

PURCHASE OF THE BRIDGE

By-law to Be Voted Upon by Ratepayers on the 11th of March.

City Council Decides to Submit the By-law at Once—A Systematic Plan of Harbor Improvements to Be Decided Upon—A Harbor Board to Be Appointed.

Purchase of Catarqui bridge by the city.

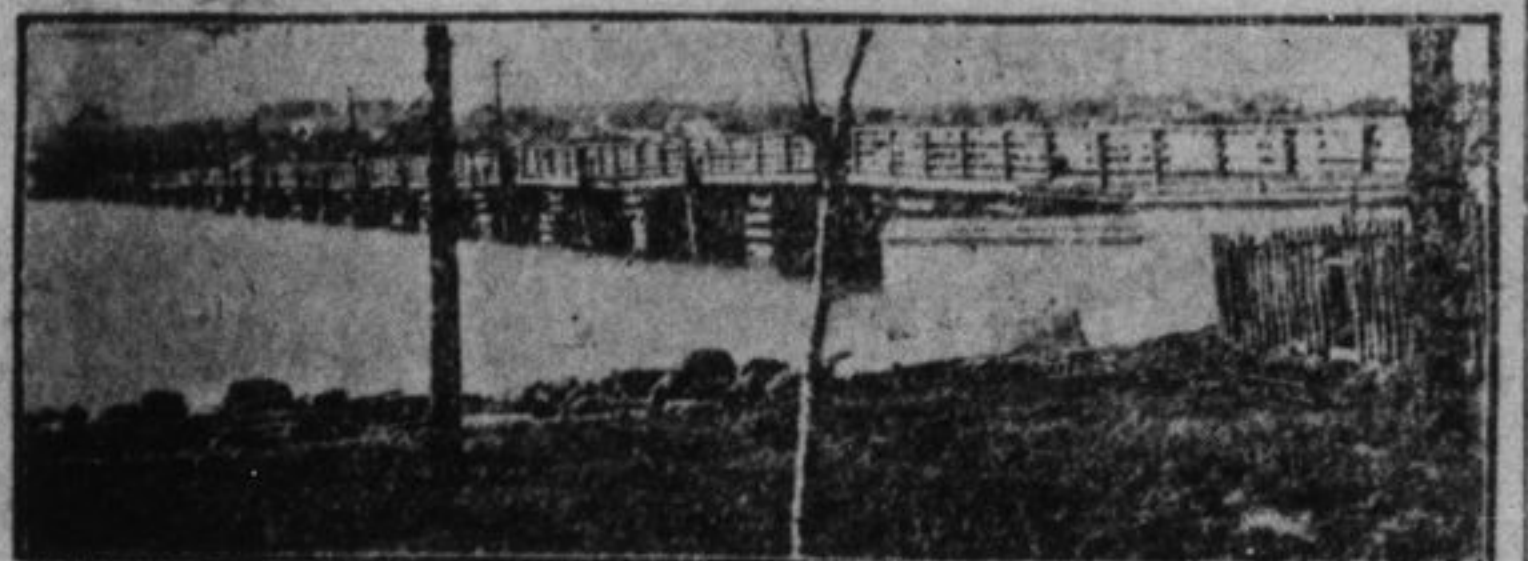
A systematic plan of harbor improvements.

Appointment of a permanent harbor commission.

The above were what the city council decided upon last evening, after a conference in the council chamber with a strong deputation of the board of trade, headed by Dr. Edward Ryan, president; Francis King, George Y. Chown, Robert Meek, and others.

At last, the council has taken a forward step with reference to the improvement of the harbour for the larger traffic in these waters that will result from the enlargement of the Welland canal. Kingston is to have a

ardson, E. E. Horsey and himself had asked the finance committee to put to the people the question of buying the bridge. The first thing to be done, he claimed, was to purchase this bridge, before anything was decided as to what was to be done with it. It was essential that Kingston should have a harbor that would enable upper lake freight steamers to navigate here. For that reason it would be better to put the new bridge at Belle's Island. While that is the view of the board it is felt that there are other interests to be considered, but he held that every other interest was subordinate to the plan of a big national harbor. He did not think there was any price



THE BRIDGE THAT OBSTRUCTS THE HARBOR.

national harbor, and the first step towards securing it will be the purchase of the Catarqui bridge, so that this structure may be at the disposal of the city.

