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Maritime — Strong north-easterly winds, fair and cold, but some snow flurries in eastern districts. Thursday, fair and cold.

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CITY ELECTRICIAN WHITE RESIGNS HIS OFFICE

City Council's Last Meeting Short One—Ald. Harrison Explains Concerning Sale of Electric-light Poles—Report on Concessions to Chestnut Canoe Company Adopted.

The City Council last night held its last regular meeting of the year. The meeting was a short one and at the close the members of the council and invited guests repaired to Washington's Restaurant where they were the guests of His Worship Mayor Thomas. The council last night adopted the report which embodied in it the concessions to be granted the Chestnut Canoe Co. The council also accepted the resignation of Mr. Harry D. White from the offices of superintendent of the electric fire alarm system and caretaker of the City Hall clock.

ECHO OF CAMPAIGN

There was an echo of the civic election in the city when the chairman of the Street Lighting Committee made an explanation to the council concerning the purchase of electric-light poles by Ald. VanWart from the Street Lighting Department. Ald. Harrison stated that the transaction was being used as a canvass in the campaign. As far as he was concerned himself he did not think there was a member of the council who thought that he had sold the poles for personal gain, however, such a construction had been put upon the matter. Some time ago Ald. VanWart had asked the Street Lighting Committee for permission to buy a number of poles which it had at the time. A large number of the poles were crooked and were useless except for a purpose similar to that to which Ald. VanWart put them, namely in the building of an ice-house. Ald. VanWart also bought other poles. He wished the council to understand, however, that the poles were sold at a fair price and that any which could be used by the Street Lighting Department could be replaced.

Ald. Hooper commenting on Ald. Harrison's remarks said that it had looked queer when two aldermen had been concerned in the matter. His Worship stated that the explanation was satisfactory.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The monthly report of the City Auditor on expenditures was adopted as follows:
Roads and streets.....\$11 5 05
Public works..... 7 77
Market and weigh scales..... 2 65
City Hall..... 120 76
Contingent..... 272 80
Fire Department..... 105 43
Administration of justice..... 28 98
Municipal home..... 30 00

IMPORTANT LIBEL SUIT AT HAMILTON

(Canadian Press.)
Toronto, March 8.—The trial of libel action brought by Dr. John E. Wilkinson against the Herald Printing Co. of Hamilton started before Chief Justice Meredith in the jury assizes yesterday. The plaintiff asked unstated damages for articles in the Herald at the time of his arrest for buying ore contrary to law. Dr. Wilkinson claimed that the stories published were misleading and reflected upon his character.

His arrest occurred in December 1909. He had been securing large quantities of ore from Cobalt men who were not mine owners. Neither party to the transaction registered them according to the law. The ore was originally picked up in small quantities from men who gave no account of where they got it. After a long investigation in the courts Wilkinson was convicted of a breach of the mining act and fined \$300 and costs. Similar libel actions are pending against the Mail and Empire, the Hamilton Spectator and other papers in Ontario. The case was adjourned until today.

Dr. Sormany, M. P., for Gloucester arrived in the city last night for the session.

Street lighting.....	325 45
House connection.....	6 50
Sewerage expenses.....	12 30
Water.....	1013 61
Total.....	\$3036 28

The usual monthly pay and allowances were voted.

MUNICIPAL HOME

Ald. Jewett presented the monthly report of the Municipal Home Committee. He reported a balance of \$56. On his motion a cheque for one hundred dollars was ordered to be issued in favor of Commissioner Boone.

TAX COLLECTIONS

Ald. Weddall presented the following report on the collection of taxes:
Feb. 1910.....\$ 8,893 73
Feb. 1911..... 10,971 20

Increase.....\$1,177 53

SUPERINTENDENT WHITE RESIGNS

Ald. Walker presented an application of Mr. Harry D. White as superintendent of the electric fire alarm system and moved, seconded by Ald. Hooper that the resignation be accepted. Both mover and seconder expressed great regret on account of the resignation of Mr. White stating that during his many years of service he had been a most able and trustworthy official. The resignation was accepted it being understood that owing to press of business in connection with the Fredericton Gaslight Company Mr. White would be absolutely unable to give his attention to the civic offices that he had held.

