

NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

Year-Old Child Drowned in Two Inches of Water.

Chancellor McKay, of McMaster, Granted Leave of Absence.

Montreal Chambre de Commerce Wants the G. T. P.

The Provincial Government has decided upon the enlargement of Algonquin Park.

The first real snowstorm of the season in Montreal started early yesterday afternoon.

Rains are causing the French rivers to rise rapidly and a repetition of the Seine floods is feared.

Hugh J. Grant, twice Mayor of New York, died of heart disease at his home, 20 East 72nd street.

Rev. Robert Segsworth, of Winchester, is leaving for the Baptist Church at Beachville, near Woodstock.

The members of the Royal Commission on Industrial Training and Technical Education are in Winnipeg.

The ashes of the late Edward Taylor, Toronto City Relief Officer, were interred in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Returns to the Timber Department of the British Columbia Provincial Government show total receipts during October of \$122,902.11.

Julius Forner was condemned at Montreal to pay a fine of \$300 in an action taken by Senator Beque for libel. Judge Greenfield presided.

Rev. L. H. Vail, Baptist minister at Haileybury, has received and accepted a call to the pastorate at Port Burwell, Ontario, and Calvary, in Elgin county.

The year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Iveson, of Strathfield, was drowned by falling into a pool of water. There was only about two inches of water in it.

Onesime Girard, a farmer living at Tecumseh, is dead as the result of a fall from a wagon. Girard fell squarely under the wheels, which passed over his body.

Medical authorities in Montreal are threatening to close the schools owing to an epidemic of measles which has broken out. About 300 cases have been reported.

Fire broke out in the drying kiln of the Ontario Wheel Company's works at Gananoque. The loss is estimated at from \$150,000 to \$175,000. The insurance is \$125,000.

Thomas Yellowlees, who has directed the religious census movement for several years in the Province of Ontario, has been invited to direct the movement in Moosejaw, Sask.

Dr. Margaret O'Hara, of Dhar, India, who has been ill lately, according to advice received at the Foreign Mission Office of the Presbyterian Church, is on her way home.

The death occurred in Buffalo of Thos. Black, a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and only son of the late Edward Black, of Toronto. He was fifty-three years of age.

Dr. W. W. Andrews, Dean of the Science faculty, of Mt. Allison University, Sackville, N. B., has resigned, to accept the Presidency of the Saskatchewan College, Regina, to take effect at Christmas.

The case of James E. McAuley, who is charged at Toronto with other crimes besides attempting to extort money from Mr. John C. Eaton, came up in Police Court yesterday and was again remanded.

Chancellor A. C. McKay, of McMaster University, has been granted leave of absence by the Governors of that seat of learning, on account of ill health, and has left the city to be free from all work and worry.

Randolph Pinder, of Aurora, is in Toronto General Hospital suffering from two fractured arms as a result of an accident on his farm. He was walking along a beam on the top of his barn when he fell to the ground, a distance of about 22 feet.

The moving picture films of the Jeffries-Johnson fight were seized at Regina, with all the equipment, by the Mounted Police during an exhibition in a local theatre. The police declare that exhibitions of the pictures will not be allowed in Saskatchewan.

The Montreal Chambre de Commerce objects to having Montreal put on a side line of the G. T. P. The members passed a resolution, saying: "The interests of Canada demand the construction of this line to unite the metropolis of Canada with the Grand Trunk Pacific."

One of the favorite labor-saving practices of carpenters—that of clearing newly-built houses of surplus lumber by launching it out of convenient windows, to the peril of all underneath—was condemned by the Toronto coroner's jury at the inquest into the death of Arthur Bankham, who was killed two weeks ago by a falling plank.

NAILS IN HIS STOMACH.
Montreal, Nov. 7.—Surgeons at the Royal Victoria have just released a patient from whose stomach a bunch of twenty-seven nails were extracted, and who suffers no ill effects. The man is a vaudeville performer, and swallows nails as an occupation, permitting nails to rid his system of such encumbrances. Occasionally they stay and collect, requiring an operation.

MANY VOTES ON LOCAL OPTION.
Welland, Ont., despatch.—The local option issue has become paramount in Welland County, and January 2 will see contests in Welland town, Thorold town and township, Port Colborne, Port Erie, Bridgeburg, Crowland, Hamletstone, Stamford and Bertie. At present Welland and Port Colborne have no license. Stamford council will submit the by-law without petition.

BLAMED BATES.

Jury Thinks His Neglect Hastened Child's Death.

London, Ont., despatch.—That James Bates, already convicted of ill-treating his wife, had also neglected his baby boy, aged four months, was brought out before Coroner Dr. McLaren and a jury last night. The verdict says: "We believe from the evidence adduced that the father of the child did not provide necessary sustenance for his wife and child during the child's life, and that, although we are not able to say from the evidence that the death of the child was entirely due to such neglect, we are of the opinion that it must have ensued materially to produce it."