At the present time, the public works department of the Canadian government proposes that the bridge should remain in its present site, and that a span should be placed in the centre, the cost of which the government would defray as a part of the general harbor improvement plan. It was made clear at the conference that the government is not in the bridge-building business, and would only deal with the Kingston bridge as part of the harbor improvement scheme.

It was thought best by the civic finance committee that a conference between the board of trade and the whole city council would be the best thing, in order to come to a definite and final conclusion regarding the bridge proposition. If Kingston harbor is to be included in the government supplementary estimates, W. F. Nickle, M.P., informed Mayor Hoag and the finance committee that the city must decide at once upon its harbor plan, and should it before anything definite can be done, the city must own the bridge. On March 11th, the ratepayers will be asked to vote on a by-law to purchase that ancient structure for \$14,850, and it is a foregone conclusion that they will carry the measure by a large majority.

A Systematic Plan.

At the invitation of the mayor, Dr. Ryan introduced the harbor question by addressing the council. The doctor said that the board of trade, after due consideration, came to the conclusion that a systematic plan of harbor improvements should first be decided upon. The penitentiary and the Myles shoals would have to be removed, the harbor opened from shore to shore and Catarqui bridge removed. Some time ago, the civic finance committee and the board of trade decided that the bridge should be removed to Belle's Island. There seemed to be some disagreement on that question, Dr. Ryan said. However, he held that as Kingston harbor was to be a national harbor, and as a plan of systematic improvement had been decided upon, the question of bridge location should be left to the government to decide.

Last week the government cancelled the lease of occupation of lands held by the K. & P. railway company, and intended building artillery stables upon them. Instead of this, the board of trade suggested that the Terre de Pont Barracks should be removed across the harbor to Barfield, and public wharves erected on the present barracks site, and also in front of the city buildings.

Dr. Ryan held that an independent board of harbor commissioners should be appointed to office until the whole scheme is carried out, the same as in Montreal and other places. A valuable asset of this kind should be in the hands of a permanent board. Therefore, the board of trade suggested to the council that the harbor improvement plan be as follows:

Purchase of the bridge by the city; removal of the two shoals; dredging of the lower harbor, building of large public wharves, and the appointment of a permanent harbor commission.

Ald. Kent raised the question of bridge location stating that it should be definitely known where a new bridge would be built before the by-law was submitted to the ratepayers.

Purchase the Bridge.

Francis King said that H. W. Rich-

dent for the government building a bridge here. What would be done would be to have the bridge included in a general national harbor improvement scheme. Mr. King advised the council to at once buy the bridge, and not bother at present about where the new bridge should be built. Hand over the bridge to the government and say to it to do what it wants with it in improving the harbor under a general scheme.

Ald. Gibson moved, seconded by Ald. Ripney, that the Catarqui bridge by-law be submitted to the people at an early date as possible. This brought the question before the council in a definite way.

R. Meek said he was emphatically in favor of the purchase of the bridge immediately, without any definition of future location, and for the reason that the present government, as well as the previous government, had in view a plan to make a national harbor here. When the city has it as its property it can do what it wants with it, and the difficulty of having it owned by a private company would be removed. There must be a large scheme of harbor improvement, and there should be a permanent harbor commission.

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PRIVY COUNCIL CHAMBER.

New Offices Planned on Parliament Hill.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—Canada will soon have a new council chamber and a new round table at which the members of the cabinet will sit. Just now the project is somewhat in the air, but it is coming into shape. When it materializes the present council chamber will become the office of the prime minister. The new wing of the east block is nearing completion and will provide housing accommodation for various now scattered branches of the financial department. There is no room in the new wing for a council chamber, but there is still enough space on Parliament Hill left for a further addition, and thus a new council chamber will be provided. In the assembling of offices which is to take place, the privy council, Mounted Police and external affairs offices will all be grouped.

