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GIVE WHEAT

To The Farmers of West In Need.

BUT 'TIS NO CHARITY

THE DISTRIBUTION WILL ONLY BE AS A LOAN.

The Banks Crowding the Residents—Representatives to Visit Ottawa—The Condition of the Canadian Railways—Talks Over the French Treaty.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—The necessity of government action by the direction of supplying seed wheat to farmers in the west who have been unfortunate in having their crops destroyed by frost, was introduced in the orders of the day, by Hon. Clifford Sifton. He was permitted to do so as a matter of public urgency, although the order partly indicated that the French treaty was the business for the day. Mr. Sifton said he had recently returned from Winnipeg, where he had consulted a couple of gentlemen who are well informed as to the existing conditions. He was led to believe that matters were so serious that government attention should be called to them so that something could be done. He desired it to be understood that the people in the west were not asking for charity, but rather for loans, which would enable them to meet the difficulties arising through an unusual set of circumstances. Under present conditions no help is to be expected from the banks or the loan companies and something should certainly be done to relieve the situation. It had been suggested that the provincial governments should assume the responsibility of distributing and securing repayment of the money, which might be advanced by the federal government. He did not know whether this would be the correct course to pursue, but understood that the matter would be discussed at an early date, with representatives of the provincial governments, who are coming to Ottawa. In closing, Mr. Sifton laid emphasis on the great loss to the country which would be entailed if several hundred thousand acres were not seeded next spring. He estimated that under ordinary conditions the loss would be equal to the destruction of from ten to fifteen millions of capital.

Mr. Lake followed and pointed out that in certain areas frost had rendered the wheat unfit for seed, and while frost would grow if the weather conditions after seeding were favorable, it would not be a wise policy to plant any more of it than could be helped. He reminded Mr. Oliver that he had, on December 16th, drawn the attention of government to the situation, and trusted that the minister would be able to lay before the house the results of the investigations which he had promised them to make. He hoped that in any scheme that might be adopted there would be no effort to gain political advantage. Dr. Cash said in his district the

greatest necessity would be for seed oats, although wheat would be wanted also. Not only would the banks not lend, but they were coming down hard on those who happened to owe them anything.

Thomas Greenway referred, with evident pride, to the fact that during the past season fifty thousand farmers of Manitoba had produced for value of forty million dollars. There might be a necessity for aid to Manitoba in limited areas, but generally speaking, the province would not require any assistance. It was a good idea to have the question dealt with at once, before it was all shipped eastward, as there was plenty of grain for seed in the province at the present time.

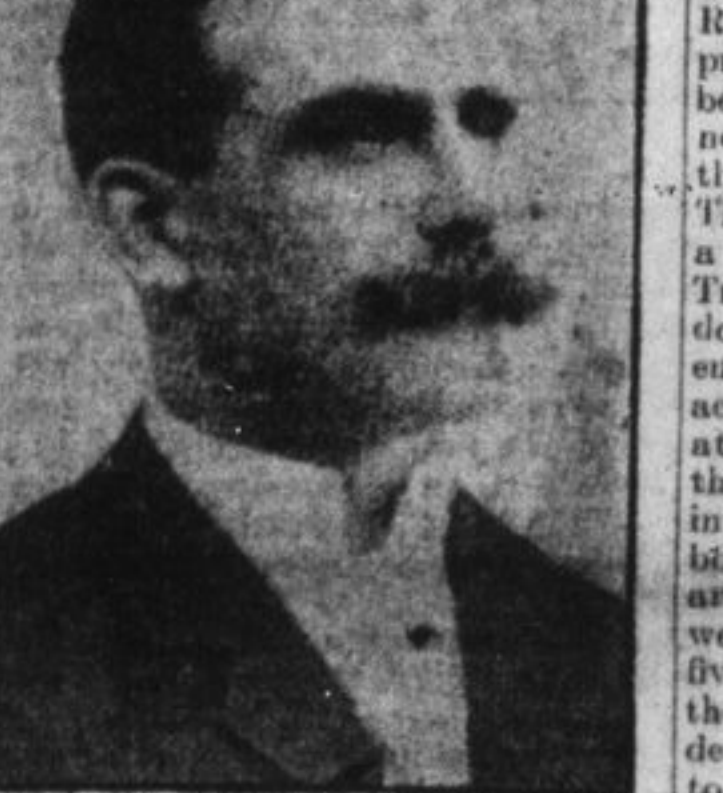
W. B. Staples was of the same opinion as to the situation in Manitoba, and thought the provincial authorities were in the best position to ascertain what was required and to handle details of distribution.

