

A BOLD ROBBERY IN MONTREAL, P.Q.

(Canadian Press.)
MONTREAL, Dec. 16.—A bold high-way robbery occurred in Montreal this afternoon when an unknown hold-up man got \$500 from a young man in the employ of the Montreal Herald. The highwayman was stopped in his attempt to get away by Wm. Hall, who was shot in the leg, but the former made good his escape.

The hold-up took place in the basement of the Herald building. A. W. Moffatt, cashier for the Herald, was making his weekly rounds to the different departments with money for pay. His custom was to leave a sum with the foremen in the different de-

partments and the latter would make up the payroll. On the basement floor as he was proceeding to the mailing room, Moffatt was confronted by a man who said to be known as Moffatt. He carried a revolver in his coat pocket and the highwayman grabbed at this and then at the bag. Moffatt staggered back against the wall and the thief rushed out the basement door.

Another employee heard Moffatt's cry for help and without hesitation flung himself on the thief. "Get out of the way," shouted the robber, and fired a shot at the plucky assailant shooting him in the thigh; then he escaped in the confusion.

EGGS AND POULTRY PRICES FALLING

(Canadian Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 16.—According to information from poultry dealers, eggs and poultry prices are coming down and will be much lower by Christmas.

(Canadian Press.)
TORONTO, Dec. 16.—"That we put ourselves on record as opposed to the high price of eggs and we ask the women of Toronto to refuse with us to buy eggs at prices more than 30 cents a dozen." This motion was passed this afternoon by members of the Canadian Household Economic Association and will be forwarded to the executive of the Canadian Club and passed on to the women of Toronto for action.

MEXICO'S RICHEST MAN A FUGITIVE

(Canadian Press.)
JUAREZ, Dec. 16.—All the property of Luis Terrazas Sr., Enrique Creel and Juan Creel, including banks, mines and vast acres of land, thousands of head of cattle and very valuable personal effects were ordered confiscated to the rebels in an official decree issued to-day by General Villa.

Terrazas is now a refugee in the United States. He was one of the wealthiest men in Mexico, his holdings, about two-thirds of the entire state of Chihuahua. It is said, placing him in the ranks of the most extensive land holders in the world.

In the decree the families named are accused of withholding taxation and fomenting the heresies of Huerta and Orozco. Villa's notice was sent to Juarez and formally promulgated. It means if the rebels succeed all the property will be taken without indemnity. Villa states that he will divide the proceeds of the estates among the widows and orphans caused by bloodshed in Mexico.

The Creels are nephews of Terrazas. Enrique Creel was a former ally of Ambassador to the United States.

EMPEROR MENELIK DIED ON FRIDAY

(Canadian Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 16.—A despatch from Jibuti, Africa, says Emperor Menelik of Abyssinia died last Friday.

CONDENSED ADS TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

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FOR SALE ONE FRESH MILK COW. Byrne Bros., North River. 3397-12-17M31pd.

LOST SABLE MUFF ON ELM AVE. Finder please return to North American Hotel. 3396-12-17M31pd.

WANTED A GIRL FOR GENERAL HOUSEWORK. No washing. Good wages. Apply at once to Mrs. S. R. Jenkins. 3386-12-17M31

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FOR SALE—1 MARE, 11 YEARS, in foal; 1 filly, 18 months; 1 filly, 6 months; 1 horse colt, 17 months; 4 cockings, Golden Wyandottes. Will sell cheap. Leslie Weeks, Fredericton, P. E. I. 3390-12-17M11.

LOST ON DEC. 10th A BLACK buffalo robe, between Long Creek and Nine Mile Creek. Finder please leave at McPhee's store or Donald McNellis, near Afton Hall, and receive reward. 3379-12-17ME11 pd.

CHARLOTTETOWN BOWLING ALLEY. Market Building, Billiard Room in connection; everything first class, bowl and never have appendicitis. Special Ladies' days from 3 to 6 Tuesday and Friday after-noon. Open from 10 a. m. till 11 p. m. 2659-12-17M7ft.

