new store. LINEN SALE. This means much to the house-keepers of this city. The enormous business of the last few weeks has been our special values. Ladies, buy your Linens for spring now at Waldron's and save 20 to 40% Off. The balance of our (12 only) Woven Art Squares. They are well assorted in size and marked cheap. All patterns in Brussels and Tapestry Carpets one-fifth of your money back. R. WALDRON, Uglow's Old Stand, Princess Street.