KEEWATIN HAS NO SEPARATE SCHOOL

Bishop Chaibeis' School at the Pas Organized Without Public Ordinance.

Winnipeg, Feb. 13.—There are no separate schools in the part of the Kewatin district to be annexed by Manitoba, according to a despatch from The Pas. There is a separate school at the Pas, but it is a private institution, organized by Bishop Chaibeis, without a public ordinance. There is also a public school at The Pas.

Commissioner White, of the Northwest Territories, has refused to grant permission for the establishment of separate schools, pending the decision of the territory among the provinces. The law states that "The lieutenant-governor-in-council of the territories may grant permission for the establishment of separate schools," but there does not appear to be any council, the commissioner being the sole authority.

A suite of waiting rooms for the exclusive use of the governor-generals of Canada is being provided in the Grand Trunk's new central station at Ottawa. It consists of a reception room, ladies' waiting room and a writing room.

ROOSEVELT BOOM GROWS.

Eight Governors and Twenty-two States Behind Him.

Chicago, Feb. 13.—Eight governors and delegates from twenty-two states met here and in an informal conference organized a permanent committee to push the candidacy of Theodore Roosevelt for the republican nomination for president. The governors addressed a letter to Col. Roosevelt, in which they explained the purpose of the meeting, and asked him to let it be known that if the people demand he accept the nomination the demand would not be unheeded by him.

Governor Hadley, of Missouri; Governor Osborn, of Michigan, and former governor Fort, of New Jersey, described plans of campaign nearly completed.

The meeting was without disagreement and the resolutions adopted declared that "All are agreed, Theodore Roosevelt is the one man who can at this time unite all elements of the party and attract a large number of independent voters."

The governors attending the meeting were: Stubbs, of Kansas; Osborn, of Michigan; Hadley, of Missouri; Aldrich, of Nebraska; Bass, of New Hampshire; Glasscock, of West Virginia; Vessey, of South Dakota, and Carey, of Wyoming.

DIDN'T WEAR GLOVES.

Electrician Was Killed and Widow Gets \$1,000.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—On behalf of herself and two young daughters, Mrs. Nettie Bush, of Campbellford, sues the Seymour Power and Electric company to recover damages for the death of her husband, William W. Bush. Bush was killed while working in the company's power house. The company alleges that he refused to wear gloves, and otherwise disobeyed orders. Justice Middleton has sanctioned a settlement whereby the company pays \$1,000 damages.

FINE CHURCH DESTROYED.

Methodist Edifice at Iroquois Gutted by Fire.

Iroquois, Ont., Feb. 13.—The fine Methodist church erected here in 1887, at a cost of \$25,000, was gutted by fire, on Sunday. When discovered it had made such headway that the volunteer fire brigade were powerless. Some valuable relics were lost and fine stained glass windows. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

CONTRACT SIGNED, BUT IS HELD UP

And \$100,000 Plant is Lying Idle is Claim of President of the Company.

Montreal, Feb. 13.—Thomas Cozzolino, president of the Nova Scotia Construction company, which has the contract for the construction of one of the two divisions of the Halifax and South-Eastern railway, says that his concern will bring action against the Dominion government if it does not fulfill the contract which the late government signed when it made the award.

This action will be taken on the advice of Hon. George Murray, premier of Nova Scotia, according to Mr. Cozzolino, who is at the Windsor hotel.

The Nova Scotia Construction company, which is known here through its building of the Northern Electric plant, and of several sections of the N.T.R., and which will be a tenderer for the tunnelling of Mount Royal, has had railway construction outfit worth \$200,000 lying idle in Montreal for several months. This, it is said, is because the new government will not ratify the contract made by the old, although it has done so as regards the contract for the other section of the line, that running from Halifax east.