Mr. McIntyre thought the arrangement was necessary, and Mr. Hezon said that no aid would be required in Southern Alberta, except perhaps in isolated cases.

After Col. Samuel Hughes had expressed sympathy, E. B. Oeler, the Toronto financier, gave it as his opinion that it would be a mistake to lend the money to the farmers direct. In many cases the government would never be repaid.

After other speakers had spoken on the subject, Mr. Oliver said that the government had been considering the subject for some time. In a few days representatives from Saskatchewan and Alberta would be here, when a definite statement would be made.

A blue book was laid on the table by the minister of railways, containing the second annual report of the statistical branch of the department, organized a couple of years ago, un-



COL. SAMUEL HUGHES.

der the leadership of J. Lambert Payne. This is the second report and contains considerable information which was not given in the first statement issued.

The mileage of double track was increased during the year from 743 to 1,967. The total of all tracks, yards added, the total of all tracks in the dominion amounted to 27,611 miles, of which all but ninety-five were laid on steel rails. The number of miles actually under construction was not reported, but from data gathered it is estimated at 3,000. This does not include lines projected and not under contract.

Divided by provinces, the railway mileage in the dominion is as follows:

Ontario	7,637.91
Quebec	2,515.00
Manitoba	3,074.46
Saskatchewan	2,024.86
British Columbia	1,685.29
New Brunswick	1,502.73
Nova Scotia	1,329.47
Alberta	1,323.02
Prince Edward Island	297.20
Yukon	90.69

The total earnings from operation for the year were \$16,735,214.68, of which \$95,728,075.21 came from freight service, \$45,739,652.29 from passenger service and \$5,269,487.06 from other sources. This represented an increase of \$21,415,349.65 or 17.09 per cent over 1906. The operating expenses amounted to \$103,748,672.67, an increase over 1906 of \$16,619,242.78 or 19.07 per cent. The proportion of operating expenses to earnings was 78.70 per cent.

The net earnings of the year were \$12,989,537.41, as compared with \$35,193,430.54 for 1906. The total earnings were equal to \$ 6,535.64 per mile of railway and the operating expenses to \$1,629.00.

In the evening an almost empty house resumed an uninteresting debate on the French treaty.

Getting Into Monopoly's Hands.

London, Jan. 17.—At a meeting of the court of common council, yesterday, a resolution was passed expressing regret that the trade of the Central Meat Market was gradually getting into the hands of the American meat trust to the detriment of the consumers, and calling on the corporation, as the market authorities, to safeguard the interests of consumers. The resolution was referred to the finance committee for investigation, and their recommendation. It has been alleged for some time past that the price of all beef in England was dictated by the Chicago packers, who refused further supplies to retailers attempting to cut rates.

Held Him For Trial.

London, Jan. 17.—Carl Ludwig Von Veltheim, charged with attempting to blackmail Solly Joel, a capitalist, out of \$30,000 in connection with an alleged attempt to kidnap the late Paul Kruger, then president of the South African republic, was held for trial, yesterday, in the Guildhall police court.

WERE IN COURT

Toronto Ladies Before a London Magistrate.

FORGOT TO PAY UP

FOR A COSTUME SECURED IN THE METROPOLIS.

One Was Convicted and the Other Acquitted—The High Character of Mrs. Cutter Testified to by Rev. Armstrong Black, D. C.

London, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Inez Dickenson Cutter and Miss Margaret Moore Perkins, Toronto ladies, said to have been traveling after a nervous breakdown, were charged, in the police court, yesterday, with having forgotten to pay for a costume they had ordered. Mrs. Cutter said she was utterly incapable of taking any part in money arrangements, and had given Miss Perkins a power of attorney. Miss Perkins denied the charge, but admitted owing money to various firms mentioned. She declared she had been defrauded out of £700 by a money lender. Evidence regarding the defendant's high character was given by Rev. Dr. Armstrong Black, formerly of Toronto, and others. Miss Perkins was found guilty and bound over under the new probationers' act. Mrs. Cutter was acquitted.

MURDER IN FAR NORTH.

Trumper Charged With Killing His Companion.

Edmonton, Alta., Jan. 17.—Word has been received from Athabasca Landing that Sgt. Anderson, of the R.N.W.M.P., has arrived there with a prisoner named Trumper, who has been arrested at Peace Coulee Prairie, north of Fort Macleod, charged with the murder of George W. Coleman. The men had been living together in a shack, and they had some words. Trumper claims that Coleman took down a rifle from the wall and threatened to shoot him, and that he (the accused) rushed and caught the rifle, at the same time hitting Coleman on the head with a club, knocking him into the fireplace, where he left the body till the head and part of one arm were badly burned. Trumper then went out and shot some settlers about five miles distant, but he had killed the man in self-defense. Later evidence, however, made suspicion point to Trumper, and he was arrested, and is being brought to police headquarters at Fort Saskatchewan.

A RAILWAY DISASTER.

Electric Car Falls Over Trestle Near Paris.

Brantford, Jan. 16.—A Grand Valley railway electric car dropped twenty feet over a trestle near Paris, Ontario, and the conductor, George W. Longhurst, of Brantford, was seriously injured and seven or eight passengers sustained painful bruises. The car was twenty minutes late when it struck the trestle, and three different attempts had to be made. The third time it backing up, one of the wheels left the rails and the car was thrown over the side to the ground. The passengers were taken out through the windows. The motorman and conductor were assisted to the home of Mr. Foulds, Conductor Beacon had his leg broken and his skull fractured.

CUT IN OCEAN RATES.

Steamship War on Atlantic Causing Big Reductions.

The steamship war on the Atlantic is causing big reductions in rates, especially on the C.P.R. lines, and in Kingston has received word of the following cuts on C.P.R. boats:

Second cabin passage, from St. John to Liverpool, on the Empresses, \$33.75, against the ordinary fare of \$42.50. Same cabin on other boats of the company, \$31.25, against \$37.50. Steerage on Empresses, \$17.50, against \$27.50 formerly. The other big lines are meeting the cuts and it is stated that the war arose through the C.P.R. demanding for its boats a differential rate, as its steamers were not as large and speedy as the Lusitania and Mauretania. The Cunard line, so it is claimed, would not agree to this, and thus the war.

W. T. Tinning, travelling passenger agent for the C.P.R. steamship line, has been in Kingston the past few days in reference to the cut in the rates.

Another Suicide.

Washington, D.C., Jan. 17.—The body of Lieut. John W. Crawford, private secretary to Admiral Dewey, was found below Fort Foote, on the Maryland side of the Potomac. He disappeared on November 2nd last, leaving a note to a friend that he was driven to end his life by financial troubles.

Campbell Bros' Fur Sale.

Is proving a big success.

Chocolates Second To None.

Edwards & Jenkin.

See the Psychics window at Gibson's Red Cross drug store. It is for throat and lung troubles. It is for throat and lung troubles. It is for throat and lung troubles.

REMOVES ALL OBJECTIONS

And the O'Brienites Get Into Irish Party.

Dublin, Jan. 17.—The Irish parliamentary party, yesterday, re-elected, John E. Redmond, to the position of chairman. At the same meeting a motion was passed endorsing the resolution of the national directory of the United Irish League approving the action of Mr. Redmond at his recent conference with William O'Brien, and expressing the opinion that the agreement reached removes every objection, on the ground of principle, that the nationalists outside the party had to rejoicing the ranks.

FRENCH WON OUT.

A Splendid Victory Over Arabs in Morocco.

