



His Honor the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. Tweedie will be at home at the Queen Hotel on Wednesday afternoon, March 24th, from 4 to 6 o'clock.

R. S. BARKER,
Private Secretary.
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THE CENTRAL RAILWAY.

Premier Hazen had a few words to say about the Central railway in the House on Friday. Of course what he said was in favor of the administration of the road by the commissioners he had appointed, and against what had been done by the gentlemen who managed the road previously. Those who remember the strong denunciation of the present provincial secretary when this railway was placed among the assets of the province at a reasonable valuation will be surprised when they read in the report of the commissioners this year—commissioners appointed by this government mind you—that the total cost of the railway to date has been \$1,962,012.11. This is the property which Mr. Fleming was anxious to have the government of the day place in the assets at somewhere about \$750,000. Does the provincial secretary hold to the same view still? He has changed his mind on many things during the past year. Has he changed regarding this; or had the commissioners to make this statement to get in that other that the railway, including the branches, had cost \$30,900 a mile. The commissioners do not explain how they arrived at this cost per mile. Had they done so, it would have shown that the figures represented the whole cost since the work was originally undertaken by the Central Railway company, and was a sum considerably in excess of what the railway has cost the people. This method of figuring costs is quite in keeping with the methods employed by the present provincial secretary when he was in opposition and dealing with the public debt.

Mr. Hazen did not denounce the Central railway yesterday. It used to be a favorite theme of the present premier when leader of the opposition to denounce the expenditures for the Central railway as an outrage on the people of the province. A railroad that had last year gross earnings of \$61,479 must be of some advantage to the province. It must haul some freight and some passengers to earn this amount of money. As a matter of fact the railway handled last year 39,326 tons of coal mined in the counties of Queens and Sunbury. The mining of this coal gave employment to a large number of people and kept over \$100,000 per circulation in this province, that would have gone elsewhere had this coal not been mined along the line of the Central railway. At the present time coal mining is a small business in this province, but under the policy of the old government was being rapidly developed. The present government has not displayed as warm an interest in this great industry as their predecessors did, but no amount of cold water thrown on New Brunswick coal can prevent its development now. There were 6,000 tons more of coal handled by the Central railway last year than in the preceding year, and this does not represent the entire growth of the business, as the local consumption is increasing every year.

In accounting for the large increase in working expenses the commissioners make the claim that many of the items formerly charged to capital account, were last year charged against operating expenses. A few items are mentioned as samples, but they would not make up the large difference shown in the accounts. It would have been much more satisfactory if the commissioners had gone more into details and furnished a complete list of the items formerly charged to capital, which they now charge against operating expenses. The commissioners report that Mr. Hunter had been in receipt of a salary of \$2,100 a year, and that they had arranged with Mr. Sherwood, manager of the Harvey and Salisbury railway, to take the management of the Central railway at \$900 per annum, but Mr. Sherwood is only to give three days a week of his time to the business of the government railway, so that there is really not much difference in the rate of pay. Such a change may be judicious, but most people will think that a hybrid arrangement of this character will prove unsatisfactory in the end.

The duty of the government in connection with the Central railway is to manage the railway that it will become an important factor in the development of the coal industry of this province. Nothing could be of greater importance than the opening up of the New Brunswick coal areas, so long neglected. Cheap coal is essential to the industrial growth of this province, and it is clear to anyone who will take the trouble to look into the question, that the only means of obtaining cheap coal in this province is to mine it. We have the coal, and now the means of handling it. Let the government show its interest in the development of the province by using greater effort than heretofore in the opening up of the New Brunswick coal areas, which are largely on Crown lands.

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COST OF SCHOOL BOOKS.

Mr. Hazen in his speech yesterday took great credit to himself because a reduction in price of forty per cent had been brought about in the cost of some of the school books through the action of the government.

Mr. McKeown later on showed how this reduction had been effected. The government had been compelled to go into business as wholesale traders in school books. In this way they saved the profit of the wholesalers. The rest of the saving was effected by reducing the margin of the retailer to 10 per cent. The government buys the books from the publisher for cash. They pay the freight on the books to Fredericton, store them, and then ship them to the retailer, paying the transportation charges, and then wait for the money until the retailer has disposed of the books. So far a considerable sum has been paid out by the government for the purchase of school books, but only small cash returns have been obtained. How many accounts there are cannot be stated, but there must be a great many.

