

THE WEATHER

Maritime—Moderate westerly winds, fair. Sunday westerly winds, fair and milder.

The Daily Mail.

OUR JOB DEPT.

Maritime — Strong northwest winds, becoming colder, with snow flurries. Tuesday, fair and decidedly cold.

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HAS MADE WONDERFUL STRIDES

Government Owned Telephone System in Manitoba a Great Success

List of Subscribers Has Increased Four Fold—Revenue Shows 21 Per Cent Increase.

(Canadian Press)

Winnipeg, Man. Feb. 27.—The annual report of the Manitoba government telephone system shows that the public owned plant has made wonderful strides and has now long passed out of the experimental stage. The number of subscribers made a great increase jumping no less than 8,336 so that today the total number of subscribers is 33,445.

Winnipeg's increase was the greatest, there being a growth in the number of phones in the city of 27 per cent. However the rural subscribers also showed nearly as great a growth and over 3,722 farmers are connected with the government system. The revenue has also grown in proportion there being a 21 per cent increase last year to \$3,108,366. The growth of long distance lines is also a feature. Today there is hardly a farmers telephone in the province that can't be connected with Winnipeg. In the last year no less than 1,481 miles of long distance lines were added to the system while the increase in revenue from this source was 19 per cent. The government system now owns three hundred and fifty offices and 111 exchanges. It will interest eastern Canada to know that the government commissioners hope shortly to be able to secure satisfactory service with eastern cities both Canadian and American. A step in this direction was taken during the year when a new copper line was built from Winnipeg to the boundary line connecting with the Northwestern Telegraph Co and forming a through circuit from Winnipeg to Minneapolis and Chicago.

THE STOCK MARKET RATHER QUIET

New York, Feb. 27.—There was little change in the condition of the stock market today. The trading was largely professional in character and price changes were fractional.

Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers, St. John, N. B. Members of Montreal Stock Exchange

	Open	Noon
Amalgamated,	62½	63½
Atchison,	103½	104½
Smelters,	76½	77½
Brooklyn,	77½	78
Canadian Pacific,	214	214½
Great Northern, pfd,	124½	125½
Northern Pacific,	122½	123
Pennsylvania,	126½	126½
Reading,	154½	156
Southern Pacific,	174½	175½
Union Pacific,	77	78
Toronto Railway,	129	

MONTREAL MORNING SALES

Quebec Ry—25 @ 62; 25 @ 61½
Porto Rico—50 @ 56½
Textile Com—150 @ 69½
Textile Pfd—10 @ 106
R. & O.—103 @ 106; 135 @ 106½; 12 @ 105½
Rio—125 @ 107
Montreal Telegraph—4 @ 145
U. S. Steel—50 @ 95½; 155 @ 95½; 25 @ 95½
Shawinigan—10 @ 110½
Crown Reserve—50 @ 275
Toronto—100 @ 129; 25 @ 128½
Royal Bank—11 @ 240
Bank of Commerce—12 @ 215½
Penman's Com—130 @ 62
Montreal Street—75 @ 231½; 110 @ 231; 50 @ 229½; 75 @ 230½
Deerott—25 @ 70½
Dom Iron Com—25 @ 57½; 25 @ 213½; 25 @ 213½
Power—350 @ 145
Montreal Cotton—24 @ 147
Twin City—5 @ 109½
Iron Pfd—10 @ 103
Cement Pfd—20 @ 85½; 150 @ 85½; 75 @ 85½; 25 @ 85½
Cement Com—125 @ 21; 40 @ 21½; 50 @ 21½
Easton Can Pulp—25 @ 55

Mr. Jack Duffy who has been confined to his home by a severe cold is recovering.

BIG THEFT OF JEWELLRY ON TRANS-ATLANTIC LINER

Mrs. Drummond of London, Formerly Mrs. Marshall Field, Jr., of Chicago, Had Gems Valued at \$130,000 Stolen From Her—Police of Two Continents Striving to Solve the Mystery—Believed That the Thieves Will Head for Canada and Authorities Have Been Notified.

