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QUEBEC, MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1907.

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SIR ALEXANDER LACOSTE IS BACK AGAIN IN THE ARENA

He Discusses the Position of the Conservative Party in the Province of Quebec and Says that Missionaries are Wanted.

MR. TARTE PREVENTED A RUINOUS POLICY

Montreal, Dec. 21.—"The party is nothing if the intentions of the men supporting that party are not good, yet the party is everything if its supporters have in view the well-being of the country."—Sir Alexandre Lacoste.

At the monthly meeting of the Junior Conservative Club, ex-Chief Justice Lacoste delivered his first English speech since he became the head of the Conservative organization in the district of Montreal. The meeting, which was a representative one, was presided over by Mr. O. Ernest Gault, M.L.A. for St. Antoine, who in an eulogistic address introduced the speaker. He said it was a good sign when men of the ability and experience of Sir Alexandre Lacoste decided that the time was propitious to re-enter political life.

Sir Alexandre, who was loudly cheered, said he considered it an honor to speak before the members of the Junior Conservative Club. "They had told him that he would be expected to speak upon the organization of the party, and, indeed, he considered it opportune that such a subject should be discussed at the present time."

The district committee having been formed by Mr. R. L. Borden, their leader, and Messrs. Monk and Bergeron being at Ottawa, it occurred to the members of the party that a man who had been absent from active political life for fifteen years would be the proper person to bring about a unification of the party, should any friction exist. He might say in the commencement that he did not find anything very serious as regards the condition of the Conservative party in the District of Montreal, which was composed of forty-five counties, and it was these forty-five counties over which the central organization had jurisdiction.

It was discovered, however, that although the English and French sections of the party were working together harmoniously enough in federal politics, the same unity did not exist on local issues. He was happy to say, though, that this difficulty had been overcome, and that at the present time Hon. P. E. Leblanc, the district leader in provincial politics, and his followers were now working with the federal leaders.

"What do we want?" asked Sir Alexandre. And he answered it by the word "voters." It was, therefore necessary that the party organization should first know these voters, and, secondly, convert them to the Conservative way of viewing public affairs.

Sir Alexandre Lacoste then made the announcement that the electoral list had been revised in the forty-five counties, and he considered that the work had been attended with excellent results. The party, in fact, had gained all along the line. In one county they had gained from six to eight hundred votes. In another block of counties over two hundred votes, and in still another block from one to two hundred votes. There was one county in which the revision had been carefully attended to each year. Consequently the gain there was but fifty votes. In no county, however, in the entire district had the Liberals made gains over the Conservatives.

In the City of Montreal the lists had been revised, but what he would like the workers of the party to do would be to keep in touch with their voters and to bring them by all legitimate means into sympathy with the policy of the Conservative party. This, he said, could be done by private interviews or public meetings.

Sir Alexandre said that in conferring with the young men of the party and those who were to take charge of the campaign on the hustings, he told them that they should become well acquainted with the issues of the day. The speaker said that after twenty years of experience in both local and federal politics, he had come to the conclusion that it was always better to take the electors into your confidence, and to speak the truth concerning the issues before the country. The reason for this was, he said, because the Conservative party had nothing to be ashamed of, and had nothing to hide from the light of day. That party, he said, had created the Canadian nation. The Conservative party had always been connected with the most glorious pages of Canadian history, and this was the best pledge we had.

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THE POLITICAL CRISIS PREVAILING IN PORTUGAL

Is the Form of Government Likely to Become Republican? France's Action in Exposing Corrupt Practices.

THE DICTATOR'S TACTICS IN THE MATTER

Liabon, December 20.—The result of the present political crisis here may not only determine whether a new and better order of public administration is to prevail in Portugal, but, remote as such a change appears to the ordinary observer, whether the whole monarchical regime shall not give way to a republican form of government. The republicans, small as is the influence they exercise at present under the restricted suffrage which the people enjoy, sincerely believe that France by exposing the corrupt practices of the monarchist parties, has administered a blow to the prestige of the king and the monarchy from which it can never recover and made a republic which a year ago seemed a dream of the far distant future, a probability. Certainly Franco, by his regulations has placed powerful weapons in the hands of the republican leaders, which they intend to use to the best advantage. Their plan is to push the issue as soon as the restoration of "legality" permits them to open a campaign in the newspapers and when the Cortes again assemble, to play their trump card. This will be nothing else than a motion to impeach Franco for his action in liquidating the king's debts to the treasury, and as a logical corollary thereof to demand the abdication of King Carlos for abetting this "crime" under a clause of the Portuguese constitution which compels the abdication of the monarch if he is adjudged "morally incapable" of governing. But here in Portugal, where the percentage of illiterates is the largest in Europe, and where the people are excluded from the ballot it remains to be seen whether they can be aroused. The opinion of conservative foreigners who have resided long in the country is that outside of the capital and Oporto the masses, loyal to the Braganza dynasty, will remain absolutely indifferent to politics until general education awakens them to demand broader political rights. The fate of Joao Franco, the dictator, who, as a monarchist, professes to be seeking the political and financial regeneration of the country, will be well worth watching. Franco is a man of fifty-five years and practically his whole life has been spent in politics. When he began his present war against the old parties, as the leader of what he called a new "liberal progressive" party, he made public proclamation of his "confession and repentance" for

his political past. His charges against the old parties and assumption of the dictatorship turned the hands of the politicians of every shade of opinion against him. The only thing his enemies do not reproach him with is a desire to line his own pockets. His wealth excludes such a motive and as this motive seems to have been the end and aim of things political in Portugal for years its absence to the politicians is the most mystifying feature of the dictatorship, for the Republicans, like Bernardino Machado, the explanation is simple. They profess to see in him only a political charlatan, whose pretense of reform is a sham, and whose real purpose is to crush the old political machines in order that he can build up a stronger one for himself. Moreover they profess to believe that Franco is only the tool of the king, given power by the latter to square the royal debts. But it is fair to say that no one was more severe in his criticism of the practice of advancing money to the royal family than Franco himself and as these advances were made secretly he pledged himself upon his accession to make it impossible in the future for the king to obtain a single cent before the royal allowance and to introduce a system of public accountability which would reveal the destination of every dollar that left the treasury. He kept his promise and for this alone, if nothing else was done, the prominent men of the country, both foreign and domestic, say Franco should have the gratitude of the people. Undoubtedly the king's popularity has suffered at least a temporary eclipse as a result of this scandal, and the establishment of the dictatorship, but if things work rapidly back to normal conditions there seems little prospect of an upheaval from below. A bomb outrage or a palace revolution might suddenly alter the situation. That bombs have been found in considerable quantities is true despite the efforts of the government to conceal the fact and the discovery causes all the more apprehension, as anarchy has heretofore not made its appearance in Portugal. Bankers and business men regard the situation from a financial standpoint as being much more critical than from a political point. Since the "bankruptcy" of 1890 when the foreign debt was scaled one-half there have been a constant succession of deficits, accompanied by the bankers say, by a most deplorable system of finance.

The special collection to be taken up in St. Patrick's Church at all the masses on Christmas day will be devoted to defraying the cost of the new double windows which were placed in position this fall.

YOUTH RUN OVER.
A youth while attempting to cross St. Joseph street in front of the Paquet Co.'s stores Saturday evening, was run over by a horse and had one of his legs slightly injured, but was able to proceed to his home.

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QUEBEC CITY BILL.
Notice is given in the Official Gazette that the City of Quebec will apply to the Legislature of this province, at its next session, for the passing of an act to explain more fully the powers of the city, with regard to the annexation of neighboring territories, to ratify a by-law passed by the City Council of Quebec, concerning the name of the City of Quebec of the village of Saint Malo, and for other amendments to its charter of incorporation.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.
At the regular meeting of Damon Lodge, K. of P. of this city, held on Saturday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term:—
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UNION BANK OF CANADA.

We publish elsewhere the report of the forty-third annual meeting of the shareholders of the Union Bank held in this city on Saturday last, at which was presented the statement of the transactions of the Bank for the half year ending November 30, a change from the usual course necessitated by the new method of closing the books on November 30, instead of on May 31st, as heretofore. The statement, it will be seen, is a highly satisfactory one, and one which justifies the confidence which the public has always reposed in this ably managed institution. The net profits for the six months amounted to \$196,216.18, and these in conjunction with the balance to the credit of Profit and Loss on May 31, 1907, \$44,979.63, and \$55,640 premium on new stock enabled the payment of two quarterly dividends at the rate of 7 per cent. annum, the contribution to the officers' pension fund of \$25,000, and the transference to the rest account of \$100,000, leaving a balance to the credit of profit and loss of \$62,212.61. This is a very good showing and a practical testimony to the sound business views and ability which characterize the management and the zeal and efficiency of its staff. Quebec has good reason to be proud of her banking institutions, and among them there is none that holds a higher place in the public esteem, or more justly so, than the Union Bank of Canada.

THE INSURANCE BILL.

The Insurance Bill introduced by the Finance Minister prior to the Christmas vacation, will undoubtedly give rise to much criticism, both outside of the House, and before the Committee on Banking and Commerce to which it has been referred for consideration, and it would be premature to express more than a general opinion on its merits. In the meantime the view taken by Hon. Mr. Fielding in his concluding remarks, seems to be the true one, namely that the measure would be certain to displease some party or other, and that he flattered himself that he had arrived at the golden mean between conflicting interests. A cursory study of the bill lends to this conclusion, though it is of course, certain that Mr. Fielding has not absolutely attained perfection, and that some minor details will be altered on further consideration.

The origin of the bill is due less to anything that the Insurance Companies in Canada had done, or were suspected of doing than to the conduct of several of the large life companies, in the United States which caused a searching enquiry, revealed a state of things which was the very reverse of satisfactory, and excited a general feeling of uneasiness and alarm. This feeling prevailed in a less extensive degree in Canada, and both in the public press and in the House questions were asked which showed that the confidence in the Canadian companies was disturbed, and resulted in an investigation under a Royal Commission. The enquiry was, on the whole, satisfactory. It was reassuring, in that it showed that the management of the great companies was able, successful, and generally conservative, but, on the other hand, it revealed some defects, evils, such for instance, as that of the practice of rebates, which the insurance companies themselves had previously asked the assistance of Parliament in suppressing. The enquiry was, on the whole, satisfactory. It was reassuring, in that it showed that the management of the great companies was able, successful, and generally conservative, but, on the other hand, it revealed some defects, evils, such for instance, as that of the practice of rebates, which the insurance companies themselves had previously asked the assistance of Parliament in suppressing. The enquiry was, on the whole, satisfactory. It was reassuring, in that it showed that the management of the great companies was able, successful, and generally conservative, but, on the other hand, it revealed some defects, evils, such for instance, as that of the practice of rebates, which the insurance companies themselves had previously asked the assistance of Parliament in suppressing.

The scope of the bill now before Parliament may be best judged by the following summary of its principal provisions:—
 The powers of the government are enlarged and broadened. By the new bill, the minister may, for any violation of the act, suspend, withdraw or refuse to renew license, and power is given to make special audits, appoint valuers, or inspect the books at the head office of United States or foreign companies. Trust funds of foreign companies must be placed under the trust of Canadian trust company. The surplus on dividend policies shall be distributed every three years. The expense of new business must be shown separately from the old. Only amounts may be paid by commission. Officials at head offices shall not be permitted to receive commissions in any shape or form. No salary of \$5,000 or more may be paid without having been specially voted by the board of directors. Publicity for salaries and commissions larger than \$4,000 in the insurance report is demanded. The agent who gives a rebate, and the man who receives it, are liable to a fine of \$100 each. If the director or manager knows of it, he is liable to a fine of \$1,000. Government refuses to abolish

pensions for old employees, but they must be authorized by all those of the company qualified to vote. Recommendations of the commission as to method of voting have not been accepted. Proxies must be executed within two months of the meeting at which they are to be used; long-standing proxies to be abolished. Government does not demand standard policies, but certain provisions must be inserted in every policy. New fraternal business must be carried on according to the national fraternal congress table of mortalities. They must not take premiums from new business to losses from the old. Separate forms must be provided for each different line of insurance. A new basis is provided for the delimitation of insurance investments. Five years (or six, if good reason is shown) will be allowed companies to dispose of forbidden stocks now in their possession. Surplus funds from deferred dividends to be treated as liabilities; but in case of considerable depreciation of securities they may be charged against surplus. Imperial or Dominion securities or the guarantee of imperial or Dominion governments accepted as deposits. Foreign companies may deposit national securities of their own country.