The system on which the government has undertaken to distribute the school books is not workable, and must result sooner or later in great monetary loss to the treasury. The government state the number of text books to be handled in this way is to be increased. If so the loss will be all the greater. It would have been far better, as Mr. McKeown pointed out, to have adopted free school books instead of the present system.

THE CALL OF THE LAND.

The representative audience which had the pleasure of listening to Prof. Robertson's eloquent and patriotic address in the Assembly Chamber last evening, must have been greatly impressed with the earnestness, patriotism and optimism which characterized his utterances. In his address Dr. Robertson easily sustained his reputation as one of the greatest leaders of thought in this Canada of ours. The subject of his address was a most appropriate one, and those who listened to him must have been convinced of one thing—that he knew exactly what he was talking about. His speech had foundation, proportion, dome and there was no mistaking the meaning of his utterances. He gave legislators, farmers and educationalists ample material to think about and the sooner they take hold and put his ideas into practical use the better it will be for New Brunswick and for Canada.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Hon. Mr. Robinson's remark during the debate on the address on Thursday, that "the government had adopted a limited policy of repatriation," seems to have struck the premier on a sore spot. He alluded to the matter at some length in his speech yesterday, and made complimentary allusions to the Herald. As we have to say upon the subject is that a near relative of the premier, who recently returned from the United States, was given a job in the Board of Works office, and after a few weeks of strenuous effort, was told by Chief Commissioner Morrissy that his services were no longer required. He was subsequently given employment by the Crown land department, but is not now, so far as we know, on the government payroll. While it is not considered good politics for members of a government to appoint relatives to office, the interests of the public service demands that the parties so appointed should be competent to do their work.

"Ruinous," Says One.

Norfolk, Va., March 19.—E. C. Fosburgh, president of the North Carolina Pine Association, controlling a majority of the mills in Eastern Virginia, Maryland, North and South Carolina, declared here yesterday that the 50 per cent. reduction on lumber proposed by the new tariff bill will be ruinous to lumber manufacturers and mills generally on the entire Atlantic Coast.

Ask For Cent Postage.

Washington, March 19.—One cent postage is provided in a bill which Representative Bennett (New York) has introduced. The measure provides that, beginning Jan. 1, 1910, the rate of postage on all letters mailed within the United States for domestic points, including drop letters, shall be one cent per ounce or fraction.

GETTING READY FOR SPRING TRADE

We have just placed in stock another carload of Furniture which is the second received within a month. These carloads comprise Dressers and Commodes, Wardrobes, Chiffoniers, Sideboards, Buffets, Extension Tables, Desks, Bookcases, Kitchen Cabinets, etc.

A large shipment of Japanese Matting has just been opened up.

Do not fail to avail yourself of the opportunities offered by our Annual Carpet Sale which is now in full swing.

We again call your attention to our special offer to cut match and make up free of charge all of this season's Carpets purchased in this sale in addition to 10 per cent Cash Discount

COLWELL & JENNINGS

THE HOME FURNISHERS

DONT MISS THE BARGAIN SALE AT FOWLER'S Jewellery Store

King Watches Aviator.
Pau, March 18.—King Edward witnessed two flights by Wilbur Wright yesterday afternoon and showed an equal amount of enthusiasm with the other spectators in the remarkable accomplishments of the American aeronauts.

Mr. Wright made the first ascension alone. He remained in the air for seven minutes, performing marvelous evolutions with the utmost precision around the King and his party, and coming down to the ground without difficulty.
On the second flight, Miss Wright was a passenger. They soared to a great height, and then skimmed along the ground and disappeared in the direction of Pau. They reappeared after an interval of six minutes, descending amid applause—from the King and other visitors.

Corpse In Runaway.
Toronto, March 18.—Pedestrians on Yonge street beheld a gruesome sight near the corner of Agnes street yesterday noon, when a coffin containing a corpse was tumbled out into the roadway from a wagon, in which it was being driven to the Union Station.

Lipi Kroll, Jewish undertaker, 12 Agnes street, was taking the body of a Jew to the station for shipment. His horse, becoming frightened, bolted and threw the occupants off the wagon, living and dead, to the street. Kroll's nose was broken and his face cut and he was taken to St. Michael's Hospital, while a friend, replacing the ghastly burden in the wagon, drove it to the station.