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INHERITANCE TAX BILL WITHDRAWN

(Canadian Press.)
PARIS, Dec. 16.—The French Government withdrew from the Chamber of Deputies a bill authorizing imposition of an inheritance tax as well as the measure for a French loan of \$20,000,000, the latter of which caused the fall of the cabinet of J. Louis Barthou who had insisted on immunity from taxation.

VOLCANO'S ERUPTION IN NEW HEBRIDES.

MELBOURNE, Australia, December 16.—Dispatches from Noumea, capital of the French colony of New Caledonia, report that great destruction has been wrought by a volcanic eruption in Ambrim Island, of the New Hebrides group. Six new craters were formed on the west coast on December 6th. The following days Mount Minnie collapsed and many villages were overwhelmed by streams of molten lava. The majority of the inhabitants sought refuge in canoes and boats, and a steamer rescued five hundred of them among the white population whose numbers are small, but it is feared that many natives in the interior perished.

Ambrim Island is about fifty miles in circumference and is somewhat sparsely inhabited.

ARGENTINE MEAT BOUGHT FOR AMERICAN NAVY. SO HOME DEALERS CLIMB DOWN.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The recent action of the navy department in buying beef from Argentina has forced down the prices of American packers. This is shown, the navy department announced yesterday, by bids just opened at various pay offices from competitors for domestic contracts for the months of January, February and March. At every port, excepting Norfolk and Hampton roads, prices for American beef were based on Argentine quotations, resulting in a saving of several thousand dollars. Awards will be placed for American beef at all ports except the two mentioned, those awards going to Argentina.

"Under the old high tariff law," said Secretary Daniels, "this saving could not be effected, but the recent democratic bill allows the importation of foreign meats free of duty."

BRITAIN'S BATTLECRUISER'S ENGINES DESIGNED TO GIVE 100,000 H.P.

GLASGOW, December 15.—The British battle cruiser Tiger, known as the "Mystery Ship," was launched yesterday at the Clyde bank shipbuilding works, where her keel plates were laid on June 20, 1912. Details of the new vessel have been guarded most strictly by the admiralty. It is known however, that her engines are designed to give the hitherto unattained horse-power of 100,000 calculated to develop a speed which will eclipse that of any naval vessel afloat. Unofficial reports give the Tiger's dimensions as: Length over all 700 feet; beam 80 feet; displacement about 30,000 tons. Her armament is said to consist of eight 13.5 inch guns in pairs in turrets on center line, and twelve 6-inch guns in casemates, with two 21-inch submerged torpedo tubes.

THE WEATHER, THE TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

(Special to The Guardian.)
TORONTO, Dec. 17.—Fresh southerly to south-westerly winds. Fair and milder.

THE WEATHER.—Yesterday's weather was typically wintry; fair and cold, the temperature going down to the lowest point this season.

The highest temperature registered yesterday was fifteen degrees above zero, being three degrees higher than the lowest recorded during the previous night. At 9 a. m. yesterday, thirteen degrees above was the temperature registered, but early in the night it went down to as low as eight degrees above, later going up again to eleven degrees above.

The tide will be high at this afternoon at 2.09 and tomorrow at 2.50; it will be low tomorrow morning at 12.55 and Friday at 1.52.

The sun sets this afternoon at 4.16 and tomorrow at 4.17; it rises tomorrow morning at 7.37 and Friday at 7.37.

The moon rises tonight at 8.45. There was a full moon on Saturday, Dec. 13th at 11 a. m.

The last quarter of the moon will be Saturday, Dec. 20th, at 10.06 p. m. The length of today will be eight hours and fifty minutes.