We are inclined to endorse the remarks of our confrere, the Ottawa Free Press on the subject which says of the bill:—

"It would appear to have taken the best of the recommendations of the Insurance Commission and at the same time avoided the hysterical proposals with which they were bombarded by the more radical critics of the companies."

"The safeguards as to investments seem to be sufficient to prevent any further abuses such as were shown to exist in the conduct of certain companies, and to provide ample policy-holders. The limitation of salaries and commissions is a step in the right direction, while the provision that no company shall create any subsidiary company for investment purposes is one that should put an end to considerable manipulation in financial circles."

"The bill is, of course, subject to amendment when it reaches committee, and the fact that the Finance Minister proposes that it shall be referred to the Banking and Commerce Committee after the holidays, in order that all interested may be heard, should result in the passage of a measure which will go far to meeting the views of all classes of the community."

FIGHTING TUBERCULOSIS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Pittsburg has instituted a department of public instruction in methods of preventing tuberculosis, being the first city in this country to enlist the public school system in the work of prevention. Miss Stark, a graduate nurse of the Hopkins Training School, will go to Pittsburg to conduct the new department and be one of the staff of the Pittsburg Tuberculosis Hospital. In view of the fact that one out of every 10 persons dies of tuberculosis and that half of the victims of the disease die between the ages of 15 and 30, it is evidently of great importance that the young should be specially instructed. Prevention is better than cure. The children of to-day are the grown-ups of to-morrow. If children can be made to understand how to avoid contracting the disease, the next generation will, it is believed, almost wholly escape tuberculosis. An hour a week given to the topic in the public schools. Dr. Henry Barton Jacobs, of Baltimore, suggests, would produce good results. The children would learn something about keeping themselves healthy by getting fresh air and avoiding stuffy rooms. If the existing corps of teachers were called together and instructed, they could disseminate ideas among the children wholesome ideas of living that would save many lives. Even without providing a special instructor, as Pittsburg is doing, useful direction could be given by our educators to the minds of pupils as respects the mode of propagation of tuberculosis. Wonderful cures are effected by the simple expedient of staying much out of doors—on a back porch, on the roof, or elsewhere in the open air. Dr. Jacobs calls attention to the circumstance that the ordinary method of dusting and sweeping serves to stir up and scatter disease germs. If a damp cloth were substituted for the feather duster and broom, the occupants of houses would get into their mouths and lungs fewer of the bacteria that produce tuberculosis. The air of rooms visited by an uncleanly tuberculosis patient swarms with disease germs, while millions more are attached to particles of dust that settle upon furniture, pictures, bric-a-brac, etc. To scatter these in the air—as in ordinary dusting—is at the same time useless and dangerous. To get away from dust—such is the main object of open air life for consumptives. Dustless air and nourishing food constitute the real basis of the best methods of prevention and cure. The subject is a simple one, within the comprehension of instructors of the lowest grades of the public schools. Pittsburg leads in devising special means of calling attention to it, and her example will undoubtedly find imitators.

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PRESS OPINIONS.

A PACIFIC OUTLOOK.—No appreciable rise in the political temperature has accompanied the departure of the great United States fleet on its long voyage to San Francisco. Criticism pretty much exhausted itself when the cruise was first announced and nothing has since occurred to justify the forebodings of the pessimistic quidnuncs who saw in it a menace to international peace. Whatever may have been or may yet be latent in the minds of President Roosevelt and his advisers, the action of the United States executive was admittedly within its right. As the president himself put it, the fleet is merely despatched from one part of the United States coast to another. The late Lord Salisbury once advised alarmists, who were seeing danger in Russia's advance towards India, to study the map, and the advice might well be commended to present pessimists, who forget the vastness of the Pacific Ocean.

But for the western coast, emigrate over Japanese children and Japanese immigration the transference of the main United States fleet from the Atlantic to the Pacific would have passed unnoticed save for its strictly naval value. To-day that is the aspect which almost exclusively commands attention, and the fact is a tribute to the strictly correct attitude of the Japanese Government. If that were not sufficiently reassuring, synchronously with the departure of the United States navy comes confirmation of the announcement that Japan has adopted a policy of retrenchment extending over the next six years. It involves a reduction in both army and navy expenditure and may easily be taken as a certification that Japan at least is not inclined to settle the supremacy of the Pacific. And the sailing of the United States fleet is no less an assurance that the United States does not look to the east for trouble. Taken all over, the dawn of the eighth year of Canada's century will seemingly find the nations, more than ever before, lapped in a universal law of peace.—Toronto World.

THE DESCRIPTION given of our Canadian Arctic territory in the paper read by Mr. A. H. Harrison before the Royal Geographical Society in London a few days ago, suggests that in the vast regions of our northern hinterland we may possess natural resources of incalculable extent and value. At one time that part of the Hudson's Bay Territory which is now becoming the granary of the continent was held in the same low esteem that the regions beyond the wheat belt are now regarded. But every year prospectors are pushing farther north, and their reports assert that considerable sections of the territories hitherto described as worthless, except for hunting fur-bearing animals, are fit for agriculture, while in the most forbidding wastes enormous mineral deposits of economic value have been discovered. Improved methods of exploration have lessened the terrors of Arctic and sub-Arctic travelling. The rise of Dawson City and the success of parties who have penetrated far into the interior, overcoming the rigors of climate and the difficulties of an unknown geography, point to a not distant time when the whole northland will be generally known in its main features. Enterprise, capital and railways will follow, and the Yukon and Mackenzie territories may some day become permanently populated. The devices of civilization have made life not only endurable but pleasant in regions once thought uninhabitable. Large parties of men are now enjoying healthy and agreeable life in Abitibi, a section of country which was nothing more than a geographical expression three years ago. Mr. Harrison gave a growing account of part of the far north which he traversed in a flat-bottomed boat. He described the country he passed through from Athabasca Landing down to the Arctic Red River as full of vegetation with great power in natural gas, which oozes out for miles along the river bank. When this country is opened by railways, he thought, the benefits to be reaped would be great. Evidently we are only beginning to form an idea of the magnificence of our heritage.—Montreal Witness.

STATION DERELICTS.

In every station one may find those who do not take trains or meet them, nor attend those who do. Some come to the waiting room only to wait—respectable derelicts still hoping that something will turn up, and wrecks who have given up hope. It is a warm place in winter, the seats are comfortable, and thoughtless passengers often obligingly leave newspapers behind them. It makes good waiting. There are so few other places to wait—so cruelly few for women adrift, but not yet founded. Sometimes, to deceive that meddling busybody, the station detective, they carry in travelling bags and pretend to be pulled down with their burdens, empty long since at the pawnshops.—Jesse Lynch Williams in Century.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

Canada, Province of Quebec, District of Quebec, No. 1011 of 1907. The city of Quebec, vs. Plaintiff;

Jean Labrecque, et al. Defendant;

Defendant Jean Labrecque, is ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice.

EDWARD FOLEY, Clerk of the Recorder's Court of the City of Quebec.

Canada, Province of Quebec, District of Quebec, No. 670 of 1907. The city of Quebec, vs. Plaintiff;

J. Albert Spénard, of the City of Quebec, in our District of Quebec, Commercial Traveller, Defendant;

Defendant is ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice.

EDWARD FOLEY, Clerk of the Recorder's Court of the City of Quebec.

Canada, Province of Quebec, District of Quebec, No. 1076 of 1907. The city of Quebec, vs. Plaintiff;

Pierre Marois, of our City of Quebec, in our District of Quebec, Carter, Defendant;

Defendant is ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice.

EDWARD FOLEY, Clerk of the Recorder's Court of the City of Quebec.

Canada, Province of Quebec, District of Quebec, No. 1789 of 1907. The city of Quebec, vs. Plaintiff;

Joseph H. Parent, of our City of Quebec, in our District of Quebec, Civil Service Employee, Defendant;

Defendant is ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice.

EDWARD FOLEY, Clerk of the Recorder's Court of the City of Quebec.

Canada, Province of Quebec, District of Quebec, No. 1046 of 1907. The city of Quebec, vs. Plaintiff;

Malvina Voyer, wife separate as to property from Napoleon Faguy, both of our City of Quebec, in our District of Quebec, mis en cause to authorize his said wife, Defendant;

Defendant is ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice.

EDWARD FOLEY, Clerk of the Recorder's Court of the City of Quebec.

Canada, Province of Quebec, District of Quebec, No. 2111 of 1907. The city of Quebec, vs. Plaintiff;

George Hudon, of our City of Quebec, in our District of Quebec, Merchant, Defendant;

Defendant is ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice.

EDWARD FOLEY, Clerk of the Recorder's Court of the City of Quebec.

Canada, Province of Quebec, District of Quebec, No. 1519 of 1907. The city of Quebec, vs. Plaintiff;

Cyrille Fournier, of our City of Quebec, in our District of Quebec, Laborer, Defendant;

Defendant is ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice.

EDWARD FOLEY, Clerk of the Recorder's Court of the City of Quebec.

Canada, Province of Quebec, District of Quebec, No. 2111 of 1907. The city of Quebec, vs. Plaintiff;

Lawrence Maguire, of our City of Quebec, in our District of Quebec, Civil Service Employee, Defendant;

Defendant is ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice.

EDWARD FOLEY, Clerk of the Recorder's Court of the City of Quebec.

Canada, Province of Quebec, District of Quebec, No. 2111 of 1907. The city of Quebec, vs. Plaintiff;

Lawrence Maguire, of our City of Quebec, in our District of Quebec, Civil Service Employee, Defendant;

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SHIPPING NEWS

C.P.R. LINE.

R.M.S. Empress of Britain, from St. John, via Halifax, arrived at Liverpool on Saturday morning.

DONALDSON LINE.

Steamer Salacia, from Glasgow, arrived at St. John, N.B., on Friday.

THOMSON LINE.

Steamer Iona, arrived at Portland last evening.

QUEBEC STEAMSHIP CO.

Steamer Guiana arrived at New York from the West Indies at noon last Saturday.

Steamer Manoa sailed from New York for the West Indies at noon last Saturday.

ENGLISH BUILDING TRADE.

A statement on the depression in the shipbuilding trade was made at South Shields by Mr. James Headhead, principal of the firm of that name, after the launch of a large steamer from their yard, which was the only vessel on the stocks. He said it was the first time in the history of their firm that they had had nothing on the stocks, and he had never known a worse time for shipyards than the present. Among the causes which had contributed to affect adversely the shipbuilding trade was the Laidlaw Act, passed by the Government a few years ago, which caused vessels to be loaded deeper in the water and enormously increased the carrying power of the shipping of this country. As an Englishman, he thought the tendency should have been to lift the vessels out of the water and increase their freeboard rather than to load them still deeper. Then the price of shipbuilding material had become so high that there was nothing to warrant any one risking capital in laying vessels down, and materials would have to go down in value before they saw much progress in that industry. In regard to material, they were taxed in such a way that they could not be expected to compete with the foreigner, for British manufacturers were supplying foreign shipbuilders with material at as much as 15s a ton less than they were to home builders, and they had been doing that for some time. At the present day there was not a shipyard in Norway, Sweden or Germany but was full of work, while our own shipyard workers were starving.

MANY BUOYS MISSING.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 20.—"I have never in all my experience seen the aids to navigation along the western shore of Nova Scotia in such a disordered state as they are at present," declared Captain J. McKinnon, of the Senelec, to-day, and he declared that the present state of affairs is fraught with great danger to life and property. Captain McKinnon declared that between Halifax and Yarmouth there is hardly a buoy in its proper position, and several of them are missing entirely. The gas buoy off Liverpool Harbor is not in working order. The combined gas and automatic buoy off Little Hope has been struck by some vessel and badly damaged and all have been carried away. As reported at the time of the loss of the Kildona, the Brazil Rock buoy has gone to sea. The buoy at Blonde Rock has gone adrift and the Fairway buoy off Pubnico harbor is missing from its proper position. To the westward of Yarmouth Captain McKinnon says he noticed that two buoys off Brier Islands are missing.

THE SHIP CHANNEL.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—The work of improving the ship channel of the St. Lawrence has progressed during the past season of navigation in a very satisfactory way, and a large amount of dredging was done between Montreal and Quebec and also below Quebec. The work has been going on for a number of years now, and the object is to give an available channel thirty feet deep from Montreal to Father Point, a distance of 340 miles in all. In order to get this thirty-foot depth, seventy miles of the channel required dredging and at the end of last season fifty-six out of the seventy were finished, while during the past season four more were completed, leaving only ten miles to dredge yet. The reason of the comparatively small extent of ground being covered this year was the fact that some of the dredges were working in shale rock all summer, where the progress is of necessity slow.

