

TONIGHT'S SOCIAL FUNCTION AT LEGISLATIVE BUILDING

Upwards of Seven Hundred Persons Will be Guests of Governor and Mrs. Tweedie at Grand Ball.

The ball to be given in the legislative building this evening by Governor and Mrs. Tweedie promises to be the social event par excellence of the season. Well known society people in every section of the province have been invited and the list of acceptances totals over seven hundred. Many people from outside points are already here to attend the function, and more are expected by this evening's train.

A force of men and women are at work today decorating the interior of the building for tonight's event. The member's chairs and desks have been removed from the assembly chamber and it has been converted into a ball room. A waxed linen covering has been placed over the carpet and a platform for the use of the orchestra has been erected to the right of the speaker's dias. Potted plants and flowers from Miss Schleyer's conservatory complete the transformation.

Governor and Mrs. Tweedie will receive their guests in the assembly chamber in front of the throne. They will be assisted by Colonels Bridges and Mackenzie, A. D. C.'s, and Private Secretary Barker.

The supreme court room will be used as a cloak room for the ladies and the rooms on the ground floor to the left of the corridor have been set aside for the use of the sterner sex.

The new library and a large committee room on the same floor have been reserved for the use of those who prefer other kinds of amusement to dancing.

A running supper will be served in the library, which has been tastefully decorated for the occasion by John Bebbington & Son. Ice cream, iced drinks, etc., will be served from a small room opening off the main corridor.

Hanlon's orchestra has been engaged to furnish music for the occasion. A programme of eighteen dances, besides the supper extras, will be carried out.

Following is a partial list of acceptances:

CHATHAM.

- Miss Margaret Loudoun.
- Mrs. W. B. Little.
- Mr. Chute.
- Mr. and Mrs. E. C. MacLeod.
- Mrs. Don and Jack Beveridge.
- The Misses Beperville.
- Mr. Robert Murray.
- The Misses Winslow.
- Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Neal.
- The Misses Goggin.
- Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Fisher.
- Miss McKenzie.
- Mr. and Mrs. William Dick.
- Miss Mable Crocker, Millerton.
- Miss Burchill, Nelson.
- The Misses Robinson, Derby.
- Mr. Weldon Robinson, Derby.
- Mr. and Mrs. Don. Grimmer.

FREDERICTON.

- Mr. and Mrs. Anderson.
- Solicitor General and Mrs. McLeod.
- Mr. and Mrs. A. Woods.
- Mr. and Mrs. Tom Murchie.
- Mr. and Mrs. Dan. Richards.
- Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Geo. N. Babbitt.
- Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Allen.
- Mr. and Mrs. Norton-Taylor.
- Mr. and Mrs. George H. Clarke.
- Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Gibson.
- Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Clarke.
- Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hanson.
- Mr. and Mrs. Charles Palmer.
- Mr. and Mrs. George Hazen.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McMurray.
- Mr. and Mrs. C. Fitz Randolph.
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jardine.
- Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Chestnut.
- Mr. and Mrs. G. Y. Dibblee.
- Mr. and Mrs. George E. Howie.
- Mr. and Mrs. Will McLellan.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Carter.
- Dr. and Mrs. L. W. Bailey.
- Bishop and Mrs. Richardson.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. J. F. Winslow.
- Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hatt.
- Mr. and Mrs. R. W. L. Tibbitts.
- Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Cooper.
- Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Colter.
- Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Deedes.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Loudoun.
- Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Morrison.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Allen.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Neill.
- Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Hanson.
- Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Steeves.
- Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Calder.
- Mr. and Mrs. James R. Howie.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McCready.
- Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Scott.
- Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Howard.
- Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Thompson.

- Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Winter.
- Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Shute.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Chestnut.
- Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Crocket.
- Major and Madame Fiset.
- Major and Mrs. Massie.
- Prof. and Mrs. Cartmell.
- Mr. and Mrs. A. S. McFarlane.
- Mr. and Mrs. John S. Neill.
- Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Kitchen.
- Professor and Mrs. Frank P. Day.
- Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Neill.
- Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McVey.
- Dr. and Mrs. McGrath.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwards.
- Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Bailey.
- Mr. and Mrs. A. W. C. McVey.
- Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Sharpe.
- Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer.
- Mr. and Mrs. Hedley Bridges.
- Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Crocket.
- Professor and Mrs. Stone.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Osborne.
- Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Loggie.
- Judge and Mrs. Barry.
- Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Wetmore.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Scott.
- Mr. and Mrs. Wardlow Kilburn.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Vanbuskirk.
- Major and Mrs. Weaver.
- Mr. and Mrs. Will Cruikshank.
- Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Clarke.
- Judge and Miss Wilson.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McCaffrey.
- Mr. and Mrs. Harrison.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dickson.
- Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Irvine.
- Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Shea.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McKay.
- Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Allen.
- Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Babbitt.
- Mr. and Mrs. P. M. McDonald.
- Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hall.
- Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harrison.
- Mr. and Mrs. A. Alward.
- Mr. and Mrs. S. Campbell Allen.
- Mr. and Mrs. Allen J. Wheeler.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hawthorne.
- Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Slipp.
- Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Crocker.
- Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ryan.
- Capt. and Mrs. duDomaine.
- Dr. and Mrs. A. T. McMurray.
- Mr. and Mrs. George H. McKee.
- Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Giles.
- Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Allen.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thompson.
- Dr. and Mrs. H. H. McNally.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McMurray.
- Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Edgecombe.
- Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McFarlane.
- Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Allen.
- Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Crowe.
- Miss Gretchen Phair.
- Miss Maud McKee.
- Miss Alice Landry.
- Misses Edgecombe.
- Misses Lynch.
- Miss S. C. Kelly.
- Miss Daisy McAdam.
- Miss McNally.
- Miss Kinghorn.
- Miss Elsie Everett.
- Miss Agnes Flanagan.
- Misses Purdy.
- Miss Young.
- Miss Sibald.
- Miss M. Kelly.
- Miss Hazen Allen.
- Miss McManus.
- Miss May Ryan.
- Miss Sarah Ryan.
- Miss B. Staples.
- Miss Lena Alward.
- Miss Helena John.
- Miss Mina B. Parker.
- Miss Harriett Hazen.
- Miss Hazel Winter.
- Miss Hipwell.
- Miss Kirk.
- Miss Henderson.
- Miss L. M. Vanwart.
- Miss M. A. Gillen.
- Miss K. Hatt.
- Misses Clements.
- Misses Beverley.
- Miss Alma McFarlane.
- Miss Mary Everett.
- Miss Edgecombe.
- Miss Block.
- Miss Kathleen Hodge.
- Miss R. Carter.
- Miss Nichols.
- Miss Bertha Russel.
- Miss Jardine.
- Miss Waycott.
- Miss Carter.
- Miss Holden.
- Miss Law.
- Miss Pauline Porter.
- Miss Helen Morrison.
- Miss Cunningham.
- Miss Jean Cooper.
- Miss E. Golding.
- Miss Bodkin.
- Miss Ethel Doone.
- Miss Crockett.
- Miss Bessie Grimmer.
- Miss Sadie E. Inch.

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KING MENELIK OF ABYSSINIA IS DEAD

Been Sick a Long While--Successor Prince Hidj Jeausu Heir to the Throne.

Addis Abeba Abyssinia, March 30--Menelik II, King of Abyssinia is dead at the age of sixty six years and in the twenty first year of his reign.

Prince Hidji Jeausu, grandson of the late monarch, is heir to the throne. The King was stricken with apoplexy last year and never recovered his health. For many weeks his death has been expected. When he was able no longer to carry on the affairs of state Ras Tessaie the regent with the approval of the prince and chiefs took over the reins of government. At the same time Empress Taitou was deprived of all power of interference in the government and her appointments among her favorites were annulled.

