

NO TRUCK OR TRADE WITH SOVIET RUSSIA

Efforts To Open Negotiations
Rejected By United States
Government

PERFECTLY CLEAR

Soviet Minister Informed U.S.
Will Not Barter Away
Principles

Washington, Dec. 18.—Russian
Soviet efforts to open negotiations
with the United States were re-
jected today by the United States Gov-
ernment.

Foreign Minister Tchetcherin, was
informed by Secretary Hughes that
there could be no negotiations un-
til propaganda against United
States institutions "directed from
Moscow had been abandoned."

The communication forwarded
through United States Consul Quar-
ter at Moscow, was made public im-
mediately after the usual Tuesday
cabinet meeting. It was prepared
by Mr. Hughes in reply to the pro-
posals telegraphed to President
Coolidge by Ambassador on Decem-
ber 19 that a reciprocal claims con-
vention be negotiated between Rus-
sia and the United States. The
Soviet Foreign Minister was bluntly
informed that the Washington Gov-
ernment saw no reason for such
negotiations and was not proposing
to barter away its principles. De-
partment officials would not amplify
the charge made in the communi-
cation to Moscow that the Soviet
government is directing revolution-
ary propaganda in the United States.

Message Perfectly Clear.

Secretary Hughes' message was
said both at the White House and
at the State Department to be per-
fectly clear and to leave no oppor-
tunity for misconception of its
meaning either at home or abroad.
There were indications, however,
that administration officials feel
they have complete evidence of
Soviet efforts to foment a revolution
in the United States. The amount
of such evidence in the Govern-
ment's hands was described in some
quarters as inexhaustible.

The Soviet organization in Rus-
sia, Mr. Gompers declared is a
"communist machine" which "must
remain at war with free peoples and
free institutions as long as it lives."
The Soviet government, the Rus-
sian Communist party, the Com-
munist International, the Red Labor
International, the various bureaux,
commissions and organizations, are
all one fabric, he added, which
"actually exist to make war on Amer-
ican institutions and principles."

WAITED MONTH FOR THE ROBBERS

When They Turned Up One
Of Them Was Shot Through
Heart

Brooklyn, N.Y., Dec. 18.—Edward
A. Copeman, war veteran and
proprietor of a garage here, kept night-
ly vigil for a month for the return
of burglars who had robbed him of
\$1,500.

Early this morning they came.
Copeman shot George Cumberbatch,
of Rochester, through the heart,
killing him instantly and mortally
wounded Michael Zambito also of
Rochester. Zambito died in a Ro-
chester hospital several hours later.
Two companions escaped with rifle
bullets plunking into the rear of
their automobile. They were round-
ed up by Sheriff's deputies after day-
light and taken to the Monroe County
Jail, where they were identified
as Harry Zeymour and John Larus-
s. Authorities said the four robbed
several stores in Barge canal towns
last night.

MUSSOLINI HAS DROPPED SECOND BOMBSHELL

Premier Declares He Does
Not Intend To Consult The
Country

WRITES LETTER

To Minister Of Public Works
Regarding Decree Closing
Parliament

Rome, Dec. 18.—Premier Musso-
lini dropped another bombshell in
political circles today when in a let-
ter addressed to Minister of Public
Works Carnazza he stated, with re-
ference to the holding of new elec-
tions, that he had not decided to
consult the country. At the time of
the closing of Parliament by Royal
decree on December 10 it was freely
predicted that he would later ask for
a decree of dissolution as a prelude
to a general election.

Both the newspapers and the
leaders of the various political par-
ties were preparing for a new elec-
tion. Some members of the Cham-
ber of Deputies also had gone back
to their homes to see the voters. The
whole country seemed to have set-
tled itself down to a pre-election
state, with the holding of caucuses
and conferences. Political discus-
sions daily were being recorded in
the newspapers.

As the situation stands the recent
closing of the Parliament the old
parliamentary parties are still in office until a de-
cree is promulgated dissolving Par-
liament and calling for another elec-
tion.
"It is certain," says the Giornale
d'Italia, "that the announcement
closing the Parliamentary session
put the country in a pre-election
state of mind. The government
must stabilize its platform and then
the political parties must adjust
themselves accordingly."
In some political circles the opin-
ion prevails that Premier Mussolini
has never mentioned anything about
dissolving Parliament. It is the be-
lief there that he merely closed the
present session and intends to call it
together again next spring, when the
King will open the deliberations
with a speech.

On the other hand there are still
predictions of a coming election in
which there is talk of a probable
coalition of the minority parties,
including some of the parties of the
right with the Fascists.

CANADA LEADS IN DEATH RATE

Number Of Fatalities From
Tuberculosis Is Greater
Than In Other Countries

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Canada leads
Great Britain and the United States
in low tuberculosis death rate. Can-
ada's death from all forms of tu-
berculosis for 1922, in the nine pro-
vinces numbered 7,559, a decrease of
135 deaths over 1921. The rate per
100,000 for 1922 is 84.4, a decrease
of 3.2 deaths per 100,000.

Canada has spent on sanatoriums
built or building \$11,000,000. Can-
ada probably spent last year for the
treatment of tuberculosis \$5,000,-
000. Every death decrease means a
decrease of five open infective cases
in the community.

NEARLY ONE MILLION

PASSED INTO COFFERS
Toronto, Ont., Dec. 18.—Nearly a
million dollars has passed into the
coffers of the Arena Gardens of
Toronto, Limited, since the appoint-
ment of a receiver three years ago
after the application of the Toronto
General Trusts Corporation, repre-
senting the bond holders.

RINDERPEST IN AUSTRALIA
Melbourne, (Australia), Dec. 18.—
(Can. Press Cable via Reuter).—The
Rinderpest, a violent contagious dis-
ease of the pleuro-pneumonia type,
affecting cattle, is spreading to a
serious extent in Western Australia.

OBREGON TROOPS BEING FORCED TO WITHDRAW

Reinforcements To Revolu-
tionary Army Have Cap-
tured Town Of Marcos

EAST OF MEXICO

Government Forces Are How-
ever Still Holding The Rail-
road Line

Vera Cruz, Dec. 18.—Rebel re-
inforcements have forced the Obregon
troops to withdraw from the town
of San Marcos on the railroad east
of Mexico City, according to news-
paper accounts reaching here from
the fighting zone.
The Obregonist vanguard, the de-
spatches say, is still along the rail-
road. Their general headquarters is
at Huamantla, about ten miles
northwest of San Marcos. They are
under command of General Eugenio
Martinez.

Port Is Closed

Tucson, Arizona, Dec. 18.—The
port of Frontera in the State of Ta-
masopo has been closed to interna-
tional traffic, according to a telegram
received today by F. Millet, Mexican
Consul here.
The telegram also stated that all
the northern and central regions of
the Republic are tranquil and that
communications from San Luis Po-
sitos say that General Gales is in
Mexico City to organize the volun-
teers of the rural districts to fight
the rebels.

General Gales has not revolted
and is loyal to the established gov-
ernment and is marching against
Guadalupe, forming part of the
forces that are advancing against
that city, the telegram stated.

RECONSTRUCTION OF HUNGARY

Financial Committee Of The
League Of Nations Is
Wrestling With Problem

Paris, Dec. 18.—The problem of
reparations to-night stands out as
the sole obstacle in the way of
launching the financial program for
the reconstruction of Hungary un-
der the auspices of the League of
Nations.

The special committee of the
League of Nations, which is sit-
ting with Count Bechuan, the Hun-
garian Premier, and representatives
of the Little Entente in an endeavor
to reach an accord on details today
approved the recommendation of the
financial committee of the League
that when the proposed Hungarian
loan is floated Hungary should pay
towards the gold crowns (\$2,000,000) yearly
in the reparations account. Count
Bechuan was quick to point out that
this would put Hungary on a differ-
ent footing from Austria, whose re-
paration payments were waived for
10 years. He said he doubted if he
could ask his people to accept such
reparation burden.

The financial committee of the
League will meet again to-morrow
to try and reach a compromise, and
the reparations payments may be
scaled down. Hungary also will be
asked to put aside 7,500,000 gold
crowns (\$1,500,000) annually as a
mortgage for the loan.

The Weather

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Pressure is
high over the Great Lakes east-
ward and low over the northwestern
portion of the continent. The weather
has been mostly fair and rather
cold from the Ottawa Valley to the
Maritime Provinces and quite mild
in the West.

Temperatures.
Vancouver... 44 48
White River... 24 44
Ottawa... 19 31
Toronto... 19 31
Montreal... 8 16
Quebec... 6 12
St. John... 16 16
Halifax... 26 28
—Below zero.

Forecast.
Ottawa Valley and Upper St.
Lawrence: Fair and becoming
mild.

Lower St. Lawrence: Fair with
stationary or somewhat higher tem-
perature.

Gulf and North Shore—Northwest
and west winds; fair and cold.

Maritime: Moderate to fresh
winds, mostly northwest; fair and
cold.

Northern New England: Fair
and warmer Wednesday; Thursday,
cloudy and warmer, diminishing
northwest and north winds.

GALE SWEEPS VIENNA.

Vienna, Dec. 18.—A sixty mile gale
has been sweeping Vienna for the
past 36 hours. The high wind has
caused much damage and many per-
sons have been injured by flying
debris.

LIBERAL PARTY MAKES POSITION QUITE CLEAR

Will Make No Alliance With
Any Others To Keep Out
Labor

PERFECT FREEDOM

Will Not Be Treated Like
Horde Of Mercenaries,
Says Asquith

London, Dec. 18.—The Liberal
party today, through the leaders,
H. H. Asquith and Lloyd George,
made its position clear with respect
to the Conservative Government or
whatever government takes up the
reins of power after the reassembly
of Parliament. The Liberal party
will form no alliance with other
parties and will have nothing to do
with any manoeuvre such as has
been suggested by Lord Birkenhead
for keeping Labor out by main-
taining the Conservative Govern-
ment in power. "No fetters is per-
fect freedom" were the watchword
Mr. Asquith enunciated at to-day's
meeting at the National Liberal
Club for the guidance of the party.

"Some people," Mr. Asquith ob-
served, "seem to imagine that a
great Parliamentary party like ours
can be treated like a horde of mer-
cenaries and moved from camp to
camp backwards and forwards, at
the word of command. If we un-
derstand our business, it is we who
really control the situation."
Mr. Asquith went on to declare
that the days of the present Gov-
ernment were numbered and that
the Liberals would not move a
finger to connive in prolongation
of the Government's "disastrous
stewardship."

Lloyd George Endorses Attitude.

Lloyd George endorsed the atti-
tude taken by his former chief,
saying: "I am in complete agree-
ment with the policy laid down by
Mr. Asquith."
These pronouncements by the
Liberal leaders mean that affairs
are left to take their natural course
when Parliament reassembles.

Mr. Asquith prefaced his declara-
tions by some satirical remarks
about the Conservatives having
publicly branded him as a back-
number. "An extinct volcano, an
effete and discredited dotard," re-
marking that if ever a Labor Gov-
ernment was to be tried in this
country it could hardly be tried
under safer conditions, meaning
that being in a minority of the
whole House of Labor administra-
tion could not pass extreme mea-
sures. Mr. Asquith proceeded to
give an important opinion on a
question which has been exercising
the minds of the politicians lately,
namely, whether a Labor or other
government would possess an un-
challenged right to dissolve Par-
liament.

He declared: "The power to dis-
solve Parliament is the prerogative
of the Crown, but that does not
mean that the Crown ought to ac-
tually exercise it. What does mean is
that the Crown is not obliged to
take the advice of the Ministry to
put the country through the tur-
moil of a general election if it could
find other Ministers able to form
government."

Could Not Resort To Dissolution.

Thus in Mr. Asquith's opinion,
Labor on succeeding to office would
have no right to resort to dissolu-
tion in the hope of consolidating
their power. "The power of the
Crown is not to be used to make
the advice of the Ministry to
put the country through the tur-
moil of a general election if it could
find other Ministers able to form
government."

A significant incident illustrating
the change in position of affairs
with the prospect of the advent
of a Labor government occurred to-
day, when Sir John Bradbury, of
the Reparations Commission, who
is in Great Britain on a consulta-
tive mission relative to the appoint-
ment of British financial experts
on the Reparations Commission's
committee of inquiry, went to visit
and consult with J. Ramsay Mac-
donald, the Labor leader, at his
Scottish home at Lonsdalemouth.

Financial officials, when questioned
affected complete ignorance of this
visit, which, however, was fully
confirmed tonight.

THREE ARE KILLED AND TEN OTHERS MISSING

Large Hotel In Texas Com-
pletely Destroyed By Spec-
tacular Fire

Houston, Texas, Dec. 18.—Three
persons lost their lives and ten are
missing as a result of the \$400,000
fire which destroyed the three story
Capitol Hotel here early today.
Eight business houses also were da-
maged.

Searching parties were unable to
penetrate the ruins today because
of the intense heat. The walls left
standing added to the hazard as
they appeared about to fall.

The fire was the most spectacular
in recent years, more than a score
of persons being rescued from the
second and third floors by firemen.

ORGANIZATION OF VIGOROUS PLAN OF CAMPAIGN

Whips Of Progressive Party
Hold Important Conference
In Winnipeg

TARIFF REDUCTION

Will Be Included In Program
For Next Session Of Par-
liament

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—Plans for a
vigorous and intensive organization
campaign along Provincial lines
looking forward to a national con-
ference and a Federal co-ordinat-
ing executive were formulated by
the whips of the Progressive group
of the House of Commons at a two
day conference which concluded
here tonight.

According to a statement issued
at the close of the conference re-
ports from all the Provinces repre-
sented indicated that public opin-
ion is turning increasingly to the
Progressives for leadership and
constructive policy in the "present
crisis in national affairs."

The programme for the ensuing
session of Parliament at Ottawa,
according to the statement, was
decided upon, and includes the ad-
vocation of tariff reduction and a
system of intermediate, and long
term agricultural credit at low in-
terest rates and a complete review
of the Canadian banking legisla-
tion.

Following its declared policy
the Progressive party is at all times
prepared to co-operate with those
who hold similar views upon na-
tional affairs," the statement con-
cludes.

Text of Statement.

The text of the statement follows:
"The whips of the Progressive
party have held a conference to
consider plans of organization and
the programme for the ensuing
session at Ottawa. Reports from
all the Provinces represented indi-
cate that public opinion is turning
increasingly to the Progressives for
leadership and constructive policy
in the present crisis in national af-
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"Plans were formulated for a
vigorous and intensive organization
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ing executive."

The national appeals of the Pro-
gressive party is to all citizens of
Canada who believe in economic
retrenchment and reform, the fun-
damentals and principles on which
we stand.

Vital Problems.

"The vital problems facing Can-
ada today and the general depression
due in a large measure to post-war
conditions in Europe, promise to
make the next session of parlia-
ment a momentous one. The tax-
payers in every section of Canada
are demanding drastic reductions
in Federal expenditures and a real
measure of relief from the oppres-
sive burden of taxation. The cost
of living in our urban centres and
the cost of production in all pri-
mary industries remains excessive.
Relief is absolutely impera-
tive and towards this end there
must be an immediate and substan-
tial reduction in the customs tariff.
The future of the Canadian nation
is largely dependent upon our ability
to re-establish agriculture upon
a paying basis. Towards this end a
system of intermediate and long
term credit at low interest rates
must be evolved without delay. This
matter should receive the earnest
consideration of parliament at the
coming session."

The Banking Legislation.

"Recent events in banking circles
have shaken that confidence with
which the public have hitherto re-
garded our banking institutions. This
confidence must be fully and
completely restored. Hence the
need of a complete review of our
banking legislation."

"These are some of the most im-
portant matters to which the pro-
gressive members will give their at-
tention during the coming session.
Following its declared policy the
Progressive party is at all times
prepared to co-operate with those
who hold similar views upon na-
tional affairs."

"Those present at the conference
were Robert Forke and H. A. Hoey
from Manitoba; F. H. Halbert and
R. W. Fancher from Ontario; J. F.
Johnston and Andrew Knox from
Saskatchewan and Robert Gardiner
from Alberta."

MARTIAL LAW

IN HONDURAS

Tegucigalpa, Honduras.
Dec. 18.—Martial law has
been declared throughout
the Republic with a view to
forestalling a possible revolu-
tion.

NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED

London, Dec. 18.—(Can. Press
Cable).—The number of unemployed
in the United Kingdom de-
clined this past week by 14,520, the
total number now being 1,180,200.

KING OF GREECE LEAVES TODAY FOR BUCHAREST

Greek Sovereigns Have Been
"Invited" To Take A Tem-
porary Holiday

INVITE VENIZELOS

Former Premier Will Accept
Invitation To Return Only
From People

London, Dec. 18.—The Greek na-
tion, which in recent years has suf-
fered so many dynastic changes,
will tomorrow again be without a
king and under the regency of the
aged Admiral Coundouriotis, who
filled a similar role in 1920.

The suddenness of this develop-
ment from the victory of Liberals
and Republicans at the recent elec-
tions has astonished even the Greek
people, accustomed as they are to
recurring political convulsions. Ac-
cording to the Athens press the
King's absence will be regarded as
"leave" pending the future decision
of the national assembly. But the
general belief is that when the King
and Queen depart for Bucharest to-
morrow another king will have dis-
appeared for good from the rapidly
diminishing number of European
thrones.

The revolutionary cabinet, promp-
ted by the decisive defeat of the
Royalists at the polls, served notice
of his temporary dismissal on the
youthful monarch, who had no al-
ternative but to accede.

The allied and Balkan diplomats
made representations on behalf of
their governments against the ex-
pulsion of the king, but too late to
save the situation.

