NEWS OF THE DAY IN BRIEF

Elderly Farmer Fatally Gored by Infuriated Bull.

Ottawa Typhoid Epidemic May Be Investigated.

Asbestos Mine in Quebec Sold For Large Amount.

A Dublin man was fined $500 for taking a cancelled stamp off a letter and using it again.

Data and papers lost by Prof. Charles Kenneth Leith, of Wisconsin University, were found in the north.

Miss Laura Rathburn, daughter of the late Isaac Rathburn, former banker of Glencoe, died there, following an operation for appendicitis.

John Anderson, Dickinson Landing, one of the best known farmers of Eastern Ontario, died very suddenly of heart disease, aged 69 years.

Dr. Roderick Kennedy, a resident of Bath, passed away at the General Hospital in Kingston after a lengthy illness. He was 88 years of age.

The sale by auction at Arthabaskaville of the Ward-Ross asbestos property for the price of $710,000 is reported. The purchasers were Messrs. Ross, of Quebec.

The Cunard Steamship Company has purchased the Cairn Line steamers operating between London and Canada under the name of the Thomson Line of steamers.

A Government commission to hold an investigation into the typhoid epidemic at Ottawa may yet be appointed. It is understood that the matter has been under consideration.

Former Governor William Bloxesham died at his home at Tallahassee, Fla. He was a Confederate veteran, and had been Florida's Secretary of State and member of the legislature.

A collision between two cars occurred on the Sandwich line on the S. W. & A. Electric Railway. The passengers received a bad scare. Motorman McMurran's face was cut by flying glass.

John Robbins, an elderly farmer living in the eighth concession of Moore Township, was so badly gored by an infuriated bull that he died shortly afterwards. The animal had broken loose from its stall.

The dirigible balloon Parseval VI. was very badly damaged in a collision with the balloon shed at Johannisthal. The big airship was ascending for its nightly trip. Sixteen passengers were aboard, but no one was injured.

John Hovey Rice, an attorney of civil war fame, who represented the fourth Congressional district of Maine in Congress three terms, and later was collector of the port of Bangor, is dead at Chicago, aged 97 years.

J. D. Pringle, of the firm of Pringle & Booth, Toronto, was badly burned while making a flashlight picture at the Simpson Knitting Mills. While blowing air through the flame the powder exploded, causing back fire. His mouth and throat were burned.

Judge Laurendeau, of Montreal, has been selected by Messrs. W. J. White, K.C., and J. C. Walsh, editor of the Montreal Herald, as third commissioner to investigate the charges made by Mayor Drouin and several other Quebeckers that the United Shoe Machinery Company is a combine.

G. N. W. HEAD.

Geo. D. Perry Succeeds McMichael as Manager.

Toronto, March 20.—Geo. D. Perry has been appointed general manager of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company, whose head office is in Toronto. He has been with the company since its organization, having filled the position of stenographer, accountant, secretary and auditor, and secretary-treasurer and superintendent of supplies. Mr. Perry is a Canadian, having been born in Whitby, Ont., and began his business career with the Standard Bank of Canada. After leaving this bank he was appointed cashier of the Credit Valley Railway, which was absorbed by the Canadian Pacific Railway, and from that position he went over to the Dominion Telegarph Company, whose line were leased to the G. N. W. Company in 1881.

Mr. Perry will succeed the late Isaac McMichael, who was both Vice-President and general manager.

REFORM IN JAIL AND ASYLUM.

A Winnipeg despatch says: The grand jury of local assizes handed out some strong recommendations to the Provincial Government to-day regarding the existing accommodation in such institutions as the local jail and Selkirk Asylum. The staffs are underpaid and overworked. In regard to the asylum the grand jury says that the Provincial board of examiners should be appointed to inspect them. At present there is no classification, the insane and those of insane tendencies being all herded together.

FIRE FOLLOWS EXPLOSION.

Barrie despatch: An explosion in the cellar of Mr. J. R. Hambly's hardware store at 3 o'clock this afternoon was responsible for a $17,000 fire.