The work this season started on the first of May and ended on the 29th of November. The Department of Marine and Fisheries had during this time six elevator dredges at work between Montreal and Quebec and the hydraulic dredge, J. Israel Tarte in Lake St. Peter, while below Quebec the Galveston, or No. 9, was working. The new dredge Benjue, build during the year by the department, was completed and also worked below Quebec for about ten days.

Below Bastian, six dredges were working all the season. Two of these, the Laval and the Baldwin, were working at earth and boulders, and the former worked 72 per cent. of the full time, and the latter 68 per cent. The other four were working in the shale rock at Cap Rouge. These four, the Aberdeen, Minto, Lafontaine and the Laurier averaged from 64 to 69 per cent. of the full time.

The two dredges working in the clay took out during the year 724,000 cubic yards of material, while the four at work on the rocks totalled 908,000 cubic yards. That record went to the Tarte as far as the amount of material taken out goes, for the 165 days this boat was at work on Lake St. Peter the amount of material removed was 2,796,625 cubic yards.

Dredge No. 9, formerly known as the Galveston, is the one that underwent so many accidents during last summer, first in the St. Lawrence and then at St. John, N.B., to which place it was taken in the middle of the season. At the beginning of the season this dredge was at St. John, and it arrived back in the St. Lawrence in June, starting work below Quebec on the 24th of that month. From that date until the 24th of November, No. 9 took out 358,500 feet of sand and gravel, the record thus being as good as that of the other machines at work.

The total cost of the work has not

yet been made up, but it is expected that this year's operations will cost close to \$350,000. Last season the cost of the work per cubic yard was 5.9-10 cents, but owing to the very large amount of rock work that was carried on this season the cost will be somewhat increased, and it is thought that it will be about 7 cents per cubic yard.

During the past year the depth of water in the ship channel has been very good, and the average depth for the various months was as follows: May, 37 feet 1 inch; June, 35.9; July, 34.8; August, 32.10; September, 32.4; October, 32.9; November, 33.7. The highest during the season was on May 2nd, when 38.3 was registered, and the lowest on September 2nd with 31.10, that is, a foot and ten inches above the thirty feet at high tide.

Accidents between the two points, Montreal and Father Point, during the season were very few, and in fact there was practically only one, that to the Montreal in Lake St. Peter.

MARCONIGRAM.

Siacosnet, Mass., Dec. 22.—Steamer Hamburg, from Genoa and Naples, for New York, was 130 miles east of Nantucket lighthouse at noon. Will dock 11.30 a.m., Monday.

STEAMER WRECKED.

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 22.—The whaling steamer Austral, recently an Argentine naval transport, and prior to that the Franciscan, on which the explorer, M. Charcot in 1903-04 made his southern expedition, has been totally wrecked in a fierce gale on the Uruguayan Coast. She carried 25 persons, including the members of the Meteorological Observatory for Wandel Island. All were saved, however, by the Messageries Maritime steamship Amazon.

OCEAN ARRIVALS.

December 21.—
SS Kronprinz Wilhelm, at New York, from Bremen.
SS Lusitania, at Liverpool, from New York.
SS Celtic, at Liverpool, from New York.
SS Empress of Britain, at Liverpool, from St. John, N.B.
SS Montezuma, at Antwerp, from Montreal.
SS Vaderland, at Antwerp, from New York.
SS Celtic, at Gibraltar, from New York.
SS Friedrich Der Grosse, at Genoa, from New York.
SS Lusitania, at Naples, from New York.
SS Italia, at Naples, from New York.
SS Philadelphia, at Plymouth, from New York.

December 22.—
SS Caledonia, at New York, from Glasgow.
SS Regina Ditalia, at New York, from Naples.
SS Liguria, at New York, from Naples.
SS Bohemian, at Liverpool, from Boston.

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HOW GHOST WAS LAID.

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Parties of intrepid youths leagued themselves in desperate brotherhoods "to lay the spectre," and the district was in such a ferment that police emissaries went forth in the hope of penetrating the mystery. The watchers were rewarded by getting to close quarters with the apparition, and then it was discovered that a sedate Birmingham tradesman, who resides in the locality, was the innocent cause of all the excitement. Being deaf, he was afraid lest he should be running on the road while taking his evening walk, and he hit upon the idea of appraising himself in a long white cloak, and hat to match, so as to provide a ready mark for the eye of approaching motorists or cyclists.

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Berlin and Shetland Wools, special line of Shetland Floss 16 oz for \$1.20 also Slipper Socks.

Fancy Needle Cases Best quality Pearl Head Pins all shades 5c card.

Scissors, best quality from 15c and a complete assortment of imported small wares.

Parisian Cut P. C. Corsets, 25 new styles the best fitting corset in the market guaranteed.

"Special"

20 dozen Blouse Waists 1908 goods some at cost and balance at 10 p.c. discount. Open evenings from 7 to 9.

E. J. DYNES,

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49 John St.

IN AND ABOUT TOWN

CHRISTMAS CHEER LEVIS GUIGNOLEE

Management of the Chronicle Remembers Employees of the Company.

In accordance with annual custom, at the Christmas season, every employee of the Chronicle Printing Company on Saturday took home a fine turkey for his Christmas dinner. No distinction was made, and from the oldest employee down to the newest boy, even of only a week's standing, each received his bird. It took just fifty-five turkeys to go round, and they presented a noble appearance prior to the distribution. Each bird was accompanied with a neat card conveying the kindly good wishes of the management for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to every employee of the Chronicle.

The zeal and loyalty which permeates every employee of the Chronicle has become proverbial, and has been built up in no small degree by the consideration with which they have at all times been treated by the company and the presentation of Saturday last was only another sample of the kindly thoughtfulness which has created such a good feeling to exist at all times between employer and employee in the Chronicle.

Orchids, Lilly of the Valley, Sweet Peas in abundance, Mrs. Lemieux.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Mrs. Leon Roy, 57 years of age, a resident of St. Lambert, died suddenly in the latter parish on Saturday morning. Dr. Jolicœur will hold an inquest at St. Lambert this morning.

SEMI-READY.

Semi-Ready is sold at "Faguy, Lepinay & Frere," only avoid to be deceived. The Semi-Ready.

FAGUY, LEPINAY & FRERE.

RECORDER'S COURT.

Five prisoners, charged with drunkenness, appeared before the Recorder on Saturday. They were fined in sums ranging from \$2 and costs to \$10 each.

20 % DISCOUNT

Off Cut Steel and Fancy Back and Side Combs, also off all Blouse Waists and White wear (1908 goods), at Dynes', 49 John Street.—See advt.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The Treasurer of the Ladies' City Mission desires to acknowledge, with many thanks, the receipt of twenty dollars, from the St. Andrew's Society.

MONDAY MORNING AT 8 O'CLOCK

A fine lot of Linoleum oilcloths will be sold at 34 cents only. Take advantage of this.

MARCEAU & CIE.

155 St. Joseph street.

QUEBEC TRANSPORTATION CLUB.

In our report of last Friday's meeting of the City Council, the name of the Quebec Transportation Club should have appeared as having been voted a grant of \$200, instead of the Quebec Transport Co.

DO NOT FAIL TO VISIT.

Our store, we're showing a larger and more attractive line in fancy goods and novelties for Christmas.

FAGUY, LEPINAY & FRERE.

FUNERAL OF MR. LARUE.

Owing to the funeral of the late Mr. Larue taking place this morning at 8.45, the funeral of Mr. H. Larue advertised for 9 o'clock, will only leave the Hotel Dieu at 9.30.

DOLLS HALF PRICE.

Messrs. Simons & Minguy offer the remainder of their dressed and undressed dolls at half price. Come at once as we have only small quantities left.

NAME OMITTED.

In the list of subscribers to the banquet given to Hon. L. A. Tascheau on Thursday last the name of Mr. Cyrille Faguy was inadvertently omitted.

SPECIALTY.

We are keeping exclusive patterns and we ask your judgment on the assortments, we control.

FAGUY, LEPINAY & FRERE.

IMPORTANT MEETING TO-DAY.

Those members of the Garrison Club, who are interested in the retention of the Squash Ball Court, are holding a meeting at the Garrison Club this afternoon at 5 o'clock. It is earnestly desired that every member interested will be present at this important meeting.

DO NOT FORGET.

That if you want a bargain and get the latest novelties, you should visit the establishment of

MARCEAU & CIE.

155 St. Joseph street.

A visit is solicited.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR EXCURSION FROM NEW ENGLAND TO MONTREAL AND QUEBEC.

For the convenience of residents of New England States who intend visiting Montreal and Quebec during Christmas and New Year holidays tickets will be sold at greatly reduced rates. These reduced tickets will be obtainable at stations on the Boston & Maine, Vermont Central and New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad in conjunction with the Canadian Pacific Railway, and will be good to leave on December 30th and 31st, 1907, January 1st and 2nd, 1908, to return up to January 25th. Stop-over privilege at stations in Canada on direct line.

Cut out this advertisement and send it to your New England friend. These great reductions will certainly induce them to come and pay you a visit.

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Levis Commercial Travellers Made Very Successful Collection Saturday.

The annual guignolee collection for the poor by the commercial travellers in Levis came to an end on Saturday. The travellers started out on Friday night, and also were out on Saturday during the day.

The travellers report a very successful collection, and one much in advance of that of previous years. Over \$400 in cash was contributed by the generous residents of the town across the river, while many sleighloads of provisions and other offerings in kind were also taken up.

Great Difference in Corn Cures Many are destructive to the flesh and dangerous to use, but the old reliable Putnam's Corn Extractor removes Corns, Warts and Bunions, without pain in 24 hours. No pain, no failure. "Putnam's" cures.

ARM CUT OFF.

Yesterday afternoon a lad named Langlois was sliding at Bienville, Levis, when his sleigh was caught by a passing electric car. The unfortunate lad was dragged a certain distance under one of the wheels and when the car was stopped and the lad taken out one of his arms was almost cut off. He was conveyed to the Hotel Dieu at Levis where the injured arm had to be amputated.

BELIEVE IN US.

We have the best and brightest display of Christmas goods, toys or useful things there is in Quebec. A visit if you please. Read our advt.

FAGUY, LEPINAY & FRERE.

LITERARY AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

The Society has been presented by Sir James LeMoine with a full set of his historical works, consisting of those treating of the history of Quebec, a complete set of the "Maple Leaves Series" and the memoirs and essays read by him at the annual meetings of the Royal Society in Ottawa from its foundation. These volumes, in a plain, but solid binding, are now exposed on the library tables for the reference of members in quest of information on Canadian history.

"I'd rather be dead than suffer again the tortures of insomnia, palpitation and nervous twitching of my muscles induced by simple neglect of a little indigestion." These are the forceful and warning words of a lady who proclaims that her cure by South American Nerve when everything else had failed was a modern miracle. A few doses gives relief.—92 Sold by L. E. Martel.

CARD OF THANKS.

Certain employees of the electric railway wish, through the press, to thank the residents of No. 1 St. Louis street, who kindly provided them with a lunch on Thursday evening last while the cars were held up.

Pipes, Havana Cigars, Gun Metal Cases, Pouches, at Wallings.

NEW PAPER APPEARS.

The first issue of the new paper, L'Action Sociale, made its appearance on Saturday. Though a large edition was printed, it was speedily sold out. The paper consisted of twelve pages, and contained a number of interesting articles.

PRESENTATION.

An interesting event took place at the Union Bank on Friday afternoon, when the Hon. John Sharples, President of the institution, was presented with a handsome clock by the directors and friends who recently accompanied him on his trip to the west, the presentation being made as a souvenir of the trip.

NO HUMBUG.

When we say it is a job, you may say it is. Read our big advt.

FAGUY, LEPINAY & FRERE.

REMEMBERED BY HIS FRIENDS.

On Saturday evening last, a number of his friends presented Magistrate A. Tourangeau, of Beauce, on the occasion of his visit to Quebec, with a handsome case of pipes, tobacco pouch and a gentleman's companion. The presentation took place at the Auditorium Cafe, and was followed by a banquet, when a number of speeches were delivered and a most pleasant evening was spent.

FOR CHRISTMAS.

Fancy French Combs, for ladies, worth 10c., to \$15.00.

FAGUY, LEPINAY & FRERE,

254-264 St. John Street.

ACADEMY ROLLAWAY.