On the motion of Ald. Osborne seconded by Ald. VanWart the resignation of Mr. White as caretaker of the City Hall clock was accepted.

On the motion of Ald. Clark a report of the committee of the whole council that certain concessions be granted the Chestnut Canoe Company was adopted.

On motion an application from the Salvation Army for civic assistance to the moral and social reform work of the Army was referred to the Finance Committee.

Ald. Walker presented an application of Chas. R. Gough for the position of superintendent of the fire alarm system.

The usual annual grants to representatives of the press were voted after which the council adjourned.

BOSS RUEF REMOVED TO PENITENTIARY

(Canadian Press.)
San Francisco, March 8.—Having exhausted every legal resource in a three year struggle to escape the penitentiary, Abraham Ruef, former political leader of San Francisco, was taken to San Quentin prison yesterday to begin a fourteen year term, for the bribery of supervisors during the regime of Mayor Eugene F. Schmitz.

As a final concession, Ruef was removed from the jail to the ferry boat in a taxi-cab, instead of in the regular van. Ruef anticipated the usual prison regulations by having his mustache removed and his hair cropped before his departure. Warden Hoyle of San Quentin says that Ruef will be put at work in the jute mill of the prison.

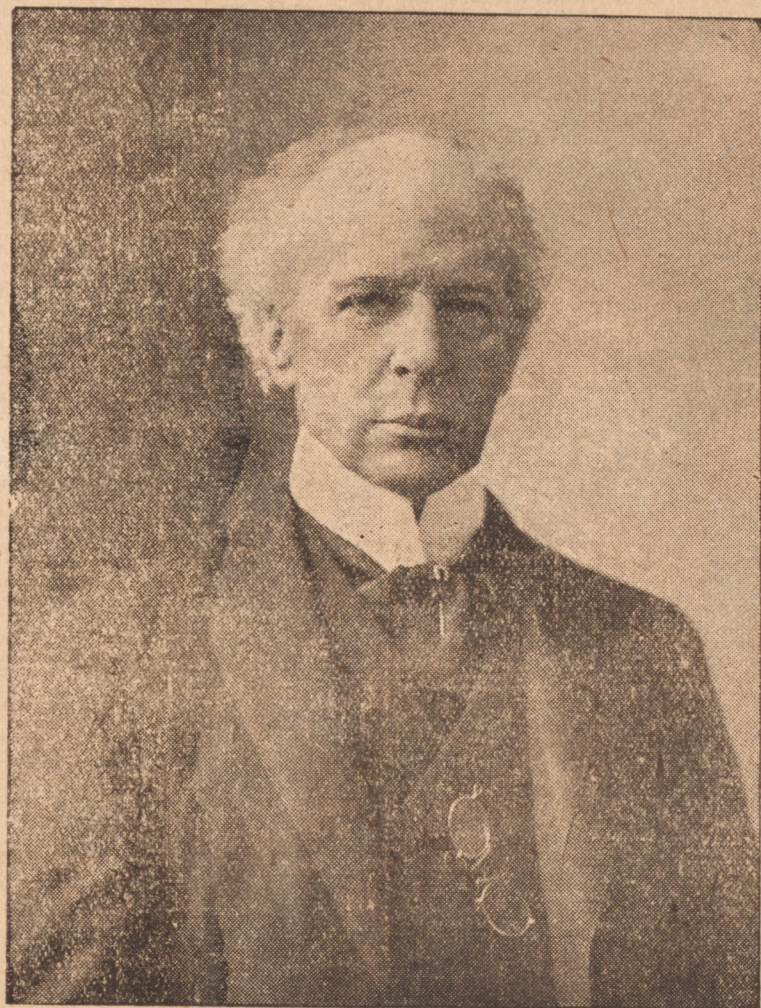
GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION
His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Tweedie are "at home" at the Queen Hotel this afternoon between the hours of four and six.