Venizelos Invited to Return.

Former Premier Venizelos who is
in Paris, has again been invited to
return to Greece to undertake the
government, his reply is not yet
known, but it is believed he will not
accept unless a united call comes
from the whole people.

According to latest advices the
situation remains outwardly calm
but great anxiety for the future pre-
vails, although the tone of the
Royalist press is comparatively
moderate.

The commander of the army at
Saloniki and the commanding offi-
cers of several of the garrisons and
the fleet sent telegrams to the gov-
ernment demanding the deposition
of the Glucksbuerg dynasty as a na-
tional necessity brought about by a
chain of misfortunes inflicted on
Greece through the instrumentality
of that dynasty.

Cabinet Would Not Accept.

The cabinet met immediately but
decided that it would not be pos-
sible to accede to these demands
which would constitute an unjusti-
fiable amount of violence and re-
solved upon the milder course of
asking for the king's temporary
withdrawal.

The British cruiser Calypso ar-
rived in Greek waters yesterday.
King George accompanied by the
Queen, who was Princess Elizabeth
of Rumania, will depart from
Athens tomorrow for Bucharest the
capital of Rumania.

In reply to the government's noti-
fication advising him to leave
Greece, the King said in substance
that he would conform with its sug-
gestions, made under pressure from
the army and navy and the demo-
cratic party. Although the king
considered that he had kept aloof
from politics he was anxious that
the national assembly had been en-
abled to reach an unbiased deci-
sion on the constitutional question
and was convinced that the people
will freely express their will.

Before leaving King George will
receive one million drachmas and
henceforward will be placed on the
civil list with a pension of 1,500,000
drachmas. (The drachma is worth
19.3 cents at nominal rate of ex-
change. It was quoted today in
New York at 1.73 cents). The
Queen today received a number of
court ladies, bidding them farewell.

With the exception of two repu-
blican newspapers the press does not
approve of the officers demand for
suppression of the dynasty.

WHAT'S DOING TODAY

Chateau Frontenac—Ro-
tary Club Luncheon.
Masonic Hall—Mercantile
Lodge, I.O.O.F.
Parliament Building—
Meeting of the Legislature.
Auditorium Theatre—Vau-
deville and Moving Pictures
"Westbound Limited".
Imperial Theatre—Moving
Pictures, "The Country Kid".
Victoria Theatre—Moving
Pictures, "The Light That
Failed".
Empire Theatre—Moving
Pictures, "Slander the Wo-
man".
Canadian Theatre—Mov-
ing Pictures, "The Greatest
Menace".
Classic Theatre—Moving
Pictures, "The Fighting
Blade".
Princess Theatre—Comedy
Pictures, "The French Dolls".

At no time does man approach
more nearly to the gods than when
engaged in the rescue of his fellow-
man.



Keep the Boys and Girls Healthy and Happy

Encourage in them the love of outdoor sports which
keeps the glow of health in their cheeks and the sparkle
in their eyes. Give them sporting gifts—

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Poles 1.00 and up
Toboggans 2.75 and up
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Heavy wool stockings,
Lamb lined mitts,
Caps, etc.

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Limited



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the movements in our watches. None
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Ladies' Wrist Watch in
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15 Jewel Swiss Movement
—jewelled crown.
\$10.

Others in Solid Gold
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Men's Wrist Watch in Solid
Silver Case, round or cushion
shape, fitted with 15 Jewel Swiss
Movement—luminous dial and
hands.
\$10.

Others from \$12. to \$30.

STORE OPEN IN THE EVENINGS

G. Seifert & Sons
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DON'T hesitate any longer in putting
your contemplated advertising cam-
paign into effect—only a few more days
left before Christmas. You should reach
those interested by advertising in

The Quebec Chronicle
Telephone 6000

SPANISH BANK HAS CLOSED ITS DOORS

Port Vendrez, on the Franco-
Spanish Frontier, Dec. 18.—The
Banco de Castilla de Madrid, on
Monday morning posted a notice on
its doors announcing that it had sus-
pended payments until the courts
had decided to grant it an order to
continue operations. The bank is one
of the oldest in Spain. It has been
losing a large business among the
agriculturists and also the grandees
the notice created considerable ex-
citement and lines of depositors
gathered outside the doors. They
were unable to enter, however. Dur-
ing the day rumors spread through-
out Madrid that heavy defalcations

had been discovered. The censor-
ship did not permit the newspapers
to mention the suspension of the
bank and telegraphic and tele-
phonic messages concerning it were
suppressed.

RYAN WAS TALKING THROUGH HIS HAT

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 18.—"Red"
Ryan was talking through his hat,"
said a prison official, "when he told
of himself and associates spending
five days in a swamp at Glenburnie
without food and only slough water
to drink. The fact was the second
night after they got away they were
in Swift's barn, covered up with hay
some two miles beyond the swamp,
and Swift, through fear, fed them."

Just Received

Hand-painted Baskets Hand-painted Glass
Colored Glass Black Glass

"THE HOUSE OF EXCLUSION"

Maison Blanche Ltd.

Corner Chauvigny Ave.

PARLIAMENT HOLDS FIRST BUSINESS MEETING OF THE SESSION OF THE HOUSE

Speech From The Throne Was The Object Of Address In Both The Legislative Assembly And Council Chamber Yesterday—Opposition Will Enter The "Ring" This Afternoon—Criticism Of Proposed Legislation As Forecast In The Speech From The Throne

The delivering of addresses in reply to the Speech from the Throne, the presenting of some twenty-six petitions, including those of the School Commissions of both Montreal and Quebec, and the adjournment of the debate on the Speech from the Throne until today were the features of yesterday afternoon's session, in addition to the tabling of the nomination of the Standing Committees by Premier Taschereau.

In the Lower House, after prayer had been said by the Speaker, the petitions were presented, and then read, while Premier Taschereau followed with the report of the Select Committee.

The addresses in reply to the Speech from the Throne by Dr. Bernard, Rouville, and Mr. Oliver, were then taken, after which Mr. Taschereau moved the adjournment of the debate on the Speech, and Hon. A. David presented another couple of reports.

The House then adjourned until this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

In the Upper House Hon. G. Simard, ex-chairman of the Quebec Liquor Commission, delivered the address, followed by Hon. Henry Miles.

Some twenty-six petitions were introduced during the course of the afternoon by various members, among them being that of the Catholic School Commission, who wish to change their manner of expropriation so as to pay off their deficit, as well as to obtain borrowing powers.

The city of Terrebonne wish to obtain amendments to their charter providing for the election of a Mayor every two years instead of each year, while they also want other amendments made to their charter.

The petitions, in general, were as follows:—J. Cyril Flanagan, to admit him to the practice of dental surgery after having passed his examinations; Cure and trustees of the Fabrique de Ste. Cecile de Montreal, to permit them to erect a parochial church and rectory; The Brown Corporation, to obtain amendments to their charter; Georges Berber, to be admitted to the practice of medicine, having passed his examinations; Albert Richard Whittell et al., to incorporate the "Town of Barkmere"; Medames Laure Chapelle and Les Dames Religieuses de Jesus-Marie, of Silley, asking incorporation; Hospital Sainte Justine, Montreal, seeking increase in property it may possess from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000; J. D. Maher, permission to practice as dental surgeon after passing examinations; Corporation of Notre Dame du Chemin, Quebec, seeking incorporation; Pères du Saint Sacrement, seeking changes in act of incorporation; Francois Labrecque, seeking permission to practice surgery after passing examinations; J. L. St. Jacques, notarial minutes; Freres de Charite de St. Vincent de Paul, seeking amendment of statutes; G. Rosenbloom and others, seeking incorporation under name of "The Congregation of the Holy Joseph of Amherst Park"; Theophilus Joseph and others, sanctioning a law ratifying donation of lot by Theophilus Decarie to Horace Decarie and others on April 9, 1923; La Creche Saint Vincent de Paul, asking for incorporation; Thos. Edwin Burton, permission to practice surgery after examinations; Leopold Adolphe Girard, for the same thing; The City of St. Lambert, asking for changes in laws; Montreal School Commission, for borrowing powers of six million dollars; J. A. Masson succession, amendments to law and others.

Report of Standing Committees was tabled by Premier Taschereau.

Dr. Bernard, member for Rouville, was then called upon by the speaker to deliver the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne. Dr. Bernard spoke in part as follows:—

"Above all things," he said, "let us try to save our little ones, by insistent battle against infantile mortality, and our youth against the disease to which it has become exposed during recent years, particularly against tuberculosis which holds such a full sway over our Province."

Touching on the liquor question, the speaker proudly claimed that it has been up to the only French Province of the American continent to find the answer to this problem and that by means of a law which while respecting individual liberties and favoring temperance, had produced remarkable philanthropic, moral and economic results. The protection of the people against "bootleg" liquor which had wrought such disasters in the realms of total prohibition, by bringing about a reduction in crime and drunkenness, and by a development of practical temperance the Liquor Law had become the envy of our neighboring republic and an example which several of the sister Provinces had copied.

A revenue of more than \$4,000,000 since the first year of its operation must not be lost sight of. This had been the means of enabling the Government to develop its agricultural public instruction, colonization and roadbuilding programmes.

The roads of Quebec, Dr. Bernard claimed, were something to be proud of, and the means of drawing thousands of tourists to the Province. He also referred in glowing terms to the growth of the work of colonization. Settlers now had more than ever been granted them since Confederation. Individual needs were being studied and much might be looked for as the result of the recent colonization conference held in Quebec City.

The care of the poor by the Public Charities Act was another feather in the Government's cap.

The farmers, the fundamental class of the population, must be encouraged in every way. He urged a further development of agricultural activities, with the particular view of offsetting the lure of the cities, and maintaining a practical and contented agricultural class.

Road development between rural municipalities and main highways would not only make country life more attractive but more remunerative by giving easier access to the markets.

Mr. Oliver who foiled Dr. Bernard, said that Quebec who first and foremost an Agricultural Province. The first farmer in Canada, Louis Hebert, settled and tilled his small fields where today stands the City of Quebec. It was only a small beginning but today there were some 7,500,000 acres under cultivation, which yielded in 1922, crops valued at \$165,159,000. Quebec's reputation for dairy products is world wide and they command the highest prices and it was during the Fall of this year that Quebec cattle received the first prize in the State Fair competition held in New York State.

SHAREHOLDERS OF STEEL CO. TO MEET

MacKinnon Plan Meets With Stiff Opposition From Committee Protecting Interests

A meeting of the shareholders of the L. R. Steel Co., Real Estate Corporation and other subsidiaries will be held Thursday evening at seven o'clock at the City Hall, to study the reorganization of the company on the plan formulated by the L. R. Steel Stockholders Protective Trust.

The shareholders will also have an opportunity of considering the proposition of John W. MacKinnon, a New York stockbroker, who has offered to take over the entire assets at a price which is considered ridiculous by the Shareholders Committee, as it would practically amount to the shutting out of those who have invested in the different Steel companies.

The properties which are administered by liquidators named by the Federal Court of the United States and G. T. Clarkson, Canadian liquidator at Toronto, are of great substantial value to the shareholders, said Mr. Matte, one of the active directors of the Shareholders Committee of this city according to the MacKinnon plan, the shareholders would receive nothing, and an effort is being made to defeat this plan so that the shareholders may repurchase the properties themselves," he continued.

The L. R. Steel Stockholders Protective Trust Committee is a voluntary organization of shareholders, who have united to protect their interests. The funds levied by this committee are being rapidly subscribed to, and will be used only to purchase shares of the companies and to protect their intrinsic value.

The shareholders of this city are taking an active part in the reorganization movement.

REMAINED ON CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED MURDER

St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 18.—Henry Beaugard was remanded in the Police Court here today, until Monday next, charged with the attempted murder of Frank P. Philbin, yesterday. Both men are said to belong to Toronto.

Beaugard is alleged to have fired four shots at Philbin in a cafe, three of which took effect. They had been quarrelling in the earlier part of the day. Philbin's wounds are serious, but he is expected to recover.

That he was confident; that he expressed the sentiments of the entire House when he said that the late member, who had been a Minister without portfolio since 1906 and a member of the Legislative Council since 1915, left behind only friends at the time of his regretted demise in the early days of this year.

Hon. Thomas Chapais, leader of the Council's Opposition, who paid high tribute to the memory of the departed statesman, seconded the motion.

It was then formally decreed that on the motion as presented by the Leaders of both sides of the House the Legislative Council, out of respect for the memory of the late deceased Hon. John C. Kaine, stood adjourned until 4 p. m. on Tuesday, January 16th, 1924.

Mr. Oliver closed by saying: "Quebec is the most prosperous province of the Dominion. Its finances are in an enviable condition which in itself is a proof that the Government has administered the affairs of the province wisely and well, when one considers the financial difficulties that are being faced by the various governments and nations of the world, it is not surprising to Mr. Speaker, that the majority of the people of Quebec feel justified in placing their confidence in the Liberal Government. They have faith in the Government which protects Canadian wealth, and Canadian industry and utilizes to the highest degree the various elements of wealth with which we are so bountifully supplied."

In the Upper House the sitting resumed after the presentation of the formal motions for replying to the Speech from the Throne by Hon. G. A. Simard and Hon. Henry Miles.

Both speakers commended the work and future plans of the Government in an enthusiastic manner, while the Quebec Liquor Commission was dealt with fully by Hon. Mr. Miles, the late chairman of that body simply skimming over the subject.

Hon. Mr. Miles also delivered himself of some utterances regarding references made re his support of women's suffrage, in a Toronto paper, and assured the Legislative Council that there need be no fear entertained about activities on his part, as he was not convinced that the women of the Province of Quebec desired to have the vote.

Hon. N. Perreault, leader of the Council, after paying tribute to the eloquence of the proposer and second of the motion, and referring to the loss sustained by the Upper House in the death of Hon. J. C. Kaine, called for the presentation of the motion for the reply to the Speech from the Throne. The motion was carried without division and without any comment from the Opposition, and the customary message of loyalty and thanks will accordingly be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant Governor by the Speaker of the Council and such members of the Cabinet as are members of that House.

The Leader of the Council arose once more to submit a resolution of condolence to the family of the late Hon. John C. Kaine, before the House. Hon. Mr. Perreault eulogized the departed member of the Upper House as a statesman, a husband and a beloved father, and said

LARGE INCREASE IN EXPORT OF CANADIAN WHEAT

Dominion Bureau Of Statistics Shows Exports Totalled 64,196,963 Bushels

TOTAL VALUE Of Grain Which Was Sent Out Of Country This Year Is \$250,205,601

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—(By Canadian Press)—Canada exported nearly nine million more bushels of wheat in November, 1923, than during the same month a year ago. Figures given out by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics show exports of Canadian wheat totalling 64,196,963 bushels valued at \$63,395,303 last month as compared with 55,315,972 bushels valued at \$52,147,665 in November, 1922.

For October, 1923, exports of wheat totalled only 29,070,547 bushels valued at \$29,528,796. The total quantity of wheat exported during the twelve months ending with Nov. 30 last was 226,106,325 bushels valued at \$250,205,601 as compared with 203,162,329 bushels valued at \$237,520,823 for a similar period ending November, 1922.

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DEAL INVOLVING NEAR A MILLION IS COMPLETED

Pulp And Paper Co. Secures Large Timber Limits At English Lake

IN MONTMAGNY

Freehold Timber Land In Canada And Controlling Interests In Maine

Sherbrooke, Dec. 18.—A deal involving in the neighborhood of a million dollars by which the B. C. Howard Timber Limits at English Lake becomes the property of the Brompton Pulp and Paper Co. has been completed. The transaction represents one of the biggest deals ever put through in the eastern townships. The transaction was carried through by F. N. McCrea M.P., President of the Brompton Co. J. A. Bothwell, General Manager of the company and Charles B. Howard, President of the B. C. Howard & Co., Ltd., the property is situated at English Lake, Que., in the County of Montmagny and consists of 25,000 acres of freehold timber land in Canada and controlling interest in one hundred and forty thousand acres freehold land in the State of Maine.

These lands are all tributary to the lower branch of the St. John River. The purchase of this property by the Brompton Company will assure the company of from four to five million cords of pulpwood and by scientific reforestation thus practically provides for an unlimited supply of raw material.

PHENOMENALLY MILD WEATHER

Regina, Dec. 18.—Today is the mildest December 18 ever recorded in this district. At noon the mercury stood at 39 degrees. Last December 18 was the coldest on record when the mercury registered 33 below zero.

Fort William, Ont., Dec. 18.—Never since 1876 has the head of the lake experienced climatic conditions such as exist here at the present time.

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—Phenomenally mild weather continues to prevail throughout western Canada and the thermometer stands far above zero everywhere.

Winnipeg the rivers are open to the slight amount of snow on the ground melted rapidly today under a warm sun.

RADIO IS RAPIDLY DEVELOPING IN CANADA

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—There are over a hundred radio users in Canada and the province has a Department of Marine, which supervises this service, is how to assist the broadcasting stations upon which receiving sets rely for their service.

At the beginning of last year broadcasters numbered 63. Early this year the number fell to 26, but at present is 38. It is figured that over \$2,000,000 is invested in receiving sets, the manufacture of which has developed into a profitable industry.

As broadcasting is the life of this form of entertainment and instruction, ways and means of encouraging it are frequently considered but no conclusion has been reached. In Manitoba the Provincial Government aids broadcasting through the telephone system and the Dominion Government refunds to the province half of the license fees collected.

ANNEXED HANDBAGS AND TWO YEARS IN PEN.

