

MARCEL CHOSEN TO BE SPEAKER

Governor General's Speech Today Will be Short. Five Months Session Predicted.

OTTAWA, Jan. 20.—(Special)—The Speaker of the Commons was chosen to-day—Hon. Charles Marcel, after Sir Charles Fitzpatrick had informed the members that the Governor-General will appear tomorrow.

The speech from the throne will be very brief. It will contain references to the Quebec Tercentenary, the signing of a Treaty between Canada and United States, and will foreshadow legislation regarding immigration, natural resources and public services.

LARGEST SHEEP OWNER IN WORLD KILLED

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 19.—J. G. Wood, of Salt Lake, millionaire mine owner and perhaps the largest sheep owner in the west, was instantly killed by a Union Pacific engine in the Oregon Short Line Railroad yards at nine fifteen o'clock the other evening.

SERIOUS SPILL AT FAIRVILLE

ST. JOHN, Jan. 19.—Two persons injured and a demolished toboggan sums up the results of a bad accident which occurred in Fairville last evening.

It appears that a party of young people had started early in the evening to enjoy a toboggan slide. They had been coasting some time on Hatheway's field, and at about nine thirty o'clock the toboggan overturned.

All on it were thrown violently to the ground and George Gregory and Percy Stymest were badly injured. The others were badly shaken up and Gregory is believed to have both arms broken, while Stymest's leg was broken.

JESUIT COLLEGE THE PREY OF FLAMES

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 19.—The famous Springhill College, the largest Jesuit institution in the south, is on fire. The flames are rapidly gaining headway.

The college authorities gave out a statement soon after the fire started that all persons connected with the college were safe. The greater part of the main building already has been destroyed. The fire, which is thought to have been caused by a discarded wire in the chapel, was discovered during the morning service.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distem per.

AWFUL DISASTER FROM EXPLOSION

In Lake Michigan Near Chicago—Sixty Men Were Working and Only Twenty-six Rescued—An Alarming Telephone Message.

CHICAGO, Jan. 20.—(Special)—Thirty-four men are believed to have perished on the waterworks intake crib, a mile and a half from the shore in Lake Michigan.

The tug Medford employed at the crib brought twenty-six injured men ashore.

A gang of sixty men were working on the crib when the terrific explosion occurred and immediately the whole upper works were enveloped in flames.

Those not killed by the first fiery blast rushed outside, only to find no means of escape—fire on one side, death by drowning on the other.

A telephone call first alarmed the shore workers. The message was tragically incomplete.

"Crib on fire! For God's sake send help, or we will be burned alive! The tug—"

Then the telephone wire burned. When the fire had burned itself out rescue parties were despatched in the hope that the gang of men working in the lower tunnel had escaped suffocation, but none are yet rescued, owing to the difficulty experienced in getting through the smouldering timber.

NOTED VOLCANO IN ERUPTION

MEXICO, Jan. 20.—(Special)—A volcano near Colima is now in active eruption, throwing out a great quantity of ashes and stone. Scientists predict severe earthquakes to follow.

CANADA AND THE PREFERENCE

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 19.—Referring to Sir Frederick Borden's statements regarding the preference, the Liverpool "Daily Post-Mercury" in concluding a lengthy editorial, says Canada has done her part and is waiting for Britain to do hers.

WANT CASSELS TO FINISH HIS WORK

OTTAWA, January 19.—It is not likely that an amendment will be proposed to the government nomination of Charles Casseles to the speakership, though attention will probably be called to his losses and losses Bonaventure campaign. Should Mr. Borden propose another government supporter his nominee would decline to be a candidate.

Minard's Liniment Cures G rget in cows

ALBERTA WANTS STATE OWNERSHIP

Opposition Would Apply it to Railways and Premier Rutherford to Elevators.

EDMONTON, Jan. 20.—(Special)—Speaking on the address the members of the Provincial Opposition sharply criticized the Government's policy and declared themselves solidly in favor of State-owned railroads.

They claimed that the Federal Government, having taken the Provincial lands should build new railroads.

Premier Rutherford promised an early announcement of the Government's railroad policy and argued in favor of Government-ownership of grain elevators.

