

AN ENGLISH EXPRESSION.

The Manchester Guardian on Canada and Free Trade.

TO TEST OUR COAL.

Progress of the Anglican Church in Canada... General Approval in France of the Anglo-French Agreement... Warships to Try Canadian Coal.

Montreal, Nov. 23.—(Special).—A London cable says:—The Manchester Guardian says: "Though the conservative and more imperialistic party in Canada lost in the election, it must not be supposed that it was a great victory for any pure policy of free trade. To judge by their bounties on iron and lead, Canadian liberals themselves, are pretty well steeped in the delusion that the secret of happiness for a country is to pack out of it every useful commodity it can, and ship gold instead. In fact, it is a belief in the old mercantile theory that Adam Smith rejects and Seddon of New Zealand accepts."

Speaking at a meeting of the Colonial and Continental Church Society, the Dean of Peterborough said the reason the Church of England occupied the last place in the four great divisions of religion in Canada, was because it was not big enough to take up new positions. It was very desirous that sufficient young men should be trained in Canada, however much, able and experienced clergymen from home, might be welcomed. He urged English churchmen to be more earnest and wide-awake about the great dominion.

MURDER IN AN ASYLUM.

Insane Patient Choked to Death in a Row... Windpipe Broken.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—Samuel P. Glosser, a patient in the county asylum for the insane, at Dunning, was choked to death Tuesday night, and today the coroner is endeavoring to ascertain whether he was killed by Alexander Harper, a colored man, who is also a patient in the asylum or by John Conway and Scott Hogan, two attendants.

Hogan and Conway assert that Glosser was violent and that Harper assisted them in placing him under restraint, and Harper declares that both the attendants kicked Glosser and that Hogan choked him. The trouble started with a fight between Glosser and Harper in which the former was the aggressor. He was finally strapped to his bed by the attendant and Harper, but working loose from the straps that held him, he again attacked Harper. The two attendants came to the assistance of Harper a desperate struggle ensued. Glosser soon became unconscious and one of the physicians was called who pronounced Glosser dead. His windpipe had been broken in the severe choking he had received and his body was terribly bruised, there being many marks of boot heels in the flesh.

ANOTHER SENSATION.

An Ontario Barrister Says the Oath Was Tamped With.

Toronto, Ont. Nov. 24.—(Special).—S. Price, a well known barrister of St. Thomas, says he has made a sensational discovery in connection with the recent dominion elections, namely that the form of the oath printed by the government and distributed and used as such throughout the province of Ontario was not the proper oath required by law, but a false and mutilated form. The clauses relating to bribery, which the election law imperatively required to be in oath administered, were Mr. Price declares, altogether omitted, with the result that no voter would have to swear that he had not been bribed, or that he had not bribed anyone else at the election.

THE LARGE DAILY CIRCULATION OF THE TIMES MAKES IT AN EXCEPTIONALLY GOOD MEDIUM FOR UP-TO-DATE ADVERTISERS.

RUSSIAN DESERTERS

Tell of Terrible Conditions at Port Arthur... Some Fighting Near Mukden And Big Battle Expected... Japs Get Five Submarine Boats... Coal On Fire at Port Arthur.

Chefoo, Nov. 24.—6 p. m.—A huge pile of coal near the railway station was ignited by Japanese shells on Nov. 20 and according to Chinese arriving here by junk today it was still burning when they left the besieged town on Nov. 22. A Japanese torpedo boat destroyer overhauled this junk but allowed it to proceed. Another junk with six Hindoos on board was taken ashore where the junk was burned. The passengers were sent to Dalny.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 24.—Appearance again point to the possibility of a big battle south of Mukden. Military opinion here scarcely believes it possible that the two great armies can winter less than a rifle shot distance from each other, though the heavy defences on each side make it extremely difficult for either to assume the offensive. The Japanese also are being strongly reinforced. The rivers are already frozen sufficiently to permit of the movement of artillery and commissariat trains, so that the country actually is better adapted to a Japanese advance than during the summer.

Japs Win Fight.

Tokio, Nov. 23—3 p. m.—Army headquarters yesterday received the following telegram from Manchurian headquarters. "On Monday, Nov. 21, at 6.30 in the morning, our detachment advanced towards Weitzuku, north of Sienchusang, and attacked and occupied the enemy's bivouacking ground. "Subsequently a superior force of the enemy gradually pressed our left flank and rear. Receiving reinforcements, we drove the enemy toward Chenholin at 9.30 a. m. "The enemy's strength was about 600 infantry and 300 cavalry with four guns. "The enemy left 39 dead bodies on the field. We took six prisoners as well as spoils, including thirty rifles, entrenching tools, ammunition, etc. "Our casualties were sub-Lieut. Inouye wounded and twenty-eight men killed or wounded."