Saturday was a regular gala day at this popular amusement place. There is no doubt that the young people enjoy roller skating, the fascinating and graceful pastime. Nothing in the amusement line is so attractive and popular with everyone. Best of order is maintained, the building is well ventilated by the new system installed while the rink was being renovated gives good, fresh pure air and is comfortably heated for spectators.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Everything in groceries of the very best quality for your Xmas dinner table will be found at the family grocery of J. Savard, at No. 35 St. John street. Our stocks are always fresh and our assortment of "good things to eat" was never so large or so varied as at the present time. All orders for any part of the city or country receive our careful attention and are shipped on the shortest possible notice. We would again call your attention to the advantage of doing your Christmas shopping early, and we have to thank our many valued customers for their quick response to this appeal in former years, and trust they will gain favor us with their lists just as soon as convenient. J. Savard, Grocer, Phone 1288.

FIFTY PRISONERS

Transferred to the Quebec Gaol from Montreal Saturday.

Owing to the overcrowded condition of the Montreal district gaol 50 prisoners were transferred to the Quebec prison on Saturday, arriving by the afternoon C.P.R. train. The 50 prisoners were in charge of a dozen Montreal constables, under Capt. Baker, all of whom were armed with carbines. The disembarking of the 25 pairs of handcuffed men at Quebec was speedily effected and they were at once driven out to the gaol in two street cars. They were met on arrival by the gaol guards and a detachment of the Provincial police. The prisoners are all long-term.

The Montreal jail has been overcrowded since the winter commenced that Governor Vallee has hardly known how to dispose of his prisoners, and it is at his request that arrangements have been made to transfer fifty to Quebec.

The transfer leaves Governor Vallee with 336 prisoners in his charge, which is as large a number as is usual at this time of the year.

The increase is attributed by the police authorities to the growth of the city and absence of restrictions on immigration, as most of the prisoners are foreigners, who have not been long in the country.

ARBITRATORS MEET

To Hear Quebec Motion in Regard to Outstanding Accounts with Dominion.

The Board of Arbitrators appointed in 1891 for the settlement of accounts outstanding at the time of Confederation between the Dominion of Canada and the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, met in Toronto last week to hear argument on a motion made by the Province of Quebec in relation to what is known as the common school fund. The principal of the fund is held by the Dominion, and income it is divided between the provinces.

The arbitrators are Sir John Boyd, Chancellor of Ontario; Hon. Mr. Justice Burdick, of the Exchequer Court; and Sir F. Langelle, of the Superior Court of the Province of Quebec, who succeeds to the position made vacant by the resignation of Sir Louis Napoleon Casault. Ontario is represented by Sir Aedius Irving, K.C., and G. F. Shepley, K.C.; Quebec by Messrs. E. Lafleur and A. Geoffroy, K.C.; and the Dominion of Canada by Mr. W. D. Hogg, K.C., of Ottawa. Mr. T. A. Audette is secretary in the school fund case. About \$200,000 is estimated to be at stake. It has been the subject of four awards by the arbitrators and has been before the judicial committee of the Privy Council.

To accommodate the holiday trade, Holt, Renfrew & Co's establishment will be kept open Monday and Tuesday evenings, 23rd and 24th inst.

CERCLE DES VOYAGEURS DE QUEBEC.

The annual meeting of the Cercle des Voyageurs de Quebec took place on Saturday evening in the club rooms, over 200 members being present. The past year was the most prosperous in the annals of the association and their financial statement was most encouraging. Since last meeting, the Association was pleased to state that the railway companies had given their members better facilities for travelling.

The Cercle decided to take part in the coming snowshoe carnival. The Quebec and Levis ferry service was also taken into consideration and a committee was appointed to study the question of the next ferry contract so as to secure better service. This committee is composed of Messrs. P. Paradis, R. Dubord, V. E. Beauvais, Jos. Cote, L. A. Moisan, J. At. Lavergne, Geo. Van Felsow and C. J. Lockwell.

Have a box of Roses and Violets done up by Mrs. Lemieux, the most appropriate present from a gentleman to a lady.

A QUIET DAY.

The firemen had no alarms yesterday. The ambulance was called out once to move a sick person.

American Beauties, Killarney Roses, the grand Christmas treat to be had at Mrs. Lemieux's.

WANT TO BE TOWNS.

Notice is given in the last number of the Official Gazette that the Corporation of Limoilou will apply to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, at its next session, for an act to incorporate the municipality of Limoilou as a town.

Similar notice has also been given in the Official Gazette on behalf of the parish of Notre Dame de Quebec.

SILK AND SILK UNDERSKIRTS

This morning will be offered for sale a job of plain and fancy colored silks (balance of stock) worth \$1.50 for 49c. and 79c. Also a lot of a sorted colored silk undershirts worth \$4.75 for \$1.99. The sale will begin at 9 o'clock.

T. BELAND & CIE.,

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A CHANGE IS NEEDED.

Through the long winter months one needs a change. Why go South when "The Welland," St. Catherine's, offers an environment at moderate cost which will minister to the tired nerves and worn out bodies? Try the tonic influence of "The St. Catherine's Well" and the restful influence of "The Welland."

Apply the manager, St. Catherine's, or any Agent of Grand Trunk Railway System.

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This season's most luxurious overcoats are "Fashion-Craft" \$15. to \$40., Roy & Roy, 178 St. John St.



THE New Scale Williams PIANO

Has a Christmas Tone and Cheer the whole year around

Because It's a genuine Piano with every piece of material in it of the finest—every workman on it a true artisan.

Because It is planned and built by musicians for musicians. Fifty years of tone study goes into every instrument that leaves the factory.

Because Its style and finish are artistic, through and satisfying. True art never becomes tiresome to look at. A new Scale Williams Piano always furnishes the room in which it is placed.

Every member of the family will appreciate it.

OUR VERY REASONABLE PRICES combined with OUR EASY TERMS OF PAYMENTS enable you to possess one of those valuable pianos.

WE NOW HAVE A VERY LARGE ASSORTMENT ON HAND BEST TIME NOW FOR A CHOICE.

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HOLIDAY GOODS

Fold Screens, Work Tables, Card Tables, Cellerettes, Costume Poles, Tabourettes, Parlor Tables, Wall Cabinets, Clocks, Easels, Bookstands, Plate Racks, Music Stands, Reed Chairs, Hall Chairs, Hall Seats, Hall Chairs,

Baby Couches, Baby Morris Chairs, Kindergarten Sets, Pedestals, Umbrella Stands, Ladies Desks, Bookcases, China Closets, Parlor Cabinets, Den Chairs, Den Tables, Medicine Cabinets, Tea Tables, Buffets, Sideboards, Side Tables, Library Tables,

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37 GRACECHURCH ST. LONDON, E.C.
The "PEARL" NEW METAL
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Shopping in December.

Only 3 days shopping for Christmas and 10 days for New Year's, make haste ask our tickets for our brass bed worth \$48.00. All our tickets are goods.

Useful gifts and toys of all kinds, the qualities surpass the quantity. Our tickets are good still after the drawing. For every dollar's worth of goods you buy for cash you get a ticket. Ask for them.

Never put a thing off till to-morrow when it can be done today. Have you never been disappointed ladies and gentlemen at the last minute for putting off a purchase which you could have done at once. Then why not take our advice and choose what is needed now, when our assortment is fully complete.

Read This Ad Gentlemen

Novelties in scarfs, belts, fancy collars, and hollers. Fancy handkerchiefs in lawn with embroidery 5c. to 75c. Silk Handkerchiefs 15c. to \$1.00.

Special Christmas Gift for Ladies

A nice tea gown, or a beautiful dressing jacket. Your wife will appreciate for Christmas one of our splendid blouses. This means the kind you want and the kind we have. Ladies' dressing gown, made of nice Eiderdown, well trimmed, very pretty \$4.00 to \$6.75. What do you think for Christmas of a chic petticoat in moiré or in silk. This week, there is a plum for you. Moiré, \$1.25 to \$6.00, silk, \$2.95 to \$15.00.

Ladies' Please Your Husband for Christmas.

What do you think of a nice Semi-Ready suit or a nice Paddock Coat. Come and see our fancy vests.

Men's Useful Thing for Christmas

Leader hand bag, travelling cases, cigar and cigarette cases, cigar holders, canes, pipes, leather writing pad, smoking table.

Just the thing for your husband, a smoking jacket or a morning gown.

10 cases of toys just arrived in time for Christmas and New Year.

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DIED
BARRHAY—On the 20th December, 1907, Felix Carbay, aged 72 years. Funeral will leave his late residence, Benbury Place (No. 1 Hamel street) on Monday morning, the 23rd inst., at 8.45 a.m., for St. Patrick's Church and thence to St. Patrick's Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

Montreal, Chicago, and Boston papers please copy. Please omit flowers.
LARUE—At the Hotel Dieu, on the 20th instant, Dr. Henri Larue, son of ex-Legislative Councillor P. Larue, and son-in-law of Hon. Senator Godbout.

Funeral service will take place at Hotel Dieu at 9 o'clock on Monday morning, after which funeral will leave for the ferry, and thence to Beauveville, where a Libria will be sung and interment take place in family lot, where his wife and two children are buried.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

The body may be viewed by friends at the mortuary chamber at Hotel Dieu until Monday morning.

MINTYRE—On Dec. 21st, Elizabeth McIntyre, beloved wife of the late Jos. Rowbotham, aged 72 years and nine months.

Funeral will leave her son's residence, Robert Rowbotham, 9 Drolet street, on Tuesday, 24th instant, at 2 p.m. for St. Matthew's Church, thence to Mount Hermon Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully requested to attend without further notice.

Montreal, Boston, New Orleans, Whitefield, N.H., and Atlanta, Ga., papers please copy.

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE.

The anniversary service of the late Jos. Eug. Drolet, formerly civil service employee, will take place at St. Jean Baptiste Church, on Monday, 23rd December, at 7 a.m.
Friends and relatives are respectfully invited to attend.

BENNETT'S
THIS WEEK
BORDLEWY
World's Greatest Rife Shot, A Revelation in Marksmanship.
PAUL LE CROIX—The Funny Juggler.
DORA WONGCA—The Gypsy Violinist.
CORON AND HERBERT
An Acrobatic Novelty Consisting of a Barrel of Fun.
ZARETSKY TROUPE—Of Russian Dancers.
HERBERT CYRIL—The English Johnnie Speed Engagement—J. M. Hutchison and Rollin Rainbridge Co. Presenting a Roaring Comedy Sketch.
MATINEE DAILY 2.30 P.M. PRICES 15c-50c
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The Best of all
"ROLLER SKATING"
EVERY BODY LIKES IT
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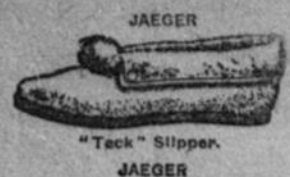
Great Reduction—Simons & Minguy.

Furs of All Kinds—Holt, Renfrew & Co.

Christmas Presents—Grondin the Tobaccoist.

Pommery Champagne—

SPECIAL 'XMAS PRESENTS of JAEGER Pure Wool



Fleece Lined Slippers for Ladies and Gentlemen, in plain colors and fancy checks, from.....\$1.00



Jaeger Long Scarfs of Pure Wool Lace—30 in x 90 in, in white or black, also in white and colored spots and figures at 75c and \$1.00



Pure Wool Lace Shawls, 48 inches square, in white and black from.....75c.

Dressing Gowns from.....\$10.00

Also Kimonos, Dressing Jackets in Fancy Delaines, Silk trimmed, Fancy knitted Waistcoats, Golfers, Golf Jackets, Sweaters, and many more delightful and useful articles pre-eminently suited for Xmas presents, are to be seen at the stores of—

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If we can help you show good will to your friends we will be most happy to do so.

Turkeys & Chickens, Teas & Coffees, Cakes & Candies, Brandies & Wines, Pickles & Preserves, Biscuits, Etc.

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BEEF, 20 Pounds for - - - \$1.00
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THE PEN WITH THE CLIP CAP.

Taper Cap Holders, chased, No. 24, \$4.00. Other sizes \$2.50 to \$6.00.

Cone Cap Holders, chased, No. 14, \$4.00. Other sizes \$2.50 to \$6.00.

Silver Fillings, No. 14, \$7.00. Other sizes at \$5.00, \$6.50 and \$9.50.

Cone Cap Holders, plain, No. 14, \$4.00. Other sizes \$2.50 to \$6.00.

