

MONTREAL CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BAD

Commissioner Cannon's Report Shows Over a Million Annually Wasted. Great Abuse of Patronage. The Ward System at Fault. Guilty Ones to Be Punished.

Special to The Guardian.
MONTREAL, December 13.—The report of Judge Cannon, Royal Commissioner to enquire into the civic administration of Montreal, was handed to the Provincial Treasurer today.

It was not so definite in its charges as was expected. It characterizes the administration as corrupt and the only department which escapes is that of the city treasurer.

The general conclusions are that for years corruption has reigned at the city hall. Corruption was caused especially by the abuse of patronage exercised by aldermen to get contracts and benefits for relation of the city into wards.

EIGHT HOUR DAY ON PUB. WORKS

Bill Now Before Committee is Referred to Employers for Opinion.

Special to The Guardian.
OTTAWA, December 13.—The select committee appointed to consider the bill fixing an eight hour day on public works, held its first sitting today.

WHY SETTLERS COME TO CANAD

WASHINGTON, Dec 12.—The movement of United States farmers to Canada is exciting a great deal of comment and some concern on the other side of the boundary.

Within a year 75,000 American farmers, most of them from the middle West, have sought homes in Canada.

There are at least two reasons why Canada is given the preference.

Canada advertises judiciously and persistently. Canada hasn't a great deal to brag on in the way of climate, but its government governs. The south, on the other hand, advertises but not in the way to attract settlers.

CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

OTTAWA, Dec. 13.—Three children of Joseph Brazier, a farmer, near Ottawa, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the house.

LADY CHURCHILL HAS DISAPPEARED.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—A sensation has been caused by the mysterious disappearance of Viscountess Churchill.

Condensed Advertisements
(Too late for classification.)
TO LET, small shop on corner Fitzroy and Cumberland Streets. Apply to T. E. Hagen, King Square, 12-14d31d.

WANTED, teacher for Lower Intermediate School, No 77. Du'ces Commence April 1. Supplement \$20 a year. Apply to Chas H. Lord Sec. 12-14d27pd.

WANTED, this week, twenty tons of poultry, dry, picked. R. E. Hatch & Co. 12-14d31.

RECORD SUGAR BEET CROP THIS YEAR

WASHINGTON, December 12.—Western Kansas never had such a big sugar beet crop as it has this year.

All of the old-time irrigation ditches along the Arkansas river from Dodge City to Colorado, save one, were placed in operation this year.

The beet harvest is now on and a big army of people are rolling them into the mill at the rate of 900 tons a day.

Sugar beets have proved the salvation of the farmers in the Garden City district. This year they have netted \$30 an acre.

Plans are being laid now to make the whole shallow water district of the Arkansas valley from Dodge City to the mountains just one big beet and alfalfa field.

The new method of irrigation will enable the farmers to do this. There will be an individual irrigation plant on each farm.

The pumps will be run by gasoline engines until the Colorado company installs its electric power. Then electric motors will be used.

So far as the farmers have had no great trouble in getting Russians and Mexicans to do the work.

But when the whole valley will be a great expanse of common labor there, unless the government succeeds with its experiment in developing a one-lant beet seed.

The principal cost now is in thinning beets. With a one-lant seed, however, the hard work will be eliminated.

The temperature at three o'clock this morning was nineteen degrees.

FLOUR PRICES ARE VERY HIGH

MONTREAL, Dec 12.—Sales of flour were made yesterday on export account at the highest price of the present crop.

The cables on the Spring wheat flour received by local millers came strong and there was a considerable quantity sold.

Purchasers in Great Britain are not so sanguine of lower prices since the crop damage in the Argentine has been reported.

and they are evidently coming to the Canadian market for as much flour as they can secure at the present prices.

EMIGRATION FROM ITALY TO CANADA

ROME, Dec 12.—The emigration board has considered applications made by two shipping companies for authorization to carry on a direct transport service between Italy and Canada.

The matter was exhaustively discussed, especially from the standpoint of present conditions in Canada in relation to the character of Italian emigration.

The board acknowledged the advisability of establishing direct communication between Italy and Canada in order to meet the requirements of the flow of emigration to the dominion already existing, but, considering the dangers involved in ill-regulated emigration of laborers, it was directed that in the event of a concession being eventually granted, proper precautions must be taken to eliminate the danger threatened.

Minard's Liniment cures distemper.

SEARCHING FOR MISSING BOATS

All Available Craft Looking for Survivors of Wrecked Car Ferry.

Special to The Guardian.
ERIE, December 13.—Every available craft has put out to search for the possible survivors of the ill-fated Bessemer car ferry which has foundered in Lake Erie.

MONTREAL HAS BIG BLIZZARD

Hospitals Full of Typhoid Patients. Cold Weather may Check Disease.

Special to The Guardian.
MONTREAL, Dec 13.—The first blizzard of the season is working here today.

It has not caused anything more than discomfort for the people working outside.

The hospitals are full of typhoid cases to their capacity, and are turning away cases every day.

Extremely cold weather would have a tendency to stop the disease from spreading.