Big Battle Soon.

London, Nov. 24.—A despatch from Tokio to the Standard reports increasing desertions from the Port Arthur garrison into the Japanese lines. The stories the deserters tell indicating the demoralization of the Russian defenders. The same correspondent says the Russian forts on the sea front of Port Arthur no longer fire.

RUSSIAN NEWSPAPER ORDERED TO SUSPEND.

And an Issue of Another Confiscated By the Government... War Between Reformers and Reactionaries... The New Minister in a Tight Place.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 24.—Interior Minister Sviatopolk-Mirsky went to Tzarco-selo today to present the Zemstvos memorial to Emperor Nicholas. The situation is extremely delicate. Two incidents have occurred, both of which militate against the liberals and increase the difficulty of Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky's position. Prince Mestchersky, editor of the Grashadain, who is head of the reactionary press, this morning unmasked his batteries, attacking the interior minister in such a fashion for his liberal tendencies that the prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky for the first time since he assumed the ministry ordered the confiscation of the issue. On the strength of the fluence behind such an attack lies the real significance of Prince Mestchersky's attack.

INTERESTING DISCOVERY.

Workmen at Louisburg Find an Old Dungeon... A Relic of the French Possession.

Sydney, Nov. 24.—(Special)—In excavating for the foundation of the monument to be erected at the old

on the approach of Japanese warships. The Japanese, according to a despatch from Chefoo to the Chronicle, are reported to have captured the British steamer Tungehe, laden with 30,000 cases of canned meat for Port Arthur.

Flanking Movement.

Mukden, Nov. 23.—Indications are growing that the Japanese are undertaking a wide turning movement on the Russian left. A large number of commissariat wagons have been observed going eastward, and more artillery exchanges have also been reported from the eastward. Fodder is becoming exceedingly scarce.

Five Submarine Boats.

Tokio, Nov. 23.—Five submarine boats arrived at Yokohama today. The submarine boats referred to in a despatch from Tokio are probably the five boats shipped from Quincy Point (Mass.), early in October last to New York, whence they were sent to Jersey City and the Far West. They were valued at nearly \$4,000,000 and were understood to be intended for Japan.

The Russian Fleet.

Port Said, Nov. 24.—A section of the second Russian Pacific squadron has arrived here. All precautions have been taken to prevent any untoward incident during the passage of the vessels through the Suez canal.

Cape Sagen, Denmark, Nov. 24.

The second division of the Russian second Pacific squadron sailed this morning. Port Said, Nov. 24.—The division consists of the battleships Sissoi, Valky and Narvarin, the cruisers Jemchug, Almaz and Svetlana, the torpedo boat destroyers Bordi Bleshtiaschy Bezumpreschni, Bistr, Dravni, Bedovi and Buiny and the transport Gortziapakoff, Voronei, Kitaoa, Tamboff, Kieff, Jupiter, Morkur and Vladimiroff. The divisions exchanged salutes with the town on entering and the Russian bands played the British National Anthem in honor of the presence of the British guardship Curious. The local Russian representatives visited near Admiral Vokersman's flagship. All the ships are fitted with wireless telegraphy apparatus. The ships are not ordered to coal here but will take water, fresh provisions and hay for their live stock.

At the same time from the opposite directions the Nasha Sieszen a new radical paper, authorized by Minister Sviatopolk-Mirsky, indulged in a direct attack on the emperor, with the result that the minister ordered the suspension of the publication. The action of this paper is considered very unfortunate, as it places a powerful weapon in the hands of Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky's enemies. Many of the minister's friends are inclined now to believe that the Zemstvos went too far, and have jeopardized the position of their best friend. Prince Ukhomsky, editor of the Narodnomy, said to the Associated Press: "The duty of all friends of a liberal regime is to uphold and sustain Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky in every possible way. His retirement would be a great misfortune."

Ruins at Louisburg, workmen today discovered a large dungeon, the walls of which were massively built of stone and cement. The dungeon, no doubt, was used for prisoners in the time of the French possession. It had laid buried underneath old walls for years.

GOES TO CHILE.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Arthur Raikes, counselor of the British Embassy here, has been appointed British Minister to Chile. He will leave next week for his new post.