Cone Cap, gold mounted holders, No. 14, \$5.00. Other sizes \$3.50 to \$7.00.

Taper Cap Holders, gold mounted, No. 24, \$6.00. Other sizes \$3.50 to \$7.00.

MOORE'S, 148 ST. JOHN STREET
Quebec.

LATEST SPORTING NEWS

CURLING BONSPIEL TALK OF EXPANSION

Very Successful Event on Ice of Quebec Club on Saturday.

The big club bonspiel of the members of the Quebec Curling Club, which took place Saturday afternoon and evening, was a most successful as well as pleasant event, and provided a fine lot of sport, there being many interesting contests among the twelve rinks engaged. Six rinks represented the President and six the Vice-President, and they played in three detachments, two sections in the afternoon and one at night.

The President's side came out victorious. The ice was a great improvement over that of the previous night, when the Dewar Shield match was played, the colder weather having keyed it up to concert pitch, a concession greatly appreciated by the curlers. The winning skips on the President's side were Messrs. F. S. Stocking, Major Davidson, T. Delany and W. Brodie, while those who pulled out for the Vice-President were Messrs. J. G. Bruneau and G. H. Henderson.

There was beef and greens at the club-house after the afternoon's matches, when the members enjoyed a very pleasant curlers' dinner, and had a braw social time.

The players and scores in the matches were as follows:—

President. Vice-President.

2.15 P.M.

F. Bennett D. A. Greig
E. G. Fry T. E. Andrews
G. H. Henderson A. Veasey
F. S. Stocking C. M. Brodie

Skip—12 Skip—5

S. R. Peacock F. W. Marsh
N. Fletcher L. Denis
W. W. Johnston R. D. Greig
A. Laurie J. G. Bruneau

Skip—8 Skip—16

4 P.M.

W. Darlington J. G. Townsley
C. Holliday Dr. Chambers
J. K. Boswell W. J. Fraser
W. H. Davidson D. Jewell

Skip—22 Skip—2

J. J. Conway A. Simons
A. Hay N. Fletcher
W. W. Johnston J. A. Sheehan
Arch. Miller G. H. Henderson

Skip—7 Skip—10

8 P.M.

H. B. Polikow M. Sibthorpe
W. C. Bickell M. Holliday
S. Grogan A. Laurie
T. Delany Arch. Miller

Skip—13 Skip—10

J. G. Townsley J. J. Conway
E. E. Ross C. de V. Harwood
Rev. Mr. Clark W. W. Johnston
W. Brodie E. Pope

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Inter-Provincial Rugby Union Had a Most Successful Season.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—At a general meeting of the Inter-Provincial Rugby Union held here this afternoon, President Ballard, of Hamilton, was in the chair, and the following delegates were present:—Montreal—Jas. P. Craig, Dr. A. D. Irvine; Ottawa—Thos. F. Clancy, P. J. Baskerville; Hamilton—Dr. W. G. Thompson, J. A. McKay; Argonauts—Joe. Wright, F. Thompson; Peterboro—C. R. Cameron.

It was decided to commit the government of the Union to a Board of Governors of five members, one from each of the four original clubs and a fifth to be chosen by the first four, and an executive committee to consist of a President and a member from each club in the Union.

P. D. Ross, Ottawa, J. A. Taylor, Montreal, Robert McKay, Toronto, and R. F. Stule, Hamilton, were elected governors and it is expected that T. P. Galt, of Toronto, will be the fifth.

A successful season was reported with a balance on hand of \$238.45.

An intermediate and junior series will be formed consisting of eastern and western sections. The Union was strongly in favor of expansion and Peterboro and other clubs desiring to become members will be given favorable recommendation.

The following officers were elected: President, Percy Molson, Montreal; Vice-President, W. H. Seymour, Hamilton. The Secretary will be appointed by the new President. The clubs will be represented as follows on the executive:—Ottawa, P. J. Baskerville; Argonauts, F. H. Thompson; Hamilton, Geo. Ballard; Montreal, W. C. Hagar.

CONTRACT JUMPERS

Fined and Suspended at Meeting of Senior Hockey League.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—Glass fined \$50 and suspended till January 10th; Johnston fined \$25 without suspension, and a new rule adopted that contracts in future must be deposited with the League and any player breaking them suspended.

This was the business in a nutshell transacted by the E.C.H.A. at its special meeting at the Windsor yesterday afternoon. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Geo. Cameron, President, the clubs being represented as follows:—Messrs. Blair Russell and Fred McRobie, Victoria; W. Hunphy and W. P. Lunny, Shamrock; Power and Lynch, Quebec; Jennings and Hodge, Wanderers; Lester Boyd, Montreal.

Ottawa was not represented. The meeting, it transpired, was called as the result of a letter from the Montreal Hockey Club, complaining of the action of Glass and Johnston.

President Cameron said that the real reason for asking for a meeting on such short notice was to give Glass and Johnston a chance to defend themselves before going to Winnipeg. Mr. Power said he did not quite understand what the charges were against Glass and Johnston and what it was intended to do with them.

Mr. Boyd read their contracts and showed that they had broken their contracts by not turning up to practice when asked to do so.

Mr. Hodge said the League had nothing to do with contracts. Mr. Boyd said that according to the constitution contracts could be discussed and action could be taken on them.

Mr. Hodge then made an explanation. He said: "Glass and Johnston were virtually bound to us. They accepted money from us. From what I heard, there was some misrepresentation, and after the men had signed, they saw their mistake, and asked Montreal to be released, because they preferred to play with the Wanderers."

Mr. Power asked what was meant by the word "misrepresentation"?

Mr. Hodge said that he understood certain well-known hockey players were to play with Montreal.

When asked to name the men, he named Arthur Ross.

Then came a bunch of affidavits—first some from Dr. Cameron and Mr. Leslie H. Boyd, to the effect that the players told the M.A.A. officials that the players had told them they were not bound to any club, and that they were never told that Arthur Ross was to play with Montreal. Then others from Glass and Johnston, exactly the contrary.

Mr. Power brought out the fact that Ernest Russell was present when the contracts were signed.

Dr. Cameron pointed out that apparently the men had misrepresented the situation to both parties.

Mr. Hodge then made another statement. He said Glass and Johnston agreed to play for them at least a week before they went to Montreal to dicker. No contract was made, but they gave their word. After they had signed with Montreal they went back to the Wanderers and said they had done wrong, and would like to play with Wanderers. When money was talked, they were told that no terms would be made till they made their position clear. They were also told that they could not expect any better terms than had been originally agreed upon.

Mr. Boyd then told what actually

happened. Ernest Russell came into the room in which Glass and Johnston were with Messrs. Boyd and Cameron. They asked Russell who he was going to play with. Russell said he was going to play for Montreal. They said that was satisfactory, and signed their contracts with Montreal. After the contracts were signed, one of them asked: "What about Arthur Ross?" and Dr. Cameron said: "I am going to see Ross to-night. If we get him we will get another man just as good." That was all that was said about Ross.

Mr. Power, of Quebec, then wanted to know what the meeting could do when there were two affidavits on either side.

"What the meeting can do," said Mr. Hodge, "is to pass a rule to prevent this thing in the future."

After that there was a sort of an informal discussion, which seemed to be of a most friendly nature.

It finally came down to the drafting of a rule to be embodied in the constitution to the effect that contracts should in future be recognized.

Mr. Power at last started the discussion again by making a motion that Glass, on account of his being his second offense, be fined \$50, and suspended till the 10th of January, and that Johnston be fined \$25 without suspension, provided that the Wanderers will agree to see that the fines do not come out of the club funds, but out of their private pockets. Mr. Jennings, President of the Wanderers, promised to see to this. The motion was passed by the delegation present, but Dr. Cameron did not vote.

The new motion of the recognition of contracts now existing, was also passed. It provides that in future they must be at once deposited with the League, and players breaking them will be suspended.

Meanwhile Johnston and Glass had left for the West ahead of the Wanderer team in order to forestall any action of the Montreal Club to prevent them playing, and joined the other members at North Bay.

The Wanderer team will be picked from Ross, Glass, Johnston, Stuart, Chipchase, Walter Small, Ernie Liffton, Armstrong and Menard.

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Anne had courted the Indian maiden for six months. Clandestine meetings followed the objection of her father to dicker. He did not want her to marry outside of her own race.

Anne and the girl fled on horseback to the moonlight. A minister, waiting at the junction of the Red and Kimita rivers, performed the ceremony in mid-stream. The party wheeled their horses to continue on their way when a rifle shot rang out, and a bullet buzzed past the minister's face and pierced Annie's arm. The rifle was fired from the woods on the river bank.

Quick as a flash the ranger whipped his revolver from its holster and fired into the woods near the spot where the flash was seen. Fearful lest the would-be assassin might be one of her tribe, the bride toggled at her husband's sleeve until he consented to flee from the spot on the gallop.

The bridal party galloped to the nearest village, where Anne received surgical attention.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Quebec Council No. 446

Members are requested to attend the funeral of our late lamented brethren Felix Carbray, Esq., and Dr. H. La-Rue, which will take place on Monday, the 23rd inst., as follows:—That of the late F. Carbray, Esq., leaving his late residence No. 1 Hamel street, at 8.45 a.m. sharp for St. Patrick's Church, and that of the late Dr. H. La-Rue, leaving the Hotel Dieu Hospital at 9.30 a.m., sharp for the Chapel of the Hotel Dieu.

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LA GUIGNOLEE

Statement of 1906 Collection —1907 Committees and Divisions.

Our readers are too well acquainted with the value and merits of the La Guignolee Xmas eve collection to require any further information upon the subject, suffice to say that this collection is made by the Commercial Travellers Association of this city, for the benefit of the poor, irrespective of creed or nationality. Without a doubt this is the greatest of all our philanthropic organizations, as proven by the 1906 collection and distribution. There must be no mistake, everyone must assist no matter how small the contribution. The English secretary wishes to solicit a more generous aid from our English speaking citizens, Roman Catholics and Protestants, Irish or English. There must be no reflects, this work is not a hold-up, but a spontaneous effort at a time of rejoicing, when our generous impulse forces us to remember the poor and needy. Let us share our joys and ours shall be the greater.

A glance at last year's report will show that last year's contributions totalled some \$2,500, all collected in twelve hours. The English-speaking population is only 10 per cent. of the citizens of Quebec and we are certainly the wealthy class nevertheless. The distribution gave the English and Irish section 20 per cent. of the total and did we give our proportion according to our means? For this reason we must this year not only help our own but the large mass of the poor.

La Guignolee 1906 distribution:—
Section Notre Dame (Upper and Lower Town).—To Rev. Father Faguy, Cure of Quebec, \$300; conference N. D. de Quebec, conference N. D. des Victoires, conference de la Garde, conference, St. Jean des Bechemins, Petits Sœurs des Pauvres, Patronage, provisions and clothing. Hon. Richard Turner, \$250, distributed to Jeffrey Hale's Hospital, Salvation Army and poor families by Miss Richardson. To Rev. Father Henning, \$200, to St. Bridget's Asylum, provisions.
Section St. Jean Baptiste.—To Rev. J. D. Beaudoin, \$462.89, to Conference Sr. Vincent of Paul twelve loads provisions and clothing. To Mgr. Ant. Gauvreau, \$425, to Conference St. Vincent of Paul, fifteen loads of provisions and clothing.
Section St. Sauveur.—To Rev. W. Valiquette \$217.70, to Conference St. Vincent de Paul, eight loads of provisions and clothing.
Section Jacques Cartier.—To Rev. P. E. Roy, \$160.76; to St. Vincent of Paul Societies, six loads provisions and clothing.
Section St. Malo.—To Rev. H. Bouffard, \$65; to St. Vincent of Paul Societies, three loads provisions. The incidental expenses were some \$15.