ANNUAL POULTRY SHOW OPENS IN CHARLOTTETOWN

In all the principal respects is the 1913 Poultry Show, held under the aegis of the P. E. I. Poultry Association and now in full swing at the Agricultural Hall, Charlottetown, a record one. Entries are very much larger than ever before, both in respect to the number of exhibitors and the number of their exhibits. There is a marked improvement in the quality of the birds in every class and especially so in the dressed poultry exhibit. Then, thanks to the splendid provision of the Department of Agriculture, the birds are better cooked than ever before, an excellent lot of new and improved coops being provided for their accommodation.

The scene in the Agricultural Hall, decorated with bunting, etc., and with the several neatly arranged rows of plump and handsome stock in excellent coops, was yesterday both animated and interesting.

"Speaking to a Guardian representative yesterday, Mr. George Lightizer, the energetic secretary of the P.E.I. P. A., himself an enthusiastic and noted poultryman, said: "It is the best poultry show we have ever had in P. E. Island, both in quantity and quality in every class, utility and standard classes of live stock and in dressed poultry. In the utility class the most we have ever had was 20 entries; we have close on a hundred now."

Judging commenced at an early hour yesterday morning; the judges being: Mr. L. J. Jarvis, for some years manager of the Poultry Department of the Ontario Agricultural College, who is judge of the standard classes of birds; Mr. W. Reid, of Kingston, Ontario, judge of the utility classes; and Mr. George E. Auld, judge of the dressed poultry. The judging of the utility classes and dressed poultry was concluded yesterday, and the prize-list is reproduced below. Mr. Jarvis has a good deal to do in the standard classes, which comprise the exhibits by the members of the Poultry Association and represent the bulk of the show.

Mr. Reid said that the exhibit in the utility classes compared, in quality, favorably with the show at the Maritime Winter Fair just held at Amherst.

Mr. Auld was also very favorably impressed with the show of dressed poultry, which included many fine birds, exceedingly well put up.

Mr. Jarvis, who acted as judge at the Poultry Show here two years ago, said to the Guardian man: "I have found a great improvement in the quality of the birds in all the classes so far as I have gone. Dressed poultry is away ahead of anything that you have ever had before. There is an improvement, too, in the building and the arrangements upon what existed when I was here two years ago. The birds are well kept and well handled in the building."

There is, however, a little fly in the ointment, according to Mr. Jarvis. He said: "The condition of the birds is not so well as they should be; they are not prepared so well for exhibition as we do down my way in Ontario. The birds might be better shown here. I find with the ground here that a good deal of it is red clay and we see so many birds stained which makes it difficult to score them properly."

Mr. Jarvis paid a word of tribute to the excellent manner in which the arrangements for the show were carried out by the Committee of the Association; the birds being well taken care of and shown to the best advantage.

A specially interesting feature of the Show is the egg demonstration exhibit by the Dominion Department of Agriculture which was so effectively shown at the Fair at Amherst. This attracted considerable attention from the various visitors to the Show.

The formal opening of the Show was performed last night by His Honor Lieut.-Governor Rogers, in the presence of a fair number of people, over whom Mr. R. V. Longworth presided.

LIBERT-GOVERNOR OPENS SHOW.

In opening the show His Honor the Governor said he felt a deep interest in the enterprise in which the farmers were engaged—the poultry business. He had been to some previous exhibitions in the Island and he was of opinion that the present one far exceeded anything that had been done before. There were some regrets, however, and one was that so few people in the city and the country too, apparently, took an interest in the Show. It seemed to him that the people of Charlottetown, as sellers, should be interested in the work of the Association and should attend to see what was being done; but those who should be still more interested were the producers all over the country. He knew enough about the Island to know that in nine-tenths of the farms there had been little improvement in the last twenty years so far as the care of poultry was concerned. He was sorry for it. However, notwithstanding that, the industry, he thought, was a most important one. He had no doubt that while there was no great improvement in the methods there certainly was in the quantities produced. There was accordingly an increase in the value of the industry. It was in the quantities, if the speaker remembered accurately, that the export of eggs, at the low price of about 8 to 10 cents per dozen, amounted to some \$311,000. Today, he ventured to think, the Island must be producing fully a million dollars worth of eggs. The fishing industry barely exceeded that of hens around the barns, with that figure in value, so that the keep-very little real interest and earnest-

ness put into the work, was, in his opinion, of more value to the Island than the former, good as it was. Such an exhibition as the present one ought to call for more interest on the part of producers and also of the consumers. With the steady advance in the price of eggs he was sure that a farmer with twelve or fifteen acres of land on which were being properly taken care of could make far more money than he could if he had a hundred acres under oats. It had been a wonder to him all along why the people had not him all along why the people had not changed their methods and gone in more extensively for poultry farming.