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

Wants Treaty With United States... Riots at Warsaw.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 24.—The Bourse Gazette revives the question of a new commercial treaty with the United States. The paper says it notes with satisfaction that negotiations of commercial treaties form a part of President Roosevelt's programme for the coming administration and that its consummation is greatly to be desired between Russia and America. Commercial wars, the Gazette adds are in the long run almost as costly and disastrous as armed hostilities. The paper says Russia ought to be willing to meet any American overture half way and that the result should be equally beneficial to both countries.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 23.—Emperor Nicholas has received a letter from President Roosevelt congratulating him upon the birth of an heir and tendering good wishes for a successful and illustrious reign.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 23.—Interior Minister Sviatopolk-Mirsky has removed M. Klingenberg, Governor of Moghileff, because of his harsh measures against the Jews, contrary to his recent orders.

Breslau, Germany, Nov. 23.—The Kattowitz Zeitung says it learns that it is expected rioting will be resumed at Warsaw next Sunday. The workmen, it adds, have six thousand revolvers. The police continue making arrests, but must release some of the prisoners, as all the jails are overflowing.

VERY LARGE PROGRAMME.

U. S. National Grange Wants a Lot of Things.

Portland, Ogn., Nov. 24.—At the national grange convention being held here, the report of the legislative committee was adopted, recommending among other things governmental control of large corporations enlarged duties of the inter-state commerce commission, a pure food law, extension of the market for farm products in foreign countries, construction of a ship canal from the Mississippi river, to the great lakes and from the great lakes to the Atlantic ocean, the construction of the Isthmus canal, national and for highways, and vigorous opposition to any attempt to appeal to Great oleomargarine law. The grange probably will conclude its labors Friday.

HAMEL GETS SEVEN YEARS.

Montreal's City Paymaster Sentenced Today... H Stole \$10,000.

Montreal, Nov. 24.—(Special)—Judge Choquet, today, sentenced Alphonse Hamel, the absconding city paymaster, to seven years in St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary. Before the sentence was imposed, Hamel asked for mercy on account of his wife and family but the judge told him it was too late as he had fought extradition and lost. Hamel forged a check on the city for ten thousand dollars and absconded to Cuba.

STOLE PRINCE'S DIAMOND RINGS.

Japanese Notables Vic-timized at the World's Fair.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 24.—Two handsome diamond rings and one pearl ring, belonging to Prince Fushimi, of Japan, and a beautifully embossed emblem belonging to A. Sato, grand master of ceremonies at the Japanese court, the gift and decoration of an European monarch to Mr. Sato, have been stolen, from the apartments of the Royal visitors at the world's fair grounds.

J. T. CARDINAL IS DEAD.

Was Conservative Candidate For St. James Division at Recent Election.

Montreal, Nov. 24.—(Special)—J. T. Cardinal, conservative candidate in St. James' division, at the Dominion election, died today. He was forty three years of age. His death was due to long continued liver trouble.

LORD CURZON FOR INDIA.

London, Nov. 24.—Lord Curzon started this morning to resume his duties as viceroy of India. A large gathering of friends at the railroad station gave him a good send off.

MANITOBA LEGISLATURE.

Winnipeg, Man., Nov. 24.—(Special)—It is officially stated that the Manitoba Legislature will meet on Tuesday, December 6.

IS IT A CASE OF SUICIDE?

Harry Robertson's Death Is Not Yet Explained... Dr. Berryman Holding Autopsy this Afternoon... The Dead Man Bought Carbohic Acid Shortly Before He Died.

It will not be known until after coroner Berryman makes a post mortem examination this afternoon, whether John Henry Robertson died from natural causes, or as the result of a dose of carbohic acid administered by his own hands.

Deputy Chief Jenkins recovered the bottle this morning that Robertson is supposed to have taken the carbohic acid from. The bottle was found in pieces in Kelley's stable yard which is situated in an alley of St. Patrick street. From the odor emanating from the broken bottle, and from the fact that it answered the description of the bottle said to have been in the possession of Robertson, it is believed in police circles that the young man came to his death by carbohic acid poisoning.

The young man was walking about yesterday afternoon, apparently in good health. About 4.30 o'clock he staggered into Price's drug store, and called for assistance. He was taken to the hospital and died a few minutes after he entered the institution.

It was shortly after four o'clock yesterday afternoon when Robertson staggered into Geo. E. Price's drug store, on the corner of Union and St. Patrick streets. The man's look was distressing as he lounged up to the counter and accented the clerk, Frank E. Porter, "Give me something," he cried. As he spoke, his head drooped and saliva appeared at his mouth. Hurriedly the clerk, imagining the unfortunate was poisoned, telephoned for a physician, but was not successful. Meanwhile Robertson had collapsed and fallen to the floor unconscious.

