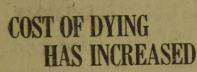


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TARIO MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS OUTLINES THE ROAD POLICY OF THE GOVERNMEN

Declares That the Roads Near the Large Centres of Population Should First Be Improved-The Only Practical Way to Obtain a Good System of Highways-Urges That Attention Be Paid to Maintenance.

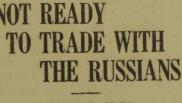
Hamilton, Feb. 5-The Agricultural Section of the Board of Trade held a luncheon at the Royal Connaught yesterday at which the principal speaker was Hon. F. C. Biggs, Minister of Public Works. He outlined the good roads policy, and was heard with much interest. He stated that the Govern. ment's policy was to start with roads in urban areas first and improve these The only way in which to obtain a good system of Provincial highways trade with Soviet Russia before Rus was to start near the large centres and work from these into the rhral districts. In this way rural traffic into the large centres was encouraged, and both town and country were benetited. Mr. Biggs empasized the importance of keeping up the roads. Roads that were neglected no matter how good at the start, would soon be bad roads and he urged Muncipal Councils to pay great attention to maintenance. buildig he stated that the Provincial and Federal Governments would each give 40 per cent. and the Provincial of a road Superintendent's salary in its congregation. any township that engaged one.



Montreal, Feb. 5-According to a missioner Royal S. Copeland has declared his intention of bringing the price of coffins, caskets, and other funeral materials to the notice of the Federal Government.

Prices in Montreal have also become exceedingly high and a statement of the cause was given to a representative of The Star this morning, by the proprietor and manager of the Society of Funeral Expenses.

"Once upon a time," he commenced



(Special to the Mail.) The Hague, Feb. 5.-Denmark, Nor.

sia's debt to the nationals of those teed.

PIGEON ESCAPED THE FLAMES

Toronto, Feb. 5-An uncomprehen-Respecting grants to encourage road- ding victim of the Westminster Church fire one of the colony of pigeons which for years have made the Government would pay 40 per cent., symbolic significance in the eyes of cost to the province.

Apparently dazed by the dense clouds of smoke from the blazing discovered it, chilled and imprisoned at present. by snow and ice, amid the scorched debris, but still alive. He took it to his home where warmth revived it,

and kindly care is now rekindling the telegram from New York Health Com spark of life so nearly extinguished.

LAKE ONTARIO FROZEN OVER

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 5-As far as the eye can see ice covers Lake Ontario. THE ONTARIO All along the northern shore of the Lake it is the same. Ice stretches out

BOND PURCHASES IN GREAT BRITAIN WILL REDUCE THE DEBT OF PROVINCE BY A MILLION

Valley Railway Debenture Stock Held in Great Britain is Being Refunded by Provincial Government-An Opportunity to Reduce the Debt Taken Advantage of by a Wide Awake Government.

St. John, Feb. 5-The provincial government, proposes a plan to reduce the funded debt of the province by a million dol-

The board of directors of the St. John & Quebec Railway have recently had a number of conferences with the comptroller general, with respect to the desirability of purchasing at least a portion of the outstanding debenture stock of the St. John & Quebec Railway. The outstanding amount of this stock about £800,000, which is guaranteed by the province, was issued in 1912 and sold in London, England, bearing interest at the rate of four per cent. By taking advantage of the low rate

of exchange between Canada and the United Kingdom and the present market value of the stock at about seventy-five, it is way, Sweden, Finland and Holland proposed to purchase and refund as large a portion of the outhave agreed they will not resume standing amount as can be obtained at favorable rate.

At the last meeting of the government, an order-in-council was passed authorizing the comptroller general to arrange for countries has been paid or guaran- the purchase and refunding of at least £600,000 of the original amount. If this amount can be purchased, the government will reduce the public debt incurred by the construction of the St. John & Quebec Railway, by about \$1,000,000.

PURCHASE ALREADY MADE.

In the last few days, the first purchase has been completed and which netted a gain or reduction in the debt of the province of \$166,000.

From time to time blocks of New Brunswick registered stock have also been purchased and the result of all purchases to date by the government represents a decrease in the public tower of the fine old church their hab- debt of \$240,000, in addition to the above amount. It should itat, has come to hold something of a be understood that this gain or reduction in debt was without

A refunding bond issue will be made in due course and the General Motors people of the province afforded an opportunity to invest their Mexican Pete. structure, it fell from its perch in the savings in tax-exempt provincial bonds. The interest will be Studebaker tower, and by some odd chance es- of a higher rate than that paid at present to the English bond United States Steel 101 caped destruction in the flames. The holders but the sum total of the bonds will be, of course much following day a member of the church less and the sum total of the interest not more than that paid

A CANADIAN REGISTER.

