

PREMIER RETURNS FROM OTTAWA

Oyster Control Settled and Telegraph Concession's Agreed to.

Sir Lomer Gouin Interviewed on Representation Question--Conference in September.

Premier Matheson returned on Thursday after an absence of twelve days transacting government business in Ottawa and Quebec.

The Premier had several interviews with members of the Dominion Government on various matters, among the most outstanding being the final settlement of the control of the oyster areas.

Certain orders-in-council are to be passed by the Dominion Government conferring upon the local Government all the regulating power necessary for the development of this industry. Of course, as in the case of all the other concessions obtained by our government, the other provinces having oyster areas will have the advantage of the amended regulations. It will be remembered that it was our government that adopted the statute that enabled the Dominion Government to enter into an agreement with the provincial governments regarding the work of the oyster areas, which is now being taken advantage of by Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia. All the special forms drafted by our government under the statute have been adopted by the other provinces. The three provinces mentioned have not only adopted our legislative forms, but our methods of leasing and local orders-in-council. Thus all the provinces having oyster areas have benefited by the initiative and legislative resource of Prince Edward Island.

An interesting history might not unprofitably be written of the attempts that have been made to arrive at a satisfactory settlement of the control of oyster areas. The late Federal Government drafted a scheme which is on file at Ottawa, whereby the whole of the oyster areas throughout Canada were to be handed over to the administration of the Dominion. The Dominion was to be allowed to deduct from the receipts the cost of administration, and the half of the net proceeds was then to be divided pro rata between the provinces interested. New Brunswick and Nova Scotia agreed to this scheme, and it would have been carried into effect with the approval of the Dominion government. But when it came before the local legislature the then Opposition strenuously opposed it as being to the disadvantage of the Island. The matter was then allowed to stand over, and nothing further was done until the change of governments when the present executive took the matter in hand with the results we now know. One main point of the new arrangement is that the province will receive the whole profits to be derived from leasing of the areas instead of one half as under the previous proposal.

The question of co-operation in receiving and delivering messages between the Western Union and Anglo-American Telegraph Co. on the one hand, and the Maritime Telegraph and Telephone Co., comprising the Prince Edward Island Telephone Co. Ltd., was discussed with the Department of Public Works and Railways.

MOST OF WESTERN WHEAT SPROUTED

WINNIPEG, Man., May 15--Reports from 220 points in the Canadian prairie show that wheat seeding is practically completed, which is as it should be, it being unwise to seed wheat after May 15th. About sixty per cent of the wheat is up. A few points report wheat three inches high, but the majority state that it is just through the ground.

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ATTEMPT TO WRECK EXPRESS

Show Extraordinary Increase in Aggregate Capital.

Of Companies Incorporated Under Letters Patent

(Canadian Press.) LONDON, May 16--There was a startling sequel today to the warning received by officials of the Midland Railway on May 13, which read, "It is my duty to inform you that a desperate act will be attempted in a few days to wreck the main line express."

Two men were arrested before day-break today on the high viaduct in the vicinity of Welley, Lancashire. The viaduct connects the midland tracks between Manchester and Liverpool.

Crowbars, sledgehammers, boring tools, etc. were found near the spot. The men were taken before the magistrate and remanded for trial. The affair created a great sensation as it is believed the men would have attempted to realize the militant surrogates' idea to wreck the express train on the main line.

CAR STRIKE AT HALIFAX

(Special to The Guardian.) HALIFAX, N. S., May 16--The City was in the hands of the mob this afternoon so far as electric car lines were concerned.

The Company found it impossible to run their cars and gave up the attempt by five o'clock. Trouble was brewing all day. Not one of the company's employees turned up for duty in the morning and the first car was run out of the barns by strike breakers, brought from Montreal.

Not more than a third of the usual number of cars were out. There was some demonstration of hostility during the morning but nothing serious and the cars were fairly well patronized by the public. The same conditions continued during the afternoon with no damage except that the strikers put rocks and stones on Lockman street to prevent the cars from passing. The riot began about 5 o'clock, when a car ran into a military team driven by two soldiers. The soldiers were slow in getting out of the way and the team was caught.

An enraged crowd at once gathered on the car, threw the motorman off and a free fight ensued. Three other cars came along, stones were thrown, glass broken and trolleys ropes cut.