Mr. Cozzolino said that the deposit of \$100,000 which the Nova Scotia Construction company made along with its tender, five months ago, has never been returned by the government, although the custom is that such a deposit should come back ten days after the awarding of the contract. The expenditure on the contract will run close to \$1,200,000.

THEATRE TRAIN RELEASED.

Tyrone Power's Company Stalled Thirty-six Hours.

Albany, Feb. 13.—The train carrying Tyrone Power and his theatrical company and forty other passengers, which was stalled in the snow on the New York Central railroad, ten miles east of Oswego, was released, Sunday, after having been held thirty-six hours. Two big rotary snow ploughs, which were sent to the rescue of the imprisoned passengers, were forced to tunnel through huge drifts and later the roof of the tunnel was knocked in and the snow removed. News before in railroad history in this state, the officials say, have such conditions existed.

Duchess Elopes With Massacre.

New York, Feb. 13.—The New York Herald publishes the following London cable:

"A tremendous sensation has been caused here by the rumor that an English duchess has eloped with a massacre. All prominent best-asses have been frantically trying to locate all the duchesses in the peerage in efforts to disprove the story."

The identity of the duchess has not been disclosed.

Dependent over loss of her husband and her continued ill-health, Princess Zbarski, Pinonaria, widow of the noble Russian statesman, killed herself by drinking poison, in her villa at Reuil, France, on Monday.

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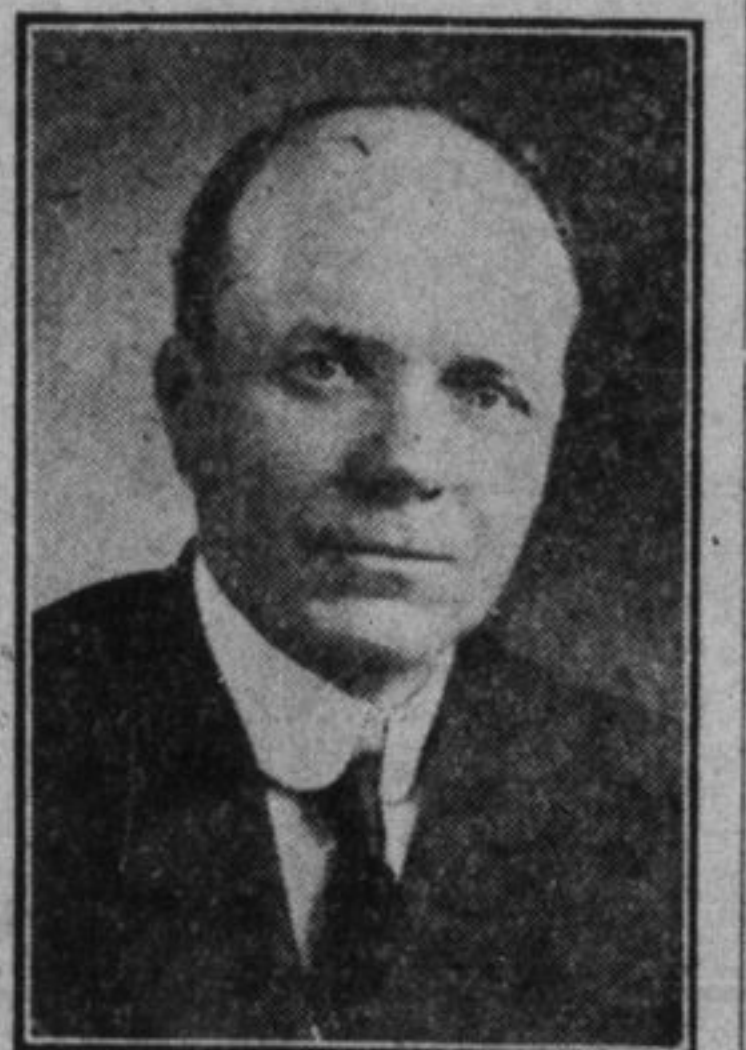
TO AGRICULTURE INTRODUCED IN COMMONS.