Mrs. Bates was brought from Hamilton by the Crown to testify, and the father also gave evidence. He blamed his wife. Bates was sentenced recently to six months in the Central Prison for non-support.

NEW BERTHS

Lewis Harcourt Succeeds the Earl of Crewe as Colonial Sec'y.

Lord Morley Appointed Lord President of the Council.

London, Nov. 7.—The retirement of Viscount Morley from the office of Secretary of State for India was announced officially this evening. At the same time the following appointments, approved by King George, were made known:

Viscount Morley to be Lord President of the Council, vice the Earl of Beauchamp; the Earl of Crewe to be Secretary of State for India; Lewis Harcourt, to be Secretary of State for the Colonies, vice the Earl of Crewe; the Earl of Beauchamp to be First Commissioner of Works, vice Lewis Harcourt.

Mr. Lewis Harcourt, the new Colonial Secretary, is the eldest surviving son of the late Sir William Harcourt. He received his political training from his father, whom he long served as private secretary. He entered Parliament in 1904 as member for the Rossendale division of Lancashire, and has represented that constituency since then. He has been First Commissioner of Works since the beginning of the present Liberal regime, but has only been in the cabinet since 1907.

Earl Beauchamp, who succeeds Mr. Harcourt, was Lord Steward of King Edward's household for several years, and previous to that was Governor of New South Wales. He has been Lord President of the Council for a few months only. Lady Beauchamp is a sister of the Duke of Westminster.

LYING IN BLOOD.
Victim of Murderous Assault at Hands of Three Men.

Port William, Ont., despatch.—The victim of two murderous assaults at the hands of a couple of supposedly unknown men within ten days, R. J. Musgrave, a prominent farmer of O'Connor Township, fourteen miles northwest of here, is in a critical condition at his home.

Musgrave, who lives alone, is well-to-do. When two neighbors who had been engaged to harvest a crop of potatoes for him called at his home this morning they were compelled to break in the door and found Musgrave lying on the floor in a pool of blood.

Regaining consciousness for a few minutes about noon, Musgrave told of being struck down by a club while in the yard. Two men attacked him ten days ago, but help arrived before he was seriously injured.

Robbery was not the object of his assailants, as a considerable sum of money in the victim's pockets was untouched. He had no enemies so far as is known. The settlement is considerably worked up, as Musgrave enjoyed an excellent reputation.

KING ALFONSO.
Unconfirmed Report of Assassination of King of Spain.

London, Nov. 7.—A rumor from Paris that King Alfonso of Spain had been assassinated, was circulated throughout the stock exchange at the opening today, but it was considered to be on a par with the stories of a revolution in Spain that originated recently in the same quarters with the purpose of influencing the market. The result of all inquiries was to discredit the story.

NEW PAPAL DELEGATE.
Ottawa despatch.—A cablegram received tonight announced that Mgr. Stagni has been appointed Papal Delegate to Canada, succeeding Mgr. Sharrett. The new delegate is at present Archbishop of Aquila.

Mgr. Sharrett was called to Rome during the summer, and the fact that he did not return to Canada for the Eucharistic Congress, practically confirmed previous rumors that he would never come back.

LABORER FATALLY HURT.
Niagara Falls, Ont., despatch.—Arthur Leachman, a laborer in the employ of the Clifton Sand & Gravel Company at Stamford, near here, was probably fatally hurt today when a drum on which he was working flew out of the socket and let a derrick arm come down on the run. The steel cap of the arm struck Leachman squarely on the head, crushing in a circular piece of the skull three inches in diameter.

SOUTH AFRICA'S PARLIAMENT

Hon. Mr. Lemieux, Dr. Jameson and Others Speak at Banquet.

Opening of New Parliament To-day by Duke of Connaught.

Cape Town, Nov. 7.—At the Government banquet last night Dr. Jameson said that if the solution suggested for the impasse in Britain were successful they might anticipate the first step towards the union of the Empire's five States. He eulogized Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux's settlement of the Asiatic difficulty in Canada.

Hon. Andrew Fisher, the Australian Premier, said nothing had occurred in the world's history in recent times which would have a greater effect than the Union of South Africa. They now had five nations willing to co-operate in common affairs, united by unbroken bonds to see justice done to all people.

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux aroused enthusiasm by an eloquent speech. Mr. Lemieux sent a message to the people of Britain, through the London Daily Mail. In South Africa, as in Canada, he said, Britain has been great and generous. Knowing that a brave foe makes a staunch friend, she granted equality and freedom of self-government to the two races. Canada has been welded into one, and by good-will and mutual forbearance obstacles can be as successfully overcome in South Africa, which is bound to play a brilliant part in the history of the greatest Empire the world has ever seen.