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Choosing a church as his field of operations, Charles Gauthier, aged 35, found a profitable means of livelihood by annexing women's handbags while their owners were intent on prayer. In the semi-obscure of the house of worship, Gauthier developed dexterity as a snatch-thief. The purses contained little but a day's haul would generally net about \$10.

Gauthier was finally caught in the act of purloining the handbag of Mrs. P. Allard in the Church of the Holy Sacrament here on November 30 last. In her purse was \$1.85 and a few odds and ends.

Today he was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary by Judge Enright.

BRAKEMAN SHOWED REMARKABLE PLUCK

Ingersoll, Ont., Dec. 18.—Tennison Brill, aged 31, of London, C.N.R. brakeman, fell under a car being shunted here late this afternoon and suffered injuries which necessitated the amputation of his left leg at the hip. Brill showed great pluck. He was sitting up when the ambulance came for him, and after getting into it he asked a pal to make a cigarette for him. He smoked on the way to the hospital.

PERSONAL NOTES FROM FRAMPTON

Several Residents Have Left For Quebec And Other Localities For Christmas

Frampton, Dec. 18.—(Spec. Corr.)—On Dec. 18th inst., a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mose Murphy.

Mr. Anthony O'Grady has left for Laval.

Mr. George Bradley who has been ill for the past week, is progressing favourably.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Chamberlain was christened Sunday at Christ's Church, Springbrook. Sponsors were Mr. Adam Bradley and Miss Gertrude Bradley.

Mr. Mike Sheehy and son Eric, are home from Lincoln, Maine.

Mr. Prevost of St. Malachie Station is in Quebec on Sunday.

Miss Stacy O'Farrell, who has been in Quebec for some time, is home till after the holidays.

Mr. John Sheehy spent last Tuesday and Wednesday in Quebec.

Miss Lizzy Lafontaine was in Quebec for a few days last week.

Miss Katie Dwyer was home on Sunday from Quebec. She motored up with Mr. and Mrs. Doyle and Mr. and Mrs. Harney of St. Cyrille St. Malachie for a few days.

Mr. O. Gagnon of Armagh, Que., was in Frampton and St. Malachie last week.

Mr. Jos. Fournier went to Quebec on Wednesday last and brought home his brother-in-law, Mr. J. Cote who has been ill in the St. Francois d'Assise Hospital for almost two months. Mr. Cote is progressing favourably.

Eddie King of St. Pamel, who has been attending Hemlock school, went home last Thursday for his Christmas vacation.

Miss Yvonne Audet of Frampton Village spent a few days in Quebec last week.

Miss Marjorie Smith spent part of last week visiting friends in Quebec and Bienville, Que.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Doyle spent a few days in Quebec last week.

Mr. Edmond Paradis of Bienville was in St. Malachie and Frampton last week.

Mr. John Humphrey was in Quebec recently.

Mr. Thomas Kinsella was in Quebec for a couple of days last week.

Mr. Jos. Lacasse spent the week-end in Quebec with his family.

Mr. John S. Miller has installed a radio at his home in Agnes.

Marshora school closed Wednesday last week. In the afternoon the parents and friends were invited to be present, and the report being read the distribution of prizes was made. The pupils gave a very interesting program. All the pupils received a gift from the teacher. Special prizes were as follows:—

Angus McDonald, for general progress during the term; Roy McDonald, arithmetic; Allan Melver, diligence in school work; French McLeod, general proficiency and conduct; Marion Melver, proficiency and deportment; Thelma Melver, good conduct and politeness.

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The hard frost last week gave the opportunity of flooding the skating rink and with a few degrees of frost during the rest of the time each night. The rink was open for skating on Friday, Dec. 14 for the first time this season.

By Command of the Officers of the Corps of Guides No. 5 the members are invited to a reception given on Thursday, Dec. 20th, at 9 o'clock p.m., in honor of J. P. Landry, C.M.G., who will inspect the corps at the Chateau Villeneuve, Lake Megantic.

DELOME TRIAL IN FEBRUARY

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Official notification has been received here by the Crown Prosecutor's Department from the Attorney General, that the terms of the Court of King's Bench have been advanced.

The first term to start the first week of February.

The trial of Rev. Delorme charged with the murder of his half-brother Raoul Delorme will therefore be begun in February, instead of March.

WELL-KNOWN CANADIANS RETURN ON BERENGARIA

New York, Dec. 18.—(By Can. Press)—Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Speaker of the House of Commons, arrived today after a visit to the grave of his son who was killed while in action with the Canadian forces in France, during the great war.

Other Canadians arriving on the Berengaria were Senator C. P. Beaubien, President of the Canadian Train Exhibition, and Sir Donald Mann. The latter is returning from a business trip to Great Britain.

SCHOOL CLOSURES AT MEGANTIC

Report Was Read And Prizes Distributed At The Marshboro School

Lake Megantic, Dec. 18.—(Special Correspondence)—Friday morning Dec. 14th, with a strong westerly wind, the temperature commenced to fall from 25 degrees. At noon it was 15 above and at 6 o'clock p.m. it was 5 degrees above and during the night got down around zero. Saturday morning it was 5 degrees above, a real winter's day, bright sunshine and cold, really the first day of winter.

Mrs. Ebbie Morrison and two daughters who have been visiting Mrs. Angus Nicholson at her home in Agnes, have returned to their home at Farnham.

Mrs. Herbert D. Patton and children who have been spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Fraser, at Cookshire, have also returned home.

Mrs. D. Fletcher of Montreal, Miss Frances Miller and Mrs. Barker of Brownville, Me., have also returned home, after having been guests of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Miller, at their home in Agnes for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Murde J. Smith have arrived at their new home in Agnes, which Mr. Smith purchased from Mr. Angus R. McLeod.

Mrs. Donald Melver of New York, who is with her son Everett at Skinner, Maine, was visiting relatives at Echo Vale on Friday. Mr. Melver is reported to be getting better after his serious illness.

Mrs. D. J. McLeod of Milan was a visitor in town one day last week to attend the funeral of the late Mrs. D. D. McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlow were also called from Servell, Mass., to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. McDonald.

The first sleighing of this winter only continued for two days last week, Monday and Tuesday, when the snow was almost gone, and wheels had to be resorted to again.

Spider Lake was again frozen over last Friday.

Mr. Francis Mills of Three Lakes motored to Megantic last Saturday for Mr. Wm. Latty who has returned from a visit to Sherbrooke.

Mr. J. Pollock, the mail carrier from Spring Hill to Stornoway and Tolsta, reports that he was using his car on the road all last week.

Mrs. D. McLeod of Whittan, leaving her team last week at Spring Hill, came to Megantic by train with her son Leslie to consult a doctor, missed her train on her return and had to hire a team to take them back to Spring Hill.

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FORTUNATE CANADIAN FARMERS.

The farmers of Western Canada may be in a bad position, but, according to the wheat growers of the Western States, they are in paradise compared with their fellow agriculturists across the American boundary line. The advocates of a higher duty on Canadian wheat, going into the United States have presented facts and figures which, as the London Free Press observes, should bring cheer to the most pessimistic Progressive to be found west of the Great Lakes.

Sydney Anderson, a representative of Minnesota in Congress, has prepared a statement for the wheat growers of the Western American States which should start a regular stampede into the Canadian West. Mr. Anderson claims that the farmers of the Canadian prairies have lower taxation, cheaper freight rates and a better yield per acre than their American farm competitors. Particularly he emphasizes the fact that Canadian wheat is so much better than the American product that it is impossible for the American farmer to compete on an even basis. Here is what Mr. Anderson has to say on this subject:

"Hard wheat, and particularly hard spring wheat, is relatively higher in gluten content than soft spring wheat, and, because of the tendency of milling practice, hard wheat is in greater demand than soft wheat for domestic consumption, and usually commands a premium above wheat of the same general grade having less gluten content. It is generally conceded that the proportion of wheat of high gluten content in the current crop is relatively small. This fact has been reflected in premiums for hard wheat of high gluten content as high as 28 cents per bushel.

"More than 90 per cent of the wheat produced in Canada is of the hard spring variety, containing a high percentage of gluten. This wheat, therefore, comes into direct competition with the hard spring wheat produced in this country. Canadian hard spring wheat is generally considered this year to be intrinsically worth, on the average, six cents per bushel more than spring wheat of comparable grades in this country. The Canadian production of this year approximates 490,000,000 bushels, practically all of which is of the hard spring variety. If admitted free of duty, it would bring a higher price in the Minneapolis market than the spring wheat of domestic production, because of its intrinsically better quality, and its presence, or potential competition, in the spring wheat markets would be promptly reflected in the destruction of the premium now existing, and which has existed for hard spring wheat in those markets during the present crop year."

He goes on to point out that the average yield in Western Canada for 1923 has been 20.6 bushels per acre, while the average yield in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota has been only 9.5 bushels per acre. With the cost of production the same per acre, the Western Canadian farmer would have a hundred per cent advantage.

The farmers of Western Canada may be having a difficult time at the present time, but it is questionable if there is any place on the globe whose farmers are better off than in the Dominion.

TRAINING CANADA'S INDIAN YOUTH.

Nearly fourteen thousand Indian children are enrolled in the day and residential schools of Canada, according to a statement just made public by the Superintendent of Indian Instruction. Of this number, more than five thousand are in residential schools, which are the most important factor in the development of our Indian youth. In these institutions provision is made to supplement academic instruction with vocational training.

The industrial and boarding schools—seventy-four in number—are financed and managed jointly by the Department of Indian Affairs and the various churches engaged in the work. The institution workers are nominated by the church authorities and the activity is supervised by them and by the department. There is a classroom inspection by properly qualified school inspectors. The vocational training and the institution, generally, are inspected by department officers. The major portion of the capital expense is met by Parliamentary appropriation, and for current expenses there is a per capita grant from the same source. When the per capita grant is not sufficient for the conduct of a school, the missionary society or order in charge provides supplementary funds.

An institution of 125 pupils has on the staff, in addition to the Principal and his Assistant, two Classroom Teachers, a Farm Instructor, a General Mechanic, a Matron or Sister Superior and four or five other lady workers or Sisters, who supervise the kitchen, sewingroom, laundry and other household classes and duties. One member of the staff is qualified to do practical nursing. Indian children are admitted at the age of seven or eight and continue in residence from eight to ten years. An annual vacation of one month is allowed and is enjoyed by all pupils whose homes are within reasonable distances.

Pupils in primary grades devote both morning and afternoon to classroom exercises, but the school day is divided, for older pupils, between academic instruction and vocational training. The boys receive, in addition to a public school education, instruction in farming, gardening and the care of stock. In some schools carpentry, shoemaking and blacksmithing are taught to a few boys. The girls have domestic duties and instruction as well as classroom exercises—the aim being to graduate young women who will be good housekeepers. A portion of each day and all of Saturday afternoon is devoted to organized play and other supervised recreation. In addition to regular Sunday worship and instruction, religious services are conducted both morning and evening, each day of the week.

An increasingly important activity is the high school instruction of older pupils resident at Indian schools which are situated close to cities or large towns. When an Indian boy or girl shows academic promise, the department allows an increased per capita grant, if the school can arrange for the regular attendance of the pupil at a neighboring high school. Indian children, for whom these arrangements are made, receive, thus, secondary schooling in competition with white boys and girls and at the same time, live in Christian institutions where their evening activities

Sidelights on the Legislature

With the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne duly moved and seconded, the Assembly is now ready to buckle down to serious work and the Opposition will fire its opening guns to-day.

Whatever else it has done, the more equal distribution of parties has apparently stimulated public interest in the proceedings of the House and, judging by early indications, the Legislature bids fair to recover some of its old prestige as a place of instructive entertainment. For years past, during which the Opposition has dwindled perilously near to the zero mark, the session has been virtually a constitutional formality and the scene has been somewhat perfunctorily played out to empty galleries. Yesterday the attendance was as numerous as that which graced the opening and a conspicuous feature was the number of ladies present.

Whether the Assembly continues to attract this patronage of course depends upon itself, for if fireworks are not forthcoming to sustain the ever-fickle popular interest, the audience will speedily fall away, enabling the real devotees to seat themselves in comfort—a task of some difficulty at the present time. While the galleries of theatres are constructed to hold the largest possible number of spectators, those of court houses and parliament appear to be designed especially to limit public representation and the average citizen can follow the debates in his chosen newspaper much more comfortably than from the heights above the floor of the House.

Those who gain that strategic position and who have heard of impressive opposition gains at the last general elections will be surprised to see how small the group surrounding Mr. Sauve appears in contrast to the Liberal forces that fill two sides of the Chamber and a good part of the third; yet the Conservative delegation is four times larger than the famous "corps-a-guard" of a year ago. If that party is, as it proclaims, on its way to power after nearly thirty years in the wilderness, it has evidently still a long way to go.

The proposal and seconding of the Address being customarily confided to newly-elected supporters of the Government, these orations are awaited by old-timers with curiosity, not untinted with amusement, to see how the members chosen will acquit themselves of their maiden efforts. This year the choice fell upon Messrs. Bernard, of Rouville, and Oliver, of Bromont; the latter, brother of the regretted gentleman who represented the same constituency before him.

The Member for Rouville was greeted, on rising, with the customary banging of Government benches which seemed to take on a new note of confident defiance and he, in common with Mr. Oliver, set what is probably a new record for brevity for occasions of this kind; forty minutes sufficing for the two of them to speak their minds. If the example thus set is generally followed the session is likely to be short and featureless, but much depends upon the amiability of Mr. Sauve.

If the Opposition hoped to get any further inkling of the Government's designs than was vouchsafed to them in the Speech from the Throne, they are doomed to disappointment for both Mover and Second were cautiously discreet; contenting themselves with the usual tributes to the past history and present achievements of the Liberal party, terminated by pious aspirations that it may long continue to bestow the blessings of wise government upon this favored Province.

Mr. Bernard, who represents a constituency held at different times by such stalwarts as the late Hon. Honore Mercier, Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux and Hon. L. P. Brodeur—a fact of which he took occasion to remind the House—read from a prepared manuscript and acquitted himself creditably. Mr. Oliver likewise passed the ordeal with success. Although "no orator as Brutus was," he spoke extempore and said what he had to say in short-clipped sentences shot forth like bullets from a machine gun, but common-sense bullets none the less.

An amusing little incident that escaped general attention was furnished by Ald. "Pete" Bertrand, the doughty champion of local labor, who, refusing all truck or trade with the Opposition, has been relegated to a private no man's land of his own just inside the bar of the House. Coming in late and being unable to gain access to his seat without passing directly in front of Mr. Bernard and thus interrupting the thread of the latter's discourse, he calmly wormed his way under the brass rail, sat down without the prescribed deferential bow to Mr. Speaker, and proceeded to chew vigorously—whether gum or plug the deponent knoweth not.

The day's work was terminated by Mr. Sauve's motion to adjourn the debate. The Leader of the Opposition was greeted by the desk bangings of his followers, but their team work still remains to be perfected as the applause was lacking both in unison and volume. Like the Government, Mr. Sauve has his little secrets and it will only be known today whether he intends to bring his heavy guns into play immediately or whether he will throw in his light skirmishers first of all. One thing seems to be settled and that is the determination of every Conservative member to contribute to the debate.

Hostilities will open at three o'clock this afternoon.

are thoughtfully supervised. The churches engaged in residential school work have, in the past, erected some modern buildings that are adequate and suitable for the purposes of Indian education. The Government is, at the present time, rapidly replacing unsuitable institutions with well equipped school buildings, residences and barns. A department architect gives the major portion of his time and energy to the erection of institutions that meet the requirements for our Indian wards. At the present writing, forty-seven of the seventy-four Indian residential schools are lighted electrically, heated by one unit, and are equipped with modern plumbing.

"Let Us Be Frank," urges the Telegraph editorially and we understand that our contemporary is Frank—Carrel.

Hon. Bob Rogers accuses the Liberals and Progressives of being great talkers and Hon. Bob is no amateur himself in that connection so he ought to know.

In view of the general approval of Cardinal Begin's stand in regard to modern dances and extreme styles it ought to be possible to correct some of the abuses that have undoubtedly infected the younger element of modern society.

An afternoon contemporary publishes the portrait of Hon. Henry Miles with the statement that he "delivered a telling speech in seconding the Address from the Throne in the Legislative Assembly to-day." Evidently this gentleman's stay in the Legislative Council has been short-lived, but perhaps he was home-sick for the Lower House.

MANY ENTRIES FOR POULTRY RECORD

Great Interest Is Shown In Pedigree Poultry Breeding Work

Entries for the Record of Performance for Poultry conducted by the Dominion Live Stock Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, have just closed and a total of 15,235 birds will be trap-nested on breeders' own plants during the 1923-24 laying season. This is a considerable increase over the 12,735 birds entered last year, and is significant of the interest which has been aroused in pedigree breeding stock. The birds entered are representative of the poultry flocks of 184 breeders in all parts of the Dominion.

Each province in the Dominion is represented in this work though British Columbia is well ahead, 3,158 or 53 per cent of the birds entered being from that province. Ontario is second with 3,252 or 21.3 per cent, Quebec third with 1,267 or 8.3 per cent, and Alberta next with 1,235 or 8.1 per cent. The standing of breeders by provinces is in the same order.

Birds that lay 150 eggs in 52 consecutive weeks are entitled to Record of Performance certificates, while those laying 225 or over are awarded Advanced Record of Performance certificates. It is necessary, however, for the birds themselves to be of standard variety and free from standard disqualifications, and for their eggs to average at least 2 ozs. each. The breeder keeps his own records and these are checked from time to time by Inspectors of the Dominion Department of Agriculture who make unannounced periodic visits to all the entrants. An annual report of this work is published, and may be obtained on application to the Live Stock Commissioner, Ottawa, Ontario.