Mr. V. Hambly, nephew of the proprietor, was very badly burned about the head by the explosion.

The loss to stock is estimated at $15,000, on which there is $9,000 insurance. The damage to the building, which is owned by Mrs. Jas. Plummer, Toronto, amounted to about $2,500, and is fully covered by insurance.

TWO MILLION

Irish Born Population Now Living in the United States.

Washington, March 20.—Two million, in round numbers is the approximate Irish-born population at present living in the United States. While these are not the official figures of the 13th census, it is a close estimate based upon the 1900 census and the immigration and emigration of Irish-born immigrants during the ten years following.

Tabulation of the figures of the 1910 census had not progressed far enough to permit the director of the census to give to-day the number of Irish in this country, and it may be three months before the statistics are ready.

Immigration from Ireland for the past ten years has been uniformly steady, averaging about 37,000 yearly.

CATTLE EMBARGO.

Foot and Mouth Disease Breaks Out in Surrey, England.

Nothing But Horses May be Brought in From Britain.

Ottawa, March 20.— Great Britain has for many years maintained an absolute embargo against Canadian cattle, ostensibly on the gound of dange of infection to British herds, but in reality because of a desire to protect the British cattle-raiser from outside competition. Canada has repeatedly protested that Canadian herds are practically free of infectious diseases, and the British embargo could not be justified on the ground that the importation of Canadian cattle into Britain would lead to the outbreak of cattle disease there.

An illuminative commentary on the situation is now given by the passing of an order by the Department of Agriculture placing an embargo on the importation into Canada of all English live stock expect horses. The department has been advised by cable that an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease has appeared among cattle near Cobham, Surrey. Pending its eradication all permits to bring in cattle, sheep and swine from England are cancelled. There is at present no foot-and-mouth disease on this continent, and the above stringent precautions are taken to insure the continued immunity of Canadian herds.

Until May, when the season for importing cattle for breeding purposes from Great Britain really begins, the embargo will stop only a comparatively few importations, but unless the disease in Surrey is thoroughly stamped out by then, it will very seriously affect importations of thoroughbred stock from Great Britain this year.

A SAD FATE.

St. Catharines Woman Burned to Death—Lit Lamp Fell.

St. Catharines despatch: The firemen had two alarms to-night, one which resulted fatally, Mrs. John Motley, aged 68, being burned to a crisp by falling while walking with a lighted lamp from room to room at her home on Division street. The other alarm was at the Reo automobile plant, but was unattended with any serious results.

Mrs. Motley was alone in her house at the time, so exactly how her death occurred will never be known. It was only when passers-by noticed flames in the interior of the house that an alarm was telephoned to the fire headquarters. Firemen lost no time in gaining an entrance, but the woman was then lying dead on the floor, her clothes having been completely destroyed by the flames. A broken lamp was also found on the floor beside the body, thus telling the sad story. Her son, Michael, had left the house only a short time before the fatality, and when he reached the business section of the city he was informed of his mother's tragic death. Mrs. Motley is survived by two sons, Captain George Motley, of this city, and John Motley, electrician at the Welland Canal power house at Thorold. Coroner Jory decided to hold on inquest.

STEAMER BURNED.

Furness Line Freighter Destroyed by Fire in Thames.

London, March 20.—The Furness Line freight steamer North Point, which sailed this morning for Philadelphia, was destroyed by fire in the Thames tow hours after she left her wharf. The crew of forty were taken off in safety after the vessel had been beached. She carried no passengers.

The steamer was off Purfleet, about fifteen miles from London, when the fire broke out in the general cargo which included a quantity of oil. The flames spread swiftly and enveloped the craft, the heat being so intense that the plates were rendered red hot to the water's edge.

SOMETHING IN A NAME.

Toronto despatch: At the first annual inter-faculty oration contest of the University of Toronto in Convocation Hall last evening, Mr. G. F. Saywell, of University College, won the gold medal for first prize. His address was upon the topic "Arbitration or War?" Mr. L. A. Dixon, of Wycliffe, won the second prize, declaiming upon the topic "Canada and the Navy."