There have been a number of propositions from financial firms looking towards the creation of a Canadian register for the St. John & Quebec Railway stock sold in the Old Country, thereby affording a nice avenue of profit through the probable subsequent purchases. Th government thought if any sent time in London, that the saving should be applied to the FARMERS FORM



CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS

ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF

Supposed to be Advancing Prices on Competitive Products from

the United States-Vice Chairman of the Commerce Board

Discusses the Situation-Says He Knows of No Such In-

INCREASED EXCHANGE RATES

(Special to the Mail.) Madrid, Feb. 5 .- Heavy fines were assessed by the new tribunal organized to deal with profiteers which held its lrst session and tried a large num- of increasing exchange rates. ber of defendants charged with hoarding foodstuffs.

FOODSTUFFS

STOCK MARKET PRICES TODAY

(Furnished by J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers and Brokers, Queen Street, Fredericton.)

New York

.... 571/2 Anaconda 91% Bothel Steel B. C. P. R. Crucible 284 185 961/2 Montreal.

Brazilia	-				. 401
Dominic	on Iron	& SI	teel	 	. 68
Detroit	United			 	.103
Victory	Bonds	1937		 	1041
"	"	1933		 	102
	u	1927		 	101
	"	1923		 	100
"	"	1922		 	100

Sault, Ste. Marie, Feb. 5-Members of the U. F. O. in East Korah town-ship have succeeded in forming an or- The City Council should revise the

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 5-"The Board of Commerce does not announce before hand what it intends to do in a contingency" said W. F. O'Connor, Vice Chairman of the Board, this morning, when questioned as to whether the

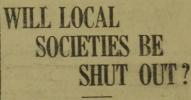
(Special to the Mail.)

court was taking steps to see whether Canadian Manufacturers are advancing prices on competitive products from the United States to advantage

Mr. O'Connor intimated that he knew of no such increases as suggested in the enquiry.

Protection to Canadian Manufacturers has almost doubled owing to the exchange situation. Should Canadian Manufacturers take advantage of the increased protection a heavy increase in Canadian made commodities would follow

A heavy increase in imports from the United Kingdom and Europe may follow the present situation.

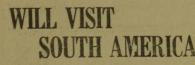


When the City Opera House was leased by the city council it was announced in the press that a provision was incorporated in the lease whereby local organizations would be enabled to use the Opera House at a fair rental. A local society wished to give a big show for patriotic purposes and applied for the Opera House. They were told the rental would be 25 per cent of the gross proceeds.

The society feels they cannot give A POWER CO. their show on what is almost a pro-hibitive basis. These people want to know what the City Council means when they say the Opera House can

se for as it now stands it means

"we used to pay 271/2 cents a yard for and out to the horizon. Not since 1912 per yard."



London, Feb. 4.-Despatches received from Madrid says King Alphonso will very likely visit South America 300n.

crepe. Now it has increased in price the men at the storm signal station over 300 per cent. Why last week I sold a large quantity of crepe for \$1 a yard. "Cotton," he went on, "was dear at 8 cents a yard, but now we are unable to get it for less than 50 cents this year, and in 1912 the amount of Conservatives, when the Provincial James Walton, of Jersey City was ice on the lake was looked on as a re- convention for the selection of a new shot five times, one shot wounding cord.

Ice of tremendous thickness covers line up behind W. F. Nickle, ex-M. P. or General A. E. Ross, M. L. A. for have been insane. ness girds the waters of the lake ad-|Kingston. jacent to the land. The eastern chan-

nel, which the sweep of the waves usually keeps from freezing, is now a the end of the regular session of 1919. He considered his mandate was ful. solid roadbed.

Mr. M. J. Cassidy of Andover is a guest at the Queen Hotel.