Two of the men arrested are charged with attacking tramway people and the other three strike-breakers. The three cars were at last run into a barn but others are still on the street as the strike breakers have refused to run them in until the police protection is improved.

All the glass in the car barns is smashed and the head office wrecked.

PAID BOARD BILL OF 35 YEARS AGO

PITTSBURGH, May 15--A board bill 35 years overdue, owed to a woman dead, has been paid to her son, Edward McCutcheon, superintendent of buildings of Washington county. Mr. McCutcheon refused to divulge the name of the former boarder, now living in a western city, who made restitution of \$4, but gave the following letter:

"Enclosed is four dollars which I have owed your mother for board for about 35 years, circumstances which I thought or felt I could not control prevented my paying it when it should have been paid. Then I forgot about it. Again conscience would chide. So now I have secured your address and trust it may reach you. Of course you will not remember me for you were only a child when I was with your mother. My name was-- Kindly let me hear from you."

DROWNING ACCIDENT AT BEACH POINT

A sad drowning accident occurred at Beach Point yesterday when Mr. Lawrence McDonald, son of Mr. Alexander McDonald of that place, lost his life. Mr. McDonald was employed as a seaman on the vessel of Capt. Reuben Lemay, Beach Point, and was engaged in hauling sand in a dory from the shore to the vessel, which was lying at Beach Point wharf. After getting his dinner he resumed his work and had just got the first load alongside the vessel, when the dory sank with its unfortunate occupant, who did not rise to the surface again. The captain of the vessel threw a rope but McDonald failed to grasp it. There was a strong current running alongside the vessel, and it is thought that this caused the dory, which was heavily loaded, to sink. Grappling was immediately commenced and after twenty-two minutes' effort, the body of the young man was brought up. Doctor Brehaut of Murray River was notified and he with others did all in their power to restore life, working over the body for about an hour to no avail. In view of the circumstances, it was decided an inquest was unnecessary. The deceased young man was about 25 years of age and was a respectful citizen, well liked by all who knew him.

HARRY THAW ON STAND

NEW YORK, May 15--Dr. John W. Russell, former superintendent of the criminal insane, just made the suggestion to Harry K. Thaw, that he could be released by the payment of a large sum, when Thaw testified today at the bribery trial of John N. Anhalt here.

Anhalt, a young attorney, is charged with offering Dr. Russell a bribe of \$20,000 for an order or certificate which would result in freeing Thaw from further confinement in the asylum.

Thaw, who was brought from Matsewan early today, was the first witness in the case. He was subjected to a rigid examination and was rigorously cross-examined by counsel for Anhalt. Thaw gave his testimony on a low voice, frequently being asked to repeat his answers that the jurors might hear.

RETURNS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT

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(Canadian Press.) OTTAWA, May 16--That there is an extraordinary increase in the aggregate capital of companies incorporated under letters patent during the last fiscal year, as compared with the figures for the previous year, is shown in the returns of the state department.

There were incorporated in 1912-13 no less than 835 new companies with a total capitalization of \$625,212,239.98. Supplementary letters patent were issued to 103 existing companies of which 458 increased their total capitalization by \$55,249,000.

Five companies decreased their capital by a total amount of \$11,861,351. The other forty-five in this list obtained various powers under the Companies Act. The letters patent and supplementary letters issued during the year account for 938 charters, an increase of 280 over the previous year. The total capitalization, including new companies' capital and increases, reaches the amount of \$680,462,199.98, an increase over the total of 1911-12 of \$189,896,200.96.

PARLIAMENTARIANS WILL GO TO AUSTRALIA

LONDON, May 16--The committee of the Empire Parliamentary Association, which a fortnight ago accepted an invitation from the Australian branch to tour the commonwealth during the coming recess, has definitely decided that the trip is to be made via Canada and that New Zealand is also to receive a visit if time permits. The party, which will be thoroughly representative of the House of Lords and the House of Commons, will sail for Canada, on Wednesday, July 16 and spend about a fortnight there.

HALIFAX TRAM WORKERS STRIKE

HALIFAX, May 16--Resenting the ultimatum of the management of the Halifax Electric Tramway company, conditionally refusing to recognize the union in any arrangement of a wage schedule or other grievance, the members of the union decided at a mass meeting this morning to immediately go on strike.