TORONTO MEN IN TROUBLE

Alleged Coal Land Conspiracy in Alaska Being Aired.

To Acquire Lands by Unlawful, Fraudulent and Other Means.

Penalty for Offence Fine of $10,000 or Two Years Jail.

Chicago, March 20.—There are two counts in the Alaskan coal lands indictment in which Canadians are involved, which is drawn under what is known as conspiracy statute. The penalty provided is a fine of $10,000, or imprisonment for two years on all counts.

The land which the nine men are charged with having conspired to gain is situated on the south side of the Matanuska River, extending from Chickaloon to King's River, and land on the north side of the Matanuska near Moose Creek. The tracts are known as the Watson group of coal claims and the Matanuska coal company group.

The alleged conspiracy was begun at Chicago on April 1,1908, according to the indictment, and Albert C. Frost, Chicago, George A. Ball, Munice, Ind.; Henry C. Osborne, Toronto, Ont., and Gwyn L. Francis, Toronto, were to have been the chief beneficiaries. The acquisition of the land, the indictment reads, was to be effected by "unlawful, fraudulent, false and collusive locations, preferential rights to purchase, and final entries and locations under the coal land laws.

"That by cunning persuasion and promises of pecuniary reward and other corrupt means, diver persons, qualified by law to make location upon and enter and purchase coal lands, should be procured to make unlawful locations, ostensibly for exclusive use of claimants, but in truth and fact for the benefit of the conspirators."

In taking up the charges against Frost, the indictment contains a copy of a letter written to P. M. Mullen at Juneau, Alaska, setting forth that Frost had mailed applications for patents to thirty men, whom Ball is alleged to have induced to fill them. Other letters contain a list of men and claims which Mullen was asked to investigate for Frost.

Another letter acknowledges the receipts of applications of several alleged "Dummy" claimants.

The second indictment is brief and sets out that in pursuance of the conspiracy, A. C. Frost on May 11, 1908 corruptly addressed a letter to P. M. Mullen, as follows:

"Referring to my letter of the 7th, it has just occurred to me that the locators of coal claims in the Matanuska Valley could have the funds wired to you direct to the First National Bank of Juneau or B. M. Behrends Bank, and will thank you to advise me which is the most satisfactory to you."

CRAZY MEN'S DEED

Two Lunatics Kill Keeper and Escape From Asylum,

Desperate Struggle in Quebec Asylum, and Men Still at Large.

A Montreal despatch says: Francois D'Haine, a guard, was struck down and killed at the Asylum of St. Benoit Joseph to-day. Two inmates have escaped from the institution, one of whom, Augustus Panneton, is said to have been the assailant.

Paneton and Raphael Gadbois are the two men who made their escape.

The men displayed great cunning and resource in making their getaway. Panneton was confined in one of the strongest cells in the institution. His hands were manacled behind his back; the door was a stout one, secured with six immense locks, and the transom at the top was small, and was barred with stout iron rods.

Somehow the man managed to get rid of the handcuffs. Then he tore out several of the bars over the transom, and, being a thin man, crawled through.

Then he proceeded to the cell of Gadbois and released him. Francois D'Haine, aged fifty-five, the night guard, heard noises issuing from the corridor, and proceeded to investigate. When near the celsl he came upon the two men. D'Haine immediately tried to get the maniacs under control and return them to their cells, but he was attacked.

One of the pair wielded an iron bar about two feet long, which had been wrenched from its place. D'Haine's skull was fractured by the blow he received and death was almost instantaneous.

The lunatics searched the body and took the keys. As it was so early they made their escape, opening all barriers with the stolen keys.

It was not until several hours later that the body was found and the escape of the pair was discovered.

Monteral despatch: Raphael Gadbois, one of the men who escaped from St. Benoit Joseph Asylum for Inebriates, leaving Francois D'Haine dead in a corridor with his skull crushed by a blow from an iron bar, was captured by detectives in the central part of Montreal late yesterday. He was without gloves or hat. He declared he was going to New York to marry J. Pierpont Morgan's daughter.

Auguste Panneton, who is considered dangerous, is still at large.