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS. Although the cold weather doth hunger provoke, 'Tis a comfort to see how the chimneys do smoke; Provision is making for beer, ale, and wine, For all that are ready or willing to dine. Then haste to the kitchen for diet the chief, Plum pudding, goose, capon, mince pies, and roast beef. —Old rhyme.

RADIO PROGRAMMES. Schenectady, N. Y., THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 790 Kilocycles (380 Meters) WGY—General Electric Company.

Eastern Standard Time 2:00 p.m.—Music and address, "Conserving Our Forests," Mrs. E. C. Whitmyre, Chairman State Conservation Committee, Schenectady Woman's Club.

6:00 p.m.—Produce and stock market quotations; news bulletins. 6:15 p.m.—Weekly report on conditions of roads in New York State. 7:45 p.m.—Musical program by Albany Chamber of Commerce Mixed Quartet and Albany College of Pharmacy Orchestra.

A Few Moments with New Books. L. L. Hopkins, Assistant Librarian of the General Electric Co. Orchestral selection, "Eddie Steady." The Albany College of Pharmacy Orchestra. Tenor solo, "Prologue" from the "Vision of Sir Launfal" Cadman J. Raymond Simmons.

Violin solos, a. "Allegro" Vivadia b. "Andante" Vivadia Sophie Poskanzer Quartet selection, "Christmas Carols" The Albany Chamber of Commerce Mixed Quartet; Helen K. Eberle, soprano; Mrs. B. Rickards, contralto; J. Raymond Simmons, tenor; George D. Elwell, bass. Contralto solo, "Till I Wake" Woodforde-Finden Mrs. Burt R. Rickards Orchestral selection, "Palais De Danse" Horne Bass solo, "Israel" King George D. Elwell Address, "Citizenship" Roy S. Smith, Executive Secretary Albany Chamber of Commerce

Piano solos, a. "Etude Mignon" Schytte b. "A Butterfly" Rosenthal Stuart Swart Soprano solo, "Calm as the Night" Bohm Helen K. Eberle Violin solo, "Perpetuo Mobile" Bohm Sophie Poskanzer Quartet selection, "Christmas Carols" Orchestral selection, "Maggie! Yes, Ma'am" John Tucker

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Chronicle Files 100 Years Ago

Provincial Parliament House of Assembly

Tuesday, 16th December—Mr. Secretary Cochrane delivered the following message from His Excellency the Governor in Chief.

The Governor-General informs the House of Assembly that he has received His Majesty's commands to acquaint them, that His Majesty is of opinion that considering the long and meritorious services and advanced age of Chief Justice Monk and Mr. Justice Ogden, the pension of one half their respective salaries, under the Act passed for this purpose in the last session of the Provincial Legislature, is not sufficient provision for them, and that, as they have served for twenty-five years with honor to themselves and advantage to the public service, it is His Majesty's earnest recommendation to the Assembly, that a retired allowance equal to three-fourths their respective salaries should be granted to them, with a pension of one hundred pounds per annum to Mrs. Ogden in the event of her surviving her husband.

DALHOUSIE Castle of St. Lewis, Quebec, December 16th, 1823.

Chronicle Files 25 Years Ago

Sensational Experience

Quite a sensation was caused in Lower Town yesterday morning when the news became known that three men had been carried off on the ice during the previous night. About half past nine o'clock on Saturday night, Messrs. Gagnon, Wagner and Matte were fishing through the ice on the St. Charles River, when the ice broke up and they were carried off. Messrs. Wagner and Matte, senior, on learning the alarming news, took a carter and drove down the shore as far as Lange Garden, where they saw the young men on a piece of ice, on which their cabin was still standing. Another fishing cabin which had also passed out on the broken ice was not far distant. Messrs. Wagner and Matte tried in vain to secure a boat to go out to their assistance, and then drove back to town where they secured another team and a canoe. They drove back again, but in the interval some of the resident farmers, had obtained a small boat and put out to the assistance of the sufferers. The young men walked back to town by the railway track, reaching the city about one o'clock in the afternoon. It was reported that two other men were in the other cabin, but on investigation this was found not to be the case. The report also stated that the two men in question managed to get ashore when the ice broke up, but that they left a fur coat, watch and some money behind them in their hurry.

Great is the might of Truth, against whom shall be arrayed the intelligence, the cunning, the ingenuity of man, the well-laid plots of the whole world, yet she will with ease defend herself.

WOMEN BECOME FACTOR IN SKYSCRAPER PLANS

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The increasing influence of women in public and political affairs has become a factor in the planning of skyscrapers. A report of the building planning service of the National Association of Building Owners and Managers discloses that women must be accorded as much consideration as that given the sinking of caissons.

Building managers have found, according to the report that if the project is to be successful it must have the good will of women, who may be either employees or visitors. This consideration is reflected chiefly in planning for adequate and attractive rest rooms which the reports say, no longer can be classed as luxuries in office buildings.

The report covers a variety of "human frailties," including the habits of messenger boys pencilling corridors and jumping down the stairs. The pencil habit has given rise to the term "pencil line" for the height of marble wainscoting in corridors, which is raised to such a level that the pencil line, may be easily cleaned from the walls. Landing places at the turn of stairs, the managers report, have become landing places in fact for messenger boys, whose duties have compelled the installation of specially constructed slabs to withstand the impact of their jumps.

Awing fires are being prevented through the dipping of the fabric in a fireproofing substance, another item shows, while theft of brass fire hose nozzles has been stopped through the use of cast iron nozzles.

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THE BANKRUPTCY ACT.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the matter of Telephore Aubin, painter-contractor, 15 Turnbull Avenue, Quebec, authorized assignee.

Notice is by the present given that Telephore Aubin, of Quebec, did on the 7th day of December, 1923, make an authorized assignment of all his property for the benefit of his creditors, and that the Honorable A. Robitaille, Official Receiver, named me as guardian of the debtor's property, until the creditors at their first meeting shall have named a trustee to administer the property of the debtor. Notice is also given that the first meeting of creditors of the aforesaid assets will be held at Quebec, in the office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Act, at the Court House, on the twentieth day of December, 1923, at five (5) o'clock in the afternoon.

To enable you to vote at the said meeting, proof of your claim must be placed within my hands before the said meeting.

Proxies that are to be used at the meeting should be placed within my hands before the said meeting.

Be also notified that if you have a claim of any kind that entitles you to rank as a creditor, proof of the claim should be placed within my hands within thirty days from the present notice, because on and after the expiration of the period fixed by paragraph 8, of article 37, of the said law, I will distribute the result of the assets of the debtor among those having right, having regard only to the claims which I shall have then received.

Dated at Quebec, this 12th day of December, 1923.

LUCIEN CHAREST,
Guardian.
Office: 85 St. Peter Street.
Dominion Express Building,
Quebec.

CADRETT AT THE CHATEAU

Lions Organize Banquet And Enjoy Dancing Entertainment

A break in the ordinary scheme of things occurred yesterday—for there was no Lions' Club Luncheon. The weekly reunion at midday is looked upon by the members very much like winter. It may be late, oftentimes it is very late but like winter it always comes.

Yesterday the Lions turned their simple luncheon into a banquet. Certainly there were a number of disconsolate Lions in the lobby at the Chateau Frontenac at midday but these went empty away and returned in the evening to taste hope deferred. Hope deferred proved to be something worth while for at 7.30 the ravenous Kings of the Forest were able to sit down to a sumptuous spread in the breakfast room. During the dinner many songs were sung and despite the intermittent absence of the intermittent the songs were sung with gusto.

Lion Valquet made some amends for his prolonged absence by bringing back an extra special turn. He introduced Mr. Tessier and Miss Daly of New York, dancers.

The first act given by the performers was a Canadian Apache Dance. The performers tangoed and fox-trotted between the tables and their turn was ended by a swirl. Applause following the performance and the two artists were repeatedly recalled. Miss Daly proved herself to be a consummate artist in her interpretation of the Slavonic Swan Dance. She was fortunate in having a gifted partner eminently able to prove dancing an art.

Mr. Bedard of Quebec, gave two French Canadian songs that were thoroughly enjoyed. The patois added charm to the songs that were in themselves charming. The Lions were particularly fortunate in having a brother Lion from Montreal. Lion Lewis was welcomed as an old friend as soon as he was introduced but he eclipsed the welcome when he recited Kipling's famous poem, "I learned about wimmin from her." The subtle mixture of pathos and bathos appealed to the audience and there could have been no more feeling exposition of a captivating poem.

President Huot made a short speech. He said how glad they were that the Board of Trade was making progress for he felt that the Board deserved all the support that could be meted out to them. Fortunately, he said, many of their members were already members of the Chamber but he hoped that still more would link up with an institution that was vitally concerned with the future welfare of the city. The president said that he had received a letter from Lion Morancy, who in the letter Lion Morancy had regretted his inability to be with them that evening particularly as he wanted to make an appeal for the Christmas Tree Fund. It would be impossible for him to return to Quebec over the Christmas season but he felt that he had left all arrangements in the hands of the Lions and he advanced. The meeting with the children would take place on December 28th, and they had secured for the occasion over seven hundred toys, seven hundred ice-cream cones, forty dozen bottles of mineral waters and five hundred bags of candy. He felt that he was quite safe in leaving the final arrangements to Lion Bedard since Lion Bedard had already evinced his great interest in the movement by giving much of his valuable time to the affair.

At the conclusion of the president's speech Lion Lewis of Montreal said that he would like to say a few words. He said that he had listened with a good deal of astonishment to the details of the Christmas festivities the Quebec Lions proposed giving to the orphan children. He was amazed that they should have arranged to give so much and he complimented them upon their generosity. The Montreal Club, although possessing their membership, was giving \$260 towards the poor. He would take the first opportunity of pointing out to that club the greater zeal of their younger contemporary.

A number of impromptu items were given by the members and an entertaining evening was concluded by the singing of "God Save the King."

What difference is there between him who instigates and him who approves the crime?

Left-Over Sale

The Ladies Aid, Baptist Church, will hold a left-over sale of fancy work, aprons, sweaters and children's mits, etc., Thursday, Dec. 20th, in the Baptist Church School Room. Open at 2.00 o'clock.

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Engineers Also Discuss Protection Of Forests Against Fires, And Form Plan

ELECTED OFFICERS

Exploitation Of Forests To Be Treated Today, And Other Subjects

The Forestry Engineers of the Province of Quebec opened a meeting at the City Hall yesterday, and discussed a number of subjects, including the protection of the forests against fires and the question of the pulpwood embargo.

In addition to discussing these matters, the Society elected its officers for the ensuing year. The election of officers resulted as follows:—

President—O. Lusier.
Vice-President—S. L. Decoret.
Secretary-Treasurer—V. G. Large.
Councillors—G. C. Piche, A. Bedard, H. Sergius, H. Roy and S. Moir.

The meeting discussed at some length the pulpwood embargo, and pronounced themselves in favor of the measure as being for the benefit of the Province. In connection with the protection of forests against fire, a plan was drawn up by the Society for the protection of the forests, which is a great improvement over the measures of forest protection against fire in the past, and the measure will be submitted to the attention of Premier Taschereau in a very short time.

Today some very interesting subjects are on the agenda, among which is that of the division of colonization and forestry zones, which promises to be of great interest, while another subject which is not less interesting is that of working plans for the exploitation of the forests.

Both of these subjects will be treated from every angle, and it is expected that the different forestry engineers, who are attending the meetings, will express their opinions on the subject.

COMPENSATION BOARD

HELD MEETING YESTERDAY

Inquiries into labor conditions throughout the Province of Quebec were commenced yesterday at the Court of Sessions by The Workingmen's Compensation Act Commission. The object of the meeting which was presided over by Ernest Roy, K.C., was to consider questions asked by insurance companies, employers and employees and other interested parties in connection with labor accidents, their causes, effects and the amount of compensation to be given.

CHATEAU ARRIVALS

The following were among the guests who registered at the Chateau yesterday: James P. Keith, S. T. Grenier, R. S. P. Smyth, E. A. Conway, A. Raymond, W. David, J. A. Wiener, J. Livingstone, P. Bourgeois, E. Gault, Frederick Wright, Montreal; Brail-Gen. C. A. Smart, Westmount; M. Kaye, W. A. Crowe, Toronto; C. J. Isabeste, L. A. Audette, Ottawa; W. R. McDonald, Chateau; John J. Power, St. Paul; Louis J. E. Pinaud, Mont-Joli; W. R. Wickenden, H. Labelly, Hy Sorbus, Three Rivers; E. B. Reid, New Richmond; Ernest LaRue, Ste. Marie, Beauce; A. Lafrance, Amos; Arthur L. Desaulniers, La Perade; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Casavant, E. A. Conway, Montreal.

LORETEVILLE CO. WANTS

WATER FROM ST. CHARLES

The Loreteville Waterworks Company's application for permission to take water from the St. Charles River came up yesterday at a sitting of the Public Service Commission. The City of Quebec is objecting to the granting of this permission on the ground that it will interfere with its own water supply.

Mr. L. Tremblay will be the last witness to be called in this case and, on behalf of the city will explain the effects of the additional demand on the water supply.

DIRECTORS VISITED

U.S. SECTION OF C.N.R.

The representative of Quebec on the Board of Directors of the Canadian National Railway, Col. O. E. Talbot, arrived back in town on Monday evening, after spending a few days in company with Sir Henry Thornton on an inspection tour of the American lines of the railway. Visiting all the divisional and terminal points on the Great Western, the road in question, they found a great deal of activity on that section of the system, which, according to Col. Talbot, runs through the centre of the American district and to a great extent is employed in transporting automobiles.

CHILD DIED SUDDENLY

The two-year old boy of Mr. and Mrs. St. Pierre, Chateaugay street, was suddenly taken by a spasm of coughing while playing about the house yesterday, and being sent for all that the doctor could do on his arrival, was to state that the child was dead. An inquest will be held today, when it will be decided whether it was something that he had swallowed and that stuck in his throat which caused his death.

What is better than to live in the contentment arising out of freedom and the recollection of duty well performed, careless of the things of this earth?

C.N.R. SHOPS TO CLOSE ON DEC. 21

Director Says Changes Pending—Closing Is Customary At This Time Of Year

Asked yesterday evening if there was any truth to the rumor that men were going to be laid off for a week or fifteen days at the St. Malo Workshops, Col. O. E. Talbot, one of the Canadian National Railway directors, stated that the inquiry was the first intimation he had received that such a thing was possible. Colonel Talbot stated that he was aware that certain changes had been decided on in connection with the operation of the C. N. R. shops, but that the laying off of men was not included in these alterations to his knowledge.

Mr. G. F. Knight, Superintendent of the St. Malo Shops, stated last night that he had posted a notice in the different departments, to the effect that they would all close down from the evening of December 21st until the morning of January 2nd, but that later, this notice had been cancelled as far as the car department was concerned, by another notice which informed the employees that this department would work on December 26th, 27th and 28th.

Mr. Knight stated that there was no special reason for this suspension of operations at the shops, but that it was according to the custom adopted since the last four years. He said that advantage was taken of this period of inactivity to make a general overhauling of the shops and at the same time, repair a number of machines in different departments, which were in continual use during the remainder of the year.

The Superintendent said that he expected instructions which would call for the posting of notices in the locomotive department, to the effect that the men employed in this section of the shops, would have to work on the same days as those in the car department.

IMPORTANT WORK BY MOTOR LEAGUE

Agree To Send Letter To The Premier Thanking Him For Automobile Concessions

An important meeting of the Quebec Provincial Automobile League was held in the Quebec Automobile Club building yesterday. The session started at 9.30 a. m. and was continued throughout the day. The Quebec club was represented by Mr. A. Pion, the president, Mr. J. Renaud, secretary, and Messrs. F. H. Levesque and A. C. Sandeman. Messrs. J. Duchate and C. McNeil were also present. Montreal and there were delegates from Theford, Sherbrooke, Grande Bale, Three Rivers, Mont-Joli and Rimouski.

Mr. A. Dion read the passages from the Speech from the Throne appertaining to reduced taxation on automobiles. The passage was received with applause and it was unanimously decided that an official letter of thanks should be sent to the Premier and his colleagues for their timely championship of the motorists. It was pointed out that the motorists had long been subjected to unjust taxation. On an average he was paying far more than any other individual to the funds of the state and it was satisfactory to think that the Government recognized this and were prepared to make some sort of amelioration.

Emphatic representations were made to the meeting regarding this. For a long time the motor league has maintained that every automobile should display two lights indicating the width of the car. The "one-eyed motor" has been repeatedly exposed by the league and it was pointed out at the meeting yesterday the dangerous effects of one bright light. It was agreed that every representation possible should be made to circumvent the peril.

It was agreed that a standardized type of danger signal should be introduced throughout the Province. It was said that danger signals differed in various localities with the result that motorists, and particularly motorists from the other side of the line, were very much confused. In other provinces standardization had been attained and it was thought by those present that the same could be done in Quebec.

The greatest danger of all, it was pointed out, was the difference between provinces. Already many provinces had come into line and certain signals had been agreed upon. It was generally concurred that representations should be made to the Provincial Government asking that Quebec be brought into line in this respect with other provinces.

One important decision made by the meeting was that illuminated zigzag lights should be placed on the road way approaching narrow crossings. It was also agreed that automatic bells should be arranged on level crossings so that approaching motorists knew if a train was due. A member pointed out that more accidents occurred at level crossings than through any other cause, and that any action they could take to render conditions more safe would be in the interests of motorists and travellers generally.