WINNIPEG BANKER MADE SENATOR

OTTAWA, Jan. 20.—Noe Chovrier, a Winnipeg banker, has been appointed Senator, replacing the late Senator Bernier.

TIRED OF LIFE AND SHOOTS

MONTREAL, Jan. 20.—Harbert Temple, Manager of the Traders' Collecting Agency, suicided in his office by shooting himself.

Financial worries are responsible for the deed. Temple belonged to Halifax, and a few weeks ago bought a three thousand dollar policy of life insurance, payable to his three children, who survive him.

Duncan McDonald, a McGill student was found dying in the Fraternity House with a bullet wound over his heart.

It is not known whether the shooting was accident or design.

HONORS PAID TO SUPPOSED PREMIER

MELBOURNE, Jan. 19.—A New Zealand gentleman, who happens to bear a close resemblance to Sir Thomas Bent, the premier of Victoria, had some amusing experiences while in Melbourne. This gentleman is Edmund Wickes, of Greymouth. The story he tells was related to "Church Press" reporter on his return to New Zealand.

On landing in Melbourne, Mr. Wickes was astounded and amused to see the policemen salute him. He boarded the Wainui, of which steamer his son is engineer, and his son was greeted with the remark: "Hallo, you're in good company; you've got Sir Thomas with you."

For five weeks Mr. Wickes underwent similar experiences. At that time Sir Thomas Bent was ill, and Mr. Wickes was being continually stopped by Melbourne citizens, who shook hands with him and congratulated him on his recovery. At his hotel there were numerous people who wanted to be introduced to "Sir Thomas," and even a close personal friend of Sir Thomas Bent was deceived by the resemblance.

One night Mr. Wickes decided to stay at his son's hotel, being at his usual time (6 a. m.), he found that breakfast would not be ready for some time, and he decided to get the meal outside. Entering a restaurant, he sat down at a table, but was invited by a waitress to go to the private room. Nothing loth, he complied with the request.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

FUNERAL NOTICE

A. F. and A. M. The Brethren of St. John's & Victoria Lodges are requested to meet the Worshipful Masters and Wardens at their Lodge Room, Masonic Temple, today, Thursday, at 1.45 p. m., for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late Brother George Wilson, which will leave his late residence at 2.45 p. m. for the railway station thence via train to Sherwood Cemetery By order—J. J. MCKINNON, W. Master St. John's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M. Brethren will please accept above notice as no individual notices will be sent.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, January 20.—(Special)—Jan. Wheat 98 1/2 Jan. Corn 37 1/2 May Wheat 61 1/2 May Corn 37.20

FAIR AND MILD.

TORONTO, Jan. 21.—(Special)—West and southwest winds, fair and comparatively mild.

MATRIMONIAL COMPLICATI

Revealed in an Equity Suit in New Brunswick—First Wife Sues for a Share in Husband's Estate, Second Wife Contra.

ST. JOHN, Jan. 20.—(Special)—Peculiar matrimonial complications were revealed in a Caledon County case before the Equity Court.

Mrs. Esther Phillips sought to recover a share of her deceased husband's estate.

The application was opposed by Phillips' second wife and children. It appears James Phillips married Esther fifty years ago.

They lived together three years, when a separation was arranged, the

woman alleging ill-treatment.

She went to Maine and while there married William Barnes, having been informed that Phillips had secured a divorce.

Phillips, believing his first wife dead, also married, having three children by his second wife.

Neither of the original couple took very much trouble to make certain of their freedom before contracting a second marriage. Judgment was reserved.

A CLOUD-BURST IN PHILIPPINES

Drowns a Wide Expanse of Country and Doing Very Extensive Damage.

MANILA, Jan. 20.—(Special)—A great cloud-burst occurred over Mount Banabal, with immense volumes of water inundating the surrounding country and causing widespread damage.