Case Falls Through.
Brockville, March 19.—Jacob Cossman, charged with disposing of a quantity of goods while insolvent with a view to defrauding his creditors, was discharged from custody by Judge Reynolds. Witnesses from Toronto, Montreal and Brockville were heard.

Mme. Mojaska Very Ill.
Los Angeles, Cal., March 19.—Mme. Helena Modjeska, the famous Polish actress, is seriously ill at her home on Bay Island, near Newport, Orange County. Mme. Modjeska's husband, Count Bozena, is in constant attendance at his wife's bedside.



PENITENTIARY SUPPLIES

SEALED TENDERS addressed "Inspectors of Penitentiaries, Ottawa," and endorsed "Tenders for Supplies," will be received until Thursday, 25th March, inclusive from parties desirous of contracting for supplies, for the fiscal year 1909-1910, for the following institutions, namely:

- Kingston Penitentiary.
- St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary.
- Dorchester Penitentiary.
- Manitoba Penitentiary.
- British Columbia Penitentiary.
- Alberta Penitentiary, Edmonton Alta.

Separate tenders will be received for each of the following classes of supplies:

- 1. Coal
- 2. Coal oil
- 10. Hardware
- 11. Leather

- 3. Cordwood
- 4. Drugs
- 5. Dry goods
- 6. Forage
- 7. Fresh Fish
- 8. Fresh Meat
- 9. Groceries.
- 12. Milk
- 13. Oils and Paint
- 14. Pork and Bacon
- 15. Portland Cement
- 16. Sole Leather
- 17. Tinware

Details of information as to form of contract, together with forms of tender, will be furnished on application to the Wardens.
All supplies are subject to the approval of the Warden.
DOUGLAS STEWART,
GEO. W. DAWSON,
Inspectors of Penitentiaries
Department of Justice,
Ottawa, February 27, 1909.
Mar. 10 & 17.



Tenders for Red River Bridge

SEALED tenders, addressed to the undersigned, and marked on the envelope "Tender for the Red River Bridge," will be received at the office of the Commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway until twelve o'clock noon of the 5th day of April, 1909, for the construction and erection of a steel and concrete bridge and approach spans over the Red River between Winnipeg and St. Boniface, near the foot of Lombard Street, together with grading and approach spans over streets in Winnipeg.

Separate tenders must be submitted for the substructure with other works as per schedule, and for superstructure.
Plans, details and profiles may be seen and full information obtained, at the office of the chief engineer at Ottawa, and also at the office of the district engineer at St. Boniface, Man.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the forms supplied by the Commissioners, which may be had on application to Mr. Hugh D. Lumsden, chief engineer, Ottawa, Ont., and M. S. B. Poulin, district engineer, St. Boniface, Man.

Each tender must be sealed by all the parties to the tender, and witnessed, and be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered Bank of the Dominion of Canada, payable to the Commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway for the sum of \$25,000 for substructure and other work as per schedule, and for the sum of \$25,000 for steel superstructure and floor.
The cheques deposited by the party whose tender is accepted will be deposited to the credit of the Receiver General of Canada as security for the due and faithful performance of the contract according to its terms. Cheques deposited by parties whose tenders are rejected will be returned within ten days after the signing of the contract.
The right is reserved to reject any or all tenders.

By order,
P. E. RYAN,
Secretary.

The Commissioners of the Transcontinental Railway,
Dated at Ottawa, 6th March, 1909.
Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority from the Commissioners will not be paid for it.
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John J. Weddall & Son
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Annual Curtain Sale

On Tues. Mar. 23rd, Starting at 10 O'clock

This ever popular sale includes Dainty Bobbinets, Fine Nottingham and French Net, Brussels Net, Marie Antionette, Applique, etc.

98 PAIRS ALL TOLD, WHICH ARE AS FOLLOWS

25 Pairs Bobinet Curtains Viz.	Reg.	Sale Price	1 Pair Applique 5.50	3.95
			1 " " 6.25	4.50
			1 " " 6.50	4.75
			1 " Real Lace 7.50	4.95
			1 " Bobinet 3.50	2.00

BRUSSELS NET CURTAINS

	Reg.	Sale Price	2 Pairs	\$4.75	3.50
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BATTENBURG AND MARIE ANTIONETTE

	Reg.	Sale Price	2 Pairs	\$7.00	4.75
			3 Pairs	7.25	4.95

AND OTHER PRICES

Strictly Cash Sale None on Approval

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