"I wish, you as an association every success," said His Honour in conclusion, "and you are undoubtedly very successful on this occasion; and I wish that the future exhibitions will be more largely attended and will be abundantly successful." His Honour's remarks were received with much applause.

SPEECH BY THE PREMIER.

The Honourable J. A. Mathieson Premier, then addressed the audience. The meeting, it was true, he said, not as large as had been hoped, but all that was hoped in any endeavour was seldom realized. The exhibition had features in it so excellent as to mark it out as the beginning of a new era of great expansion.

The show outside, said the speaker, pointing in the direction of the cattle show and picnic scene, was simply magnificent, and after all it was the show of poultry and not the show of people that mattered. Mr. Mathieson then referred in complimentary terms to the works of Mr. Benson. No one doubted the value of his instruction and he (the speaker) knew that the work was bearing fruit of great abundance. He could remember the days when the hen was persecuted; when she was apt to be considered of strength and things of considerable weight thrown after her. The farmer was the one who worried her; the women backed her up. Those who were brave enough to go into the industry invariably met with the same fate owing to the low price which prevailed then. Now things were different; prices had steadily advanced and large profits, with good management, were being achieved. There could be taken out of the value of the poultry industry all the money necessary to run the Province's public schools and works and services and still there would be a quarter of a million dollars left. It was a very important industry, letting a young man on the farm as they had never been let in before, and not requiring the large initial capital that formerly had debarred so many young people from entering the industry. There was no more valuable feature about the industry than this, that it obviated the necessity of raising a great amount of capital to start with. He trusted and believed that this was the beginning of more prosperous days in this important business. Mr. Mathieson was loudly applauded on the conclusion of his address.

In reply to the chairman, Mr. Frost, the American Consul, gave a short outline of the way in which the egg supply is distributed over the United States. He said that Prince Edward Island has a permanent market in either Boston or Montreal. In connection with the matter of feeding, he believed that the highest authorities were agreed that wheat was not the best kind of food for laying hens; it contained more fat than muscle producing qualities.

Professor Ross gave a brief address in which he emphasized the fact that farming was not a drudgery, as some people were inclined to think. It just depended on the person who did it. Painting could be a drudgery as well as an art. Likewise farming could be made an art. He urged greater interest in the works of the association.

Mr. J. Brown next spoke, congratulating the Association on its show. He laid stress on the importance of proper care and attention on the part of the producer to ensure the delivery to the consumer of good eggs.

Mr. T. A. Benson having addressed the audience on the work of the Association, suggesting that consumers might visit their rooms and see how to ascertain the quality of eggs, the Chairman thanked the speakers and the audience for their attention and closed the meeting.

