

St. Thomas News

A big deal was yesterday consummated by our well-known merchant, Mr. H. O. Creque in the purchase of estate La Masure, of St. John.

La Masure is one of the best estates in St. John, famous for its bay leaf industry, and with a soil well adapted for the raising of limes and cocoanuts, of which valuable products there are several large groves.

These industries Mr. Creque intends to develop to the fullest extent, and in this endeavor has decided to expend large sums of money.

It is also said Mr. Creque will specialize in the raising of cattle and mules.

The scenery surrounding La Masure is described by its late owner, Mrs. Westbrook of New York, as the most romantic she has ever seen.

We understand that the price paid for La Masure was \$15000.

We compliment our enterprising citizen on his latest business venture and wish him a full measure of the success which we feel sure will attend him.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes, Jan 20th.*

TELEGRAMS.

ST. CROIX STATION.

London, Jan. 22nd.—Viscount Bryce died at Sidmouth today.

Mysore India, Jan. 20th.—The Prince of Wales was given a tremendous welcome upon his arrival here by throngs of inhabitants, augmented by thousands who swarmed in from surrounding areas. A long procession of bullock-carts brought in the gaily attired spectators, who jammed all available space behind the guards that lined the Royal route. All the Bazaars remained open and there was no sign of a "Hartal" in the city, although some outlying shops closed their doors in recognition of the holiday spirit. The royal procession was stopped on the way to the Government House while the Prince was given a welcome reception by the municipal authorities, this was followed by a performance during which a party of young girls scattered flowers along the Prince's path to the accompaniment of Hymns chanted in sanskrit by richly robed Dandits. Later the Prince formally called upon the Maharajah. A number of shooting parties have been arranged in honour of the royal visit.

Dublin, Jan. 21st.—The administration of the Dublin City Hall today was handed over by the military authorities to municipal officers under the direction of the Irish Provisional Government.

London, Jan. 21st.—The Rev. Frederick Langbridge, author and playwright died today, aged 78 years.

London, Jan. 21st.—Sir James Craig, the Ulster Premier, and Michael Collins, head of the Provisional Government for Ireland formed under the

Anglo-Irish treaty, issued a joint statement this evening announcing an agreement regarding the question of the boundary between Ulster and Southern Ireland.

Dublin, Jan. 22nd.—Martial Law has been declared in the Kilmallock area by the Brigade Commander of the Republican Army at east Limerick, according to a telegram received here yesterday from Chorleville, County Cork. This action was taken, said the message, because of hay burning and other disorders in the area.

London, Jan. 23rd.—The political situation has entered a fresh phase. It is reported that Mr. Lloyd George and the Rt. Hon. Austen Chamberlain, supported by the Liberal and Conservative leaders, have reached the conclusion that the maintenance of the Coalition Government is indispensable for the successful conduct of the country's affairs in the present circumstances. It is stated that the leaders have decided to defer the calling of a general election and concentrate upon a threefold policy of reduction of expenditure, remission of the income tax and a campaign against the labour party. It is alleged that this agreement was reached after concessions were made by both sides, Mr Chamberlain abandoning his insistence for reform of the House of Lords and the Premier consenting to postpone some planks of the Liberal platform. Whether the agreement will convince dissenting diehards and rebellious Liberals is somewhat doubtful, but Coalition organizers are relying upon the admitted weakness of the diehards in their constituencies. A particular tender spot is the allocation of seats as the Liberals have intimated that they require a far larger proportion than was allotted in the 1918 election and unless the conservatives consent, in the next election fresh trouble is likely to arise for the Coalition.

London, Jan. 21st.—In an International Rugby match today, Wales defeated England 28 to 6 at Cardiff.

Rome, Jan. 23rd.—The meeting of the Sacred College in Conclave, to elect a successor to Pope Benedict will open February 1st. or February 2nd, it was stated today. While all the Cardinals resident in Europe expected to reach Rome in time for the conclave, it is considered extremely doubtful here whether the United States Cardinals will find it possible to be present, at least for the opening as the date set is hardly ten days away.

Rome, Jan. 23rd.—Among the Cardinals prominently named as possible successors to Benedict XV, are Cardinals Gasparri, Van Rossum, of Holland and Dougherty of the United States.

New York, Jan. 23rd.—The premature announcement on Saturday that Pope Benedict was dead was founded on cable despatches from London, received at 10.40 p.

m., emanating from a member of the staff of Cardinal Bourne who stated official information had been received of the Pontiff's death. The Associated Press telephoned the Cardinal's residence to confirm this and one of the secretaries replied that they had the news officially. Reuters Agency sent out a despatch from Rome, received here at 2.10 p. m. Saturday, also announcing the death of the Pope at 5.20 Saturday afternoon a delayed despatch was received from London, denying the previous announcement by Cardinal Bourne. Great confusion was caused in religious circles by the premature death announcement, and many hasty cancellations were made when it was found that the Pope was still living. The first official announcement that his Holiness was dead was made in a despatch received in New York at 1.30 this morning.

London, Jan. 23rd.—Pope Benedict left his property at Pegli in Liguria to his nephew Marquis Giuseppi Della Chiesa. Various objects in his private apartment were bequeathed to his successor and there are many bequests to relatives and servants.

Washington, Jan. 23rd.—As one means of giving effect to its declaration last week in favour of reduction of the Chinese army the arms conference is considering another resolution looking to prohibition of importation of arms in China.

London, Jan. 23rd.—It has been officially announced that the wedding of Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles will take place on February 28th.

Paris, Jan. 23.—The conversations that have been going on between the Paris and London Govts. on the subject of a settlement of the Near Eastern question have resulted in a decision for the holding of a protracted conference among the foreign ministers of Great Britain, Italy and France, in Paris at the earliest possible date. It is believed the conference will be convened at the beginning of February.

Paris, Jan. 23rd.—Delegates representing twenty countries, including the United States and South America, were present at the opening session of the world conference of the Irish race here today. The purpose of the meeting was to promote the economic interests of Ireland and the interest in Irish art throughout the world. Informal sessions were held on Saturday, but the first business meeting was fixed for this afternoon. Politics and religion were subjects barred from the programme.

Rome, Jan. 23rd.—The interment of Pope Benedict XV has been tentatively fixed for Wednesday afternoon. The body will lie in state in the Basilica of St. Peter's only a day and a half more, according to the present plans. Pope Benedict's wish not to be embalmed necessitates departure from the custom that the Pope's body lie in state for 3 days.