BRITAIN'S FLEET.

England, Says First Lord of Admiralty, Must Keep Supremacy.

London, March 20.—Reginald McKenna, First Lord of the Admiralty, read the annual statement on the navy in the House of Commons this afternoon. On the reply to various Liberal and Unionist hecklers, Mr. McKenna said he hoped the estimates had now reached their highest point. He estimated the cost of Germany's fleet at £22,000,000, and Great Britain's at £33,500,000. The difference, Mr. McKenna said, might seem enormous, but the importance of maintaining the absolute supremacy of the ocean was so overwhelming that England could not afford to be in doubt for a fortnight.

ABOUT STALLIONS

Important Bill Introduced in Legislature by Hon. Jas. S. Duff.

Committees of Inspection Will be Appointed to Examine Animals.

Toronto despatch—A bill of much importance to horsemen was introduced in the Legislature yesterday by the Hon. Jas. S. Duff, Minister of Agriculture. Its object is to raise the standard of horse breeding in the Province.

It provides that all stallions in the Province shall be enrolled with the Stallion Enrollment Board, which is created for the purposes of this Act. To secure this enrolment, the owner must send the name, description and pedigree of the horse to the board, the secretary of which is to be the director of the Live Stock Branch of the Department of Agriculture. The fee for this enrollment is $2. This must be renewed from year to year to keep an up-to-date record of the stallions in the Province. This is the only compulsory clause in the bill, but provision is made for voluntary inspection. Committees of inspection are to be appointed, and all owners who so desire may submit their horses to the committees at such times and places as shall be announced and have them inspected as to their soundness, etc. The report of the committee is to be forwarded to the Enrollment Board and will be included in the certificate which they will send out for the animal. No horse need be inspected more often than every two years, and the first inspection after a horse is eight years of age is to be the final inspection. The fee for inspection is $5.

Legislation of this nature has been under consideration among horsemen for some years, and similar laws are on the statutes of Manntoba, New Brunswick and other Provinces of the Dominion, as well as several States across the line.

GOOD-BYE, HATTIE.

Husband, Captain of Erie Fishing Boat Writes Farewell to Wife.

Cleveland, March 20.—"Good-by, Hattie; we're going on the breakwater. (Signed) James F. Purdy."

These farewell words, written hurriedly in the face of death by the captain to his wife, tell the fate of the crew of seven of the fishboat Silver Spray, which went down in the terrific gale of last night on Lake Erie.

The message was found this afternoon when a porthole cover was picked up on the lake shore at the foot of East 40th street.

The Silver Spray went down about 2 a. m. this morning, for it was at that time burning torches as signals of distress were seen at the life-saving station.

This morning the pilot-house of the little boat was found.

NO PEACE IN MEXICO

Unless Diaz Consents to Hold Another Election, Says Garza.

El Paso, Texas, March 20.—Peace will not be acceptable to the insurrectos under any conditions unless President Diaz first agrees to declare his last election invalid and consents to another election, according to Gonzales Garza, the insurrecto provisional secretary of state.

Secondly, he must agree to grant all reforms demanded by the insurrectos. Both sides must meet on equal terms and without the surrender of arms by the insurrectos.

Senor Garza, in substance, made this reply to the statement from New York that Senor Limantour was taking steps to settle the Mexican revolution.

"Mediation on the part of the United States, or any other foreign power, would not be acceptable to us," said Senor Garza.

FINED FOR WHIPPING LAD.

Cumberland, Ont., March 20.—W. W. Dunning, acting postmaster and town clerk of this village, was fined $5 and costs for assaulting a young lad, Walter Foubert, son of Wm. Foubert, by severely beating him with a whip. The case was tried before James Lagrois, J. P., of Rockland, and John Gamble, J. P., of Cumberland. Dunning pleading guilty to the charge.

JUST LIKE U. S. TROOPS.

St. Petersburg, March 20.—Large bodies of Russian troops en route for China are concentrated at Sharkent, about 60 miles west of Kulja. An official communication announcing the movement of the troops describes it as "a test of mobilization."