WILSON-JARRATT

Mr. George Henry Wilson of Fredericton and Miss Leah Jarratt of Gibson were united in marriage yesterday at Gibson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Jenkins.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER ON TRADE AGREEMENT

Prime Minister in One of the Greatest Speeches of His Career, Shows that the Trade Agreement Would be a Great Boon to Canada—Tory Arguments Shattered—No Menace in Agreement to Canada's Natural Resources—Would Not Preclude Possibility of Free Trade Within the Empire—Canada Would Not Part With Her National Existence.



RIGHT HON. SIR. WILFRID LAURIER

Ottawa, March 7. — In a speech of telling force, logic and broad visioned statesmanship, Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the Commons this afternoon amply vindicated the government's policy of freer trade relations with the United States and demonstrated the economic wisdom of the reciprocity agreement in its effect upon the enlarged prosperity of Canada. He showed it was in line, not only with the truest nationalism, but also with the best interests of the empire, and effectively disposed of the chief opposition objections that have, for purely party reasons, been urged against it.

In his argument in support of the agreement, and in the destructive force of his analysis of the illogical positions taken by the opposition members, Sir Wilfrid's effort was a masterpiece.

His concluding peroration, dealing with the chief opposition argument of the fear of annexation and declaring that the reciprocity agreement, in its far-reaching consequences in cementing in a common bond of commercial amity and good will the Anglo-Saxon peoples of this continent and through them establishing a world-wide Anglo-Saxon entente cordiale, was marked by the tumultuous cheers of his followers and created a marked effect upon the crowded galleries of an attentive house.

The first half of his speech was devoted to a comprehensive summary of the arguments in favor of the agreement, in which he pointed out that both parties in Canada had been, up to the present unequivocally in favor of freer trade in natural products with the United States; that the present opposition to the agreement was at variance with the historic policy advocated by the Conservatives, when in power; that it was consistent with the strictest regard for every Canadian interest, and that it meant in essence, simply increased remuneration for the tiller of the soil without any departure from national or imperial ideals, or from the trend of commercial and industrial development in Canada during the past quarter of a century.

EFFECTIVE ANSWER TO TORY OBJECTORS.

The latter part of his speech he devoted to considering in detail the four chief objections urged against the agreement, viz: That it involved the defection of Canada's present export trade from Canadian channels; that it would tend to the destruction of natural resources; that it endangered special industries through the removal of the protective tariff, and finally that it meant the fiscal dependence of Canada on the United States, and ultimate annexation.

He met the argument that trade would be deflected from Canadian channels by pointing out that the bonding privilege, now in force, already gave to the Canadian exporter access to American routes, but that the shorter and cheaper Canadian route would already give them a compelling advantage. Dealing with the objection that the

natural resources of the Dominion would be menaced, he claimed that there was nothing in the agreement which removed the present control of the federal or provincial governments over forests, minerals, etc.

The cry that industries would be imperilled, he contended, without foundation. The agreement concerned chiefly natural products, the only manufactured products dealt with being agricultural implements. The government negotiators had taken every precaution not to injure any existing industry.

Finally, he declared that the Dominion's fiscal autonomy remained absolutely unimpaired, and her loyalty to the mother land was too deeply founded in the hearts and minds of the people to be affected by the mere matter of selling more goods to their southern neighbors. There was no disloyalty in exports.

HAVEN'T CHANGED BRITISH POLICY.

As for the effect of the agreement on British trade, he pointed out that Great Britain would never send a bushel of any kind of grain to Canada. "England," he said, "could give a preference in her markets for our natural products, if she chooses to change her policy, and then we would be prepared to give upon her manufactured products a corresponding advantage. The policy of Canada

is just the same as it was three months ago, when the arrangement was made. It is the same policy as it has been for the last twelve years, and it will be the policy of the Canadian government at the next imperial conference."

In an eloquent and inspiring peroration Sir Wilfrid Laurier struck a ringing, patriotic note, culminating in the declaration that if the United States had founded a nation upon separation from Britain, Canadians had set their hearts upon building a nation without separation.

"Rather than part with our national existence we would part with our lives," he affirmed.

"To the Canadian people I would say that if it is possible for us to obtain such relations of commercial amity and national good will between these two young and growing nations, Canada will have rendered to old England, the mother of nations, nay, to the whole British Empire, a service unequalled in its present effect, and still more in its far-reaching consequences."