The price and quality of gasoline received a good deal of consideration. After discussion it was agreed that a recommendation should be made to the Government asking for a Commission to decide upon a standard price and quality for gasoline. It was felt that a good deal of sharp practice went on in connection with the supply of petrol and that a Government Commission controlling prices and quality would do good to the consumer and retailer as well.

CITY READY TO SELL WATER TO SILLERY FIRM

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The city of Quebec will sell water to the Sillery Waterworks Company at a rate of 15c. per thousand gallons, on condition that the guarantee now deposited with the company by the municipality of Sillery is transferred to the city of Quebec. The minimum amount that the city will sell per day is 100,000 while the maximum, at the request of the company's delegates, is 200,000 gallons.

This was the decision reached at the meeting of the Waterworks Committee at the City Hall last evening, after some hours of discussion. At first, when the matter was discussed, it was agreed that the city would sell water to the municipality of Sillery, but after the delegation had been informed of the conditions under which water would be sold to Sillery, and had retired from the committee room, Alderman Dussault proposed that the water be sold to the company on condition that the guarantee be transferred to the city.

When the meeting first came to order, City Engineer Tremblay presented a report showing that if the city supplied water to Sillery, it would lower the pressure for Belvedere Ward, as Sillery was situated lower than that ward. The only way of overcoming this evil would be by the erection of a reservoir at Sillery.

Then came the question of whether or not the city would sell water, and discussion was exceedingly long on this matter, the majority of the Aldermen expressing their opinions on the matter.

Finally Alderman Paradis proposed that the city sell water to the municipality of Sillery at a rate of 15c. per thousand gallons, and a minimum of 100,000 gallons, and a maximum of 200,000 gallons.

The delegation from Sillery, headed by Messrs. Rene DuPont, Ernest Roy, K.C., and Mayor Gauthier, entered the committee room and were informed of the conditions under which the water would be sold by Mr. Casgrain.

Stating that 100,000 gallons per day amounted to \$5,500 per year, Mr. DuPont said that he would rather have the maximum reduced to 200,000 gallons per day so that the guarantee of \$10,000 per year would cover that amount.

Some little discussion took place between the waterworks people and some of the members of the committee, and Mr. DuPont exclaimed, "Do you want to be paid by the week, by the month? We are ready to do all we can for you, if you are afraid of not being paid."

He went on to say that as soon as Quebec began to supply the water, a reservoir would be constructed. Finally, after more discussion on the subject, Mr. DuPont said: "If you will give us free right of way through your pipes to bring our water to Sillery, we will perform the work of turning the Cache river, at the convenience of the city of Quebec, and will give you the surplus water over what Sillery needs."

Offer Was a Surprise.

This offer came as a surprise to the members of the committee, and the room was a buzz of conversation for some minutes following the statement, but finally nothing was done about it.

The question of the transfer of Sillery's guarantee to Quebec instead of the Waterworks Company was then brought up, and Mayor Gauthier stated that the municipality had no objection to transferring the guarantee to the city of Quebec instead of to the Waterworks Company.

The delegation then withdrew from the room, and an amendment was proposed, and carried on division whereby the city put itself on record as being ready to sell water to the company on condition that the guarantee be transferred to the city of Quebec.

With that question disposed of the committee then turned its attention to the question of the formation of a commission to study the sources of water supply for the city.

This question, which it was expected would prove a difficult one to settle, passed off in the space of two minutes, the commission being formed of five engineers, of whom the C.P.R. gave their engineer free, the Provincial Government lent their man for the time necessary, a Mr. Normandin, who gave the committee his rates, as being \$25.00 per meeting, Mr. LaBerge, of Montreal, whose charge was \$50.00 per day and his expenses, and the two city engineers.

The whole thing was adopted, and after a couple of minor matters had been discussed, the committee adjourned.

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WAYS REPORTS HAVE BEEN TABLED

Various Departments Have Submitted Their Reports To The Legislature

A total revenue of \$100,025.90 for the year 1922-1923, and the issuing of letters patent to 764 new companies during the same period form two of the outstanding items of the report of the Provincial Secretary and Registrar, as tabled by Hon. L. A. David, Provincial Secretary in the Legislative Assembly.

Forty foreign corporations were given permission to carry on business in the Province of Quebec, while twenty-two concerns took out additional letters patent in order to obtain additional powers. Over 1,100 companies already on record turned in reports enabling the Government to compile interesting statistics.

The Secretary believes that the building of new hospitals is essential, as many organizations are complaining of overcrowding. Condemnations to reform schools were numerous, and much help has been given by industrial schools, which cannot, however, bear the whole brunt of the Province's orphanages. The public charity organizations have contributed very greatly to the solving of the problem.

A sum of \$232,000 was expended during the year in grants for the erection of perfectly hygienic schools. Boys' Schools received a grant of \$45,000. Night schools show an attendance of several thousands in various parts of the Province. Pleasing reference is made to the success of the Art schools in Montreal and Quebec city. Progress is reported in the School of Higher Commercial Studies whose graduates are much sought after by industrial and commercial houses.

Twenty-two scholarships for study in Europe were given by the Government, and made practical use of by the recipients.

Adjustments have been made in the theoretical and practical instruction in the Technical schools to conform to the demands of the day. Registration is on the increase.

In the Department of Health particular attention is being given to educational work, notably in the case of tuberculosis to which inspectors have been assigned, and also to venereal diseases.

Reference is also made to the work of the Statistics Bureau and the Historic Monuments Commission, and to the literary competition held last winter.

Department of Agriculture.

The annual report of the Department of Agriculture, tabled by Hon. J. E. Caron, shows that much progress took place in that department last year, the volume, which is a bulky one, covering some hundreds of pages, covering in detail, all of the branches included in the jurisdiction of the Department. Agriculture, dairy industry, horticulture, poultry industry, apiculture and other departments are dealt with at length, while the book is illustrated with several fine pictures.

Roads Department.

The year of 1923, according to the annual report of the Roads Department, was important in many respects, principally through the upkeep of 1,400 miles of highways and 2,200 municipal routes, totalling 5,076 miles, in addition to resurfacing and remaking nearly 1,000 miles of roads throughout the Province.

The automobile census is touched upon, as also is the planting of trees along the roads, the placing of signals, and many other subjects, making the report a most interesting one to read.

Colonization Department.

In order to promote colonization, the Department of Colonization expended a sum of \$2,452,697.69 in the course of the year 1922-1923, according to a report tabled by Hon. J. E. Perreault, Minister of Colonization, mines and fisheries.

A sum of \$2,000,000 was spent under the ordinary grant of \$2,000,000 out of the ordinary subsidy, and the grant allowed to colonization societies.

Of winter roads, 561.42 miles were opened and completed, 881.33 miles of bad roads rebuilt and culverts covering 30,000 feet constructed. Subsidies for the building of 46 schools and six chapel schools in colonization centres were given.

Under the act sanctioned on the 14th of February 1920, the sum of \$5,000,000 at the disposal of that department and a sum of \$4,536,137.06 have been expended.

With the sum of \$4,536,137.06 the department opened 1,301.92 miles of winter roads, completed 1,030.80 miles of passable roads, repaired 683.28 miles of bad roads, made 55.62 miles of roads with fascines and bridges, built bridges and culverts covering 54,917 feet; it has helped to build 69 schools and seven chapel schools, and in order to do better work and do it quicker, machinery worth \$137,493.71 has been purchased.

In other words, roads covering over 3,000 miles have been opened, completed or repaired and bridges of a length of more than 10 miles built.

Public Works and Labor.

In the report of the activities during the year of this department, tabled by Hon. A. G. Gauthier, it is shown that thirteen Government buildings are being built or repaired at present, also that the construction of the railroad between Kipewa and Quinze River is proceeding actively, there remaining but the laying of the rails and the construction of a steel bridge. 45 bridges were constructed during the course of the year, according to the report, and there are 40 under way, according to the report of Mr. Vallee, chief engineer of the department. Five toll roads and a toll bridge were abolished during the course of the year, a total cost of \$45,000 while the report also touches upon the examinations of the Fire Commission.

33,233 vehicles passed over the Batavian bridge during the course of the year, out of which number 29,333 paid an amount of \$12,234.13.

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE Y.M.C.A.

Large Audience Attended The Good Fellowship Club Concert Last Evening

The Good Fellowship Club gave a very successful entertainment last evening at the Y. M. C. A., which was well attended and much enjoyed by the audience. The St. Sacrament will make a collection on Sunday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock. The reports in regard to other districts will be published later. The city parishes, however, will be visited, as usual, on Christmas Eve.

In the morning the wholesale establishments, banks, offices, the markets and factories will be called upon by the travellers.

It is reported that a number of people who will be out of town for the Christmas holidays have already forwarded their donations to La Guignolee.

It is interesting to note that since this laudable enterprise was started twenty years ago the value of the various donations in kind, such as foodstuffs, clothing, etc., plus the cash received, amounted approximately to \$120,000.

The various charitable organizations will receive their share of La Guignolee collection through the usual channels.

THREE ALARMS YESTERDAY

Alarms were rung in yesterday from boxes 67, 84 and 134. The call from box 67 was for a commencement of a fire which was caused by a spark from a telephone wire, while both the other calls were for chimney fires. They were all easily and quickly managed by the firemen, with practically no damage being caused.

The masses are so constituted that they measure but few things by the standard of fact, most by the standard of conjecture.

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CURLING MAY START TONIGHT; HOPPE WON AGAIN

MISS ROBINSON WILL TURN PRO.

Champion Amateur Lady Speed Skater Leaves Next Week To Tour West

Toronto, Dec. 18.—The Toronto Star today publishes the following: "Canadian amateur sport has lost one of the outstanding figures of recent athletic history. Miss Gladys Robinson of Toronto, world's greatest lady speed skater, unbeaten and unbeatable except by accident or illness in several years' racing against the best in Canada and the United States, has decided to turn professional and leaves next week on a tour of the West with a squad of high class professional skaters. Miss Robinson's remarkable success across the line in 1921 and 1922 started a craze for speed skating here.

CURLERS MAY BE ON ICE TONIGHT

Expected One Sheet Will Be Ready At Quebec Curling Club

It is hoped that there will be one sheet of ice ready to play on this evening at the Quebec Curling Club, for the Ice Committee are working as hard as they can to get the ice in shape for tonight, flooding the place three or four times yesterday.

The official opening of the club for the winter's play will take place on Saturday, when the usual Turkey Competition and the Turkey Raffle will take place. Both the Competition and the Raffle were scheduled for tomorrow, but it was decided yesterday that the events will both be put off until Saturday.

In the meantime everything is looking bright for a busy season, and it is expected that the largest number of players who have yet stepped on the ice will be out on Quebec ice during the course of the present winter.

Now that ice has set in for fair, there is joy in the hearts of all curlers, who are anxiously awaiting the time when they will be able to get out on the ice and send the stones gliding down the smooth surface towards the button.

MASCART IS NEW FRENCH CHAMPION

Defeated Hebrans On Points —Awarded Title Held By Eugene Criqui

Paris, Dec. 18.—Edouard Mascart, the French featherweight fighter, tonight defeated Henri Hebrans of Belgium on points in a 15-round bout. According to a recent ruling of the International Boxing Federation, Mascart was to be given the French and European featherweight championship held by Eugene Criqui in case he defeated Hebrans. The announcement was made after the Federation had given consideration to a letter from Criqui's manager saying Criqui would be unable to meet Mascart and defend his title owing to injuries sustained some time ago in a bout with Hebrans. The latter was considered by the Federation as a virtual abandonment by Criqui of his title.

By his victory Mascart stepped into the European featherweight championship recently vacated by Criqui. His fight with the hard-hitting Belgian Hebrans, although it did not end in a knockout, was none the less impressive.

The little Frenchman had the better of every round, forcing the battle throughout, but Hebrans showed wonderful ability to take punishment. Mascart's boxing seemingly has improved some, but although he is the best in Europe, it is believed he needs more seasoning before attempting to meet the American featherweights. He has decided to remain in Europe over the winter and will fight Charley Ledoux on February 19.

BRITTON BEAT KAPLAN.
New York, Dec. 18.—Jack Britton, former welterweight champion of the world, decisively outpointed Phil Kaplan of New York in a 16-round bout tonight. The victor weighed 155 and the loser 151.

FOUGHT SLOW DRAW.
Hartford, Conn., Dec. 18.—Young Bob Fitzsimmons and Dan O'Dowd went to a referee's draw after 12 slow rounds here tonight.

BOXING BOUTS AT HIGH SCHOOL

Final Bout Will Be Decided —Gymnasium Competition Also On Program

The final bouts and gymnasium competition will take place this evening at the High School of Quebec. After many bouts, the two finalists in each of the five different classes will battle their way to the various championships. Besides the boxing there will be the annual gymnasium competition. The first bout will take place at eight o'clock in the school gymnasium, St. Denis Avenue. Following is the program of events:

1. Exercises on the Horizontal Bar.
2. Boxing Final 110-125 lbs.—Sam Serchuk vs. Solio Serchuk.
3. Exercises on P.M.
4. Exercises on Horses.
5. Boxing Final 75 lbs.—Moore vs. C. Doddridge.
6. Exercises on Parallel Bars.
7. Boxing Final 75 lbs. and under—Jones vs. Henderson.
8. Boxing Final 90-110 lbs.—Hatch vs. J. Doddridge.
9. Exercises on Rings and Rope.
10. Amy vs. Sam Serchuk (for heavyweight championship of the school).
- Gym. Instructor: L. T. Todd.
- Gymnasium Judges: F. T. Hand-sombody, Esq., C. W. Thompson, Esq.
- Boxing Referee: Sergeant-Major Vaughan.
- Judges: Major Stuart, C. W. Thompson.

Sporting Notes.

Los Angeles, Calif., has a bearded boxer by the name of "Fighting King David", whose religion bans haircuts or shaves. The bearded boxer who is newsboy on week days and a preacher on Sunday, declares that his whiskers are an aid in the ring since they cushion blows. The preacher-newsboy weighs 115 lbs. and is more than six feet tall.

Two basketball games will be played at the Y. M. C. A. this evening. The ladies' team that defeated the Rosemount ladies of Montreal will be seen in action against an all-star team from the Y. W. C. A. and the Acme quintette, champions of the League will battle with an all-star team. The first match will commence at 8 o'clock.

Erminio Spahn, Italian heavyweight boxing champion, is on the high seas bound for the United States. He sailed from Naples on December 10 on the S.S. Duilio of the Navigazione Italiana. The ship is scheduled to dock at New York today. The Italian has a bout with Jack Dempsey as his ultimate goal, and is said to be contemplating a meeting with Luis Firpo, Tom Gibbons or Floyd Johnson as a preliminary to the title struggle.

The Sons of Ireland Hockey Club will in all likelihood hold the first workout of the season at the Arena about the latter end of the week.

Moe Herscovitch, Montreal welterweight, will have a chance to make a name for himself in the ring Friday evening. He is matched to meet Mickey Walker, world's welterweight titleholder in a ten-round bout at Toronto.

Kid Roy, crack Montreal featherweight, fights Tommy Noble in the Metropolis this evening.

Two N. H. L. games are on the card for this evening. St. Patrick's and Ottawa play in the Capital City and Canadians journey to Hamilton. This latter game was originally scheduled for Montreal but was transferred to the Ambitious City on Saturday owing to lack of ice in the Metropolis.

BATTILING SIKI

AGAIN ARRESTED
Weehawken, N.J., Dec. 18.—Battling Siki, the Senegalese boxer, was arrested in the West coast ferry terminal here last night after a series of "singular" antics during which he displayed a roll of \$500 in bills. His attempts to present each man with a dollar or two "to buy a drink" led to his arrest on a charge of disorderly conduct. He was released under \$100 cash bond for a hearing December 26.

MADDEN MAY FIGHT

FIRPO AT BUENOS AIRES
New York, Dec. 18.—Bartley Madden, New York heavyweight, today received a cable offer of \$10,000 for a fight with Luis Angel Firpo next February at Buenos Aires from Jose Tuero, promoter of the Buenos Aires Sporting Association.

MC GILL HOCKEY TEAM

LOST TO NEW HAVEN.
New Haven, Conn., Dec. 18.—The visiting McGill University Hockey team of Montreal was defeated by the New Haven Bears by a score of 5 to 1 here tonight.

HOPPE STILL WELL IN LEAD

Billiard Champion Defeated Cochran Again Last Night —Score Now 1000 To 436

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Willie Hoppe mixed a dazzling display of 13-2 cue-line billiards with some mediocre shot making and safety play in his 59th 100-point block on his play-off of a tie for the world's championship with Welker Cochran and for the two nights play took the commanding lead of 1,000 to 436.

With the balls under the hat at the head of the table Willie Hoppe continued his 59th 100-point block on the second night's 100-point block play-off of the tie for the world's 13-2 cue-line billiard championship with Welker Cochran of Hollywood, California.

In the first 500-point block of the 1,500-point play-off last night Hoppe went out in the 59th inning with an average of 100 and an unfinished 13-2 cue-line billiard championship with Welker Cochran of Hollywood, California.

In his first play at the table tonight Hoppe got five which gave him a total of 54 for the inning, counting the 59 he got last night when he play closed as he reached 500.

Cochran started play carefully, shooting deliberately. His first 19 shots were of the open table variety. He appeared in good stroke. His 48th and 49th shots were three-cushion, the first to gather after he had got the balls separated. He scored one more making him even 50 but missed a third three-cushion shot and left Hoppe a difficult lay from which Hoppe at his next turn could get only two billiards.