BLOODY TRAIL LED TO THE SCENE OF AN ORGY AT DETROIT, MICH. without portfolio, just before the elec-tion and was returned by acclamation were askd to make a suggestion, and

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 5-Following a Jamaica ginger and special board administering relief to increase of \$50 per year until a maxibay rum orgy in a house on St. Antoine street, the body of John soldiers. During the war he was dir mum of \$1,200 was reached. The board E. Martin, an employee of the Dupont Engineering Company ector of medical services in France. guaranteed an increase, which would of 'Pontiac, Mich., was found lying in an alley between Fort He served as a private in South Af-mean that at the end of June \$700 and Congress streets at ¥ o'clock this morning. A bloody trail rica. which led across the slow from the spot where the victim's] body was found to the St. Antoine street house, brought the vate affairs require his attention and pay about \$7 per week for board. officers to the scene of the murder. The floor, walls and furni- that he is not disposed to return to ture in the room were covered with blood, and a blood-soaked polities, Federal or Provincial. matress was also found.

Six men found sleeping in the room were arrested. Two wore blood-stained clothing, and a bloody razor was found lying beneath one of the men's pillows. The police were unable to arouse the sextette, who had been indulging in both bay rum and jamaica ginger, but obtained their names from Papers found in their pockets.

From statements made by other occupants of the house the six prisoners and Martin were engaged in violent quarrel early Sunday morning.

TORIES AFTER NEW LEADER

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vice Commission.

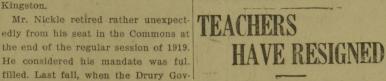
Successful Candidates

Ottawa, Feb. 5-Eastern Ontario Ne wYork, N. Y., Feb 5-Patrolman

UNIDENTIFIED

leader takes place in the spring, will him. An unidentified man was shot

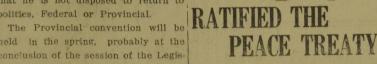
MAN SHOT BY



ernment was formed, he was tender- | Chatham, Ont., Feb. 5-Eight of the ed the position of Attorney-General public school teachers of Wallaceburg without portfolio, just before the elec- tended a meeting last week. They is now in Ottawa at the head of a askd for a minimum of \$850 with an

Mr. Nickle intimates that his pri-cipals. Some of the teachers have to

ult of Fredericton has successfully with Germany without amendments



Havana, Cuba, Feb. 5-The repre sentatives of the House * last night Ottawa reports that Arthur Arsen- voted ratification of the peace treaty

bassed examination for appointment; fane talk. Mr. H. M. Smith of New Glasgov as fishe y officer under the Civil Ser- | is a guest at the Barker House.

Korah Township Light and Power that the people of Fredericton cannot AN OFFICER Club. Its object is to furnish light and use their own Opera House.

power to the farmers of the rural section close to the Soo. Last fall a deputation of farmers from East Korah waited on the Public Utilities Commission of the Soo and asked them to furnish the farmers within a radius of say five miles of the city with power. The Public Utilities Commission advised the farmers to erect their own line and conduct the busiand they would supply them with usual claim that was made against a

Back From the Hub

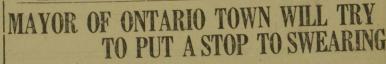
General Ross who was sworn in as for an increase and asked that the sal for N. S.; T. P. Regan, president of outskirts of the city and had been the N. B. Automobile Association, re- sipped from Brockville. It appears a member of the Hearst Government aries be graded a few days ago, and the N. B. Automobile Association, re- sloped from Brockville. It appears at the request of the School Board at- turned at noon from Boston, where on that the messengei in rharge of the Saturday, they addressed the Canad- car, for is own amusement, unloosenian and Intercolonial clubs on differ- ed two birds at a time and had three been treated splendidly while in the Hub, everything having been done to make their trip as pleasant as possible.

ent phases of highway development private battles with the result that The officials stated that they had sintough tere were no steel spurs at-

COCK FIGHT IN

EXPRESS CAR

Montreal, Feb. 5 .- Those who state that there is no more cockfishting will be surprised to hear of a rather unpower to their line at the city limits. local express company. The claim is for \$150 damage done to six fighting cocks while in transit. The cocks St. John Globe: Hon. P. J. Veniot, were destined to take part in a big minister of public works for N. B.; "go" which recently took place on the were so worn out when they reached here tat they were useless.



Thorold, Feb. 5-Thorold is leading in the Forward Movement. The town has been placarded with the following

"Attention: Cursing, swearing, blasphemy and obsene anguage are against the laws of God. It is also a violation of the laws of your country. It is the language of vulgarity. Do not forget yourself, but do all you can to prevent the use of pro-

"(Signed) Edward P. Foley, Mayor."