CARRIE WIELDS HATCHET AGAIN

WASHINGTON, Dec 12.—Mrs Carrie Nation went into the buffet of the Union station here and with her hatchet, smashed about \$50 worth of bottled liquors. She was arrested and taken to the House of Detention.

REVISION OF THE BANK ACT. External Examination.

In connection with the approaching revision of the Bank Act, the important question of the necessity for external examination of banks is discussed in a pamphlet issued by H. C. Moscad, General Manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

This is a subject which well merits the careful study of those who are interested in the stability of the banking system, either as shareholders, depositors or borrowers. Copies of the pamphlet will be supplied free by any of the Branches of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Was Held Last Night—Civic Board to Continue in Membership of Union of Canadian Municipalities.

The regular monthly meeting of the City Council was held last evening. Those present were: Councillors Rogers, Riley, Johnson, Campbell, Lane, McDonald and Stewart.

In the absence of the Mayor, Councillor Rogers was appointed to the chair.

An application was made for the payment of sick and funeral expenses of the late Miss Carr.

Mrs R. Hogg was heard at the bar of the council with reference to hearing arrangements in the Market Hall.

Ex-Mayor James Paton was heard at the council with reference to the payment of the membership fee of the

Union of Canadian Municipalities. He urged upon the council the necessity of the city retaining its membership in this municipal union.

It was moved by Councillor Riley and seconded by Councillor Johnson that the membership fee of \$50.00 in the Union of Canadian Municipalities be paid.

It was moved by Councillor Riley and seconded by Councillor Lane that an incandescent lamp be placed on the corner of Weymouth and Sydney streets as recommended by the Light Committee.

Some discussion arose re the hearing arrangements in the Market Hall. Council then adjourned.

BALFOUR ILL AND MUST REST

How Triangular Contests are Avoided. How Suffragettes Were Disappointed.

Special to The Guardian.
LONDON, December 13.—Mr Balfour, the Unionist leader, has been ill several days, suffering from pulmonary catarrh and over fatigue.

His physicians have ordered a rest of some weeks.

One of the most important facts in the election campaign is the compact between the Government and the Laborites to avoid triangular contests where a Unionist might be beaten.

Both parties deny such arrangements but its existence is readily proved by the withdrawal of candidates.

The Suffragettes are deeply disappointed over their failure to interrupt Friday's meeting.

The discovery of the inner door of Albert Hall of one of their members disguised as a messenger boy, calmly walking in, was a bitter blow.

The woman was bound to be found out because she forgot to have red stripes on her trousers as the messenger boys all have.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ELECT 1910 OFFICERS

The Knights of Columbus in this city held their annual election of officers in their hall last evening and the following are the newly appointed officials: Grand Knight—William Moran; Deputy Grand Knight—J. E. Gillis; Chancellor—Rev. J. C. McMillan; Recording Secretary—W. D. Gillis; Financial Secretary—James Landrigan; Treasurer—J. O. Trainor; Advocate—R. A. McDonald; Warden—J. F. Reardon; Inside Guard—A. Hennessey; Outside Guard—F. H. Trainor; Trustee—W. Mombourquette.

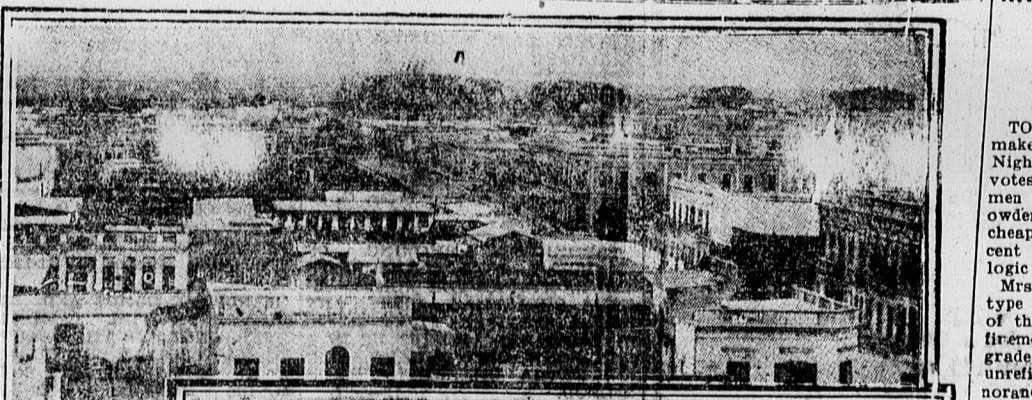
MARK HAMBURG

The above great Pianist will tour this country during the Spring of 1910, and arrangements are in negotiation for a concert in this town.