THE DAIRYMAN'S BOARD OF TRADE

Secretary's Report for 1908

The Cheese Board met in this City this year and held ten meetings. The attendance was not large but the interest in the Board was well sustained. The officers elected at the first meeting were: President, Leighton McDonald, East Point; Vice president, Charlie Wayne, St. Peters; Secretary, Treasurer, Robert Jenkins, Mt. Allison.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT. In 1899 cheese sold at 9.96, in 1900 at 10.20, in 1901 at 9.25, in 1902 at 10.16, in 1903 at 10.40, in 1904 at 8, in 1905 at 10.70, in 1906 at 12.18, in 1907 at 11.57, and in 1908 at 11.90.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT. Expenditure. Cable message 618.00 Transmission fee 8.76 Rent of rooms to Mr. Lane ... 5.00 Rent of rooms to W. R. Lane ... 5.90 Postage 36

POWDER PLANT'S BIG EXPLOSION

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 20.—(Special)—An explosion at the Dupont Powder Plant wrecked several buildings, injured a number of men and caused a shock that was felt twenty miles.

CASKET WORKS WERE DESTROYED

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 20.—The Globe Casket Works were destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

WANTED LAND BACK IF BORN AGAIN

BOSTON, Jan. 19.—William Patterson deeded to his sons in 1852 a few acres of Newark, N. J., land where Bloomfield avenue and Parker street are now. The ancient instrument, on file in the County Clerk's office, was discovered on Thursday by Gifford & Miller, attorneys, who were searching a title. Old Mr. Patterson sold his land to his boys, William D. and Samuel, but there was a curious string to the sale.

"At any time the grantor shall be deemed to have reserved a parcel of land which is described parcel of land which is reserved to him. In the event of the death of either of the said second coming of Christ he delayed more than 999 years, then the said William D. and Samuel Patterson shall be possessed of the property," etc.

Mr. Gifford, of the law firm, said he did not think the apparent cloud on the title was serious. He had advised his client that he can buy the property and that the risk of the original owner ever claiming it is remote.

RAILWAY COMMISSION HEAR ARGUMENTS

ST. JOHN, Jan. 19.—At a hearing before Hon. J. P. Macdonald, chairman of the Canadian Railway Commission, yesterday afternoon in the court house, the municipality of St. John was ordered to contribute one-third of the cost of maintaining the gates at the Fairville crossing and to pay up all arrears. Complainants against the express companies on the ground of excessive rates, lodged by Davis & Fraser, of Halifax and Charlottetown, and W. B. Foster, of Upper Sackville, were heard by Thomas Potts, of St. John, charged the companies with discriminating and having "pet men" in the wholesale fruit business, who, he claimed, were supplied with fruit at car lot rates.

The sittings of the commission will be resumed this morning. The officials here with Chairman Macbee are James Hardwell, chief traffic officer; R. Richardson, acting secretary; W. S. Buell, assistant counsel for the government, and T. P. Owens, official reporter.

J. F. Fraser, of the firm of Davis & Fraser, of Halifax and Charlottetown, complained of excessive increase in the express companies' rates in winter from Charlottetown. Examined by Mr. Buell, Mr. Fraser gave the following comparative statement of the summer and winter rates from Charlottetown: To Stellarton, 70 cents and \$1.20; to Sydney, \$1 and \$1.50; to Chatham, \$1 and \$1.50; to Bathurst and Campbellton, \$1 and \$1.50. He also contended that the figures in writing, he added, were lower than the provincial agent of the express company.

WHAT A LADY SAYS OF THE BIG FREE TRIP

The Interest Increasing Rapidly From Day to Day—Consolation Prizes Very Valuable and Very Useful.

"Everybody is talking about the big free trip you are going to give the eight most popular young ladies on the Island" was the remark made yesterday by one of the fair sex to a member of The Guardian staff. "And I see that even if I am not elected I may get one of those valuable consolation prizes" she added.

There are two young ladies from this city, two from Queen's County outside of Charlottetown, two from King's and two from Prince.

It will be the biggest, the grandest, the best, and the jolliest free trip yet. Now is the time for contestants to begin to arrange for successful work.

Who will be the fortunate young ladies? That is for themselves and

their friends to decide. Those who win the trip will be exceedingly fortunate, and even those who win a consolation prize will be more fortunate than they can imagine, for the value and real worth of these prizes will be a revelation to everybody, and it will not be necessary for the winners to leave home to enjoy them and the benefits to be derived from them will be lasting.

The big trip will be the grandest possible and will be thoroughly enjoyable from start to finish. Many capital cities of great importance will be visited, and the scenic part of the trip will be grander than can possibly be anticipated.

No nomination fee required, not even a new subscription, only the consent of the contestant being necessary.

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