Packed galleries and a full attendance of members evidenced the keen interest with which Sir Wilfrid's review of the debate on the reciprocity proposals was awaited. On the floor of the House at the Speaker's right, sat Lady Grey, and in the galleries were most of the notables of the capital.

PENALTY NOT TO BE ENFORCED THIS SESSION

(Canadian Press.)
Toronto, Ont., Mar. 8.—The members of the legislature will not suffer reductions in their salary checks this session, no matter how seldom their countenances appear in the chamber. Sir James Whitney's bill to amend the Legislative Assembly Act by fixing a penalty for non-attendance was advanced a stage in the House yesterday when the prime minister made a number of suggestions to fill in the blank left when the bill was introduced. The final suggestion was that it would scarcely be fair to bring the change into force this session and July 1, was named leaving the old rule this session.

CONSERVATIVE, M. P. IN CRITICAL CONDITION

Sherbrooke, Que., Mar. 8.—Dr. A.N. Worthington, M. P., for Sherbrooke, was stricken with apoplexy this morning and their are slight hopes for his recovery.

FREDERICTON CAPTAIN SERVES ON NAVAL COURT

(Canadian Press.)
Norfolk, Va., March 8.—A naval court tried nine members of the crew of the British Steamer Penarth yesterday upon a charge of refusing duty and discharged them all with forfeiture of pay due them. The master of the Penarth agreed to reshuffle as new men any of the discharged seamen and some of them, it is believed will do so, though this will not relieve them from forfeiture of pay.

The trial court was composed of the British vice-consul Barton, Myers E.J.R. Wiggs, a British subject and Captain J. A. Read, master of the New Brunswick Bark Edna M. Smith, now in this port.

WESTERN SHOW AT GEM

The programme at the Gem for Wednesday and Thursday will contain two Western stories. (An Amazon Romance) and (Strayed from the Range). The comedy (Mixed Pets) from the Solax studio is a scream from start to finish. Mr. Sherman will sing "Daddy was a grand old man."

CAMMORIST TRIAL ON SATURDAY

Efforts Being Put Forth to Save the Only Woman Prisoner

Aristocratic Women of Rome and Naples Take Up Cudgels in Her Behalf.

(Canadian Press)

Viterbo, March 8.—Aristocratic women of Rome and Naples, moved by false sympathy and sentiment, are trying to save Maria Standardo, the only woman prisoner among the forty one Cammorists whose trial starts Saturday, from imprisonment and even conviction. The president of the assize court and the crown's prosecutor have received letters threatening them with death if she is convicted.

Maria Standardo has long been a menace to the peace of Naples, the carabinieri declare. She is wealthy, having made a fortune acting as a "Fence" receiver of stolen goods. She owns a hotel in Naples and for years has hindered police investigations by shielding of the Mafia. The woman, who is about 35 years of age, is a handsome dark eyed Neapolitan. She is confined in the women's ward of the Santa Maria Monastery prison and well supplied with money. She buys costly wines and has her food prepared by a private chef. The books of "Prof" Rapi, treasurer of the Camorra, show that she was a regular contributor to the band.

RIO SHOWS STRENGTH IN TODAY'S TRADING

Montreal, March 8.—Stocks were quite strong today, Rio being one of the most active features. Bank of Commerce sold at 221, making a new high record.

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

	Open Noon
Amalgamated,	61 1/2
Atchison,	106
Smelters,	74 1/2
Brooklyn,	77 1/2
Canadian Pacific,	213 1/2
Great Northern, pfd.,	124 1/2
Northern Pacific,	120 1/2
Pennsylvania,	125
Reading,	152 1/2
Soo,	143 1/2
Union Pacific,	171 1/2
U.S. Steel, com.,	76 1/2
Toronto Railway,	126
Virginia Chemical,	67 1/2