A lady and gentleman who were in the store at the time helped the clerk to make the unfortunate young man comfortable. He lay on the store floor like one dead and Mr. Porter quickly administered some whiskey and lime water as a restorative while the young woman hastened for a physician. Dr. A. F. Emery happened along and quickly responded to the call. He administered restoratives and was joined by Dr. S. H. McDonald. The two physicians worked hard to revive the sufferer but without avail. The ambulance had been telephoned for and when it arrived Robertson was placed in it and accompanied by Dr. McDonald, telephoned to the hospital where Dr. Grant and his staff took charge of the case. Robertson, however, had hardly been carried into the building when he died.

The story was widely circulated last night, and was spoken of as a case of suicide by poisoning. It was stated that Robertson had procured a small bottle of carbohic acid from the drug store of G. A. Moore on Brussels street. The bottle was a six ounce, liniment bottle manufactured by the Johnson Co. and labelled with Moore's name and address.

It is said that he came back along Brussels street with the bottle, and was turning in the Colwell alley near the Welcome soap factory, when he saw a little daughter of Mr. Colwell standing in the gate. His manner and appearance so frightened the little one that she ran and hid herself in a barrel in the yard. Robertson then turned and went down St. Patrick street and entered the alley next to Bernard Clark's house. He was seen to try the door of the house in the rear of the alley, which is occupied by Wm. F. Smith. Not being able to effect an entrance there he went into Kelley's stable yards, into which the alley leads, and there it is believed, drank the poison. He threw away the bottle, but the evidence of his presence was furnished by the traces of froth soon afterwards noticed in the yard. These led directly from the manure bin, and it was there that the deed took place.

A Times reporter called at Geo. A. Moore's drug store this morning, and asked if Robertson had purchased carbohic acid from him. Mr. Moore replied that the young man had been in the store yesterday afternoon, and presented a prescription for some pills which were given him. He then asked for 2 1/2 oz. of carbohic acid, saying he wanted it to make a lotion for a cut. Mr. Moore thinks it very unlikely that the man swallowed the poison, as it would be almost sure to leave traces of burning.

Coroner Berryman who was in Moore's when the reporter called said he could not tell anything about the case until after the post mortem this afternoon.

Dr. Emery said there were no direct symptoms of poisoning, while on the other hand, the young man did not present the appearance of a person who died from heart disease. Dr. McDonald said he could detect no traces of carbohic acid poi-

oning, nor could death, from his present knowledge, be attributed to heart disease.

He believed an autopsy would be necessary to determine the cause of death. Dr. Grant, who received the patient at the hospital, said last night that there was nothing found upon him that would indicate suicide nor could he say the external signs pointed to self-destruction.

The young man was twenty-three years of age and leaves a mother, three sisters and one brother. The latter is Charles, and the sisters Jennie, Annie and Evelyn, all residing at home with the widowed mother.

Although young, he had done good service for his country. He went to South Africa early in the Boer war and was a member of the noted G. company of the first contingent. After doing service under Colonel Otter he returned to St. John and a short time after his return home he enlisted again and later was in the South African constabulary and again did good service on the South African veldt.

Deceased was a painter and also busied himself at general work when not employed in his own line. The police have worked on the case this morning in an effort to determine whether Robertson's death was due to natural causes or suicide.

IMMIGRATION INCREASING.

Returns For This Year Show an Advance... Fewer Came From U. S.

Ottawa, Nov. 24.—(Special)—There is an increase in immigration to Canada for the four months of the fiscal year of 2,088 over the same period last year. The total from ocean ports was 29,954, and from the United States 10,926, making a total of 40,880. For the corresponding period last year, the arrivals from the United States were 18,827, and from ocean ports, 24,965; making a total of 38,792. While there has been an increase in the total immigration, there was a decrease in those from the United States of 2,901 souls.

EVA BOOTH TO NEW YORK.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 24.—(Special) Miss Eva Booth, field commissioner of the Salvation Army in Canada, will leave Toronto for New York city, which will be her headquarters as commander of the forces in the States. On the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 29, a torchlight procession will conduct Miss Booth to the train and a civic farewell will be given at City Hall by Mayor Urquhart.

PENNA AND CORNELL FOOTBALL TODAY.

Philadelphia, Pa. Nov. 24.—The University of Pennsylvania and Cornell football eleven will meet this afternoon on Franklin field in their annual contest. Penna. will enter the game with a clean record of victories for the season, while Cornell's eleven has been a disappointment. Notwithstanding this fact, however, Coach Werner of Cornell is hopeful of the point of confidence in the outcome of the contest. The weather is clear and crisp.

FOUR MEN DROWNED.