Hoppe left Cochran a puzzling shot and Cochran could do no better than two for his seventh inning. Cochran played very carefully and a safety play left the balls in such a position that Hoppe only gathered two for his seventh inning. Cochran had better luck in his 5th inning at the table.

Cochran soon counted 34, faltering on his 35th shot which was a difficult three-cushion play.

Cochran left Hoppe in such a position that the champion was forced to resort to safety and Hoppe made one. His safety was perfect and Cochran also played safe. Hoppe made one and missed a three-cushion effort. The balls still were lying badly and Cochran was unable to get them together, missing after two.

Hoppe made one off a safety play and left Cochran in such a position that he missed. The score then was—Cochran, 291; Hoppe, 312.

Hoppe missed a two-cushion bank after nine but played safe and Cochran missed. Hoppe then took a turn at missing and Cochran was applauded for his safety play. Cochran got a four before he missed. He left the balls in good position but Hoppe missed after getting two and spreading the ivory.

Cochran got the balls together at the foot of the table and set about his task of cutting the champion's lead. Close nursing with an occasional lardner the table shot enabled him to reach 59 and cut Hoppe's two nights' lead to 159.

Hoppe on his tenth turn at the table tonight, his fourteenth inning of the game, found conditions to his liking, notched his first double figures of the night, 52, being stopped by a weak draw.

Cochran, in his fifth inning, got a nine, missing a masse. Cochran left the balls lying nicely and Hoppe was off for the night's best run, 162. He finally missed on a two-cushion carom. The score: Cochran, 373; Hoppe, 737.

BOWLING SCORES

Class A.

K. of C. Quebec.

Raymond	198	205	212	615
Brousseau	157	161	183	501
Cote	161	161	176	498
Gingras, Alph.	144	165	149	458
Belcourt	221	184	187	592

Totals, 881 876 907 2669

K. of C. Lewis.

Michaud, D.	189	165	172	526
Martineau	171	154	179	504
Paradis, J. B.	176	205	178	559
Carrier, L.	178	169	169	516
Verreault, H.	177	198	183	558

Totals, 891 881 881 2663

K. of C. Lewis won 2.

YANKEES SIGNED

ANOTHER PITCHER

New York, Dec. 18.—The New York Yankees today announced the purchase for \$10,000 of N. Cullop, right-handed pitcher of the Omaha Club of the Western League.

According to Ed. Harrow, business manager of the Yanks, the deal was a cash transaction only. The addition to the roster of the world's champions was one of the leading twirlers in the Western League last year and has been under observation by Yankee scouts for two seasons.

NEWARK BASEBALL CLUB

TO TREAT STADIUM

Newark, N.J., Dec. 18.—Tentative plans for the erection of a concrete stadium seating 30,000 as the home grounds of the Newark Club of the International League have been accepted and negotiations for a site are in progress, it was announced today.

LIKES BREAKFAST FOODS

London, Dec. 18.—England is to be introduced to breakfast foods in various forms of wheat. A company has been formed to make the breakfast foods from wheat grown in England. At present such breakfast foods are almost entirely imported from Canada with a small percentage coming from the United States.

The new factory will produce foods for consumption in Great Britain and the continent, where the sale of this type of breakfast dish is increasing rapidly.

There is no art of which all the possibilities are capable of being imparted by a teacher.

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR OLYMPICS

Defeated Aura Lees 9-3 In Wildest And Wierdest Match Of Season

Toronto, Dec. 18.—In the wildest, wierdest and worst game of this or any other season, the Canadian Olympic hockey team tonight defeated Aura Lee by 9 to 3 and qualified to play against Hamilton Tigers in the Sportsman's Patriotic Association final Thursday night. The champions could never strike their stride—they have had too much hockey recently and their discomfiture was added to by the persistent checking and the unexpected strength shown by Aura Lee.

By no stretch of the imagination could it be said that either team showed championship form. Then a referee, who had been in the last period chased four Aura Lee players and two of the title holders at about the same time. As a contest the affair broke up right there.

Itomeril was the first to be chased and then Chris Speyer decided to head him off. Shaw and Smith followed in rapid succession and Bennett and Camdensford.

The bad feeling shown by the players later manifested itself when Louis Hudson, star of the game, and Jack Bennett came to blows. Most of the players got into the hectic argument but only the original battlers were chased. Both got in Dempsey-like wallops before the fracas was stopped.

Most unfortunately an accident to Chris Speyer, crack defenseman for Aura Lee, marred the game. Speyer, who checked "Hooley" Smith and lost his balance, falling on Smith's skate. The blade cut like a razor and inflicted a deep gash over an inch wide and almost three in length on Speyer's right leg. He was taken to St. Michael's Hospital where it required several stitches to close the wound. At first it was thought that the leg had been broken.

TAKE GREAT CARE IN SHIPPING GOLD

Precious Load Of Bullion Is Carefully Guarded Until It Is Safely Delivered

New York, Dec. 18.—Ballasted by a ton of gold, over which swarthy soldiers stood guard day and night, the steamship American Legion has arrived here with its precious treasure of \$5,000,000 in bullion from Buenos Aires. It is the first gold legally to be exported from Argentina since the wartime embargo and according to Munson Line officials, the largest consignment ever to pass between the two continents.

The gold, in 20 oaken chests bound with metal and sealed, was shipped here by the Argentina National Bank for deposit against London drafts to pay the coupons on part of the Argentine external debt. Since the debt is payable in sterling, the gold probably will be exchanged for British pounds, after which it will go into storage to remain until it is minted or rejoins the stream of bullion constantly flowing between the United States and foreign countries.

Because of the difference in the rates of exchange the government of Argentina expects to profit to the extent of about \$500,000 paper pesos in New York when the gold is exchanged for pounds sterling.

Handling large shipments of gold and silver bullion has become commonplace with trans-Atlantic steamship companies and the bullion is handled as so much "merchandise." But the shipment of a few millions from South American countries becomes a national event and the ship chosen for its transport is freighted accordingly.

The removal of the \$5,000,000 from the Argentina National Bank to the ship was attended by the greatest of precaution. It was rushed through the streets of Buenos Aires accompanied by guards armed with pistols, rifles and swords and hustled into the burglar-proof vault of the American Legion.

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Handling gold has become so common with the largest trans-Atlantic steamship companies and the agents of the lines and even the dockmen have become blasé about handling millions of the metal. The process of loading, storing and unloading gold in international shipments has become so systematized that the factors of responsibility and risk are considered hardly more than in the transportation of a box of toys. An official of the International Mercantile Marine explained that the companies feel perfectly at ease when the gold is placed in ship's vault. In transporting the gold to and from ships guards are usually provided by the consignor and consignee.

CHILEAN LIGHTWEIGHT

HAS TO RETURN HOME

New York, Dec. 18.—Luis Vincenzini, Chilean lightweight defeated by Johnny Shugrue last Friday will return home this week in response to an urgent message from his family, his manager said today. This has upset temporarily the fighting plans of Vincenzini who was being groomed for a match with Benny Leonard.

NEW YORK ROBBED OF LATIN QUARTER

Prohibition And Housing Crisis Has Caused Disruption Of Greenwich Village

New York, Dec. 18.—Greenwich Village—the Greenwich Village which was a remnant of old New York, which was a link with the Old World, where the customs, manners and liberties of an easier-going civilization provided a haven for refugees from the hustle and bustle of modern America—has gone.

New York has been robbed of its Latin Quarter, its artists' colony has been disbanded by Broadway, Brooklyn, and the Bronx, aided by prohibition and a housing crisis. The onslaught was begun during the war, when the rest of the country poured into the Village, young and old thirsting for lives of art and liberty, and it has today overcome the last barriers. Gone are the Villagers, and with them the spaghetti "meccas," the "chip-in" sketch classes, and the "evening" studios that only a short time ago made the locality famous.

Time was when painters, playwrights, writers, musicians and artists of all particular professions flocked to the Village, and those of Park Avenue have progressively reared their ten or 15 stories from 14th Street down to Eighth, and hundreds of picturesque old houses have been renovated into similar apartments to contribute to the real estate agents' paradise.

The pleasant Italian and French table d'hotes where once one dined for a small sum, now offer food as an accessory to their red wine. The closed blinds hide from passing policemen groups of men and women who seek their amusement with as much efficiency as they put into their chores in the skyscrapers of workaday New York.

The younger generation is in charge in the tea rooms. The flapper and her mate, the collegiate (who is more often a clerk), dance and drink and bask in the knowledge that they are emancipated.

In striking contrast are the serious minded men and women, young and middle aged, who have come to the Village to dwell and work among the artists. They live for the most part alone, hope against hope for the great success for which



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to work at all. But that was no one's business. If the idler was a wit, if he loved the beauty the workers tried to create, he was received with open arms. But the interloper, the seeker after atmosphere, was quickly frozen out and sent packing.

The war sent many of the Villagers to foreign fields; many never came back. Most of those who served in France returned there after the war, having found that Paris offered what the Village had once had. Others achieved the upper rungs of the ladders of their dreams. Still others merely disappeared. All are gone from the old haunts.

In place of the cheap studios and flats hewn out of buildings hoary with age, apartment houses as splendid and as expensive as those of Park Avenue have progressively reared their ten or 15 stories from 14th Street down to Eighth, and hundreds of picturesque old houses have been renovated into similar apartments to contribute to the real estate agents' paradise.

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DECLINE IN GERMAN YOUTH

Berlin, Dec. 18.—According to the German Teachers' Journal the number of persons in Germany under 15 years of age sank from 45 percent in 1919 to 29 percent in 1920.

VICTORIAS AND NATIONALS

OF E. C. H. L. HELD WORKOUTS
Montreal, Dec. 18.—Montreal's two senior amateur hockey teams in the Eastern Canada League, the Victorias and Nationals were the first to get on ice locally this season for workouts, the two squads practicing at the Mount Royal Arena this evening.

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PIERRE AND THE SCYTHE

Little one, I watch thee play
Through the meadow in the sun,
Watch these come thy homeward
way
When the day of joy is done,
And thou thinkest not of me;
What are old man's thoughts to
thee?

Little one, I watch the sleep—
Try to guess those dreams of thine;
And mayhap sometime I weep
For the dreams that once were
mine
But thou dreamest not of me;
What is old man's love to thee?

Mine own little son thou art,
Yet how far are we apart!

Pierre was a bad man. He was a
blacksmith. He married Mai, and
she died when the little son came.
Maybe he knew not what he did
after that. He was old when he
married her, and the grief was
heavy on an old man. Dame Carles
in the village brought up the little
son till he was no longer a baby,
and then she rendered him back to
Pierre. Old Dame Carles was not
good. Mayhap she gave back the
boy willingly, because she cared
not what happened to him. So
Hugo went to his father. And the
father was hard. And all the love
was asleep in his heart and waken-
ed not. But he worked all day,
clanging with hammers, and Hugo
pulled at the bellows till he had no
more strength, and yet went on for
very fear. And he slept on the
cinders.

Now this is a story of Christmas.
The great man at the farm needed
a new scythe. And Pierre was to
make it very quickly. But he forged
out the blade, and worked until he
was weary. And then he said, "I
go up to the village." And Hugo
was very afraid, for he knew that
there would not be good done. And
he said "Such is my Christmas night
and these are my toys." And he
set out the cinders in rows, and he
said, "These be the King's soldiers
and those white ones be the pale-
faced enemy. And these that smoke
are cannons. Lo! what a heap of
cannon! Lo! what an army and
they say the King hath but two."

And when he was tired he slept
in the cinders. And the night came
and the stars looked out, and
Pierre came back along the road.

And he came in at the door; and
lo! Hugo asleep with his pale face
amid the black embers. And he
turned on the outer side and sigh-
ed and Pierre said:

"Sluggard, sluggard! Thou that
didst kill my Mai,"
And he took his hammer and
beat on the blade. And then he
said, "What fire! Raise thee, up
sluggard; rouse and blow!" But
Hugo slept so deep a sleep that he
heard not.

Pierre said, "Rouse up, rouse
up!"

But Hugo turned on his side,
and no voice came to him.
And lo! he lay at the door.

Pierre said, "Who is it?"

And the voice said, "I come for
a scythe."

And Pierre said, "It is not

ready." Then he opened the door,
and there came in a very old man,
and he bore a scythe in his hand.
Pierre said, "Is this new scythe
for thee? I know thee not at the
farm."

"The man said, 'Nay, not since
two years past. But soon I shall go
there again. These be full days,
these winter times.'"

Pierre said, "Two years ago the
old master at the farm died. Didst
ou serve him?"

"Aye, I served him. And thou
also hast seen me. But it was nigh
ten years ago now."

Pierre said, "Speak not of them!"
The old man said, "Sharpen this
scythe for me, for I have work to-
night."

Pierre said, "How can that be,
for who can cut grass by night? He
will cut more man than grass."

"Ha! More man than grass. Who
is that yonder in the cinders?"

"It is a sluggard."

"I woe it is well-nigh one of my
sluggards. Take thou the scythe,"
And Pierre took it. He said, "It
is a very fair blade."

"Ha! Very fair. Very old. As old
as man is."

Then Pierre said, "Rouse up,
sluggard, and bring me the files
and the rest."

The other said, "Nay, rouse not
him. He will wake."

So Pierre went to the work alone.
And he fired. "Hard metal," he
said. Then went on: "That is
good edge. But I will make it bet-
ter." Then he said, "So, it is good
now. Thou wilt go now?"

"Not awhile," said he. "I have
work here."

"Dost 'ou not know me? Who
works on Christmas Eve meets
strange persons. Who is it bears
a scythe at midnight?"

"Thou—is it thou?"

"Even such. They call me
Death."

"Then is it for me?"

"For thee, or for him."

"For Hugo, the sluggard?"

"No sluggard, but a tired child too
weary of earth that has no play,
and of days that have no sunshine,
that he would not leave them read-
ily with me. Which, now shall it
be?"

Pierre said, "What avaleth one
weak as he? He sleepeth so long,
and his arms are so thin."

"As thou wilt."

And Pierre saw the stars through
the window. And he thought him
of days past. And mayhap a lit-
tle of the love came back to him.

And Hugo stirred amongst the
cinders, and sat up and said,

"Who is it? Who art thou?"

The old man said, "I came to
seek thee or thy father."

"To seek me? Wherefore?"

"Mayhap to play with cannons."

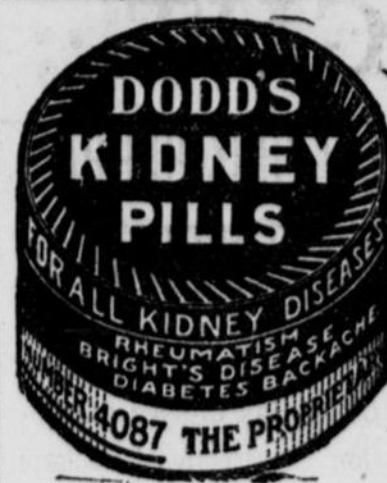
"Dost 'ou play with cannons?"

"Aye, anon and anon." Then he
said, "I come to have my scythe
sharpened."

Hugo said, "I can do that." And
he took it, and took files and work-
ed. And he said, "It is hard metal.
Mayhap it is better there."

Then: "This is such as I can do."

Then the old man said, "It is



Thank thee. I have somewhat to
say. I woe thy father cannot
choose. It is thus: There is one
of you twin to go forth with me
tonight. Hast 'ou heard of one who
carries a scythe at midnight?"

Hugo said, "The old Dame Car-
les told me of thee; but I never saw
thee before. I know thee now for
him."

He said, "Then who will go?"

Hugo said, "Why, surely I. For
a little one such as I matters not.
I only pull the bellows."

Saith the old man, "Come, then."

Pierre said, "Nay. But he giveth
many years to thee, and I few. I
will go."

The other said, "Which, then?
—decide!"

Then he said, "So be it. Since
ye cannot decide, maybe I will
come again. Anon, anon."

And he said to Pierre, "And ye
love each other I come not for
many a day. For, lo! the little one
hath blunted my scythe that thou
didst sharpen. I wish thee good
Christmas. Fare you well."

And he was gone.

And Pierre said, "What was that
of cannons? Come, let us play at
cannons, and thou shalt show me."

And Hugo said, "That will I
readily."

Little one, I woe that thou
Greater far must be than I.
Life is living with thee now,
And too soon I go to die.

But thou thinkest not of me:
What are old man's thoughts to
thee?

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Montreal, December 10th, 1923
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PROVINCE IS FORTUNATE

Editor,
The Quebec Chronicle,
Quebec, P. Q.

Sir:

The Province is fortunate in hav-
ing two such eloquent and sincere
propagandists as the Honourable, L.
A. Taschereau, and his colleague,
the Honourable, Mr. David. What-
ever his detractors and critics may
say, the Prime Minister of the Pro-
vince, never loses an opportunity of,
not only lauding the virtues of the
people of this Province, but laying
the utmost stress upon the magni-
ficent resources, which the Province
has, and the excellent facilities it
provides for stable and profitable
investment.

No matter what the occasion may
be or the audience he is addressing,
whether within or beyond the con-
fines of the Province, he acts as an
advance agent and skilful publicity
expert. This proves that he has
the utmost confidence, not only in
the people of the Province, but its
future. In glowing terms, he de-
scribes the fertility of the soil and
the richness of what is contained
in it. He consistently pleads for a
fuller development and believes
that if this was brought about,
there would be no need whatsoever
for native sons and daughters, emi-
grating to the United States and
other countries.