Legislation to be Introduced to Restrict the Sale of Patent Medicine—Sir William Meredith to Investigate Farmers' Bank Matters.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—The government bill providing for aid to agriculture was introduced in the house by Hon. Martin Burrell, Monday afternoon. C. C. James, deputy minister of agriculture of Ontario, has been selected as a special commissioner to superintend the work.

The bill gives the government power to aid agriculture by direct money grants to the provinces, based upon population. The total amount was not stated.

Mr. Borden also informed Mr. Knowles that provision for acquisition



EDWIN L. MORRIS, Governor of Montana.

of terminal elevators has not yet been considered formally.

Important amendments to the pure foods act will probably be introduced this session by the minister of inland revenue, Hon. W. B. Nantel.

They will concern particularly the sale of patent medicines. At present the Canadian law is much less stringent than that of the United States, and it is claimed that as a result many preparations debarred in the United States are being advertised and sold in Canada.

The registry of preparations also will be more strictly enforced. At present the fee is \$1 for every preparation registered. The fee has been doubled which paid only a dollar for two hundred. There are about sixty thousand preparations on the market, not more than a fifth of which are registered.

Representing the Chinese Benevolent society of Vancouver, in front of the house, urged upon the government to provide for the refund of the head tax after a Chinese child has attended an elementary school for two years.

Sir William Meredith was appointed a commissioner to investigate Farmers' bank matters.

Carpenters Ask Increase.

Gulph, Feb. 13.—The carpenters' executive have notified the master builders that they want a substantial increase in wages for the coming season. Last season from 25c. to 27c. an hour was paid, and they have decided to ask for 35c. an hour. The demand will probably be acceded to.

CHURCH MUST FIND FOUR NEW PREACHERS

Entire Pulpit Staff of St. George's in New York Resigns Owing to Nervous Strain

New York, Feb. 13.—St. George's, the largest Protestant Episcopal church in New York, finds itself suddenly called upon to obtain four clergymen to fill vacancies caused by the resignation of its entire pulpit staff. The parish has more than 5,000 members and includes among its supporters J. P. Morgan and a score of other millionaires and notables.

Nervous strain upon account of the vast amount of work connected with the parish is given as the cause for the resignation of Rev. Dr. Hugh Fitzhead, the rector. Of his assistants, Rev. Gerald Cunningham, senior curate, will take a church at West-pingers Falls, near Poughkeepsie; Rev. George E. Norton will accept a call to St. Louis, and Rev. Robert McKay will also go to a western church. Dr. Fitzhead has recently been considering three offers—one from a Cincinnati church, another from Pittsburgh and a third from the Episcopal church of Baltimore. He will probably accept the latter.

Peach Crop Ruined.

Leamington, Feb. 13.—Peach growers in this district declare that the crop will be almost a complete failure because of the cold weather on Saturday morning.

MOTOR BOAT RECORD VOYAGE.

Covered 4,500 Miles in 34 Days in Internal Combustion Test.

London, Feb. 13.—News has been received of the safe arrival at Pernambuco, Brazil, of the motorboat Lingeta, after crossing the Atlantic in thirty-four days, for the purpose of testing the availability of the internal combustion engine for ocean-going boats.

The Lingeta, which sailed from Weymouth, December 28th, is sixty-five feet long, is propelled by a thirty-horse-power engine, and carries a crew of five men, under Capt. Neilson.

The only stop the ship made during its 4,500 mile voyage was at Las Palmas, for provisions.

The Lingeta encountered much rough weather, yet covered the distance in six days less than the estimated time.

FIND SEA OF HOT WATER.

Vessels Encounter Strange Phenomenon in Gulf of Mexico.

Galveston, Texas, Feb. 13.—The oil steamship Luckenbach and other ships report having run into a hot water sea in the Gulf of Mexico, 200 miles southeast of the Louisiana coast, February 8th. Thousands of dead fish led to an investigation, and the sailors were surprised to find the water hot with a rough sea running. The temperature of the water varied from almost boiling to lukewarm, and covered an area over a half mile long.