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT.
His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught to-day formally opens the first Parliament of the Union of South Africa, assembling at Cape Town. Canada will be represented at the ceremony by Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux. General Louis Botha is the Premier of the new Confederation. He led the Boers in many a stubborn battle against the British a few years ago, and his Cabinet includes several men who fought on his side. Among the other members of the new Parliament are men who fought with and against the British, who hold strong views on questions of policy that have to be dealt with, but Briton and Boer alike seem to be imbued with the spirit of earnestness in the upbuilding of a strong and united nation.

The area of the Union of South Africa is about 680,000 square miles, and embraces the Cape of Good Hope, better known as Cape Colony, Natal, Transvaal and the Orange Free State. The total white population is about 1,900,000, and the blacks number about 4,900,000. The Houses of Parliament are a Senate and House of Assembly, with Cape Town as the seat of the Legislature, and Pretoria the seat of the Executive Government. English and Dutch are the official languages of the Union. The Senate consists of eight members elected by the Legislature of each province and eight members nominated by the Governor, and the membership of the House of Assembly consists of: Cape of Good Hope, 51; Natal, 17; the Transvaal, 36; and the Orange River Colony 17.

It is expressly provided that the membership of either House shall be limited to persons of European descent. This decision was decided upon at the Union Convention in South Africa, and embodied in the Union bill passed by the British House of Commons and the Lords, after some debate. It had its origin, of course, in the fear that the overwhelming proportion of black to white people in the Union might otherwise lead to trouble. Parliament may, by law, prescribe the qualification of voters, but no such law can disqualify any person in the Province of the Cape of Good Hope, who, under the laws existing in the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope, is or may become qualified to vote, by reason of his race or color only, unless the bill be passed by both Houses of Parliament sitting together, and at the third reading be agreed to by not less than two-thirds of the total number of members of both Houses. No person who at the passing of any such law is registered as a voter in any province can be removed from the register by reason only of any disqualification based on race or color. The control and administration of native affairs and matters affecting Asiatics in the Union are vested in the Governor-General in Council. The first Governor-General of the South African Union is Viscount Gladstone.

TWO GIRLS MISSING.
Montreal, Nov. 7.—It may now be sixteen-year-old girl, residing at Phillips Place, is missing, and her parents believe she has been murdered.

Possessing a clear soprano voice Miss Laurin was engaged to sing popular songs in the Wonderland moving picture show on St. Lawrence street. On the night of October 20 she left home to go to the Wonderland. Mabel Tuckler, another girl employed at the Wonderland, also disappeared on the same night, but no anxiety had been manifested by relatives to find her.

DOCTORS DISAGREE.
Toronto, despatch.—Drs. Parry and Clark testified before Magistrate Dunlop in Police Court yesterday that Mabel Swallow alias McLaughlin, the young woman accused of running a house furnished, selling the furniture twice, and re-renting the house, collecting money from each of her victims, was insane, but Dr. A. J. Johnson, chief coroner, was of the opinion that while her mind was medically unstable she was able to understand the difference between right and wrong and was therefore not legally insane. The case was adjourned until Monday.

FARM NEWS

Why Spraying Should Not Be Omitted Whatever the Season.

Dry seasons tempt even those who believe in potato spraying to omit or slight the practice; but a study of Bulletin No. 323, of the New York Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva, N. Y., should convince growers that they ought to spray regularly. The past three seasons have been exceptionally dry; and serious potato diseases have, temporarily, almost disappeared from the State; yet only one-fifth of about 100 tests made by the station or reported to it in these three years have shown a financial loss from spraying, and the average increase, on more than 1,000 acres sprayed in the experiments, was 36 bushels to the acre. The Bulletin summarizes the results of 33 station experiments made during the past eight years, in which the average gain from spraying every two weeks has been 102 bushels per acre at Geneva, 54 bushels at Riverhead; and, from spraying three times during the season, 78 bushels at Geneva, 29 bushels at Riverhead. The average gain made by farmers spraying under station inspection has been 41.1 bushels per acre for seven years on areas ranging from 60 to 225 acres each year; and, by farmers spraying independently but reporting to the station, on areas ranging from 74 to 600 acres yearly for six years, the average gain has been 52 bushels per acre. It is safe to say that the practice of spraying has saved the 288 farmers reporting experiments in the last seven years more than \$50,000. Like all bulletin of the station this one will be sent, without charge, to those applying to the station for it.