Prince Hidj Jeausu was proclaimed heir to the throne on May 18 last. He is thirty-four years old and little less than a year ago was married to the grand daughter aged seven years of the late Emperor John and niece of Empress Taitou.

The ancient Empire of Abyssinia or Ethiopia includes the Kingdoms of Tigre, Amhara, Shoa with other territories and dependencies. Its area is over 200,000 square miles, and the population is estimated at between 9,000,000 and 11,000,000. Menelik was elected King by the Abyssinian chiefs over Ras Managsha. He claimed to be a direct descendant of Solomon by the Queen of Sheba and styled himself "conquering Lion of the tribe of Judah, elect of the Saviour, King of Kings of Ethiopia." He was the son of the King of Shoa, but was captured in his youth by the governor of Kendar who had usurped the throne under the title of Theodore III.

Menelik made war on Theodore and his successor, the Emperor Johannes. He finally married his daughter to the Ras Area, the emperor's son and was tacitly acknowledged heir to the throne. Ras Area died, Johannes was killed in battle and Menelik became negus of Abyssinia. He refused to acknowledge the domination of Italy over his country, and compelled the Italian army to capitulate at Adeua in 1896 when a treaty was signed recognizing the absolute independence of Abyssinia. Since then peace has crowned Menelik's policy toward foreign powers and the country has prospered with the introduction of improved methods of government and commerce.

PRESBYTERIAN PASTORS TO GET MORE MONEY

Toronto, March 30--The augmentation committee of the Presbyterian General Assembly decided at a meeting held here yesterday that owing to the increased cost of living to recommend to the General Assembly that \$50 be added to the minimum salary of all ministers making the minimum in the east \$850 and in the west \$950. The committee suggests that the increase be made effective from January 1st, this year.

GREECE HAS A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

Athens, March 30--The proclamation convoking the National assembly was read by King George in the chamber today and was received with cheers. Queen Olga was present.

SCHOOLS REOPENED.

The public schools reopened today after the Easter vacation, which began on Friday last.

INSPECTION OF STORES

Lieut. Col. Humphrey, D. O. C., and Lieut. Col. A. J. Armstrong, of St. John, are here today making their quarterly inspection of military stores at the barracks.

WILL GO TO MEDICINE HAT.

Word has been received in this city to the effect that Mr. Allan K. Grimmer, formerly city engineer of Fredericton, has accepted a similar position in Medicine Hat, Mr. Grimmer left Fredericton to take a position as instructor in the Engineering School of the University of Manitoba at Winnipeg. The head of that school is Prof. E. Brydone-Jack of this city, formerly head of the engineering school of the University of New Brunswick. Mrs. Grimmer is a daughter of Mr. G. N. Babbitt, Deputy Provincial Secretary, of this city.

BIBLE SOCIETY GETS A MILLION

Mrs. Sage's Great Subscription Doubled After a Hard Struggle.

New York, March 30--The American Bible society announced today that the efforts to raise \$500,000 to meet an equal amount from Mrs. Russell Sage had at last been successful. The entire amount is to be invested as a perpetual endowment for the society, the income to be used in meeting the current expenses of missionary work and extending the work of the organization here and abroad. It was only after two extensions by Mrs. Sage of the period for which the offer was made that the \$500,000 was obtained and now only \$275,881.07 has been paid in. The balance however is in good subscription, most of them payable (this year).

LIBERIAN REVOLUTION IN FULL SWING

Liverpool, March 30--Advices received here state that the fight between the natives and Liberian troops at Cape Palmas, Liberia, continues and grows more serious.

Rev. Spears, a native pastor at Mission cape, Palmas, has been shot and killed and the lives of others are said to be in danger.

The hostile natives appear to be getting the better of the troops whose excesses when they were sent to stop the native trade in French territory caused the outbreak.