Tangier, Jan. 17.—News has reached here of a terrific ten hours engagement in a ravine, near Setatta, between a French column, under General Damade, and a column commanded by Mulai Rachid, a chief of Mulai Hafid's forces. The French gained a splendid victory in the face of heavy odds. Twenty of the French soldiers were wounded, but many of the Arabs were killed. The latter not only offered a goggled resistance, but also returned repeatedly, to the battle after being routed and attacked the French from three sides.

A FAMOUS AUTHOR

Won a Permanent Place in Modern Literature.

Owen Wister, who wrote the now famous novel, "The Virginian," was born in Philadelphia on July 14th, 1860, and was the son of Owen J. Wister. He was educated at Concord,



Owen Wister

N.H., and graduated from Harvard University in 1888. He studied law, and was admitted to the bar, in Philadelphia, in 1889. He went in for literature professionally in 1891, but he brought out "The Virginian," and became entitled to a permanent place in modern literature. He has written many volumes and many magazine articles, and even dabbled slightly in verse for magazine publications. His home is in Philadelphia.

MADE MANY BEQUESTS.

Thousands of Dollars Were Disposed of.

Napansco, Jan. 17.—On Wednesday, January 15th, Rufus A. Sloney, one of Napansco's most respected citizens, passed away, aged sixty-five years, after an illness of several years. Deceased was engaged in the grocery business for a number of years; but owing to ill-health had to give up business. The funeral will take place from his late residence, John Street, on Friday, at 2 p.m., to the Eastern cemetery vault.

The funeral of the late Alexander Willis took place from the residence of his father-in-law, John VanAlstine, Centre street, yesterday afternoon. The remains were taken to the Western cemetery vault. The funeral was largely attended.

James Russell left, yesterday, for New York, to spend a few days with his two sons, who reside there. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Young, Centre street, were at home to a large number of their married friends on Wednesday evening. Mrs. M. O. Fraser and three little daughters expect to leave for their home, at Wawanesa, Man., on Monday next, after a couple of months' visit with "Big" parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Graham.

Charles Fisher has purchased the home of A. W. Caton, Centre street, and will take possession in March next. The late Gideon Milligan, who died at Vernon, B.C., recently left the following bequests: To his brother, James, \$42,000; to Robert Milligan, \$5,000; to a sister in Oswego, \$5,000; to John W. Milligan's two daughters, Flossie and Laura, \$1,000 each; Mrs. A. B. Schryner, Chambers, \$1,000; Mrs. Hamilton Loucks, Napansco, \$1,000. He was supposed to be worth \$60,000.

Miss Woodie Kent is visiting her sister, Mrs. A. McCall, at Lindsay, for a few weeks. She will visit friends in Toronto before returning.

The tea meeting at Grana, last Tuesday evening, was a great success. The proceeds amounted to \$118, far beyond the expectations of the congregation. The Napansco orchestra of Trinity church was present, and assisted with the music.

Mistaken For Deer.

Dauphin, Man., Jan. 17.—John Williams, aged twenty, was shot by Edward McCormick while going through the bush. McCormick took Williams for a deer and fired. The bullet passed through Williams' neck, severing his jugular vein, and he died almost instantly.

LATEST NEWS

Despatches From Near And Distant Places.

THE WORLD'S TIDINGS

GIVEN IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

Matters That Interest Everybody; Notes From All Over—Little of Everything Easily Read and Remembered.

The people of Michigan are working to secure the name of God in their new constitution.

Four men were killed on the Grand Trunk Pacific RR. by an explosion north of Hawk, near Kenora.

Tokio business men are prophesying that the Japanese government will this year have to face a deficit of \$5,000,000.

The town of Minas de Riotinto, in Spain, is threatened with complete destruction, ground sinking above abandoned copper mines.

Agram, a town in Croatia-Slavonia, amused itself by throwing stones and eggs at Baron Bucky, newly appointed "ban" by Hungary.

The death is announced of Prince Edward, L. L. von Imhausen und Kayhhausen, president of the Prussian House of Lords. He was born in 1827.

The United States senate passed a joint resolution reducing from \$24,000 to \$11,000,000 the war indemnity of the United States from China.

The Dominion government has told Japan that the report of the Hon. Rodolph Lemieux regarding the immigration question is entirely satisfactory.