TO COUNT HEADS

Commissioners for Census Have Now Been Appointed.

Will Receive Their Instructions From Officers Some Time Next Month.

Ottawa, Ont., March 20. — It cists something to take the census of Canada. The appropriation for the purpose is $1,000,000, but Mr. Archibald Blue, the census commissioner, says that the cost will exceed this amount. The commissioners have been appointed, and their names will be announced in the Canada Gazette in a few days. There are 220 in all. Three permanent officers of the Census Bureau will be assigned to meet the commissioners at various convenient points throughout the Dominion. There will probably be four or five meeting places in Ontario, and the same number in Quebec. There will be one meeting place in the Maritime Provinces, and one in each of the Western Provinces. The instructions to the commissioners will be given in April, and the instructions to the enumerators in May. The latter have not as yet been appointed. Actual work on the census will be commenced on June 1.

It has been arranged that the factors or district managers of the Hudson's Bay Company will take the census at the different stations of this company, and one of the principal officers of the company has been appointed a commissioner. The Indian agents of the Government will take the census at all Indian agencies. They will receive their instructions direct from the Census Bureau and report directly to it, instead of to the Department of Indian Affairs. At the last census there were 93,460 full-blooded Indians in Canada, and 34,481 half-breeds. It is expected that the Indians, while not showing any great increase, will be able to hold their own.

While perhaps the most marked increase in the population of Canada will be found in the various cities, rapid strides have been made in the rural districts of Ontario and the West. The Provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta will, it is expected, show the greatest increase. Manitoba will show a substantial gain, but the Province is a comparatively small one, and a large portion of it has been settled for years.

EXPRESSMEN STRIKE.

Drivers and Helpers in New York City and Jersey City Walked Out.

New York, March 20. — Divers and helpers of the Adams, United States and Wells Fargo Express Companies in New York city and Jersey City, are on strike to-day in obedience to a general strike order issued in Jersey City shortly after midnight this morning. Employees of the American and National Express Companies reported for work this morning as usual, but the leaders of the strikers declared they expected the men of these companies to join the walk-out movement during the day and the strike would become general, directly involving upwards of 5,000 men and affording many other employed by the companies in various capacities in stations across the river. In the event of a conflict at all prolonged a serious tie up of express matter in this city will result.

The strike started several days ago with the men of the Adams Companies, who complained of alleged discrimination against certain employees involved in the general strike last fall. It was believed late yesterday that a settlement of the difficulty between the men and companies was in prospect through the promise of the leaders that the men would return to work pending discussion of settlement terms which Mayor Gaynor had promised to bring about.

This plan, however, was overturned at a meeting of delegates of the various companies last night in Jersey City, when it was decided not only to keep the Adams men out, but to extend the strike sympathetically to the men of the other companies.

During the first hours of the new strike movement trouble began early in Manhattan, when an Adams wagon was attacked by a mob, the driver pulled from his seat and severely beaten before the police rescued him. Two arrests followed.

ROBBED STORE-KEEPER.

New York, March 20.—Twenty persons peered through the glass door of a notion store in the fringe of the theatre district last night and saw three men hold up and rob Harry Jardock, the proprietor, of $175, the day's receipts. The trio brandished their revolvers on leaving and the sidewalk audience respectfully made way and permitted them to escape.

HEAD-ON COLLISION.

Augusta, Ga., March 20.—Through a misunderstanding of orders and the absence of a head light on the freight train and the southern railway passenger train from Charleston to August, running about two hours late, ran head on into an eastbound freight train near Aiken, S. C., just before midnight. Both firemen are said to be fatally injured and several passengers, more or less, hurt.

FIFTY NEW TOWNS.

Winnipeg, March 20.—The assumption that the present year will show a remarkable railway development in Western Canada is established by a number of important announcements by various transportation companies during the past fortnight. These were supplemented to-day by the statement that the Grand Trunk Pacific will build 140 new stations and that the Canadian Pacific will open 50 new towns on its new lines this summer.

BLED TO DEATH.

Manitoba Young Man Cut by Axe in Hands of Companion.