LORD MORLEY TO MEET THE KAISER

NEW YORK, May 16--A cable to The Tribune says: Though it is officially announced that Viscount Morley of Blackburn has gone to Berlin on a "purely private" visit, it is understood that Mr. Aquith's septuagenarian colleague will not devote all his time to sight-seeing. Lord Morley will meet not only the Kaiser, but also Dr. Von Hoffmann-Holloway, the Imperial Chancellor, and all Germany's leading foreign politicians and discuss with them all the problems in which British and German interests are associated.

PAYS \$15,000 FOR TIPS

NEW YORK, May 15--Traffic policemen and apartment house runners and hall men "boost" the trade of taxi cab companies in return for tips, the District Attorney's office learned today, in connection with the Grand Jury investigation of the Board of Aldermen's failure to pass a city ordinance regulating the taxi cab rates from the public. The taxi cab companies paid out an average of \$15,000 a year, giving fifteen cents for each taxi cab call obtained from apartment house employees and more to a policeman.

"Grat" lists, containing names of persons thus paid, and of persons entitled to free rides, were interchanged by companies and a number of aldermen, police officials and other city employees are on these lists, according to a former officer of a company who visited the Prosecutor's office today.

BLAMES FLIES FOR DISEASE

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 15--Warning against the fly as the most common cause of infantile paralysis was given by Dr. E. W. Saunders, of St. Louis, in an address before the Missouri Medical Association today.

Dr. Saunders traced a connection between infantile paralysis and the raising of poultry, and gave this as an explanation why the disease is more prevalent in country and suburban districts than in the crowded part of a city.

While experiments were not complete he said, yet he was confident that final tests would demonstrate a connection between "limber neck" in fowls and infantile paralysis. His theory is that flies carry the germs of infantile paralysis from the carcasses of fowls, and possibly from the carcasses of hogs and dogs, to food.

AGED WOMAN'S NARROW ESCAPE

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(Canadian Press.) LAKE MEGANTIC, May 16--During a thunder storm here Mrs. Nell Buchanan, 107 years old, had a narrow escape from death when a thunder bolt crashed through the roof of the room where she was lying.

The bolt struck the chimney and wrecked it, played down the stove pipe into Mrs. Buchanan's room, demolishing the stove tearing a hole through the floor and passing into the cellar.

Mrs. Buchanan escaped without the slightest shock.

ZION CHURCH SERVICE

Dr. Pringle of Sydney will preach at both services, 11 a. m., and 7 p. m. Morning-- Gloria. Invocation. Hymn 4--Glory be to God the Father. Old Test. Scriptures. Anthem--Lift up your Heads, O ye Gates. Prayer. New Test. Scriptures. Hymn 97--When Morning Gilds the Skies. Sermon--Dr. Pringle. Prayers. Announcements, Voluntary, Offering. Anthem--Oh, How Lovely. Hymn 599--Now May He Who from the dead. Benediction. Rev. Dr. Heartz at 3.45 p. m.

BRITISH GUNNERS MAKE A RECORD

LONDON, May 16--A world's record with 13.5 inch guns has just been made by the super-Dreadnought King George V., during gun layers' contests forty rounds were fired by these guns and the target was hit thirty-nine times. These guns fire 1,400 pound shells as against the 1,250 pound shells discharged by the 3.5 inch guns of the Orion and the Lion.

N. Y. WATCHMAN BOUND AND GAGGED

NEW YORK, May 15--Two masked burglars bound and gagged Henry Bartel, night watchman at a Maiden Lane skyscraper in the heart of the wholesale diamond district today, locked him in a vacant room, leisurely looted the safe of Sigmund Kohn, a diamond setter with offices on the first floor above of \$10,000 in gems and escaped.

PHYSICIAN'S STRANGE PLEA FOR DIVORCE

PARIS, May 16--A curious plea for divorce was heard in the Paris court the other day. A doctor pleaded against his wife who had, he stated, done him serious injury. She had been ill and, without notifying her husband of her intention, she had gone to consult another doctor. "This behaviour," said the plaintiff, "is distinctly injurious to my reputation both as a doctor and as a husband."

WOMEN ARMY NURSES MAY GET FRANCHISE

BUDAPEST, May 16--There is a possibility that limited franchise may be granted to the women if the women agree to military duty as members of the sanitary corps and of the Red Cross Society. As proved by the Balkan wars, women nurses without training are simply nuisances.