Following is the prize list so far as completed—

- PLYMOUTH ROCKS.**
Cock—1st, J. A. Ferguson, Marshfield; 2, T. W. Bentley, Kensington.
Hen—1st, Rev. P. P. Arsenault; Mount Carmel; 2, J. A. Ferguson; 3, John C. Aucoin, Mt. Carmel.
Cockerel—1st, V. Morrison, Bay-side, Lot 14; 2, John C. Aucoin; 3, A. Schurman, Central Bedouque.
Pullet—1st, J. A. Ferguson; 2, John C. Aucoin; 3, A. Schurman.
Breeding Pen—1st, V. Morrison; 2, J. A. Ferguson; 3, A. Schurman.
- WYANDOTTES.**
Cock—1st, Jos. White, City; 2, E. Paquet, St. John's; 3, George Dewar, West Royalty.
Hen—1st, Jos. White; 2, E. Paquet; 3, George Dewar, West Royalty.
Cockerel—1st, Jos. White; 2, R. Baker, City; 3, George Dewar.
Pullet—1st, Jos. White; 2, R. Baker; 3, E. Paquet.
Breeding Pen—1st, Jos. White; 2, George Dewar; 3, R. Baker.
- ORPINGTONS.**
Cock and Hen—No entries.
Cockerel—1st and 2nd, Mrs. A. Thorne, city; 3, T. W. Bentley.
Pullets—1st and 2nd, Mrs. A. Thorne; 3, T. W. Bentley.

BREEDING PEN—1st, Mrs. A. THORNE. RHODE ISLAND REDS.

Cock and Hen—No entries.
Thorne, city; 3, T. W. Bentley.
Cockerel—1st, T. W. Bentley.
Breeding Pen—1st, C. McLellan, Arlington, Lot 14.
DRESSED POULTRY.
Pair Cockerels—1st, Spring Park Poultry Yards; 2nd, L. H. D. Foster, Marshfield; 3, John Whitlock, East Royalty.
Pair Fowls—1st, Mrs. G. Lightizer, West Royalty; 2nd and 3rd, John Whitlock.
Pair Geese—1st, L. H. D. Foster; 2nd, John Whitlock; 3rd, Charles Pippy, Hillsborough.
Eggs—1st, J. A. Ferguson; 2nd, Spring Park Poultry Yards; 3rd, John Whitlock.
Best doz. chicks, packed for export—1st, D. E. Wright, Lower Montague; 2nd, George Annear, Lower Montague; 3rd, V. Morrison.

38 MEN KILLED IN COLORADO

(Canadian Press.)
NEWCASTLE, Col., Dec. 16.—Thirty-eight men were killed in the Rocky Mountain Fuel Co's Mine here today by a dust explosion. Two miners were rescued after the underground workings caught fire. All the victims were married with the exception of six or eight. They were Americans.

THE AMERICAN EMBARGO ON OUR POTATOES.

OTTAWA, December 15.—George O'Hollara, deputy minister of agriculture, and M. T. Gussow, Dominion botanist, left yesterday for Washington to present the case of Canada in regard to the threatened embargo on Canadian potatoes on account of the alleged outbreak of a disease known as "Powdery Scab." A conference has been called by the American authorities for December 18th, when the Canadian officials will present reasons to show why the embargo should not go into effect.

The export of potatoes to the United States is considerable, and if an embargo were to be put on it would work considerable hardship. For the past ten years, from 1902 to 1912, the average amount exported was \$33,000 bushels, valued at \$197,000. The heaviest year was 1901, when there was a shortage in the United States, when the exports totalled 1,450,000 bushels.

It is believed at Ottawa that dealers who have been trying to corner the American market behind the attempt to place an embargo on Canadian potatoes. It is possible that if an embargo goes into effect Canada may retaliate.

EVERY BRITISH RAT COSTS NATION \$1.50.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Forty million rats in the British Isles annually destroy merchandise of the value of \$1,000,000,000, Dr. W. Allen Daley, medical health officer of Bootle, England, in a recent issue of Public Health, calls attention to the pernicious activities of the rat and his body parasite, the flea. Rats not only destroy much valuable goods in warehouses and on ships, but are carriers of disease they are recognized as a constant menace to health.

The Cheops flea, which lives on the Indian rat, and the banded flea, common on English rats, are largely held responsible for the spread of bubonic plague. Both of these bite humans, and experts report that increases in the run of fleas correspond almost unflinchingly with the rising outbreak of the plague.

Up to 1728, says Dr. Daley, the rat of India was dominant in England. About that year it was driven out by the larger and fiercer Norwegian rat. Later the Indian rat got a foothold again and today it is much in the majority in the rat population on wharves, in storehouses and along the Liverpool waterfront.