The natives are said to be anxious to have a few English men killed with the object of bringing about intervention of Great Britain.

The Liberian gunboat Lark, temporarily commanded by a German officer has bombarded the native villages but done little damage. A German gunboat arrived and its commander offered to bombard Hoffman station and Pluke but the authorities declined the assistance.

GOVERNMENT STEAMER LANSDOWNE ASHORE

St. John, March 30--An inquiry began this morning by Capt. Lugar into the standing of the government steamer Lansdowne, at Pubnico, N. S., is in January.

Capt. Burns, of the Lansdowne, said he had gone to fix Blonde Rock buoy but the fog prevented and in making Pubnico in bad weather he stranded, came off soon and next day went to fix Blonde rock buoy but found it all right and the light burning. Report of it being out of order was made by the steamer Monmouth and was an error.

ROOSEVELT SAILS FOR NAPLES

Alexandria, March 30--Former president Roosevelt, Mrs. Roosevelt, Kermit and Miss Ethel sailed for Naples this afternoon on the steamer Princes Henrich.

NEW ORGANIST.

Miss Helen Mersereau, lately appointed organist of the Brunswick Street Baptist Church, will take up her duties on Sunday next.

HAD BEEN THERE BEFORE.

Deputy Sheriff Winter, who took the three Italians, Jamieson, Boyle and Booker to Dorchester to serve out their sentences, returned home last evening. He says that Jamieson was at once recognized by one penitentiary official as an old friend, he having been sent there from Cape Breton a few years ago for stealing a watch. He was out on ticket of leave and his time will not expire until next fall.

IMPORTANT GATHERING.

The ladies of the Brunswick street Baptist Church will do the catering for the Laymen's Missionary Banquet to be held in the assembly chamber of the Parliament buildings on April 6th. Governor Tweedie will preside, and covers will be laid for about three hundred persons. The list of speakers will likely include Mr. N. K. Rowell, K.C., of Toronto.

WOLTER THE MURDERER HAS NOT CONFESSED

His Attorney Avers that he Has Valid Defence for Accused--Police Declare their Chain of Evidence is Complete.

New York, March 30--Although as far as known, Albert Wolter had not retracted his promise to "tell everything on Wednesday" there was apparently little expectation in police circles that a confession would be forthcoming at all today. In the meantime preparations were made to present the case of the youthful prisoner to the grand jury during the day with a request for an indictment for first degree murder, based on the charge that Wolter strangled Ruth Wheeler, a 15 year old stenographer and then burned her body,

while she was still alive, but unconscious.

Officials of the district attorney's office today reiterated their declarations of intention to rush Wolter's case to speedy trial. Wallace D. Scott, who has been retained by the young man's parents as counsel, declares however, that he means to have something to say about that. The case will not be tried until it is fully prepared, Scott insists, and he avers, moreover, that he has a valid defence for the 19 year old youth, around whom, on the other hand, the police declare they have woven so complete a circumstantial chain that he cannot escape.

OWES BANK OF MONTREAL SEVEN MILLIONS

Mexico City, Minn., March 29--The indebtedness of the suspended United States Banking Company to the Bank of Montreal, its largest creditor, aggregates 14,178,085 pesos (\$7,089,043 gold).

This became known today through the disclosure of a claim filed in a branch of the civil court by the Canadian bank. The utmost secrecy surrounded the action.

It was learned authoritatively, however, that the amount, which it is sought to recover, represents chiefly paper from the fallen institution which was taken up by the Bank of Montreal during the weeks immediately preceding the crash, and when it was believed that the suspension could be avoided.

It is estimated that the full liabilities of the United States Banking Company will exceed 18,000,000 pesos (\$9,000,000 in gold).