Port Huron, Mich., Nov. 24.—The row boat of Wm. Briggs, the night ferryman between this city and Sarnia, Ont., which is directly across the St. Clair river from here was upset near the Sarnia dock early today and four men from St. Thomas, Ont. who were the passengers, were drowned.

RUSSIA IS CONCILIATORY.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 24.—A bond to cover the value of the British steamer Calchas, pending a final decision in her case has been filed and orders have been telegraphed to Vladivostok to release her.

NORTH SEA INCIDENT.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 24.—The Anglo-Russian convention on the subject of the North sea incident will probably not be signed until tomorrow.

DR. MURPHY IS VERY ILL.

Member of G. T. P. Surveying Party in Critical Condition.

IN A FARMHOUSE.

Was Formerly Provincial Engineer For Nova Scotia... New Companies Forming... R. A. Lawlor to be a Probate Judge.

Fredericton, Nov. 24.—(Special).—Dr. Martin Murphy, I. S. O., late provincial engineer of Nova Scotia, and now in charge of the surveying staff of bridge work on the G. T. P., between Chipman and this city, is seriously ill, of pneumonia, at a farmhouse, six miles from Chipman, and his condition is so critical that his wife and members of his family have been summoned from Halifax.

Rev. J. DeWolf Cowie, rector of St. Mary's of this county, and chaplain of the New Brunswick legislature, has accepted a call to the rectorship of Hampton, Kings county.

Notice is given in this week's Royal Gazette that application will be made for the incorporation of the St. John Auer Light Company, Ltd., the chief place of business is St. John (N. B.) Capital stock \$10,000, divided into 500 shares of \$20 each, 250 shares actually subscribed. The applicants are W. H. Thorne, Samuel Hayward, R. Keltie Jones, George S. Fisher, Edmund G. Kaye, Alexander Robertson, F. C. Jones, John Rhea, of St. John, and Frederick R. Butcher, of Moncton.

Letters of incorporation are sought by Robert Mathew, Sarah C. Mathew, Christina D. Mathew, of St. John, and others, as the Rother-say Trading Company, with a capital of \$5,000, divided into 100 shares of \$50 each. Sealed tenders are asked for rebuilding Briggs Mill bridge, Carleton county.

The following appointments are in this week's Royal Gazette:—In Northumberland county—R. A. Lawlor, to be judge of probates in room of Samuel Thompson, deceased. E. Parley Williston, to be clerk of circuits, in room of Samuel Thompson, deceased.

Thomas W. Butler, to be clerk of the peace, referee in equity and issuer of marriage licenses, in room of Samuel Thompson, deceased.

R. T. D. Aiken, clerk of county court and division registrar, in place of Samuel Thompson, deceased. In the county of Sunbury—Peter J. Hughes, of Fredericton, to be referee in equity.

A. T. Crosby of New Haven, Conn. has been in the city the past few days. Mr. Crosby is preparing a large shipment of Christmas trees for the American market. He has been working on the hills back of the city and as a result he expects to forward some 4,000 trees. The trees are tied up in small bundles and are shipped on flat cars. Some are consigned to New York, while others are for the large American cities.

Thos. Rainsford, son of the clerk of the legislature, left last night for Boston to undergo treatment for injured back, from which he has suffered for some years past.

Dr. A. T. McMurray and Charles Palmer left on the I. C. R. express yesterday for Little River on a car-bou hunt.

Kenneth Smith, son of N. J. Smith, died at Victoria Hospital Tuesday evening after a ten days' illness from typhoid fever. The deceased was 18 years of age and a popular young man. A brother is also confined in the same institution suffering from the disease.

Dr. J. H. King of Cranbrook, B.C., son of Senator King of Chipman, arrived in the city yesterday and left on a visit to his father, who is quite ill at his home.

E. Byron Winslow, who had such a serious turn a few nights ago is reported last night to be resting somewhat easier, although his condition is considered critical.

ARMY WILL TACKLE IT.

Will Solve Servant Girl Problem by Importing English Domestic.

Toronto, Nov. 24.—(Special)—The Salvation Army is taking steps to assist in solving the servant girl problem. In an interview Miss Eva Booth, made the statement that a movement was on hand to bring out 500 domestics from England.

BAD FIRE IN FARNHAM.

Farnham, Que., Nov. 12.—(Special)—This town was visited this morning by a disastrous fire, which destroyed Mann's Bakery, a pool room, and the Oddfellows' Hall, all in one building, and then spread to Wilson's harness shop, which together with some barns were destroyed.

After much difficulty the Balmoral Hotel was saved, after being on fire several times. Chief Fairfield nearly lost his life by a live electric wire. Loss, \$5,000; partly insured.