One serious problem in the fight against bubonic plague is the fact that animals associating with the rats attract and carry the same fleas. In California much money has been spent in destroying the ground squirrel. In England the wild hares are said to be infected.

Rats have recently been accused of spreading leprosy. Dr. J. R. Riddon, of the United States Public Health Service, found about six thousand rats in the town of Mayaguez, Porto Rico, of which three had leprosy nodules—the physiological evidence of leprosy. In Corea, Dr. T. Ishiware found 500 out of seven hundred rats infected. Examples of leprosy infected rats have been found in New Caledonia, Le Bouef and Salomoa.

The ease with which leprosy slips into temperate latitudes suddenly and unannounced is due to the earlier rat, declare several writers on the subject.

CHINESE CREW ON CANADIAN PACIFIC LINER.

VANGOUVER, Dec. 16.—The C. P. R. liner Empress of India has departed with white sailors and now carries a crew of Chinese on deck as well as in the engine room. It is said the Empress of Japan will also arrive from the Orient with a Chinese crew.

THE FRAM TO BE ON EXHIBITION

(Canadian Press.)
COLON, Dec. 16.—The Polar expedition ship, Fram, sailed from here today for San Francisco by way of the Strait of Magellan. She will be one of the features at the Panama Exposition.

\$5,000,000 DEAL IN REAL ESTATE

(Canadian Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 16.—One of the biggest private real estate deals on record was completed today by the purchase of the Duke of Bedford's block of freehold property in the heart of London for something like \$5,000,000, by Harry Mallaby Deeley, a Unionist member of Parliament. The estate covers 19 acres and includes valuable property in London's business section.

FIVE KNOWN DEAD 16 INJURED

(Canadian Press.)
CINCINNATI, Dec. 16.—Satisfied that there are no more bodies in the ruins of the Salvation Army Industrial House which was swept by fire early this morning, firemen and police tonight ceased to burrow into the tangled mass of debris in the basement of the building. Five are known to be dead and sixteen more or less badly hurt in attempts to escape from the building. Ten men are still unaccounted for. A warrant was sworn out today by the District Fire Marshal for the arrest of Maj. J. U. Sprake, of the Salvation Army in charge of the building on a charge of violating the City Ordinance. Investigation showed that all exits from the building were littered with rags, old clothing and other rubbish and Sprake neglected to make improvements when ordered to three days ago. Sprake claims in defence that he obeyed all the orders.

BULLETS FLEW IN POLICE FIGHT

(Canadian Press.)
BROOKFIELD, Ill., Dec. 16.—In a fight arising through the arrest of Frank Roberts for disorderly conduct, Roberts and two spectators were seriously wounded to-day. Roberts took refuge behind a tree when the police attempted to arrest him, and opened fire which the police returned. He surrendered after being shot in the leg, arm and wrist. A driver some distance away and a laborer working near were struck by stray bullets and badly hurt.

UNDERWRITERS TO INVESTIGATE ACCIDENT TO SCHOONER

YARMOUTH, Dec. 16.—No steps have yet been taken in regard to floating the schooner Premier. There is to be an investigation by the underwriters to fix the blame for the mishap. Those interested in the schooner say the slip is to blame, while those interested in the slip say the accident would not have happened had not the superintendent been misinformed as to the vessel's true condition. He was informed that the vessel's keel was all gone, and had arranged his shores accordingly. Instead of that there was about ten feet of the keel left amidships, and this acted as a pivot causing her to sway and fall.

FIVE BILLIONS VALUE OF U. S. HARVEST.

WASHINGTON, December 15.—With the most valuable crops of corn and cotton ever produced, and the second most valuable oats crop, the value of the nation's fourteen principal farm crops this year aggregates the enormous total of \$4,940,301,000, the Department of Agriculture announced yesterday in its final estimates of acreage, production and value. This is an increase of \$182,958,000 over the value of the same crops last year, and of \$250,772,000 over the year of 1911, based on the prices paid to farmers on December 1st.

