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Who could have told a year ago where or what "Kikuyu" was? Today it is almost a household word. The reason is not that Jack Johnson has made his headquarters there, nor that Harry Thaw in another wild escapade had gone thither. It is rather that a few ecclesiastical hair splitters had got together and begun to stir up the troubled fires of religious strife, which most people had hoped were mouldered down for ever.

The several Protestant missionaries of British East Africa had decided that some form of federation between them would be useful in presenting a united front to the armies of paganism. They met, they planned, and they worshipped God together as best they could, even going as far as Celebrating the Christian feast of the Lord's supper. This news reached the ears of high churchmen and the heresy hunt began, with the end not yet in sight. In the meantime the intellectual forces of the low church are siding in with the African bishop, the celebrated Dr. Handy Moule going so far as to say that if the charge be one of heresy, they might as well include him in the list. It is quite evident that a few more years must roll before Christian unity can be established on the earth.

President Woodrow Wilson wants to repeal the Panama free tolls act. This is not because of any promise he has made to the American people. On the contrary, he was elected on a platform which declared in favor of free tolls. Why is it that the president has taken this stand when all his other actions have been

largely decided by the pledges in his platform?

No doubt he wants to retain the friendship of Britain, and the repeal would be an evidence of good faith. Then no doubt he has been studying the question in the light of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, and like a good many other Americans, he has seen the justice of the British claim. If he succeeds in carrying out his intentions he will place another feather high up in his official hat.

When the British Columbia government guaranteed the C. N. R. bonds for a road to the coast they adopted the most short-sighted policy possible. They did not even wait to realize that the C. N. R. must come to the coast in order to complete their system. Any business corporation would have taken advantage of this fact. The McBrice government, however, rushed into the arms of the company. They guaranteed their bonds on the company's own terms. Now they raise that guarantee by another \$10,000 per mile. Will anybody say that those in authority did not get a rake-off?

The provincial government's estimates for the year include \$65,000 for advertising. There are only about a half dozen Tory papers in the province and this amount should make them all very fat. No wonder the little Tory organ does not need to send out its bills. Everything necessary will be furnished by the paternal machine as soon as the printers' union insists on its pay. No wonder the solitary trombone can pipe away at the government's praises without even knowing what it's all about.



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## Canadian and British News

Forty black fox companies, up to date, have been incorporated in Nova Scotia.

Acadia college has received a bequest of \$100,000 through the will of Miss Mark Cramp, daughter of the late Rev. J. M. Cramp.

A bonspiel was held at Halifax recently, attended by curlers from various parts of the maritime provinces and Newfoundland.

Following serious charges of corruption in the police department of Edmonton, the chief of police, Silas Carpenter, formerly chief of the detective force of Montreal, has been summarily dismissed from office, and A. C. Laneey, formerly chief of police, has been appointed in his place.

The city engineer, Montreal, has submitted to the board of control a report recommending, among other works, the laying of twenty miles of new permanent pavement involving an expenditure of a million and a quarter, and also two hundred thousand dollars for macadamized streets.

The car ferry steamer built to the order of the Canadian gov-

ernment for use between Quebec and Levis, to carry the trains of the National Transcontinental over the St. Lawrence until the new bridge is completed, has been launched at Birkenhead. She is called the Leonard, is 326 feet long, 65 beam, has a draft of 15 feet, and is capable of carrying a locomotive and train of 1400 tons.

The thirty-foot ship channel between Quebec and Montreal is practically completed. The total length of dredging in the project was seventy miles and the length yet to be dredged, says the annual report of the department of marine, is 4.20 miles. This, of course, was at the beginning of the present fiscal year. A good deal of work was accomplished last summer. The total cost of the ship canal from 1851 to the present time is nearly sixteen millions.

It is reported that the largest dry dock in Canada, or even in the world, is to be constructed in Halifax harbor. The site spoken of is at Tuft's Cove, on the Dartmouth side of the harbor. It is said that as soon as the site is fixed, the preparation of the plans will be begun, and the work will proceed this year. This

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## Gum and Suicides

Milwaukee, Wis., Mar. 5.—Investigation shows that Geza Sabadi, who shot a fellow boarder yesterday and then committed suicide, had consumed two pieces of a package of chewing gum. The authorities at the county morgue recall that the last seven suicides in Milwaukee have been found with the same number of unchewed fragments of gum in their pockets. The police are searching for the answer. Milwaukee is America's city of suicides, there being more lives ended in this city by self-destruction in proportion to population than in any other American city.



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