MONTREAL MORNING SALES

Toronto Ry.—65 @ 126; 50 @ 125 1/2; 1 @ 126 1/2.
Bank of Montreal—12 @ 252.
Bank of Commerce—10 @ 221.
Bell Telephone—7 @ 146.
Porto Rico—100 @ 53 1/2.
Rio—305 @ 105; 100 @ 104 1/2; 25 @ 104 1/2; 25 @ 105 1/2.
R. & O.—75 @ 106 1/2; 245 @ 107; 2 @ 106 1/2; 100 @ 107 1/2; 375 @ 107.
Montreal Street—25 @ 233 1/2; 75 @ 233 1/2; 121 @ 234.
Quebec Ry.—50 @ 61 1/2.
Crown Reserve—25 @ 264; 100 @ 265.
Ogilvie's—25 @ 128.
Cement, Pfd.—40 @ 87; 42 @ 86 1/2.
Montreal Power—20 @ 145 1/2; 168 @ 145; 8 @ 145 1/2.
Soo—225 @ 144 1/2; 50 @ 144 1/2.
Halifax Tram—10 @ 143 1/2.
U. S. Steel, Pfd.—16 @ 125.
C. P. R.—5 @ 214.
Textile—150 @ 73 1/2; 2 @ 73.

HAMILTON WOMAN STRICKEN IN CHURCH

Hamilton, Mr. 8.—Passing through the choir room of St. Mary's Church, yesterday morning the caretaker discovered a woman lying face downward on the floor in a dying condition. She was later identified as Mrs. James Slater, who had been actively identified with the church for years. She had been stricken with paralysis and died last night.

Mr. C. B. Lockhart of St. John arrived in the city this morning.

THE MEXICAN SITUATION

The Massing of U.S. Troops on Frontier Causes a Great Flutter

False Report That President Diaz is Critically Ill Adds to the General Excitement.

(Canadian Press)

Mexico City, Mar. 8.—If United States soldiers had actually invaded Mexico and were now marching on the capital no greater excitement could be apparent than that shown today over the massing of a United States army upon the Mexican frontier.

Coupled with the highly censored reports of insurrecto successes in the north and the unofficial reports that President Diaz is critically ill, all the elements prevail to make the situation of turmoil greater than at any time since the removal started last year. The residents of the capital received government assurances today from General Cosi, that the United States contemplate nothing further than mimic warfare on their own soil for the purpose of manoeuvres, but this did not curtail the excitement, nor did this declaration that President Diaz is not sick, quiet the disquieting reports.

Mexican flags were everywhere displayed. Knots of excited men gathered in the streets denouncing the "Gingoes." The government took stern measures to preserve quiet and the streets were patrolled by soldiers and squads of rurales.

The absence of United States Ambassador Wilson is taken here to mean that the United States contemplate something further than manoeuvres, though an explanation has been issued from the United States Embassy stating that Mr. Wilson was not recalled, but returned to Washington of his own accord.

Washington March 8.—Several thousand more troops will be ordered to the Mexican frontier. These orders are now being prepared and probably will be issued tonight.

CHILDREN TO CELEBRATE THE TERCENTENARY

London, March 8.—The board of education today decided to allow the children to celebrate the tercentenary of the translation of the English Bible.

FIVE YEAR OLD GIRL FATALLY BURNED

St. John's, Que., March 8.—The five-year old daughter of Jean Baptiste Menard, caught fire while playing with matches and was fatally burned. Her mother, trying to extinguish the flames, was terribly burned and may die.

STEERAGE ACCOMMODATIONS ALL BOOKED AHEAD

Toronto, Ont., Mar. 8.—No new immigrants are being sought for in England at present by Thos. Howell, general immigration agent of the Canadian Northern, who has been over there for nearly two months, as all the steerage room on both the Royal Edward and Royal George has been booked up to the end of June.

ILL WITH LA GRIPPE

Mrs. L. J. Tweedie, who is at the Queen Hotel, has suffered during the last few days from a severe attack of la grippe but is somewhat improved today.

DEATH AT THE JUNCTION

On Monday noon, Joshua Tracy died after a long and painful illness borne with remarkable patience and fortitude. His widow, nee Miss Webb remains to mourn her loss. Two sons Alfred and Freeman survive, likewise two brothers, Jonathan in Manchester, Vt., and Benjamin here, and one sister Mrs. Lydia Mersereau at Tracy Station. He was in his 77th year at the time of his demise.