It remained for the Missouri College of Agriculture, at Columbia, Missouri, to raise and develop the champion dairy cow of all the world. Missouri Chief Josephine, a Holstein-Friesian cow, finished her six months' test on July 18, producing 17,008.8 pounds, an average of 834 pounds of milk daily for 182 days. This is equivalent to 46.7 quarts, or 12.7 gallons every day. Her highest record for one day was 110.2 pounds. This is equivalent to 46.7 quarts, or 12.7 gallons every day. Her highest record for one day was 110.2 pounds.

This record is the more remarkable because no special preparation had been made for this test and the regular herd of the University, having had five calves in five and one-half years. Not only has this record smashed all previous world's records for milk production, but the per cent. of butter fat is increasing daily, so that, barring accidents, this cow will undoubtedly produce more butter during a period of 12 months than any other cow that has ever been tested. Only 20 Jersey cows in the history of the world have produced more than 700 pounds of butter in one year. Five of these cows, or 25 per cent. of the total number, are owned by the college.

The college owns more than 300 pure-bred and registered animals, belonging to 17 distinct breeds. Josephine's record exceeds the present world's record for six months by 1,458 pounds.

The calf is too old to deliver such caustic potash when the horns have come through the skin. To accomplish the best results at dehorning with this alkali is when the button appears under the skin and before it comes through. At this time the horn is killed quite readily. Results are not so sure after the calves are 4 weeks old.

With the first calf the heifer should be stimulated by regularity in feeding and milking, to keep up a good flow of milk, and to maintain this flow pretty close up to the next calving. The object is to fix in her continuity of milk. Never let her get fat, though. The keynote to success is the cow, and the foundation of the cow is feed and breed.

Each year thousands of infertile eggs go to market. Bakers especially are anxious to buy them. An infertile egg one week under the temperature of 103 degrees, is equivalent to an infertile egg kept two weeks in the pantry. It is a stale egg, but not necessarily a bad one.

Although the conditions of the apple orchards in Western New York is reported somewhat improved since the scattering rains and showers in that section, the outlook is not flattering for a large crop.

THREE MEN KILLED.
They Fell Seventy Feet From Top of the Weston Standpipe.

Defective Scantling Supposed to be the Cause of the Accident.

Toronto despatch.—A defective piece of scantling in a scaffold is believed to have been the cause of three men falling seventy feet yesterday morning to the iron floor of the immense standpipe that is being erected in connection with the new waterworks system at Weston. The three were instantly killed, and their bodies were taken out by the eighteen-inch manhole at the bottom in a horribly mangled condition.

The names of the dead are: Robt. McGregor, who boarded at the Eagle Hotel, Weston; James E. McVoy, of 429 Gerrard street, east, and Louis Smith, a Macedonian, who lived on Eastern avenue. An inquest into the fatalities was opened last evening in the Weston Council chamber by Coroner W. J. Cherriton, and after the jury had viewed the remains an adjournment was taken until next Wednesday evening, November 9.

The standpipe where the accident occurred is an iron tower twenty feet in diameter and eighty feet high. It was all but completed, the workmen being employed riveting the last layer of plates. It was being erected by the Toronto Iron Works, and would in all probability have been finished by the beginning of next week.

The nature of the scaffolding used in the construction of the tower was explained by Fay. According to him there was no fault in the construction of the scaffold, but there was a flaw in one of the cross-pieces, on which were resting the planks that the men were standing on. In the centre of the tower was a four-by-four upright. Between the centre and the side of the tower was a four-by-four upright. Between the centre and the side of the tower were five other uprights. Cross-pieces were nailed with five-inch spikes from the centre upright to each of the five others, and they reached to the side of the tower. These cross-pieces were at intervals of about ten feet up to the top of the pipe.

Robert McGregor, who was about 32 years of age, was married and had a wife with five children living at Liverpool, England. "He and I," said John Fay, "have been partners for about six years. We have travelled all over the world together, and have been in a number of accidents. We were on the Republic when she went down outside of New York and everybody was saved. We have only been in Toronto since August 21. We sailed together from Liverpool on August 8th."

James E. McVoy, who lived with his wife and family at 429 Gerrard street, was the foreman of the gang of six at work on the standpipe. He had charge of the work for the Toronto Iron Works. He came formerly from New York. The third man, a Macedonian, was known to his companions and employers by the name of Louis Smith. He was about 34 years of age and had a wife in Macedonia whom he had hoped to bring out to this country soon. He had been here several years, and spoke English fairly well. His employers considered him a very efficient workman.

As soon as the accident occurred Dr. J. W. Cherriton and Dr. J. E. Irwin were summoned, but nothing could be done, and in their opinion, the men must have been dead almost before they struck the bottom of the tower. Nearly every bone in their bodies was broken, and in the case of two of them their skulls were laid open.

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