Seamen say they never experienced such a phenomenon in the gulf, and attribute it to some subterranean explosion or discharge from the bottom of the sea.

ICY BAPTISM FOR NEGROES.

Converts Dipped in River With Temperature Near Zero.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 13.—With the thermometer registering four degrees above zero, twenty-seven negro converts to the Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal church, of Brownsville, near here, were immersed in the icy waters of the Monongahela river, yesterday. The immersions were witnessed by several thousand persons, who shivered on the river bank and huddled close to fires built by small boys. For the ceremony it was necessary to cut a hole in the ice.

MINES WERE EXPLODED DURING THE BATTLE

Republicans Lured the Imperialist Troops onto the Prepared Field.

London, Feb. 13.—The imperialist army, under the command of Gen. Chang Hsun, which has been in contact with the republican troops for some days, was routed with serious loss by the republicans in the neighborhood of Su-Chow-An, in the province of Anhwei.

According to a special despatch received from Shanghai, the republican troops mined the ground in front of their encampments. Then by having a retreat they inveigled the imperialists into following them over the mined ground, and when a large body of them were assembled they set fire to the fuses and exploded the mines.

The imperialists' army sustained heavy casualties and lost a number of their field guns, Gen. Chang Hsun, their commander, took refuge in a railroad car, and escaped toward Su-Fow-Fu.

FRUIT TREES INJURED

By the Extreme Cold Weather in the West.

St. Thomas, Ont., Feb. 13.—Large fruit growers here report their orchards show over half the apple trees split from butt to fork by the extreme cold. They also fear that much damage has been done by mice gnawing the trees under the snow. Peas and pears are affected, while the peach and raspberry crops are all killed. Three years' time is necessary for the recovery of the trees.

Hurls Stone to Get Shelter.

New York, Feb. 13.—After meditating about his being without a warm fire-side, Frederick Kurtz, fifty-three years old, arose from the bench about the Lincoln monument in front of the court house in Newark early yesterday, and crossing the street, hurled a stone through a window in a Market street store.

The crash brought policeman to the place and Kurtz willingly went in a patrol wagon to a first precinct station, where he was recognized as an applicant for a night's lodging who had been turned away the night before, when he admitted that he had a little money.

Kurtz said that he had been turned away from two other police stations and he was inclined to attribute it to the fact that the police captains were Irish while he was a German.

Wife Slivers; Husband Dies.

Toronto, Feb. 13.—After turning his aged wife out of a house at 95 Munro street, last night, James Prescott, sixty-five years old, locked the front door, went to his room, where he was found a couple of hours afterwards by policeman Hartner. It appears that the dead man had been brooding over some financial deal and drinking heavily for the past two weeks.

King Edward Fund.

Montreal, Feb. 13.—Sir Edward Clouston and Tancred Bismont, the honorary-treasurers of the King Edward VII memorial statue fund, acknowledge the receipt of \$5,000 for the fund from the city. The total to date is \$64,664.00.

"Buy Bovril" at Gibson's.

APPARENT AIM

Of Borden Government is Higher Tariff.

MOVEMENT IN DISGUISE

IS THE TARIFF COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Treacher Criticism of the Bill—He Announced Himself as a "Tariff for Revenue Man."

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—Whether the duties of the proposed tariff commission could be to act, as Mr. Ames says, "in sympathy" with the protectionist views of the government, or, as Mr. White proclaims, simply to collect accurate and comprehensive data for the information of the government, was in essence the point at issue in Monday's continuation of the debate on the bill creating the board. The house went into committee on the bill, and spent most of the sitting in discussing the clause defining the duties and scope of the commission. Sir Wilfrid Laurier took part in the discussion for the first time, covering succinctly the criticisms previously directed against the government's proposal as being in disguise, a movement for higher protection. He announced himself as a "tariff for revenue man," and aptly applied to the hazy declaration of the finance minister in favor of "moderate protection," the old saw's comment on whiskey: "A little is good, but just enough." When the house rose shortly before midnight the clause was still under discussion.