New York, Feb. 26.—Mrs. Baldwin Drummond, formerly Mrs. Marshall Field, Jr., of Chicago, was robbed of a fortune in jewels last night aboard a trans-Atlantic steamer. Diamonds, pearls and other gems to the value of approximately \$130,000 disappeared mysteriously from her stateroom on the Hamburg-American line, some time between 9.30 o'clock last evening and 5.30 o'clock last morning. The loss was reported immediately the liner docked at Hoboken this afternoon and the police of Hoboken and New York are working on the case.

Mrs. Drummond hurried to the Hotel Plaza, declining to discuss her loss. The Hamburg-American line disclaims all responsibility on the ground that passengers leave jewels in their staterooms at the owner's risk.

New York, Feb. 27.—That a woman leader of an international gang of jewel thieves stole \$130,000 worth of gems from Mrs. Marvin Drummond, wife of a London banker and widow of Marshall Field, Jr., of Chicago, some time Saturday night on the Hamburg American Liner Amerika, while the vessel was nearing this port, is the theory upon which the police are working today. While Mrs. Drummond's own valuation of the jewels is \$130,000, their sentimental worth to her is far beyond any money consideration. The robbery which was the boldest of its kind in the history of trans-Atlantic travel has the police of two continents busy trying to unearth the identity of the members and headquarters of the band which operated upon the big trans-Atlantic liner. All the large cities of Canada and the United States have been notified to watch for the gems.

In the belief that the parties responsible for the theft may first attempt to escape to Canada, particular attention is being paid to that end of the work and Dominion authorities have been asked to help in the hunt.

United States Secret Service agents will help in solving the case in the belief that the gang of thieves may be allied with an international smuggling combination which they have been seeking for some time.

To the police Mrs. Drummond described the missing jewels as follows:

Two strings of pearls of 273 pearls each; one string of 283 pearls; one large black pearl ring set with diamonds; one large white pearl ring set with diamonds; one pair large pearl earrings set with diamonds; one black large pearl brooch set with diamonds, with a black heart, pea-shaped pendant.

A wireless message sent from the Amerika, as she neared port, summoned detectives down the bay in a tug. They learned from Mrs. Drummond details of the theft and began a combing of the ship and a search of the crew, but not a trace of the jewels was found.

BUBONIC PLAGUE CLAIMS MORE VICTIMS

(Canadian Press)

Amoy, China, Feb. 27.—Six deaths from bubonic plague and five from smallpox were reported in this city and suburbs during the fortnight ending last Saturday.

PAARDEBERG DAY

Today, February 27th is the eleven-th anniversary of the battle of Paardeberg and flags are flying from many of the public buildings of the city. Tonight the South African Veterans will hold their annual dinner at Lindsay's Restaurant.

STEAMER WENT DOWN; TEN LIVES WERE LOST

(Canadian Press)

Cuxhaven, Germany, Feb. 27.—The fishing steamer Senator Strack, was sunk in the North Sea during last week's storm. The crew of ten perished.

WEEK-END DRUNKS

Two drunks arrested last evening and one arrested Saturday night were fined by the police magistrate this morning. One drunk from Marysville sent to Fredericton for trial was also disposed of by fining.

MUTINY IN TURKEY

Vienna, Feb. 27.—A news agency despatch from Constantinople reports that the Yildiz Kiosk garrison at the Turkish capital mutinied today when ordered to Yemen Arabia to crush the native revolt.

The despatch added that the mutineers, reinforced by a battery of artillery, were besieged in the palace barracks by loyal troops and that a fight was expected at any time. Grave fears are felt that the mutiny will extend to the entire Turkish army.

AUSTRALIA SERVES NOTICE ON FOREIGN TRUSTS

(Canadian Press)

Melbourne, Australia, Feb. 27.—The commonwealth of Australia served notice on the business world today that it would not harbor "Trusts." The following memorandum on the subject was given to the press by Sir R. W. Best, minister of trade and customs:

"For several months past, it has been an open secret that representatives of the American Meat Trust have been visiting Australia with the object of extending its operations here. The government is determined to take drastic measures to discourage and if necessary to prohibit its operations in Australia. It is proposed to wait until the combine secures vested interests in this country."