Treherne, Man., March 20.—Josiah Vassard, 22 years of age, son of Matthew Vassard, who lives ten miles north of here, bled to death to-day as the result of being struck with an axe in the hands of a companion.

Both young men were on their way home from the bush, and Vassard's companion, flinging his axe at some object, was careless, and the weapon veered and caught Vassard in the right leg, severing an artery. The victim died before Dr. Lamont, of this city, could be reached.

The coroner, Dr. Dundas, has not decided yet whether he will hold an inquest or not.

TAFT AND PEACE

Leader Balfour Heartily Endorses the Peace Proposals of the President.

John Dillon Objects and Asks Some Pertinent Questions.

London, March 20.—Sir Edward Grey's endorsement of President Taft's arbitration suggestion was seconded amid cheers in the House of Commons to-day by the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, the leader of the Opposition, who in the course of his speech declared that he saw no difficulty in the way of carrying out such an arrangement between this country and the United States.

"The late Government did its best to carry out an arbitration treaty with the United States. I hope that there is a general feeling in America that the time has come when these two great countries may at least be bound by treaty to refer all questions which could possibly produce anything so horrible as war between them to some arbitration tribunal. The Secretary for Foreign Affairs will find no heartier friends of such a policy than those in the Unionist party."

The first break in the chorus of approval which greeted Sir Edward Grey's arbitration proposals in the House of Commons came from Mr. John Dillon, member for East Mayo, who described Sir Edward's speech as a gigantic red herring most successfully drawn across the path of discussion of the naval estimates. There was, he said, nothing different in the Grey proposals from what appeared in the treaty Lord Salisbury tried to negotiate with the United States, except the importation of an offensive, defensive and coercive alliance against other powers.

He gravely doubted whether this would be found to be of advantage. The proposals made no provision for small nationalities struggling against injustice or seeking for freedom. They referred only to mighty employes which were invited to combine for the purpose of coercing others who would not submit to arbitration. "What about the struggling nationalities now crushed under the hoof of great empires?" asked Mr. Dillon. "What if Egypt asked for arbitration against British occupation or Persia against the Anglo-Russian agreement?" He was extremely sceptical of the immediate need for such a treaty even if it were possible to negotiate it.

GOOD-BYE, MY DEARS!

Buffalo despatch: While playing with her five children in her sitting room at No. 134 Thampson street last night Mrs. Barry Love was seized with a fainting spell. She dropped into a chair and her alarmed children rushed to her side. "Good-bye, my dears," she gasped, and died.

One of the older girls ran out and notified the neighbors. Dr. Eva B. Heads was called, but the woman was dead. Dr. George G. Wagner, the district physician, said death was due to heart disease. The woman leaves a husband and five children.

WATER FOR GEORGETOWN.

Toronto despatch: Georgetown, Halton County, thirty miles from Toronto, population 1,400, has come to the aid of this city and offered to supply all the spring water necessary to supply all the schools, if the city will pay the cost of transportation. This offer was conveyed to the Board of Education at its meeting last night by a deputation consisting of the Reeve and Aldermen of Georgetown, introduced by Trustee Brown. A special committee of the board will go into the subject and report.

DIES OF EXPOSURE.

Montreal despatch: Wandering from home, clad in little more than his night clothes, James Brown, of 3,090 Alice avenue, died from exposure early this morning. Mr. Brown was a retired grocer, aged 75.

The body was found on the side of the road near Crystal Park, a mile from his house. Several shirts, undergarments and two pairs of socks were all the protection that he had from the cold and frost of the night.

HEADING FOR CANADA.

London, March 20.—The Canadian immigration officers at the headquarters in London estimate that the emigration to Canada from the United Kingdom so far this year is 50 per cent. more than in the corresponding period of 1910. All the steerage berths on vessels bound to Canada are booked up to the middle of May.

SCOTCH FARMERS.

Toronto, March 17.—Seven sons of Scotch farmers, each with $30,000 to $40,000 cash, arrived in Toronto yesterday. They will look over the prospects in Ontario before taking up land, and it is their intention to carry on farming on a large scale.