Will the collection of 1907 be larger rests with you kind readers to decide. One thing certain is that we hope to see all branch offices of outside first lending their assistance to this great work, so let us all bear in mind this beautiful maxim: "He who gives to the poor, lends to God." The following gentlemen of the Commercial Travellers' Association will collect in the respective divisions of the city:—
Section Notre Dame (Upper and Lower Town, Palais and Grand Allee, to St. Claire street).—Sect. President, Roger Godin, of Thibaudau Freres, Quebec; French Secretary, P. J. Paradis, W. R. Johnston & Co., Toronto; English Secretary, Geo. Van Felson, New York Life Insurance Co., New York; Israel Gourdeau, of Greenfields Ltd., Montreal; A. E. Tremblay, of Miller & Lockwell, Quebec; Leo Letellier, Allys Letellier, at Leclerc & Letellier, Quebec; J. A. Boivin, of J. H. Laroche, Quebec; A. Remillard, of Thibaudau Freres, Quebec; Leo Gauvreau, of Wm. McLimont & Sons, Quebec; J. Murphy, of Thos. Davidson & Son, Quebec; A. E. Statton, of F. T. Thomas & Co., Quebec; P. Plante, Greenfields, Ltd., Montreal; Jos. Lavesque, of Gauvreau, Beaudry, Quebec; C. H. Bouchard, of J. B. Renaud & Co., Quebec; V. E. Beauvais, of Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Montreal; Chs. Langlois, of J. B. Renaud & Co., Quebec; Ed. Boulanger, of J. B. Cavell & Co., Montreal; Ed. Montreuil, of Carrier, Fils, Levis; Almonzor Richard, of Gauvreau-Beaudry, Quebec; H. Laroche, of Langlois & Paradis, Quebec; J. A. Blagdon, of Wagner & Co., Toronto; Ovide Hamel, of D. H. Hees & Co., Ltd., Toronto; R. Rinfret, of Thibaudau Freres & Cie, Quebec, and others.

This committee will collect in Palace Ward and Lower Town, as also Mount-Hill Tuesday morning, meeting at Leclerc & Letellier, St. Paul street at 8.30 a.m. Collection in Upper Town Tuesday evening, meeting at club rooms at 6.15 p.m.

N.B.—Give to wearers of Guignoles badge only and Xmas Eve is the only time of this collection. Kindly have contributions ready and at private residences instructions given to maids to deliver parcels, etc., as the time is very limited for such an extensive collection.

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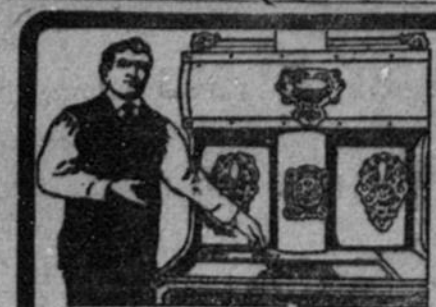
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ESCAPED FROM SIBERIA

I do not know who he is, and it would be indiscreet to say where I met him, but it was about a week ago, writes a Moscow correspondent of the London Evening Standard. By this time he must be safe over the frontier—in Germany, in Switzerland, or possibly in London, which is rather in favor of late with those who are not in good odor with the Russian gendarmes. In short, he was a badly wanted "political criminal." He had just returned, without cognizance of the authorities, from an involuntary sojourn in Siberia.

In manner he was a gentleman and a man of education and culture. He was possibly a land owner, for his knowledge of country life and agricultural methods was considerable; possibly a university professor, for he spoke with that authority and with that rapid easy flow of polished verbiage generally confined in Russia to the more worthy of the university graduates. Of course, he was introduced to me by name, but the name properly belonged to a gentleman at Tomsk or Irkutsk, who had lent his passport for the return journey. He made no secret of that, and little need, for the system is by now thoroughly well established, perfectly well known to the police, and only succeeds so generally because of the enormous numbers of "Siberian returns," and possibly a little secret sympathy on the part of the minor official who deals with passports.

AT THE POLICE STATIONS.

The following is as much of his history as he thought fit to tell and I find advisable to publish:

"I was arrested in January, 1936, on a charge of complicity in the Moscow rising of the previous December, but there was absolutely no evidence against me, so they did not bother about a trial. You remember the trial of the 'rebels' here? A hundred boys and a few old men, mostly acquitted, none sentenced to death, and very few sentenced to long terms of exile and convict labor. And you remember the evidence—all hearsay and flimsy concoctions by officials, without a shred of independent corroboration. Well, they had not even that much with me, and with more than a thousand others whom they seized by administrative order when the whole affair was over, and the real actors in the 'rising' were dispersed all over Russia."

"The gendarmes set about proving their utility by arresting every man they could find who was on their lists, and I went with the rest. We were six months in the Butirki convict jail, and I was chosen starosta of the crowd in our cell. (The starosta is the elder—of a church, of a village, of an 'artel' of a convict gang. Prison life, even with real convicts, murderers, parricides, burglars, etc., is in Russia very much of a compromise between the demands of the regulations for prisons and the actual facts of life. The starosta is the representative of the prisoners in all deals with the prison authorities.)

"The chief of the prison soon took a bad hatred to me. I was suffering then from disease, and with that and the confinement, the wretched food and all that, I nearly went mad. I had put in through the proper channels a perfectly legal demand to be exiled to a spot within reach of medical aid, which most of the places selected for political exiles are not. The chief of prisons knew this and had his revenge on me by sending me off to Siberia before it was possible for my petition to reach St. Petersburg. I was awakened

IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT,

dragged from my bed protesting and thrust out of the cell into the corridor as I was

"The other 'politicals' in the cell protested also, but myself I lost all control and simply raved like a madman at the injustice of the thing. Besides, I was ill and in pain, to say nothing of the state of one's nerves. Outside the cell door were half a dozen soldiers fully armed, with an officer. The officer, fortunately, was an old club acquaintance of mine, and that saved my life. The soldiers began their usual methods of 'taming' a refractory prisoner, but he stopped them. I demanded to see the doctor, but it was all no use. I went off that night in the train for Siberia."

"Have you ever seen the inside of these convict trains? Not with the men in it, at any rate. It was a scorching July and neither doors nor windows were opened once all the way. The carriage I was in was full, and you know the authorities have a refinement of cruelty now-a-days in putting us 'politicals' into the same carriages with the scum of the earth. The filth, the air, the vermin! They are all three inconceivable and indescribable; you must go through it before you can imagine anything like it. There is never a trainload of 'politicals' leave Moscow without half a dozen men or women in it among the 'criminal convicts,' suffering from disease; and with these, too, you have to live for weeks in close and unavoidable contact."

"How did I escape? Oh, that is

only a matter of a little money for incidental expenses. Friends one has everywhere now-a-days. All through Siberia the very peasants would do everything they could to show sympathy with us politicals. The times are changed from those days when our convoy had only to drop a hint that his prisoner was suffering for having attempted the life of the Czar to alienate him from the common feeling of humanity. That horse won't trot any more in Russia.

THE PEOPLE KNOW TOO MUCH

"The modus operandi of escaping from exile is simple and only requires a little nerve at possibly critical moments. All politicals for exile are sent to little villages of the aborigines—about the lowest savages on earth—in Siberia, in small parties of three or four. The only thing that keeps them there is the distance from home and the impossibility of traversing it without considerable expenditure. So long as you are in the train or passing through towns you are always well guarded by soldiers of the Convoy Commands or any other that may be at the disposal of the local authorities. They receive their prisoners with a sort of invoice, and must deliver them to the police officer of the succeeding district strictly according to the invoice. But at last you arrive at those waste parts of the earth where it is plain all civilization and authority cease."

"The last representative of authority one sees is the ispravnik (rural police-master) of some townlet on the verge of this waste. In my own case this officer spoke to us plainly, made a bargain with us, and we duly kept it. 'Look here, my friends,' said he, 'there are about two hundred of you for various villages along the road yonder. Now, from here you'll go on with my police—I haven't more than five men available now—as far as X—which is the limit of my district. After that you will have only village 'elders' or their assistants with you to guide each party of you to the village you are destined for. Now, I have treated you pretty decently, and I am sure you have no wish to make trouble for me. If any of you escape between here and X—I shall get dismissed. I'm a married man with a family, and you know what that means in our service. There fore, if any of you intend to return to Russia, I have only to beg you to put it off until you get out of my district.'

"It seems to be the regular understanding there, as long as you do not make trouble for the authorities they will look the other way on your return IF YOU RETURN THE SAME WAY. Very often there is only one road, and you must return by it, and if there were not some sort of understanding like this with the police it would be impossible to get back unrecognized. You see, neither the treatment these police officers get from their superiors, from the local governors right away to the St. Petersburg Government, nor the pay on which they have to live, induces them to do more than their bare duty."

"Now, when a man escapes from the waste places of the earth he carries the first news of it himself. It is not until he is safe away that the friendly police receive from headquarters behind them orders to find So-and-So, and then, of course, they set about finding him. But why should they put themselves out of the way to recognize a man without special orders? The next party of politicals that came along would soon make him regret any playing unfairly in this game. It is life and death to us, and only a matter of a little extra chancellery correspondence to him, so it works quite smoothly."

"We all kept fairly to the bargain until we reached X—. From there we tramped on and on, losing here and there a party of five or ten, who branched off into the wilds for their several villages. We talked all the time with our guides, the village elders, who are supposed to be responsible for us, and learned all we could about the local conditions of life. About a hundred miles beyond X—the 'escapes' began. By this time there were only thirty or forty men left of the 200 who had started from the last centre of civilization together."

"For myself I simply got up in the night with another comrade, and went into the village—we always spent the night at a village, quartered in twos and threes on the inhabitants. The guide could not be in two places at once, and if he is too zealous we can always give him plenty to drink. No one refuses drink out there under any circumstances. There is no benevolent Government drink monopoly to supply all you want, and a good glass of vodka is rather prized."

"Well, to cut a long story short, we just hired horses from a villager. I played the role of

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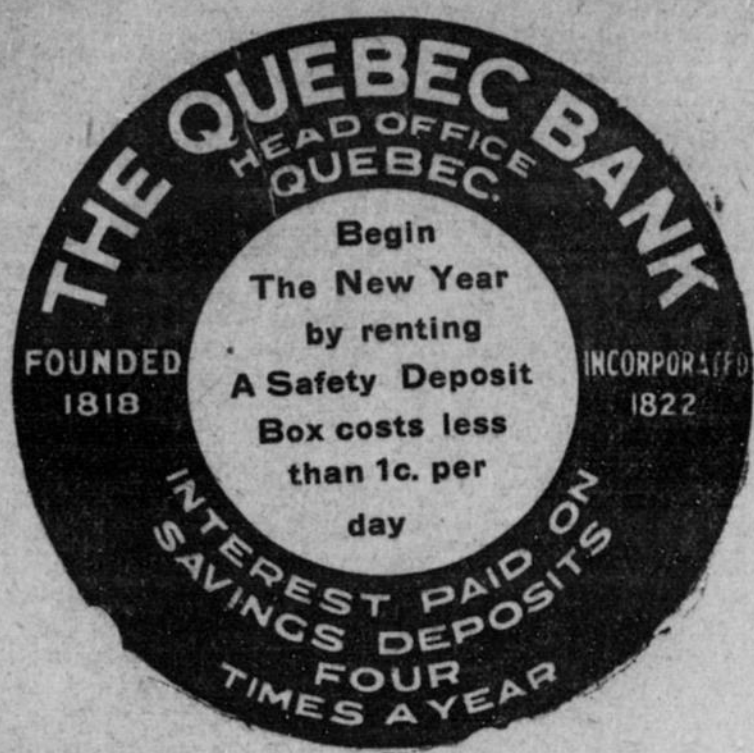
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The forty-third annual general meeting of shareholders of the Union Bank
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ber 21st. There were present: Hon. John Sharples and Messrs. Wm. Price,
E. J. Hale, William Shaw, M. B. Davis, Geo. H. Thomson, Col. Turnbull,
Capt. Carter, G. P. Champion, A. E. Scott, J. H. Simmons, Lieut.-Col.
G. E. A. Jones, Wm. Brodie, H. E. Price, V. Duggan, Arch. Laurie, N. G.
Kirpao and E. Dupre.

The chair was taken by the President, Hon. John Sharples. Mr. J. G.
Billard was appointed secretary of the meeting, and Messrs. C. P. Champion
and A. E. Scott scrutineers.

The Chairman read the report of the Directors, which was as follows:
The Directors beg to present the statement of affairs as at close of the
half year's business on 30th November last. In accordance with a resolution
passed by the shareholders at the last annual meeting the books are closed
on the 30th November, instead of on the 31st May, as heretofore.

The net profits for the half year amount to \$196,216.18, and \$55,640 was
received for premiums on new stock. Two quarterly dividends at the rate
of seven per cent per annum, amounting to \$108,723.20, have been paid
\$100,000 has been added to Rest Account, and \$55,640 contributed to Offi-
cers' Pension Fund, the balance, \$32,212.61, being carried forward to next
year.

A branch of the Bank has been opened at Cochrane, Alberta.
The customary inspection of branches has been made during the past
six months.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN SHARPLES,

President.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT, NOVEMBER 30TH, 1907.