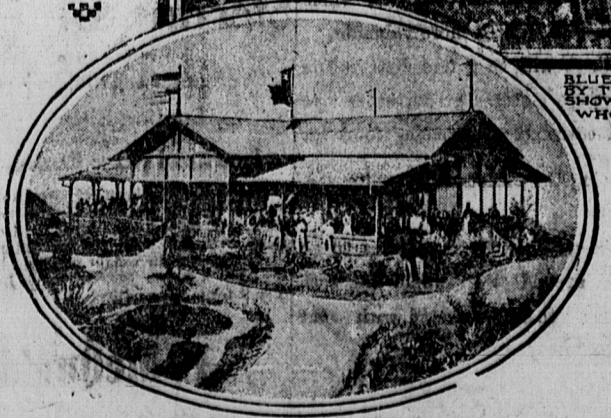
A very good impression of Mark Hambourg's playing was published a little while ago by one of the best critics in Europe, who said:—"Of the different kinds of pianists, we have in Mark Hambourg a very happy blending of the emotional and the intellectual types, the former predominating in a sufficient degree to impart to his playing an atmosphere which glows with warmth and vitality. He is a virile brilliant, fascinating, and successfully audacious performer, he carries you off your feet, and can make you cry or laugh, and compels you whether you will or no; he causes a suspension of your critical faculties for the time being, while his daring originalities amaze and bewitch you. He is a magician who paints tone-pictures of marvellous beauty, and he interprets as we have heard of the best before him. His lightning like speed, the accuracy of his execution, his conceptions, at times dignified and grand, at times subtle and suggestive, his marvellous tone, his wonderful use of the pedal, his abandon and finesse, and above all the poetic feeling he displayed, drove the audience frantic with wonder and delight."

In the course of his tours and travels, Mark Hambourg has had many adventures, and he is full of amusing stories. Undoubtedly the most extraordinary experience he ever had, probably indeed, the most extraordinary that has ever befallen a public performer was when, during a recent European tour, he was decoyed to the underground meeting place of Russian Revolutionaries in Warsaw, who compelled him to play to them.

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VIEW OF MANAGUA



CATARINA, WHERE PRESIDENT ZELAYA LIVES WHILE IN COFFEE REGIONS

BLUEFIELDS—A SEAPORT NOW HELD BY THE REVOLUTIONISTS. PICTURES SHOW UNITED STATES MARINES WHO WERE IN NICARAGUA DURING THE REVOLUTION IN 1898.

MANY MAY STARVE IN PRISON.

BLUEFIELDS, December 13.—A reign of terror being maintained in Managua. Five hundred persons identified with political affairs are in chains, and in prison. The Catholic society has been ordered to cease sending work to the prisoners, and these are in a fair way to starve, for they are allowed only two cents a day for food. Corporal punishment is meted out daily to various alleged offenders.

MRS. SNOWDON ON WOMEN VOTING

TORONTO, December 12.—Lady Gay makes the statement in Saturday Night that the only women who vote are those unable to influence men in other ways.

Mrs Philip Snowden is a living refutation of this cheap sneer, which is born of the descent to personalities common when logic is lacking.

Mrs Snowden represents that finest type of women which is the product of the new era of education and refinement in England.

It is these parasites, says Mrs Snowden, who have precipitated the present crisis. They have held the keys of the door of knowledge, but would neither enter in themselves nor allow others to enter.

They have had the keys of power and would neither vote nor allow others to vote. What the wealthy, and refined and socially distinguished classes might have done in England, had they listened, is now left for another age and generation.



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LIGHT WINDS.

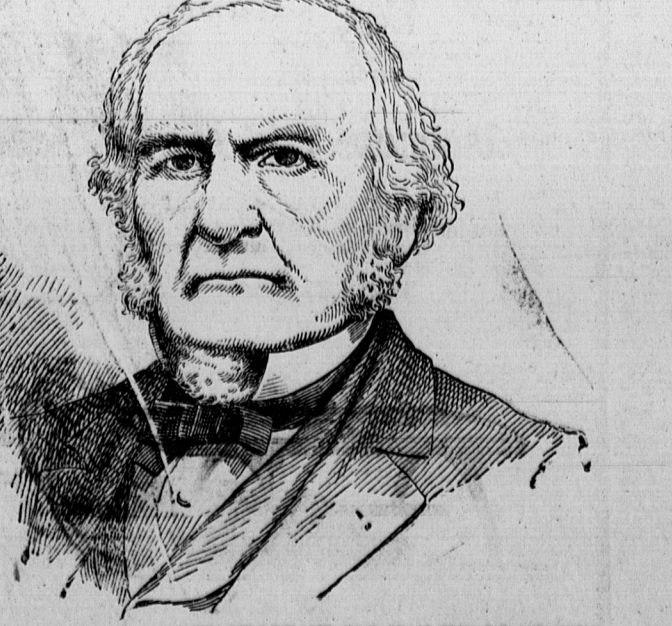
Special to The Guardian.
TORONTO, December 14.—Strong winds and gales from east and south. Cloudy, with rain or sleet. The length of today will be eight hours and fifty minutes.



WHO HAS BEEN CREATED A LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY.

CHICAGO MARKETS.
CHICAGO, Dec 13.—(Special.)—

Dec Wheat	111
Jan Wheat	110
Dec Corn	63
Jan Corn	66



W. E. GLASTONE, BRITAIN'S GRAND OLD MAN WHOSE CENTENARY WILL BE CELEBRATED THE LATTER PART OF THIS MONTH.