A United States cavalryman in Cuba has been court-martialed and found guilty of shooting off his right forefinger to secure his being mustered out of the service.

The British sailing ship Hartfield, Captain Sanderson, 1,515 tons, has been totally wrecked and her crew of eighteen lost, off Hequoit on the west coast of Vancouver Island.

William Gilmore, a printer in Montreal, who, last summer, jumped from the deck of a steamer to save a little boy who had fallen into the river, has been awarded, from the Lord's merciful hand, a silver medal and \$1,000.

E. D. Scott, cashier, of the People's Bank, Franklinville, N.Y., were arrested on four charges in connection with the bank's failure. They were held in \$4,000 bail each.

Active preparations are being made by the department of agriculture for the exhibition to be held this year—the Franco-British at London and Scottish National at Edinburgh. A very complete exhibit of Canadian products will be made at each of these places.

A leading conservative paper in Havana objects to the putting off for another year the handing over of the government of Cuba to its own people, saying that the question is reduced from an international question to one of personal relations between Cuba and President Roosevelt.

TO PLAY IN GANANOQUE.

The School Children Had a Merry Drive.

Gananoque, Jan. 16.—At the last meeting of Gananoque Council, No. 132, C.O.C.F., in their hall in Kenny & Cokerill's block, the officers were duly installed for the current term. Very frontages of Kingston will cross sticks with the Star-Ingle aggregation on Saturday evening next.

James Cowan, Garden street, arrested a short time ago charged with stealing a quantity of brass axle nuts and machinery for cutting leather for a sled, on December 24th last, had a hearing before the county judge's criminal court this week at Brookville, and pleading guilty the case was adjourned until Tuesday next to allow further enquiry to be made.

The annual sleigh ride of the pupils of the Misses Carpenter and McCammon's classes in the King street school had been held after the close of school this afternoon. A large number participated and from the amount of laughter and noise they must have enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

Harry Abbott, an old Gananoque boy, who has been located for some years in Winnipeg, Man., spent the greater part of the week with relatives in town. Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Balloch spent some time during the past few days in Kingston.

Ed. H. Hubbell and young son, Ed. of the Hubbell family, are spending some time in town the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Asseltine, Princess street. Reginald Cash, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Cash, South street, who has been spending the past few weeks with friends in Ottawa, has returned home. Mr. and Mrs. John Dillon, left today for Burlington, Vt., where Mr. Dillon has accepted a situation and will reside there for the future.

Food Or Work The Cry.

Seattle, Wn., Jan. 17.—At a convention of delegates from labor unions it was decided, last night, that a monster demonstration be held on Monday to enforce the demands of the unemployed for work or food and shelter. Ten thousand men will assemble, and march to the City hall, where they propose to camp until the city council takes favorable action.

The Prince Regent of Bavaria has refused to sign any more death warrants.

COLLEGE EPISODE.

Col. Taylor Acted With Soldierly Astuteness.

La Presse, Montreal, January 14th. A singular debate arose in the House of Commons on the incident of young Lancaster, who was put under arrest by the commandant of the Royal Military College, for having in his possession a cigarette case belonging to another student. We are glad that young Lancaster has been exonerated from all criminal intent, as Sir Fredrick Borden has altered the charges on which he was found guilty, so as to keep the good name and honor of a family entitled to respect. But we must doubt the good-taste of his father, who is a member of parliament, and has laid his complaint before the country. No speech, complaint or reprimand can put on one side the light character of a youth who, in one of those foolish fits, so natural to students, voluntarily exposed himself to suspicion. He took the silver case from a comrade's room, distributed the contents to others, and kept the article for a time in his pocket, having neglected to replace it.

This was a time when other students were complaining to the commandant of more or less serious thefts, even of money. If Col. Taylor had closed his eyes when young Lancaster was reported to him, he would have deserved more than a reprimand; for he alone is responsible for the discipline of the college, and it is a school where everything is founded on rigid discipline. He found guilty a cadet caught red-handed, and an indiscreet joke, carried to an extreme.