EXPLOSION OF LAMP CAUSES FIVE DEATHS

(Canadian Press)

Hazleton, Pa., Feb. 27.—Supposed to have been caused by the explosion of a lamp, fire during the night burned two houses at Oneida, nearhere, occupied by Gabriel Gerotsky and Michael Slovak, Hungarians, and five members of Gerotsky family lost their lives in the flames.

WILL PLAY AT ST. STEPHEN

The U. N. B. hockey team will play a return game with the St. Stephen Thistles at St. Stephen on Friday. It is not likely that either Jack Feeney or Archie Babbitt will play with U. N. B.

DIED AT CORK.

The death of Mr. John Donopan occurred at his home at Cork Station yesterday morning, after a lengthy illness. The funeral will take place at Cork tomorrow morning, when High Mass of Requiem will be celebrated by Rev. Father Cormier.

London, Feb. 27.—Frederic Shields, the famous artist, died today.

WASHINGTON POLITICIANS DON'T WANT EXTRA SESSION

Attempt Now Being Made to Bring About a Compromise—Believed That Tangled Situation Can be Straightened Out and All Legislation Put Through This Session—Majority of Senators Favor Reciprocity Agreement—A Western Farmer Speaks Out.

(Canadian Press)

Washington, Feb. 27.—With the Lorimer case as a basis of negotiations an attempt is being made to bring about a compromise in the present tangled legislative situation and obviate the necessity of an extra session of Congress.

A series of important conferences will be held within the next few days at which a general understanding will be established on various controversies.

The view of the Lorimer men is that agreements can be made with other senators who are working for legislation in the senate.

They believe that by granting concessions here and swinging sentiment there, they can bring about a vote and pass all the necessary legislation before the Congress comes to an end.

Although the legislative program is in a chaotic condition unprecedented in the history of the Senate, hope was expressed today that it will not be necessary to call an extra session. If the compromise plan works out, it will be given great assistance by day and night sessions for action on the big measure. There are only five and one half days now remaining to conclude the work.

If that time proves inadequate President Taft will call an extra session to convene in Washington in April.

HALE HOLDING THE FORT.

Washington, Feb. 27.—It became known late Saturday that Senator Aldrich has at the last minute been forbidden by his physician to come back to Washington at present, and he has sent a request that he be paired as in favor of the bill of Canadian reciprocity.

This leaves Senator Hale undisturbed as the most determined opponent as so far revealed that the bill has in the Senate. As it is generally admitted that there is a majority of almost two to one for the bill in the Senate now, his position may well be likened to that of Horatius at the bridge. His cry in effect will be, as was that of the hero of old, "Now, who will stand on either hand and keep the bridge with me." To all appearances the answers will come from the two insurgent republicans, Cummins of Iowa, and La Follette of Wisconsin. The insurgent desire for additions to the free list, bitter as that must be to stand-patters, cannot now be lightly passed over. La Follette in addition, is pledged to resist the legislation to increase magazine postage and he knows that if an extra session is called he will have more strength in the new Senate for his cause. On the other hand he might be told this week by Senator Penrose, who in addition to being sponsor for the McCall Bill, has charge of the magazine postage matter, that if the reciprocity bill is voted on the new postage question, could stand for another session. The question of what would happen to reciprocity in the new Senate should an extra session be necessary, now becomes of importance. The terms of thirty senators expire next Sunday but about one-third have been re-elected. Fourteen new men have already been named, and the balance are still to be chosen.

The Washington bureau of The New York Herald has secured interviews with entire fourteen personally by telegraph and all declared in favor of reciprocity. This makes the chances of the measure even better after March 4 than now, unless some unexpected current sets in against it. The reciprocity debate will be resumed on Tuesday by Senator Young of Iowa and Senator Gamble of South Dakota.

Washington, D.C., Feb. 25.—So probable is it that an extra session of Congress will be necessary in order to get action on the Canadian reciprocity agreement that President Taft has fixed April 4th as the date on which such a session may be called. The April date was selected after consultation with Champ Clark, who will be speaker of the next House,

and Representative Underwood of Alabama, who will have charge of and report the reciprocity bill in the House.

The president had intended to convene the extra session at an earlier date, but Representatives Clark and Underwood told him that they would like to have a month's time after the present Congress adjourned, in which to map out the Democratic plans for the next session.