The acreage of these crops is equivalent to a farm one-seventh the size of a continental United States. The exact area planted to these fourteen crops, which is more than ninety-five per cent. of the total of all crops area, was 299,43,000 acres, an increase of almost 5,000,000 acres over last year's area, and of more than 2,000,000 over the 1911 area. More than one-third of the total acreage was planted to corn.

For the crops as a whole the average production per acre was valued at about \$16.50. The corn crop averaged \$15.96 per acre; cotton, \$22.19; sugar beets, \$59.64; wheat, \$12.14; oats, \$11.44; sweet potatoes, \$68.60; rice, \$26.68; potatoes, \$62.10; tobacco, \$100.39, and rye, \$12.84.

PROTEST AGAINST DISCRIMINATION

(Canadian Press.)
TORONTO, Dec. 16.—At the coming session of the Dominion Parliament a protest is to be made by the fish merchants of Toronto and other centres against discrimination on the part of the Railways and the Governments of Quebec and Ontario in favor of American merchants. They claim that fish are shipped from Vancouver to Boston at exactly the same prices as are paid by Toronto merchants, although several hundred miles further away. They will also ask for the removal of duty on lobsters for the time they are not obtainable in Canada.

DELEGATES WAIT ON GOVERNMENT

(Special to The Guardian.)
OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—"Any attempt to make political capital out of this question of the high cost of living would be false to the facts. I don't think free food would be a very perceptible factor in reducing the cost of living." E. C. Drury, ex-master of the Dominion Grange, threw cold water thus upon the platform of the Laurier party, in the course of a long hearing of representatives of the Grain Growers and Dominion Grange this afternoon. The deputation asked for the removal of duty on wheat and flour and agricultural implements and an increase of the British preference to fifty per cent with free trade within the Empire in five years. They also asked for a federal law for chartering Farmers' Co-Operative Associations.

The delegation was made up of leaders in the big delegation of farmers which waited on the Laurier Government in 1910 and asked for free food, a request which Mr. Laurier then refused.

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—Opposing any interference with the tariff and expressing views quite opposite to those of the Grain Growers' delegation, Ontario fruit men interviewed the Government this afternoon. In the course of their interview it was pointed out that the grain growers did not represent the farmers as the farmers were opposed to reciprocity and if there was any need to oppose reciprocity in 1911 there was infinitely greater need now.

Erland Lee, President of the Ontario Grain Growers, declared that Ontario farmers wanted to preserve their markets by protection and that the policy of Laurier did not represent what they believed would fit the case.

Daniel Johnson, Forest, Ontario, and one of the largest fruit growers in Canada, said if the American tariff on fruit was reduced it would lead to the dumping into Canada of immense quantities of American fruit to the detriment of the Canadian industry. The Prime Minister he replied said the subjects would receive careful attention at the hands of the Government.

WAVED TO WIFE AND WAS KILLED

(Canadian Press.)
RUTLAND, Vt., Dec. 16.—Frank E. Harvey, engineer on the Rutland railroad, looked out of his cab today to wave to his wife when passing her. He miscalculated the time and his head crashed against an iron bridge, killing him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

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****YULE TIDE TEA.**—Do not forget the tea in Market Hall tomorrow in aid of St. Vincent's Orphanage. Tea and admission thirty-five cents.

****A meeting of the Women's Institute** will be held in the Warren Grove schoolhouse on Dec. 18 at 3.30 p.m. Miss James will be present. 3388.

****A meeting of all interested in the Oyster industry** takes place in the Board of Trade building at 10.30 this morning. Members of the Local and Federal Parliaments are requested to attend. 3399.

****There will be a Women's Institute meeting** in the Warren Grove Schoolhouse on Thursday, December 18th at three p. m. when the supervisor will be present to assist in the discussions on the topics in question namely Cakes and the cooking of vegetables. It is hoped that all who can will be present to take advantage of this profitable meeting. 3383

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