Later the minister of militia consented with much delicacy of feeling to remove all evil interpretations of the incident by admitting that young Lancaster had no evil intention and we unreservedly agree to this. But if the minister has the undoubted privilege to enter into the intention of a student, the commandant has no such extended privileges. He has before him only the strict letter of the law. If the house desires to blame him to-day for having given judgment on the evidence, which presented itself to his eyes, of the discovery in the pocket of another man of an object which its owner was looking for, there will be an end for ever of discipline in the military college of Kingston. What commandant will apply well deserved punishment if he is fairly certain that he will pay with the loss of his head the proposals of Mr. Lancaster and his friends in this case amount to a "go-as-you-please" decree. It is true that the culprit occupied a prominent position in the society, but that was exactly why the commandant put on one side considerations which would have savored of favoritism. It is impossible that a government, responsible for all the institutions under its control, should consent to allow the introduction of anarchy.

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Probabilities

Toronto, Ont. Jan. 17, Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence (10 a.m.)—Moderately cold today and Saturday, a light snow fall to-night.

GREAT CLEARING SALE

OF

Wool Blankets

SATURDAY & MONDAY



Cornwall and English Blankets. These Blankets are favorites in every household where they are known. Blankets that are absolutely sanitary, which cannot be said of all makes. Blankets that are soft and warm without being heavy. Easily washed and borders guaranteed fast colors. The unusual mild winter has left us with a heavy stock; hence the reduction of 25 per cent. to clear before inventory.

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\$2.00 BLANKETS, \$1.50.
\$2.50 BLANKETS, \$1.87.
\$3.00 BLANKETS, \$2.25.
\$3.50 BLANKETS, \$2.62.
\$4.00 BLANKETS, \$3.00.
\$4.50 BLANKETS, \$3.37.
\$5.00 BLANKETS, \$3.75.

25 Per Cent Off

THE HOUSEWIFE'S OPPORTUNITY. ALL SALES FOR CASH.

STEACY'S.

MARRIED.

WHYTE—GILLESPIE—At Atkinson, on Jan. 15, 1908, by Rev. McQuarrie, at the residence of her mother, Mrs. Hugh Gillespie, Margaret Isabella (Lillie), to Robert Whyte.

DIED.

SIMPSON—At Beaufort, England, on the 12th Jan. 1908, Annie Isabella Simpson, widow of the late Isaac Simpson, of the City of Kingston, Pa. The remains are being brought to Kingston for burial.

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The Leading Undertaker.
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Jas. Redden & Co.
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Lowney's Chocolates Fresh To-Day In fancy boxes. Edwards & Jenkin.

A settlement of the suit for \$400,000 damages for libel, brought by Adolph S. Gels and the New York City, but do not denounce him because he has done it. If young Lancaster had suffered an injury that had not been altered there would have been cause for complaint. But the contrary is the case. All is explained and satisfaction has been made. The strictness of the commandant was caused only through the lack of discipline of the students. The latter must bear a little of the responsibility. It is not necessary to trouble the country about such things.

DAILY MEMORANDA.

Good fare at Campbell Bros' clearing sale. Civic Finance Committee, 8 p.m. 14th Band at Royal Rink Friday night. Wonderland Theatre, afternoon and evening. Hockey this evening—Queen's II vs. R. M. C. I. At the Princess-Pictures, "Joe In a Nutty in Sweden." "Her First Biko Ride" and "The Simple Minded Post-ant." "Some Southern Girl." Good Vaudeville. Biko Theatre—John Robert Davis, late of the "Pill-Box-Pool" Company and Miss Vera, in Illustration Songs. An extra one at each performance, before 5.30 and after 10 p.m. Pictures—"Neddy," "The Artist's Model," and "A Calman" staged.

WHIG TELEPHONES.

245—Business Office.
246—Editorial Rooms.
252—Jobbing Department.

Legal Forms, all kinds, at Whig. The Daily Whig is always on sale at Gibson's Drug Store, Market Square—Open till late each evening.

"Royal Doulton"

We are opening a new lot of these goods. Something you have never seen before, "diamond," "onyx," "shell," "gold-finished," and best