He likewise realizes, that al-
though the farming population is
one of the Province's most valuable
assets, those engaged in industry
and commerce contribute to the
production of wealth, and must be
given every consideration. With
the facts at his command, he can
and does demonstrate, that if in-
vestors would only avail themselves
of the opportunities this Province
presents, not only would they be
fully repaid, but any outlay
made, but that employment would
be found for those in industry and
a still larger market provided for
the agricultural element.

What is most pleasing to those
who advocate the necessity for a
tariff was the bold way in which
he championed it when speaking
at the meeting the other night, held
to welcome the leader of the Gov-
ernment. Mr. Taschereau did not
discuss platforms or programmes,
but declared a tariff was necessary
to enable the East to live and Mon-
treal to prosper and expand. He
has no patience with doctrinaires,
who advocate free trade, whilst the
whole world is protectionist.

He looks at things from a practical
standpoint. The business man, who
has to grapple with one hundred and
one difficulties, will welcome a
declaration of this kind, regardless
of whether it comes from a Provin-
cial Liberal Premier or leader of
the Conservative party. He knows
that with a tariff that will permit
the fullest development and exclude
the commodities of nations, that
can undersell the Canadian workman
and manufacturer, that he can be
certain of the home market and
take advantage of such foreign
markets, as he can sell to.

Almost everyone will agree with
Mr. Taschereau, that we need a re-
duction in taxation. With the best
intention in the world, this can
hardly be brought about, unless the



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Twins do your work

worked, can add millions to the
wealth of the Province and the Do-
minion. As he well states: "All we
need is co-operation of industrial
pioneers to transform the natural
resources into national wealth."
This sums up the situation in a sen-
tence. I believe as I have con-
tended on previous occasions, that
this Province should do everything
it can to make its resources known
to the people of other countries.

One of the best investments it
can make, would be the employment
of eloquent visitors to the United
States, who would, through their
splendid presentation of what the
Province is and what it contains,
not only awaken the curiosity, but
also appeal to the enlightened self-
ishness of the American and foreign
capitalist, who are seeking field for
investment.

Messrs. Taschereau and David
are rendering their Province and
country a great service in doing
what they can, to acquaint not only
our own people, but outsiders with
the resources and history and tem-
perament of the people of this Pro-
vince. If this campaign of educa-
tion is persisted in it is bound to
bear the ripest fruit.

We should all, regardless of party
affiliation and as residents of
the Province, do our utmost to as-
sist them in this good work.

BERNARD ROSE.

ARE YOU GOING TO EUROPE THIS WINTER

If so, do not fail to make early
inquiries and select your accommo-
dation as prospects point to fairly
heavy bookings.

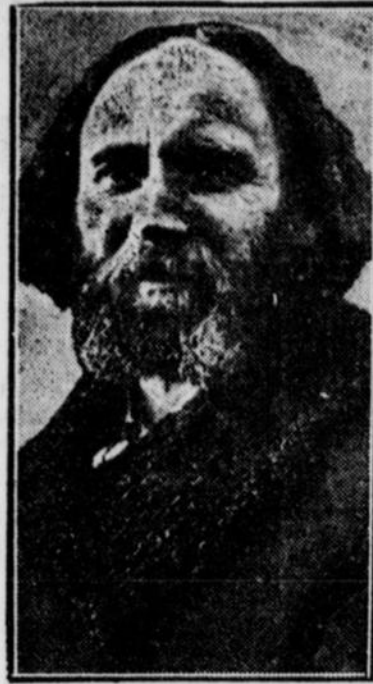
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Lady Handles Hecklers; Black Cat Luck; Eyes That Spy on Mars



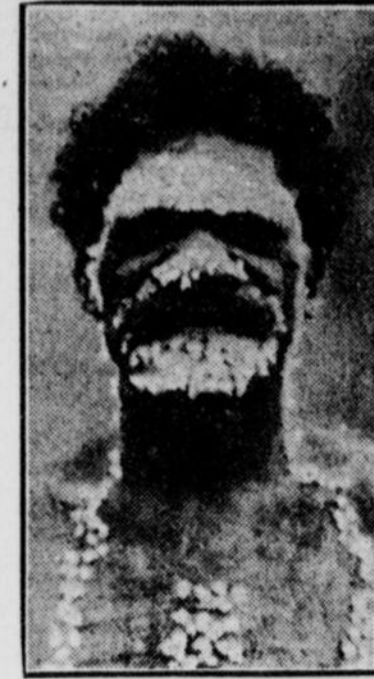
Some people consider cats unlucky, but from the smile on the faces of Winston Churchill and his eldest daughter, as they pass his black tabby mascot, it would seem that they are strongly of a reverse opinion



Anton Lang, who for the past thirty years has enacted the role of Christ in the historical "Passion Play," is shown as he appeared on his arrival in New York with his actors and musicians



Lady Astor is "heckled" on the electioneering platform by one of the many followers of opponents, but with the manner in which only Lady Astor can reply this individual was properly put down



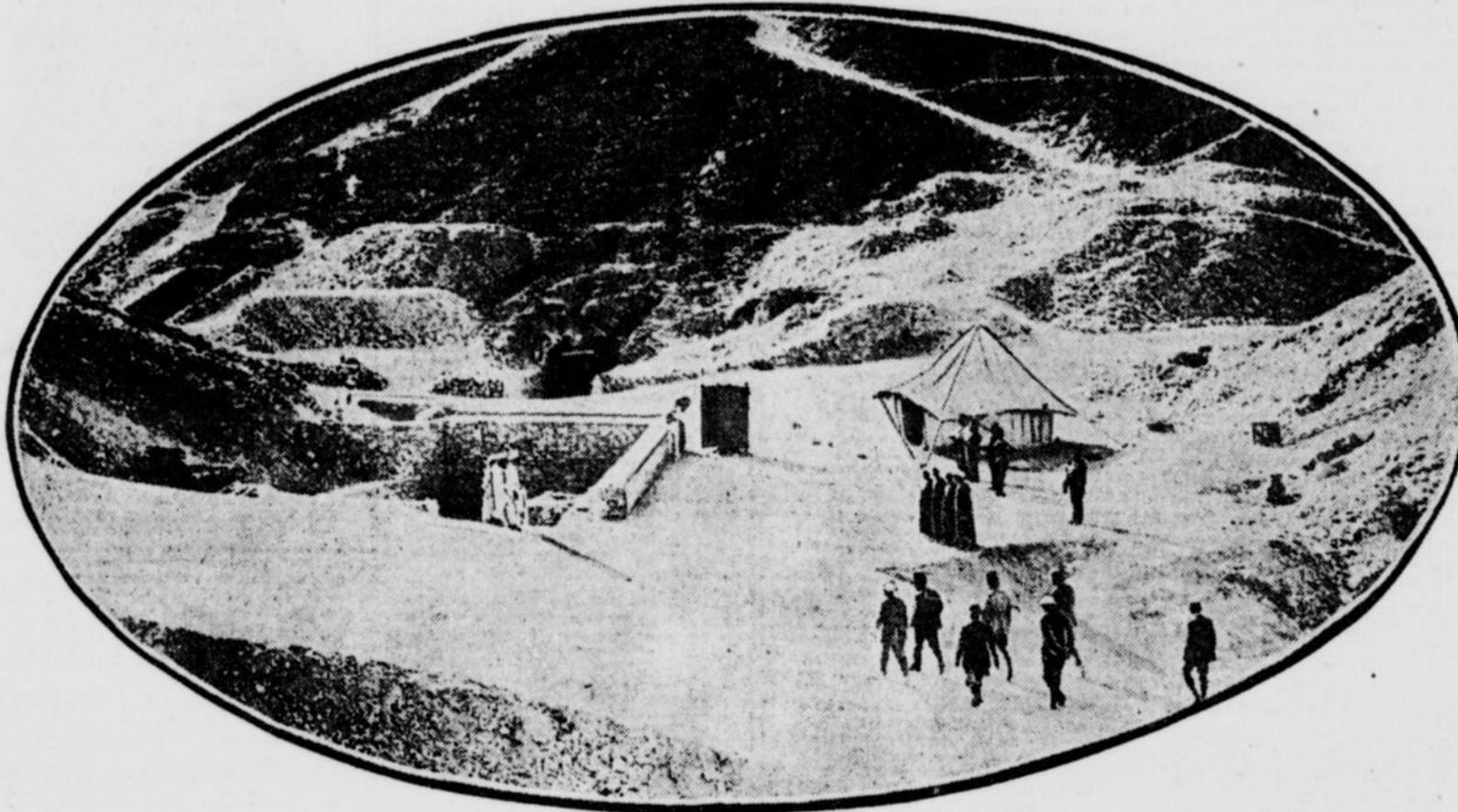
The aborigines of the Island of Palm off the Australian coast decorate their bodies by pricking sharp knives into their skin and then placing small pieces of cotton into the openings



The Norwegian champion skater, Oscar Mathieson, left, and the American, Art Staff, right, are training vigorously for the coming match, which is to determine the real champion of the world



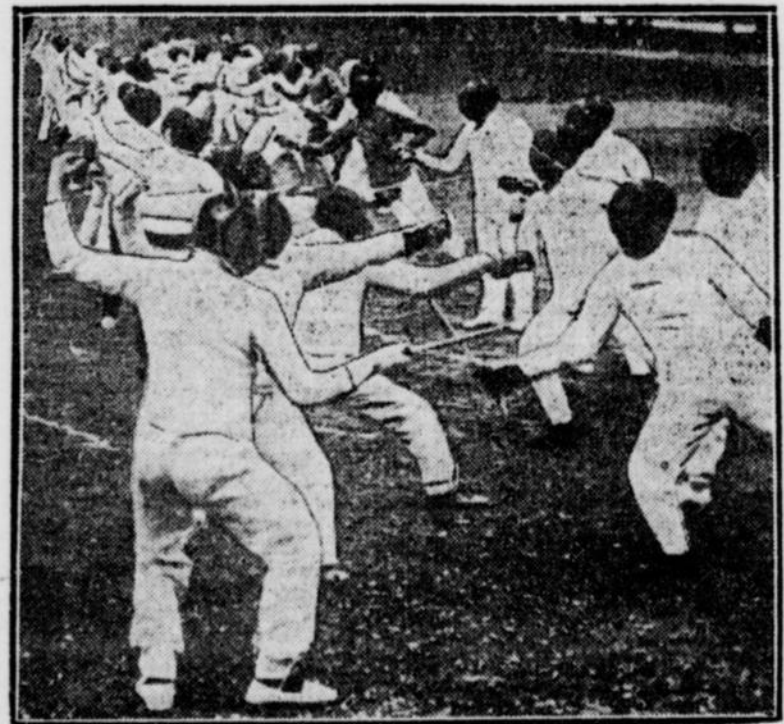
The famous Parisian beauty, Ida Rubenstein, is shown as she appeared in the opening of "La Dame Aux Camelias", made famous by the late Sarah Bernhardt. She has been proclaimed the most beautiful woman in the world



This unique picture shows the general conditions of the present work of excavation being carried on at King Tutankhamen's tomb. Stretching out in the background is the valley of the kings, while in the foreground is the headquarters of the native police maintained to guard the neighborhood



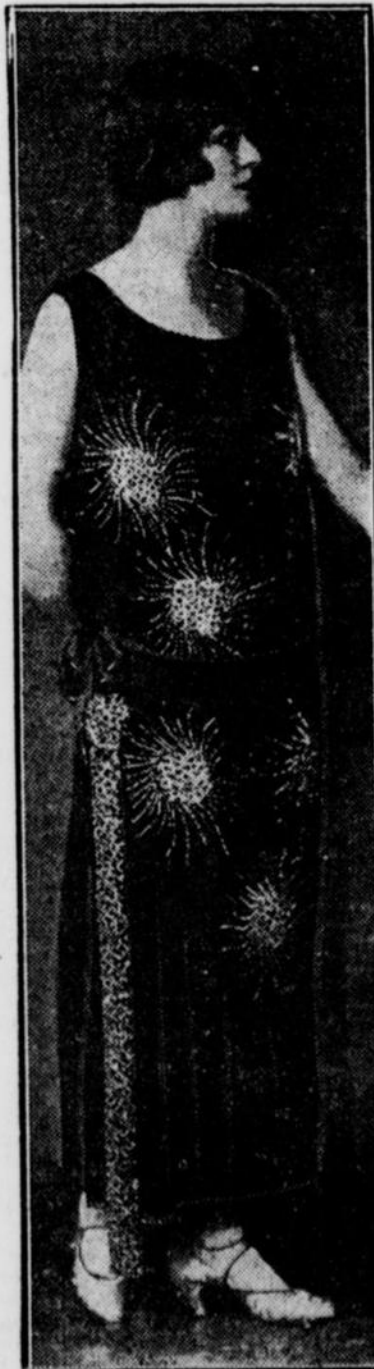
"Every day in every way." M. Emile Coue is still going strong with his auto-suggestion cure. He is giving a series of demonstrations in London, where he is attempting to treat patients for sleeping sickness



This photograph was taken at the Ecole Normale de Joinville, where officers of the French army receive their training in fencing and physical culture. A class is shown receiving instructions



Charles H. Ebbets, president of the Brooklyn Robins, caused a sensation recently when he made an offer of \$275,000 for Roger Hornsby, of the St. Louis Cardinals. This is the highest offer ever made for a baseball player



This evening gown of black crepe shows the straight line silhouette decorated with rhinestone sunbursts and panel



Lloyd Hughes and Gloria Hope, both of movie fame, were recently married. A tour of the world is being planned for a series of films, which will serve as a honeymoon for the newlyweds



Signora Alice Palloteli, member of the Italian Fascisti, and an attractive wearer of the "black shirt", is in New York explaining the methods of Mussolini. She is shown here with her little son



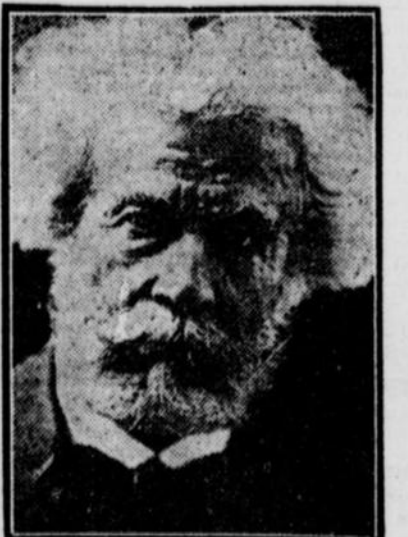
Miss Mollie Panter-Downes, of England, although only 16 years of age, has been writing since she was a child of seven. She has just published her first novel, "Shoreless Sea," a work said to be surprisingly mature



Who's next? Here is a native tonsorial artist of India with his array of tonics within reach



Photograph shows the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace, London. The guard consists of the Welsh, Irish, Coldstream, and Scots Guards, who in turn usually do duty for one week



Here are the eyes that spy on Mars. They belong to M. Camille Flammarion, French scientist and authority on planetary phenomena. He hopes to prove the theory that there are other inhabited planets

MONTREAL WAS DULL--NEW YORK PRICES DROP

PRICES REACTED SHARPLY ON NEW YORK EXCHANGE ON FORECAST OF THE BONUS

News From Washington In Connection With Soldier Bonus Bill Seriously Affected Market—Some Railroad Issues Suffered A Severe Slump—Losses Were Sustained By Many Industrials—Foreign Exchange Business Was Quiet With Sterling Around \$4.37

New York, Dec. 18.—Prices reacted sharply in today's market largely on Washington despatches forecasting the passing of a Soldier Bonus bill over the President's veto.

An irregular recovery was under way in the early afternoon but in the final hour the offerings were substantially increased with special pressure again directed at the railroad shares particularly Northwestern issues.

Union Pacific slipped to 125 1/8 for a net loss of nearly 2 points and "Geo" broke 3 1/2 to 4 1/2, another net 1923 low.

Losses of 1 to 2 3/4 points also took place in Lackawanna, St. Paul Common, Atlantic Coast Line, Chicago and Northwestern, Rock Island Common and six per cent. preferred, "Katy" preferred, Missouri Pacific preferred, New Orleans, Texas and Mexico and Wabash preferred.

The average of twenty leading industrial stocks showed a net loss of more than 1 1/2 points on the day.

U.S. Steel touched 94 and then rallied to 94 3/8 for a net loss of more than 1 point on the day; Baldwin was off 2 3/8 points at 123 1/8. American Can. closed 2 1/8 lower at 104 1/2 and Studebaker closed at 104 for a net loss of 3 1/4.

Oil shares displayed a firm tone at the opening and continued to offer good resistance until just before the close when they yielded with the other industrials. Houston dropped 3 points, closing at 67 1/8 and net losses of a point or more took place in Pacific Oil, Pan-American B. and Standard Oil of California.

Call money held steady at 4 3/4 per cent. Trading in time money was on a moderate scale with most of the business in the shorter maturities at five per cent. Little new commercial paper is coming into the market, the best names commanding 4 3/4 per cent.

Foreign exchange business was quiet with slight recessions the rule. Demand sterling was quoted around \$4.37 and French francs around 5.23 cents.

Total stock sales 1,431,000 shares.

20 industrials averaged 93.71; net loss 1.57. High 1923, 105.38; low 85.76.

20 railroads averaged 82.16; net loss .83. High 1923 90.51; low 79.53.

(By BARRY & McMANAMY.)