Balance at credit of account, May 31st, 1907.....	\$ 44,079.63
Net Profits for half year, after deducting expenses of management, interest due depositors, reserving for interest and exchange, and making provision for bad and doubtful debts, and for re- bate on bills under discount, have amounted to.....	196,216.18
Premium.....	54,640.00
	\$295,935.81

Which were divided as follows:—

Dividend No. 82, Quarterly—14 per cent.....	\$54,031.10
Dividend No. 83, Quarterly—14 per cent.....	54,692.10
Transferred to Rest Account.....	100,000.00
Contribution to Officers' Pension Fund.....	55,000.00
Balance of account carried forward.....	62,212.61
	\$295,935.81

GENERAL STATEMENT

LIABILITIES.

Notes of the Bank in circulation.....	\$ 2,645,271.00
Deposits not bearing interest.....	\$ 3,202,837.37
Deposits bearing interest.....	16,346,202.93
	21,649,040.30
Deposits made by and balances due to other Banks in Canada.....	133,968.85
Deposits made by and balances due to other Banks or to other Banks or Agencies, elsewhere than in Canada and the United Kingdom.....	24,665.43
Deposits made by and balances due to other Banks or to other Banks or Agencies in the United Kingdom.....	35,899.54
	\$24,688,845.12
Total Liabilities to the public.....	24,688,845.12
Capital paid up.....	3,139,100.00
Rest Account.....	1,700,000.00
Reserve for interest and Exchange.....	10,742.78
Reserve for Rebate of Interest on Bills Discounted.....	14,361.99
Dividend No. 83.....	54,692.10
Dividends Unclaimed.....	1,198.26
Balance of Profit and Loss Account carried forward.....	62,212.61
	\$29,751,162.96

ASSETS.

Gold and Silver Coin.....	\$ 536,403.98
Dominion Government Notes.....	2,568,219.00
	\$ 3,094,622.98
Deposit with Dominion Government for security of Note Circu- lation.....	150,000.00
Notes of and cheques on other Banks.....	1,129,018.06
Balance due from other Banks in Canada.....	166,721.05
Balance due from Agents in United States.....	246,357.29
Balance due from Agents in the United Kingdom.....	193,087.56
	\$ 4,979,806.94
Canadian Municipal Securities, and British, or Colonial public Securities other than Canadian.....	528,326.29
Railways, and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks.....	250,375.00
Call and Short Loans on Stocks and Bonds in Canada.....	342,768.50
	\$ 6,101,276.73
Other Loans and Bills Discounted Current.....	22,006,581.06
Overdue Debts (estimated loss provided for).....	89,769.38
Real Estate other than Bank Premises.....	135,696.48
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank.....	61,445.20
Bank Premises and Furniture.....	1,195,917.01
Other Assets.....	160,467.00
	\$24,751,162.96

G. H. BALFOUR,
General Manager.

On the motion of Hon. John Sharples, seconded by Mr. William Price,
the report of the Directors was unanimously adopted.

The election of Directors for the ensuing year was then proceeded with
and the scrutineers reported the following gentlemen to have been elected:
Messrs. M. B. Davis, E. L. Dewey, John Galt, E. J. Hale, T. E. Kenas-
ton, Wm. Price, R. T. Riley, Hon. John Sharples, Wm. Shaw, and Geo. H.
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At a subsequent meeting of the newly-elected Board of Directors Hon.
John Sharples was elected President and Mr. Wm. Price Vice-President.

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it seems a part thereof. The saliva of
the bird is used to compact and se-
cure the material, and likewise to coat
the exterior with the grey green
lichen so generally found upon trees.
This makes it so assimilate with the
surroundings that it is a very diffi-
cult object to discover; and thereby
hangs a tale. A gentleman had told
me that, if I would call upon him, he
would show me an occupied nest of
a humming bird in his orchard. When
I came he was out of town, but I
thought I would see if I could find
the nest myself. So I made inspection
from tree to tree and presently the
female hummer began to fly about me
anxiously. We played a game of hot
and cold until it became evident that
the nest must be in a certain low
apple tree which had many dead,
lichen-covered branches. Some of these
came down nearly to the ground, and
for quite a while I stood by the tree,
running my eyes along each branch in
order, trying to make out the nest,
while the female kept darting franti-
cally at my head. It must have been
nearly a quarter of an hour before I
discovered that I was standing al-
most touching the nest with my
hand, having been looking right over
it all the time. It contained two
fresh eggs, this being in the early
part of June. The branch upon which
it was built was completely over-
grown with lichens, and the nest,
being covered with them, too, was
wonderfully disguised, though there
were no leaves to hide it.—H. K.
Job, in Outing.

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EQUALIZATION.

Professor Brander Matthews, who is
at least as good a wit as he is a
reformer, was overheard once talking
with Mr. Carnegie.
"I notice, Mr. Carnegie," he said,
"that you don't limp."
"And why should I?" asked the
philanthropist.
"Well," slowly answered the pro-
fessor, "maybe they pull them alter-
nately."

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OUR TALKING FOLKS PAGE

Tommy's Letter.



"Dear old Santa, good old friend, Here is a little letter, Telling you just what I want, So you will know the better,

"What sort of things to bring along When calling here on me; And you may hang the presents on A nice new Christmas tree.

"I want a pair of nice new skates; (My old ones are too small.) I want a pair of boxing gloves, And a bat and rubber ball.

"I want a sled to coast down hill; (It must be strong and dandy!) I want a pretty walking stick, If you have a nice one handy.

"I want—oh, well, so many things, It makes me tired to write. But you will know what else to bring, So I'll say, dear friend, good night."

ANNIE JAMES.



FLAGS OF ALL NATIONS.

SIAM.



The flag of Siam is bright red with an elephant in white in the centre.

The Screamer Bird of South America.

The South American Screamer resembles in some respects the game bird; in other respects it resembles the goose. In



The Crested Screamer.

MARY GRAHAM.

Brave Freddy and His Sacrifice.

BY MAUD WALKER.

As the children went home from school one evening, just a week before Christmas, their attention was attracted to a new toy shop that had just uncared its great show windows in which were every conceivable sort of toy dear to the heart of child.

Among the interested throng of little ones who stopped to feast their eyes on the holiday display, and to point out with cold-redened fingers the special toys they wished they might possess, was Freddy Smith, a quiet, serious-faced little fellow ten years of age. His eyes did not stop at the skates, balls, guns, drums, and other boyish toys displayed in such profusion, but wandered over the gay things dear to little girls. At last they grew round and wistful as they dwelt on a great wax doll with yellow curls and red kid slippers. Freddy's heart beat more rapidly in his warm little breast as he said to himself: "Oh, if I could only think of some way to get it for Freddy! Wouldn't he be just too happy, though? My, she got well fast, she would, with that doll in her lap to play with!"

Then, feeling cold for his coat was none too heavy and warm—Freddy, with a last longing look at the great doll, went on homeward. And after his chores were done he sat beside the stove in the kitchen, watching his mother prepare their supper, and told the school news to his little sister, Totty, who was so ill that she had to be propped up with pillows in a big chair.

At the table the subject turned upon the coming event to which all children

matters of beak and skull it suggests the former, and in matters of body and legs it seems closely related to the latter. But unlike the goose, its toes are not connected by web.

The Screamer is a most peculiar bird in habits. He is fond of soaring in the air at a tremendous altitude, giving vent to a piercing cry which fairly rends the air. Sometimes there will be whole flocks of them congregated together to roar and sing, giving forth their unusual song in deafening chorus. One writer of the screamer has this to say of their fondness for their own music:

"On one occasion they surprised me by an overpowering burst of melody high in the heavens. This salutation was made to me by half a million of voices at an out-of-the-way spot in the pampas one evening at 9 o'clock. And the same writer goes on to tell of having heard the same sort of screamer music at noon on another occasion. They, the screamers, sang their chorus round the entire circle of a certain lake, each flock waiting its turn to sing, and only stopping when their duty had been performed.

Each wing of the screamer is equipped with a pair of sharp spurs, powerful in strength, and doubtless used in times of conflict with enemies.

woman when she smiled and asked him what he wished to see.

"I wish to know the price of that wax doll in the window—the one with the yellow curls and red kid slippers," he replied.

Ah! now he had spoken and felt relieved. His heart had kept up a terrible thumping while he spoke to the smiling saleswoman. But as soon as the words were out of his mouth he became calm, and felt that he could lay bare his plan to her.

"Would you like to see the doll?—take it in your hands and examine it more closely," the saleswoman asked, not yet naming the price. "Yes'm, if you don't mind," Freddy said. And how happy he felt at the thought of holding that precious doll in his hands, of "examining it more closely."

The saleswoman brought the doll from the window and placed it in Freddy's hands, saying at the same time: "It has real hair, and opens and shuts its eyes. It's a great bargain, for we're overstocked on dolls and are selling them off at a low figure. This beautiful doll that you hold in your hands is marked down to \$1.50. Just think of it!—a dollar and a half. Its original price was \$2.00. Shall I do it up in a box for you?"

Freddy laid the doll on the counter and smiled up into the saleswoman's face. "I'd like to take it today, ma'am, but I haven't the money. What I want to do is to work for it—do any old chores you've got for me to do after school in the evenings and on Saturdays. You see, ma'am, I haven't any money 'less I work for it."

Although it was a very busy day, and customers were waiting, the saleswoman

stopped to hear Freddy's story about his little sister Totty, who was ill and unable to get out of the house, and for whom he was waiting for the doll. Then she had a little private talk with him in the rear of the store, after which Freddy went home at a run, happier than he had been for a long time. As he went about his chores he whistled and sang merrily, and as soon as the supper was over he asked his mother's permission to spend an hour or so away from home, saying with a knowing smile: "It's all right, mom, for me to go. But ask no questions now, please."

So Totty and her mother spent the long evenings of that week alone, missing the gay chatter and bright face of Freddy, who was a genuinely good son and brother, making happy the hearts of those beloved so well.

But bedtime always found Freddy at home, sometimes pretty tired, too. But the radiance of his countenance pronounced the fact that the cause of his lateness and tiredness was most satisfactory to him. And never once did his mother question him regarding his little secret. She had great faith in Freddy and knew that he would do nothing wrong, and that all in good time she would know what he was doing evenings.

And so came the last day before Christmas Eve. The town was in a turmoil of excitement. Shops were thronged with shoppers, street jammed with delivery wagons and pedestrians, all rushing pell-mell on their errands pertaining to the great event so close at hand. But in the afternoon a heavy snowstorm set in and the temperature fell to zero. Freddy, busy as a bee did not notice the cold as

he was busy delivering many packages from the new toy shop where the doll, with yellow curls and red kid slippers, was reposing in a pasteboard box awaiting the hour when he should carry her away.

But toward evening the snow had become so heavy on the ground, and was drifting so, that getting about on foot was almost out of the question, and soon the streets were deserted, people hurrying to their homes to seek shelter from so terrible a storm.

"Whew-w-w!" whistled Freddy. "It's a regular old blizzard. Well, I'm most through; got only three more bundles to deliver; then I'll go to the shop and get the doll and make for home as fast as a pair of half-brother legs will carry me through the snowdrifts as high as my head."

When, about 9 o'clock that night, Freddy returned to the toy shop from his work of delivering toys, the good saleswoman who had helped him to accomplish this supreme wish by giving him plenty of work during the last holiday week, declared that he must stop long enough in the shop to get good and warm before setting out for home. But Freddy's heart was so full of warmth that he didn't mind the cold in his little body, and so impatient was he to be off for home, with the precious doll in his arms, that he would not stop a minute longer than he was obliged to. There was a settlement to make for his work, and after the good saleswoman had counted up the amount due Freddy, it was found that not only had he earned the doll, but a dollar in money was to be paid to him. Freddy's heart beat high as he wrapped the doll in bill-crisp and new—in his handkerchief,

placed it inside his breast pocket, saying to himself: "This is for mother's Christmas gift!" Then, with the box containing the doll under his arm, Freddy set out for home, the happiest boy in town that night.

But as he went against the cutting wind, the falling snow blinding him, the depth of it on the ground greatly hindered his progress, he began to feel as though he must drop from cold and sheer exhaustion. But he was so near to his home—perhaps, only three or four blocks away—and must struggle on.

Then he struck into something very high and cold. It was an old billboard, and the snow had drifted against it into a veritable mountain. Here Freddy paused to take breath. The billboard sheltered him from the wind, and he decided to sit down in the snow for a minute and rest. In another minute he was asleep, the box holding the precious doll fast in his arms, while snug inside his breast pocket was the dollar bill—crisp and new.