TELEGRAPH SERVICE IN ROCKIES INTERRUPTED

Denver, Col., March 30--Storm conditions throughout the Rocky mountain regions show signs of improvement early today. The high winds that prevailed for two days subsided and except in the higher altitudes, snow quit falling. Latest reports indicate that no damage was done to crops while many regions report benefit to ranchers. The most serious damage was the prostration of telephone and telegraph wires. In some portions of the mountains train service was seriously damaged.

NO WATER GOING OVER NIAGARA FALLS

Niagara Falls, N.Y., March 20--A strong south wind has caused the ice coming down the Niagara river to jam with the result that the crest of Niagara Falls is bare north from Luna Island almost to the middle of the cataract. Should the jam continue, there will be a repetition of the conditions prevailing in February of last year when the American falls were so dry that many people walked across from Prospect Point to Goat Island.

RAILROAD TROUBLES CAN BE ADJUSTED

Winnipeg, March 30--(Special)--Officials of the three big railroads, Canadian Pacific, Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific, interviewed with reference to the possibility of labor trouble during the coming summer had but little information to give the consensus of opinion, however was that the wage schedules would be adjusted without difficulty.

Mrs. Gallagher, of Bath, who has been visiting her father, Mr. P. McGinn, returned home this morning.

MUSEUM OF OCEANOGRAPHY OPENED AT MONTE CARLO

Monte Carlo, March 30--The museum of Oceanography, which was founded by the Prince of Monaco, and occupies an imposing position on the cliff, was dedicated yesterday afternoon with much ceremony in the presence of the diplomatic representatives of the European countries. The museum is unique and of great scientific value.

It contains an extensive collection of botanical and animal life of the seas, photographs and charts and elaborate geographical data.

GAMING HOUSE RAIDED MANY ARRESTS MADE

Vancouver, B.C., March 30--The police raided the premises at 415 Richard St., between Hastings and Pender streets early yesterday, capturing ten men prominent in business circles. The place had long been suspected as a gaming house. It was labelled the Vancouver Stock Exchange. Several gallon jugs of liquor were released on heavy bail.

THE STOCK MARKET

New York, March 30--Wall Street--Only languid interest was manifested in the opening stock market and prices moved but sluggishly. The tendency was mainly upwards, Southern Ry., pfd., Utah Copper, Great Northern, Oregon Certificates and Central Leather advanced substantial fractions.

Quotations at noon were: Amalgamated, 73; Pacific 132; Erie 29; Great Northern pfd. 134; Northern Pacific 133; Pennsylvania, 135; Rock Island, 45; Soo Railway 139; Southern Pacific, 125; Union Pacific 133; U. S. Steel 82.

CHICAGO GRAIN

Oats--May, 43; July 43.

Corn--May, 63; July 63, Sept. 66.

THE COTTON MARKET.

New York, March 30--Cotton features opened steady: March 15.19; April offered \$15.00; May 15.10; July 14.85; Aug. 14.38; Sept. 13.57; Oct. 13.20. Dec. 13.05; Jan. 13.02.

SHARP RISE IN C. P. R.

Montreal, March 30--Trading in stocks continued on the dull side today, the only price-change of note being in Scotia, which eased off to 84, pfd. With one per cent. offer dividend this represents a decline of one from yesterday, closing at 86. Canadian Pacific was a strong feature, advancing to 181.6 Other shares figuring in trading were Montreal Street, 249, Mackay, pfd., 77, Quebec 35, Soo 140, Shawiniga 101, Porto Rico 40, Halifax tram 22, Detroit, 64, Cement, 20, pfd., 88, Rubber 58.

C. P. R. IS SHOWING GREAT INCREASES.

The C. P. R. is showing net increases at the rate of very nearly \$1,000,000 a month.

In February the net gain was \$762,144, and for the eight months of the company's fiscal year the increase is \$7,680,413.

In the eight months the gross earnings were \$67,021,940, against \$53,439,725 last year, a handsome gain of \$11,582,264.