In response to Hon. Mr. Emmerson, the minister of finance said that the personnel of the tariff commission had not yet been considered.

"Have the qualifications been considered?" asked Sir Wilfrid Laurier, "and what are they going to be?"

Mr. White said the success of the commission would depend upon its personnel. He wanted men highly qualified for the work and of superior judicial and administrative abilities.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier pointed out that under the interpretation of his bill, which the minister had sought to impose upon the house, the members would be simply statisticians to collect information and report on it. "The minister has declared himself to be done by the staff of the department. The real purpose of the commission, as he saw it, was to prepare a brief for the minister and secure information for him along the lines of his conception of political economy. The minister has declared himself to be a moderate protectionist. 'What is his definition of moderate?' asked the liberal leader. 'What is the difference between moderate and immoderate protection? I never heard of a protectionist calling himself immoderate. He is always moderate, no matter how high he wants taxation. The line of distinction is hazy and difficult to define. It is as indeterminate as the line between moderate and immoderate drinking.'

Sir Wilfrid was inclined to think that the government's position was similar to that of Dr. Johnson, who declared his reports were fair and accurate, but he always took care that the weak dog got the worst of it.

At night the tariff discussion was continued till nearly midnight, when adjournment was taken. The debate will be continued, to-day, Dr. Clark, of Red Deer, in a vigorous address, arraigned the government for relegating its authority and responsibility.

"What will the ministers do to earn their salaries," he asked, "when all these commissions are appointed?" He could imagine no more ignoble course for a young country like Canada than borrowing the discarded ideas of other countries.

Snubbed by Princess.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 13.—Princess Patricia has snubbed the society folk of Pittsburg by declining their invitation to attend a hospital benefit there. The daughter of the governor-general of Canada refuses to be come a drawing card for the promoters of the scheme and they are offended.

JAPAN IS ACCUSED OF ABUSING CONVERTS

President Taft to Hear the Charges Missionaries Have Made Complaints.

New York, Feb. 13.—Roused by charges from scores of American missionaries in Northern Korea, that Japan is making efforts to stamp out Christianity by torturing and imprisoning converts, Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown, president of the Presbyterian board of foreign missions, will go to Washington to-day, and make an appeal to President Taft for United States government interference.

The charge is frequently made that converts are tortured with hot irons and hung up by the thumbs under pressure that the authorities want to obtain confessions concerning plots to kill the governor-general.

Motor Cars Cause Paralysis.

London, Feb. 13.—There was a remarkable increase of infantile paralysis in Devon and Cornwall last year. Dr. Reese, reporting to the local government board, suggests the prevalence of the disease in last year may be associated with the dust raised by motor cars.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 12th, 10 a.m.—Clear, calm, and cold. High 40, low 20. Windy today and on Wednesday, with a little higher temperature.

NEW SPRING ARRIVALS

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BURGLARS GET FIVE YEARS.

Berlin Magistrate Passes Heavy Sentence.

Berlin, Feb. 13.—Alfred Cooper and George Preuss, youths who pleaded guilty to "burglaring" a hardware store, and Cooper to having shot at, and slightly wounded Sylvester, who tried to prevent his escape, when they were caught robbing a Canadian Pacific railway tool house, were each sentenced by Magistrate Wier, to five years in the penitentiary.

Milk Producers Boast Price.

Hamilton, Feb. 13.—Milk producers have advanced the price to the retailer from sixteen to eighteen cents a gallon from May to October, and from eighteen to twenty cents the rest of the year. They say there is no reason why the price to the consumer should be advanced again, as the retailers put it up before.

Exempt Small Estates.

Quebec, Feb. 13.—Hon. Mr. MacKenzie, provincial treasurer, will present a law to exempt from the succession duty tax estates under \$15,000.

McLeod's tooth paste, 2 tubes, 25c. McLeod's wire hand cream, 2 bottles, 25c. McLeod's drug store, corner King and Brock streets. Phone 519.