There was no change in the situation in the Senate today regarding the Canadian reciprocity agreement, and the leaders see no hope of bringing to a vote this session the McCall bill to carry the agreement into effect.

Many rumors were circulated of moves to remedy the situation, but apparently they were all without foundation. The most persistent of all was one that Senator Aldrich, famed for winning legislative battles which his colleagues thought lost, was speeding to Washington at the urgent solicitation of President Taft to take charge of the situation in the Senate.

ALDRICH FAVORS RECIPROCITY.

The Aldrich rumor, apparently, was a distortion of a telegram which the Senator sent from Jekyll Island, Georgia, where he has been for several weeks, in search of health, saying that if he were here he would vote for the Canadian agreement. The telegram was to one of the Senate leaders, asking that a pair be arranged for him in favor of the McCall bill if it comes to a vote this session.

As a matter of fact, no one believed that the coming of Senator Aldrich would alter the situation in respect to the McCall bill.

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PREMIER BRIAND GIVES UP FIGHT

Handed the Resignation of the French Ministry to President Today

Has Successfully Combatted the Socialist Parties For a Year and a Half—A Crisis at Hand.

(Canadian Press)

Paris, Feb. 27.—Premier Briand, who succeeded Clemenceau as head of the French cabinet on July 23, 1909, today tendered the resignation of his ministry to President Fallieres. On November 20 last Briand formally retired but a few hours later he was restored to power and formed a new cabinet from which all elements not thoroughly in sympathy with his attitude toward labor had been eliminated. The situation at present is wholly different and the premier had declared himself weary of the bickerings of parliament and the intrigues of various bodies supporting him and expressed the wish that he might be relieved of the responsibilities of government.

For a year and a half Briand has successfully combatted the Socialist parties with which he was originally affiliated, but on last Friday night when he was attacked on the grounds that he had not effected the laws against the congregations as set forth in the separation act, the government escaped censure by the majority of 16 votes. At a conference on Saturday, the ministers determined to resign so soon as today's funeral for General Brun, the late minister of war, had been held. At 1.30 o'clock this afternoon, the cabinet met at the Elysee Palace with President Fallieres and soon afterwards the announcement of its retirement was made.

Paris, Feb. 27.—The retiring ministers are: Premier Briand, Justice Girard, foreign affairs; Marine Admiral De Lapeyriere; Public Instruction Faure, Finance Klotz, Commerce Dupuy, Agriculture, Raynaud, Colonies Morello, Labor Lafferre, Public Works Puech, General Brun, minister of war, died on February 23.

The abdication of the Briand ministry leaves the Socialists in power at least temporarily. Louis Malvy and Paul Meunier, leaders of the radicals were jubilant at the success of their campaign against the premier. Aside from the political aspect of the situation, Briand's friends today declared that there was a personal element in the surrender of the premier. He has been the target not only of bitter oratorical attacks, recently, but within the last year two attempts have been made upon his life. The premier has been assailed from three sides, first and foremost the radical socialists who declared that Briand had failed to carry out his radical pledges, secondly from the wing antagonistic to the church who charge with failure in enforcing laws aimed at clerical organizations, and thirdly from the labor element who are angry at the harsh measure adopted by the premier during the railway strike.

There is a great deal of speculation as to Briand's successor, five names being mentioned. Leading these is M. Poincarre, the others being M. Delcasse, M. Combes, M. Bertheaux and M. Sarrien.

BRITISH COLUMBIA TEAM AFTER STANLEY CUP

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 27.—The Phoenix Hockey Club champions of British Columbia border Hockey League, has filed a challenge for the Stanley Cup. It was received Saturday by Mr. Wm. Foran. They claim to have a fast team and are anxious to send it east at once. This makes the fourth challenge, Prince Albert, Port Arthur and Galt having previously applied for dates.

PERSONAL

Miss Morgan, who has been in the Old Country for some time purchasing her spring millinery, sailed for home last week on the Empress of Ireland.

Mr. C. McN. Steeves of the Dominion Public Works department, St. John, is in the city.

Mr. J. A. Hayden of Woodstock is at the Barker House.

Mr. R. B. Ledingham of St. John is in the city.