Just how long Freddy remained there in the snow he never knew. And neither did he know when he was taken away from there. The first thing he realized after dropping down in the snow to rest was an aching in his head and smarting in his eyes, ears and throat. Then he opened his eyes to see that he was in his mother's big bed, with that dear old bending over him. And a doctor was beside him, pouring something very strong and hot into his mouth. Several neighbors were there, too, all seemingly very anxious about him.

Freddy tried to understand what it all meant. Then he threw his arms out across the bed and his hand struck against something—a pasteboard box! The doll! The beautiful doll with the yellow hair and red kid slippers! Then Freddy remembered everything. Quickly he put his hand inside his breast pocket. Yes, the dollar bill was *there* and sound. He smiled contentedly. He now knew that he had been overcome with the cold, but been picked up by some good pedestrian and carried home in an unconscious state. But everything was all right again.

"He'll be all right now," said the doctor. "Just exhaustion and numbness, but no part of him is frozen. Hadn't our good friend, old Mr. David, found him when he did, however, there might have been a different tale to tell. Just let him sleep and rest a bit, then give him more of this hot drink, and tomorrow your boy will be in as good condition as he ever was."

And an hour later Freddy, sitting up in bed, untied the box, drew forth the doll and, handing it to his mother, said: "Totty shall find this by her in bed tomorrow morning. And here's a little gift for you, mom." And into his mother's hand he thrust the dollar bill—crisp and new. "That's what I've been doing o' nights, mother. I turned Santa Claus for you and Totty. That beautiful doll will help to make little sister well."

And we close the door to the room, shutting out the sight of the dear mother, overcome as she was by the little son's loving sacrifice, which had come so near to costing him his precious life.

A Transformation



Haru-Ko, the wife of the Mikado, is not only a woman of great intelligence and erudition, but a poetess of talent; and will certainly take her place in the literary history of her country. Every Japanese child knows her poetry by heart and on all the important events of the reign she has written verses.

SPORTSMANLIKE FAIRNESS.

(Leeds Mercury.)

At a recent cricket match, married vs single, the former took first innings, and chiefly by the aid of some blind hits by one of the players, named Jones, made a score of 84. Just as the bachelors were about to commence their innings, news of a local railway accident in which some of the passengers had been killed, reached the field.

"I'm in a bit of a quandary," said Jones to the canteen, who had organized the match; "my missus was in that train."

"Dear me, I'm sorry to hear it," was the reply. "You're anxious to get away of course."

"Well, no; it ain't that. I was only thinking if anything has happened to my Mary I ought to be playing for the single chaps."

Little Folks' Sense and Nonsense.



MAY BELLE'S FRIGHT. Little May Belle cried, "Oh, dear! me! Just look at that horrid bear! Sitting on top that pretty green tree! And he looks at me with a stare."

"I wonder if he is a dangerous beast? Will he hug me to death? Oh, dear! I think I must run right home to mam ma; I am trembling so with fear!" HELENA DAVIS.



Kind Lady (to little boy)—Here is a dime, little boy. Now tell me what you are crying about. Little Boy (taking and pocketing the dime)—I ain't cryin' mum. Dis is me natural voice.

Maggie visited the zoo in the park. Seeing a spotted leopard there she cried out "Oh, he's got the biggest measles I ever saw!"

Little Jim Jones read his composition in school. It was so very poor that Teacher declared she would have to write a note to Jim's mother about it. "Go ahead and write to 'er, if you wants to. I doat care. Mother wrote it herself."

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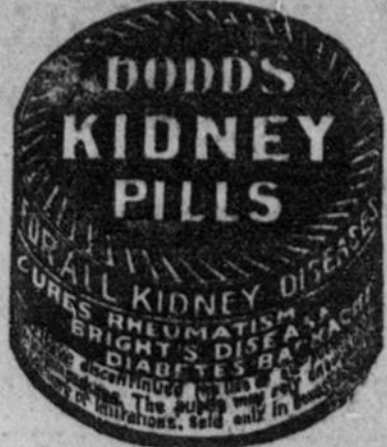
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The wearing of bracelets appears to be becoming a fad with Montrealers. At least that large detachment which arrived Saturday afternoon all wore them.

There is not much use resolving at the beginning of the year unless you stick right to it.

Help the boys to understand that the best dollar in the world is the one that is earned by good, honest toil.

Let us hunt up somebody why may not have a very good time Christmas and make him or her just as happy as we can.

A father wrote to his son who was taking a poultry course at a certain college:

A football player is rough and cheap. But a Leghorn layer much fame will reap.

Cat: "I don't see how it is that they'll let that rooster crow and flap on that fence undisturbed, but if I undertake to sing a few minutes there at night, I run the chance of getting my head knocked off with a bootjack."

The latest from Texas is that a firm sent a man along with a carload of hens, which were being shipped to New York. By the time the car reached its destination, the hens had laid eggs enough to pay the freight on the entire shipment. Whether this is true or not, it has been known for a long time that hens pay their own way.

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THE EIGHTY PER CENT. CO-INSURANCE CLAUSE.

(Finance Chronicle, Dec. 20, 1907.)
The Daily Telegraph of Quebec in its issue of 17th inst., gives its interpretation of the above clause in these words: "We have in the past year insured on the 80 p.c. clause, which means that we carried 80 p.c. insurance on our own account." Now this explanation is so misleading that we feel bound in justice to give briefly the true meaning of the clause, which is this: That the insured agrees to keep an insurance up to 80 p.c. of the value of his property failing which the insured becomes a contributor with the companies for the deficiency on any partial loss reaching 80 p.c. of the value—above which, or for a total loss, the clause is inoperative. This is very different to what the Telegraph would have its readers believe, for if the 80 p.c. is maintained, there is no contribution on the part of the insured for any partial loss below that percentage. Suppose for example on property worth \$50,000 and subject to the 80 per cent clause, there are policies for \$40,000. For any loss up to or below that insurance the companies would pay in full and the insured would only lose if the loss was above \$40,000. But take the same value with the same clause on which the insurance is only \$30,000 at the time of a fire. The insured is short of \$10,000 to make up the 80 p.c. and becomes therefore a contributor to that extent, and should there be a loss of say \$12,000 the apportionment would be:

Companies' policy—\$30,000 pay \$ 9,000
Insured—10,000 loss \$ 3,000

80 p.c. of value, \$40,000 loss \$12,000
And so on until the insurance is exhausted. If every loss were a total loss, the clause would be necessary, but as the large majority of losses are only partial, it was found that rates could not be equitably framed without such clause or an equivalent extra if waived. A property owner who had been paying \$500 premium at 1 p.c. upon \$50,000, when the rate was raised to 14 p.c. would reduce his insurance to about \$34,000 in order not to increase his premium payment; so that the companies found that without adding to their income they were (except in large fires) increasing their liability.

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PERSONAL

Miss Florence Costin, of Ottawa, will spend Christmas in Quebec.

Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier will spend Christmas in Arthabaska.

Mr. Fernand Desjardins, of Anvers, is in the city, a guest at the Chateau.

Mr. J. N. Greenhalgh, of Montreal, is at the Frontenac.

Mr. N. K. Laflamme, K.C., of Montreal, is registered at the Chateau.

Mr. R. H. Weldon, of Montreal, is at the Chateau.

Mr. A. B. Comeau, of Montreal, is registered at the St. Louis.

Mr. J. A. Ouellette, of Montreal, is at the St. Louis.

Mr. Z. J. Fowler, of Ottawa, is a guest at the St. Louis.

Mr. Jos. Bruneau, of Montreal, is at the St. Louis.

Mr. H. N. Dewitt, of Montreal, is registered at the Chateau on Saturday.

Mr. Archie Cook has returned from Montreal for the Christmas vacation.

Major Burstall arrived in town on Saturday last.

Mr. M. McCarthy has returned from New York.

Mr. Ed. Slade arrived in the city on Saturday.

Messrs. Wm. Wood, and H. T. Machin, of Quebec, were guests at the Place Vigor, Montreal, on Saturday.

Mrs. Louis Burran left on Saturday for a month's visit to friends in New York.

Mr. W. Reed has been called to Montreal by the death of his father, Mr. John Reed, at the age of 94.

Mr. Geo. D. Davis has returned from New York, where he went on board the damaged steamer Chr. Kundson.

Mr. A. E. Tweedell, of Matane, is in the city and registered at the Chateau.

Mr. A. Coristine, of Montreal, is registered at the St. Louis on Saturday.

Mr. Paul Taillon, who is at present in Ottawa, is recovering slowly from his recent accident, and hopes soon to be out.

W. D. McCaghey, Quebec, registered at the Herald Square Hotel, New York, last week.

Miss Alice Fitzpatrick, of Ottawa, who has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Arthur Cannon, has returned home.

Miss Beatrice Meredith, of Quebec, who has been the guest of Miss Gladys How, Montreal, has returned home.

Mr. J. J. O'Flaherty, who was one of the Canadian Commissioners at the Dublin Exposition, arrived home last evening, after a tour of the continent.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cook, of Montreal, arrived in town on Saturday and are the guests of Major General and Mrs. Wilson, St. Genevieve avenue.

The marriage of Mrs. Henri Laurier, of Arthabaska, to Mr. Alphonse Brodeur, of Montreal, has been announced to take place on January 18th.

Mr. Arthur Drummond, who has been a patient at the General Hospital, Montreal, for several weeks, has sufficiently recovered to return to the home of his father, Sir George Drummond, Sherbrooke street west.

The engagement is announced of Miss Christine Matthews, daughter of Mr. S. C. Matthews, wholesale merchant, to J. H. Gillis, M.D., C.M., of Matapedia, Que. The marriage is to take place in January.

The engagement is announced of Miss Esther Langrishe Mare, daughter of the late Robert Langrishe Mare, of St. John's, Nfld., and grand-daughter of the late Sir Edward D'Alton Shea, K.C.B., to Mr. Frank A. Hardwood, D.D.S., Sherbrooke street, Montreal. The marriage will take place next spring.

Viscount Middleton and Lady Middleton and their daughter, the Hon. Sybil Broderick, arrived in Ottawa about the 28th inst., and will be the guests of Their Excellencies the Governor General and Lady Grey. Lord Middleton as Right Hon. St. John Broderick, was secretary of war during the Balfour ministry.

The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland and the Countess of Aberdeen intend remaining at the Viceroy's Lodge for Christmas, and possibly the New Year. Their Excellencies will then leave Dublin for the North for a brief sojourn before taking up their residence at Dublin Castle for the season.

At the Chateau—Chas. Tuft, Springfield; S. P. Deslongchamps, Joliette; C. A. Read, Jr., Boston; J. W. Keith, Smith's Falls; Thomas F. Niven, Geo. H. Penner, Toronto; Otto Long, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Boerwald, J. H. Johnson, M. C. Sykes, W. C. Rainford, T. T. Miller, Jr., and family, New York; C. F. Grant, Birmingham.

Madame Bruchesi, mother of the archbishop of Montreal, still continues to be very weak, and although her condition is not considered to be immediately dangerous, she herself on Friday asked to receive the last rites of the church, as a measure of precaution. Her wish was complied with, and the ceremony was performed by His Grace himself in the presence of all the children and grandchildren of the venerable lady.

Miss Marguerite Joseph entertained a party of ten girls at luncheon at the Forest and Stream Club, Montreal, on Friday, in honor of Miss Muriel Joseph, of Quebec. The guests included Miss Kathleen Moore, Miss Gladys Stevenson, Miss Mabel Allan, Miss Hilda Gordon, Miss M. Molson, Miss E. Casgrain, Miss Clara Hays, Miss Hilary, and Miss Muriel Joseph.

The marriage of Miss Blanche Wilson, daughter of the late J. H. Wilson, Montreal, to Mr. Emile Auguste Globensky, son of Seigneur Globensky, of Ste. Eustache, will take place on January 8th.

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Mr. Auguste Paéand, of Beauve, is registered at the Chateau.

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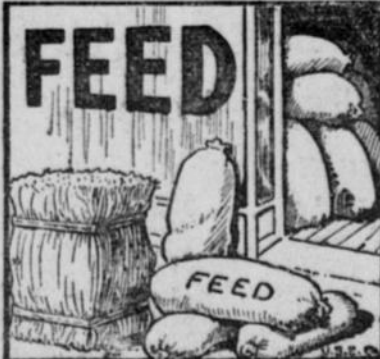


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