To be useful they must learn discipline and will have to undergo regular courses of instruction like soldiers of the line and in reserve.

FRIEDMANN TO OPEN DISPENSARY IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, May 14--The first Friedmann institute for the treatment of tuberculosis patients and distribution of the turtle serum is to be at 787 West End avenue, on the southeast corner of the avenue, and 108rd street, in a region of costly stone dwellings and apartment houses. The neighbors aren't especially pleased and some of them are meditating a protest to the board of health.

LETTER CARRIERS DRAW COLOR LINE

WINDSOR, Ont., May 16--Because of a proposal to appoint a negro letter carrier in Windsor, eleven out of the thirteen members of the street houses, the color line and apartment houses, the neighbors aren't especially pleased and some of them are meditating a protest to the board of health.

800 MILE RELAY RACE

CHICAGO, May 15--An 800 mile relay race extending from Washington to Chicago will be the opening feature of the International Athletic contests in Grant Park from June 28 to July 5, it was announced today. School boy runners will carry a message from President Wilson to Mayor Harrison, who will be in the Stadium in the Park on the afternoon of June 28, when the carnival is formally opened. The delivery of the document will entail the assistance of about 700 school boys, School Superintendents along the route, Mayors of various municipalities, and scores of auto clubs.

NAVAL BILL WILL BE DISCUSSED

In Upper House on Thursday, is Expectation Outcome Will be Known Inside a Week.

Senate May Throw Out the Highways Bill. Agricultural Bill Passed

(Canadian Press.) OTTAWA, May 16--The Naval Bill had not reached the Upper House today when the Senate adjourned till Tuesday. When the Senate resumes on Tuesday the Bill is pretty sure to be there. The expectation is that it will come up for discussion on Thursday and that inside of a week from that date its fate will be known.

Senator Loughheed as government leader will introduce the Bill in a speech of some length and the Liberal reply will come from Sir George Ross probably on the day following. The Senate itself does not know yet what will become of the bill. "You cannot tell what will happen," said a prominent Liberal Senator tonight.

There is not likely to be a very long discussion as the measure has been so thoroughly discussed in the House of Commons and in the country.

There is nothing to add and the Senate is likely to have a rush of other work on its hands. The Agricultural Bill has squeezed through the Upper House but the Highway's Bill is still at the second reading stage and there are rocks ahead.

The Senate may after all pass the Naval Bill and content itself with throwing out the Highway Bill and the measure to increase the number of Senators from the western provinces.

DAUGHTERS OF THE EMPIRE ELECT OFFICERS

WINNIPEG, Man., May 15--The Daughters of the Empire in session this morning elected officers, most of those chosen being members of Western Chapters. The officers are: President, Mrs. A. E. Gooderham, Toronto; honorary treasurer, Mrs. J. Bruce, Toronto; honorary secretary, Mrs. Featherstonehaugh, Toronto; honorary organizing secretary, Miss Chaplin, Toronto; standard bearer, Mrs. Benschaw, Vancouver; vice-presidents, Lady MacKenzie, Mrs. James George and Mrs. E. F. Johnston, Toronto.

GOOD-BYE KISSES 2 CENTS ON LONDON TRAINS

LONDON, May 14--Bidding adieu to friends in future at a London railway terminus will cost two cents. This innovation went into effect at Waterloo Station, where sweethearts, relatives and friends who came to kiss and handshake and shout "Don't forget to write!" through the windows of trains found the barriers up and had their attention drawn to automatic boxes, from which they were required to purchase "good-bye" tickets before being allowed on the platform.

U. S. AMBASSADOR LEAVES FOR COURT OF ST. JAMES

NEW YORK, May 15--Walter Hines Page, the new U. S. Ambassador to the Court of St. James, sailed today for his post in London. Until he can obtain a residence there, Mr. Page will take up his quarters at a hotel. "I am not a rich man," said Mr. Page. "I am going to London for diplomacy, not for entertainment, and will do my best to maintain the friendly relations that have so long existed between my country and the one to which I am accredited."

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**The Annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid of the P. E. I. Hospital will be held in the Ladies' Club room over Bank of Commerce this afternoon at 8 o'clock. 5-17M.

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