Stocks	Open	High	Low	Close
Amn Car & Fdy.	163	163	161	161
Amn Loco	72	72 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2
Atchafalaya	96 1/2	96 1/2	95	95
Baltimore & Ohio	58 1/2	58 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
Baldwin Loco	125 1/2	125 1/2	123 1/2	123 1/2
C P R.	145 1/2	145 1/2	145 1/2	145 1/2
Chesapeake Ohio	70 1/2	70 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2
Erle Railroad	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Great Northern pfd	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2
Kansas City & Southern	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Lehigh Valley	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
Missouri Pacific	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Missouri Pacific pfd	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
Norfolk & Western	52 1/2	52 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
New Haven	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2
N Y Central	104 1/2	104 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2
Pennsylvania R.R.	42 1/2	42 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2
Pressed Steel Car	54	54	53	53
Reading Co.	77 1/2	77 1/2	76 1/2	76 1/2
Rock Island	22 1/2	22 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Railway Steel Springs	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2
Southern Pacific	86 1/2	86 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2
Southern Railway	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2	36 1/2
St Paul	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
St Paul pfd	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
St Louis & South Western pfd	31 1/2	31 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Union Pacific	126 1/2	126 1/2	125 1/2	125 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	53 1/2	53 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
Cruible Steel	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2	65 1/2
Gulf States Steel	81 1/2	81 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
Midvale	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Republic Steel	48 1/2	48 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
U S Steel Corp.	95 1/2	95 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
Vanadium	31 1/2	31 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
Anacosta Copper	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
Butte & Superior	15 1/2	15 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Great Northern Ore	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Inspiration Copper	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
Kennecott	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
Nickel	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Smelters Ref.	57 1/2	57 1/2	56 1/2	56 1/2
Amn Copper	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2
Amn Hoach Magneto.	36 1/2	36 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Allis-Chalmers	44 1/2	44 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
Chandler	65 1/2	65 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
Goodrich Rubber	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
General Motors	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Keynote Tire	3 1/2	3 1/2	2 1/2	2 1/2
Kellogg-Springfield	21 1/2	21 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Maxwell "A"	48 1/2	48 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2
Pierce Arrow	9 1/2	9 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Studebaker	106 1/2	106 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2
Stromberg Carburator	80 1/2	80 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2
Timken Roller	38 1/2	38 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
Westinghouse	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
White Motors	56 1/2	56 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2
California Petroleum	25 1/2	25 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Coden Oil	36 1/2	36 1/2	34 1/2	34 1/2
General Asphalt	37 1/2	37 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Marland Oil	36 1/2	36 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Pacific American Oil	68 1/2	68 1/2	62 1/2	62 1/2
Producers & Refiners	10 1/2	10 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Phillips Petroleum	33 1/2	33 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Royal Dutch	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
Sinclair Oil	26 1/2	26 1/2	25 1/2	25 1/2
Texas Co.	43 1/2	43 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2

MISCELLANEOUS:	Open	High	Low	Close
Atlantic Gulf	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
American Can	106 1/2	106 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
Amn International Corp.	28 1/2	28 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Amn Sunnata Tobacco	20 1/2	20 1/2	19 1/2	19 1/2
Amn Best Sugar	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
Amn Sugar Kellner	59 1/2	59 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2
Amn Woolens	71 1/2	71 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
Corn Products	156 1/2	156 1/2	150 1/2	150 1/2
Central Leather	11 1/2	11 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Cuban-American Sugar	33 1/2	33 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Cuban Cane Sugar	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Davison Chemical	195 1/2	195 1/2	194 1/2	194 1/2
General Electric	39 1/2	39 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2
International Paper	29 1/2	29 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Int Marine pfd	65 1/2	65 1/2	64 1/2	64 1/2
U S Ind Alcohol	38 1/2	38 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
U S Rubber	38 1/2	38 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2

Egg Market

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Dominion Bureau of Statistics announces stock of eggs in storage December 1st, 1923, 994 cases compared with 217,324 cases November 1. Stocks of frozen poultry amounted to 2,410,944 pounds as compared with 1,844,114 pounds November 1.

Toronto jobbing specials 85c, extras 80c, firsts 35c to 38c, seconds 32c to 35c.

Montreal eggs firm and unchanged. Poultry farmer dressed turkeys jobbing young 28c to 30c, firsts 25c to 28c, seconds 22c to 25c, ducks 23c to 26c, geese 20c to 22c.

Definitive Bonds for the Dominion of Canada, Refunding 5 Per Cent, 1928 and 1945, are expected by 15th January, 1924.

BARRY & McMANAMY

Daily Gossip On Leading Stocks

Net earnings of the railway branch of the Winnipeg Electric Railway Company show a substantial increase for the month of October but a decrease in gross earnings. Economy in operation was a special feature in October report. During the month, the company expended in improvements \$31,170, as compared with \$11,415 same month last year.

The gross earnings for October this year were \$272,396, and for the same month last year \$289,345. The operating expenses this October, exclusive of depreciation and taxes, were \$202,303, and last year \$220,812. Net earnings from operation this October \$39,293; last year, same month \$35,735.

Although there has been several reductions in paper lines during the past few days general conditions in the trade remain unchanged with only a moderate amount of business passing. In neither the manufacturing or the distributing end of the industry are any large stocks being turned over although most mills have sufficient orders on hand to keep the machines running on current orders.

One leading firm of book paper manufacturers stated that their mills had not more than about ten days' orders booked ahead which is a rather unusual thing when compared with the more prosperous days when mills frequently reported contracts several months in advance. By many, the present lull in business is considered more or less seasonal as marking the approach of the stock-taking period when the tendency is to reduce inventories. This policy is evidently being followed by manufacturers, jobbers and printers and it is not anticipated that there will be free buying movement until after the first of the year following stock-taking. In the meantime most paper firms report business as rather spotty with some slight improvement in the volume of small orders, although it cannot be said that the tone of pre-Christmas trade has been up to expectations.

Kraft pulp has been reduced \$10 a ton and is now selling at \$65.00 f.o.b. mill in place of the old price of \$75.00.

Both groundwood and chemical pulps continue to show a weakening tendency and very few consuming firms are buying in quantity. There is a disposition on the part of most firms to hold off buying for still lower prices or until they can see some evidence of just what the pulp market is going to do. The desire for light stocks at inventory taking is also keeping many consumers out of the market and the curtailment in buying appears to be pretty general.

The news that the St. Maurice Paper Company had bought a tract of timber limits, some 500 square miles from the Union Bag, was received with mixed feelings on the "Street".

The limits are said to be very good ones and whilst the Union Bag have evidently got rid of something they did not want, it is considered by pulp wood experts that the St. Maurice have made a good purchase. According to the terms of the agreement by Financial Service, Limited, this morning, the initial payment of \$250,000 has been made in the Capital Stock of the St. Maurice Paper Co., and this is the point that has raised some criticism.

Whilst it is conceded that the directorate probably have full power to increase the amount of the issued capital stock of the company, it is felt that the shareholders should have had the matter placed before them or even that the stock should have been offered for subscription to them at par and a cash payment made to the Union Bag.

This new issue will be eligible for the 5 per cent bonus and 1 1/2 per cent dividend declared the other day so that the Union Bag will receive a preliminary return of \$16,250 almost before the details of the deal become general knowledge.

The Union Bag directorate probably were aware of the impending bonus and this may have been taken into consideration when the price was set. Whilst details of the cash payments have not been made public, it is assumed that they will be based on the amount of the estimated number of cords of pulpwood that will be cut from year to year, a minimum figure being set at the total price working out in the end at about a dollar a cord stumpage.

As the limits are estimated to contain 1,250,000 cords, the company will probably eventually pay about \$1,250,000 for the timber on the area acquired.

Price indices indicate that cotton goods in Canada have not followed raw cotton in its upward movement, and further upward adjustments in price lists of many cotton products are expected. One result is certain to be a slowing down in consumption and this would have a tendency to reduce activity in the textile mills.

Cotton represents about 50 per cent of the cost of most cotton textiles.

The Royal Bank of Canada, which has been doing business in Rossmore for the past 25 years has closed its doors, it business there being taken over by the Bank of Montreal.

Starting January 1st, 1924, \$1 a ton in treatment charges for lead ores at the Trail Smelter will be in effect.

New York wire says The General Electric Company of the United States has secured control of the General Electric Company of Canada, approximating two-thirds of the total \$10,000,000 outstanding common stock of the Canadian company having been deposited with the American officers.

Local interests in Indian Mines Corporation have received advice from the property to the effect that the ore body is increasing in size and the appearance of the mine is excellent at this time.

TRADING WAS AGAIN DULL WITH A GENERALLY SOFT TONE ON MONTREAL MART

British Empire Steel Common Was Most Prominent Stock And Next Most Active Was Montreal Power—Canada Iron Foundries Was Strong Spot With A Net Gain Of 3 1/4 Points At 28—Greatest Loss Sustained By Steel Of Canada Which Closed At 73 1/4 With Net Loss Of 2 1/4

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Trading was again dull on the Montreal stock exchange today with a generally soft tone present.

Of the forty-five issues traded in, nine gained ground; 14 suffered losses; 8 remained unchanged from their previous closing prices; while fourteen came out in broken lots only.

British Empire Steel common was the most prominent stock with a turnover of 422 shares, it closed at 4, for a loss of 5-8.

The next most active issue was Montreal Power, with 401 shares dealt in, closed down one point to 139 1/2. British Empire Steel 2d preferred had a turnover of 389 shares and was off 1 1/3 points to 13.

Canada Iron Foundries preferred was the strong spot of the list, closing at 28 for a gain of 3 1/4 points. The greatest recession of the day was suffered by Steel of Canada, which closed at 73 1/4 for a net loss of 2 1/4 points.

Other price changes included Abitibi off 1-2; Bell Telephone off 1-2; Can. Car off 1 1/4 and the preferred off 1-2; Detroit Railway up 1-2; Lake of the Woods preferred up 1; Laurentide off 1-2, Shawinigan off 1 1/2; Spanish River off 1 1/4 and the preferred off 1 1/4 and Wayagamack up 1-2.

Total sales, listed 4,499.

(By McDougall & Cowans.)

Stocks	Open	High	Low	Close
Abitibi Power	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2
Asbestos Corp.	29	29	29	29
Compton Pulp	40	40	40	40
Bell Telephone	127 1/2	127 1/2	126 1/2	127
British Empire Steel	4 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	4
British Empire Steel, 1st pfd.	53	53	53	53
British Empire Steel, 2nd pfd.	13 1/2	13 1/2	13 1/2	13
Can Car & Fdy.	33	33	32 1/2	32 1/2
Can Car & Fdy pfd.	83	83	83	83
Can Cement	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2
Can Cement pfd.	103 1/2	103 1/2	102 1/2	103 1/2
Cuban, com.	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2	6 1/2
Cuban, pfd.	35	35	35	35
Cans Smelting	28	28	27 1/2	27 1/2
Can SS Lines pfd.	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2	40 1/2
Dom Bridge	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
Detroit United	66	66 1/2	66	66 1/2
Dom Glass	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
Dom Textile	63	63	63	63
Iron, pfd.	55	55	55	55
Lake of the Woods, pfd.	118	118	118	118
Laurentide Pulp.	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2
Lake of the Woods	165 1/2	165 1/2	165 1/2	167
Peter Lyle Cons.	16	16	16	16
Mackay Co.	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2	110 1/2
Montreal Power	140 1/2	140 1/2	139 1/2	139 1/2
Montreal Tramway Debs.	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2	78 1/2
Ottawa Power	83	83	83	83
Montreal Railway	150	150	150	150
Shawinigan Power	122 1/2	122 1/2	121 1/2	121 1/2
Spanish River	100	100	99 1/2	99 1/2
Spanish River pfd.	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2	106 1/2
Steel Co of Canada	73 1/2	73 1/2	73 1/2	74
Steel Co of Canada pfd.	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
St Maurice P. P.	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2	108 1/2
Twin City pfd.	95	95	95	95
Wayagamack	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
Winnipeg Railway	27	27	27	27

BANKS:

Commerce	184	184	184	184
Montreal	235	235	235	235
Royal	211	211	211	211
Union	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2

GOVERNMENT BONDS—(Free from Usual Income Tax):

1927 5 1/2 p.c. due 1st Dec.	102.15	102.15	102.15	102.15
1927 5 1/2 p.c. due 1st Dec.	107.50	107.50	107.25	107.25
1927 5 1/2 p.c. due 1st Nov.	105.10	105.20	105.10	105.20

WAR BONDS:

1921 5 p.c. due 1st March	100.50	100.50	100.50	100.50
1927 5 p.c. due 1st Oct.	102.75	102.75	102.75	102.75

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CHRISTMAS TREE AT THE Y.W.C.A.

Ninety Children Had A Most Wonderful Christmas Party Yesterday

Ninety children were given a most wonderful Christmas tree party, yesterday afternoon at the Y.W.C.A. The youngsters are members of "The Club Comrade" and "Blue Triangle" Clubs, organized quite recently by Mrs. Percival Foster, and a number of well known young Quebec girls. The party started at 3.45 p. m. in the gymnasium, with a short programme of music, etc. Little Miss Kristine Wiggins sang "The Sandman", the hall being in entire darkness, at the start of her song. She also gave most prettily "Holy Night". These were followed by a Christmas story, told very entrancingly by Miss Camp, and entitled "What the Children Said". Mrs. Arthur E. Scott gave a very amusing monologue "Mary Jane at the Movies", which was much enjoyed by all. The musical part of the programme was very kindly provided by Mr. Harrower and Mr. Makakoa.

The children then gathered around sang Christmas Carols and played games, until tea time. After tea the exciting moment arrived, the whole party trooped down to the Club Room, where a lovely, large, bushy Christmas tree, gaily decked with tinsel and Christmas ornaments, was placed at the head of the room. Every one waited in breathless silence until Santa Claus arrived and then, wild pandemonium reigned. Each one of the ninety little ones was given a game, doll or toy of some sort, and lovely toys they were too! They also received Christmas plum-puddings, filled with sweets.

Before leaving at 6 o'clock, after a most thrilling afternoon, not soon to be forgotten by many of the youngsters, "God Save the King" was sung very heartily and the youngsters then gave three rousing cheers for Mrs. W. H. Wiggins, President of the Y.W.C.A., Mrs. Foster and her assistants.

Sale at St. Patrick's School Building

The members of the Young Women's Sodality of St. Patrick's Church, held a Christmas sale in the old school building on McMahon Street, yesterday. A variety of fancy work and Christmas gifts, besides a number of beautiful dressed dolls were on sale.

The fancy work and doll booth were in charge of Miss Alice Murphy, the President of the Sodality. Candy table and fish pond, Miss Kennedy, and ice cream and soft drinks, Miss Beatrice Walker. Each convener had several assistants helping her.

Basket Ball Match

A basket ball game will be played to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock, in the gymnasium of the Y.W.C.A. Two teams from the Y.W.C.A. will compete. The line up is as follows:

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THE HOME KITCHEN

By JEANNETTE YOUNG NORTON
The Authority on Home Cooking
Hot and Cold Hors-d'Oeuvres

Nearly all nations serve a relish or hors-d'oeuvre before special meals, if not every day on the home table. Some serve these relishes hot, some serve them cold, like the old nursery rhyme, and they are usually distinctive in their nationality.

We Americans have borrowed many relishes from other nations and added them to our own, which gives us quite a variety.

Oyster, clam, shrimp and crab-meat cocktails are all favorites where seafood can be procured in perfection. But away from the sea other varieties of relishes take their place to a great extent. Try some of the following relishes if they are new to you, and if you like them, add them to your list of recipes:

Hot Sardine Canapés

Make as many toast rounds as are needed and spread them lightly with a paste made of butter, a quarter teaspoonful of anchovy paste, a little red pepper and a few drops of oil. Open and drain off the oil from a large box of sardines, melt a little butter in a hot fryingpan and lay the sardines in it, cook them gently, brown them slightly, then lay two on each round. Serve the canapés hot and often a little tartar sauce with them.

Oysters Broiled in the Shell

Have as many oysters opened and left on the deep shells as will be needed to serve a portion. Dip each oyster in a mixture of dry cracker crumbs, salt, pepper, a little grated cheese and a few drops of onion juice. Lay each oyster in the shell, dot it with butter, place it in a pan with a little water in the bottom, slip it into the oven to cook five minutes, then place it under the gas broiler long enough to brown it lightly. Serve the oysters hot, garnished with sprays of parsley. These oysters make an excellent, tasty relish, which takes the place, if need be, of both soup and fish.

Anchovy Olives

Remove the stones from the largest size queen olives and stuff them with a savory stuffing made of sautéed butter, red pepper, a little anchovy paste and a few drops of onion juice and Worcestershire sauce. Stuff the olives and place two on a lettuce leaf or a toast round smeared over with mayonnaise. Curl an anchovy fillet around each olive.

Sweetbread Canapés

Parboil a pair of sweetbreads in salted water for twenty minutes, then blanch, chop them, add a tablespoonful of fine dry crumbs, sauté them in a little butter and add pepper, salt and a little onion juice and a teaspoonful of chopped parsley. Place the canapés on toast rounds and sprinkle a bit of very finely-powdered walnuts on top of each. Serve canapés at once, hot.

Clams in the Shell

Wash thoroughly a dozen hard clams, then steam them open. Remove the clams and chop them, add a tablespoonful of fine dry crumbs, the beaten yolk of an egg, salt, pepper, the juice of an onion, a teaspoonful of chopped parsley and a teaspoonful of grated cheese. Butter the clam shells well, fill them lightly with the mixture, dot the tops with butter, and if the mixture seems dry add a few drops of cream. Bake the clams a delicate brown in the oven. Two shells should go to a portion.

Chicken in the Shell

Boil six eggs hard and remove the shells. Cut the eggs in half, lengthwise. Remove the yolks and devill them. Season a half cupful of finely-minced cold boiled chicken with pepper and salt and bind it with mayonnaise. Fill the half eggs with the mixture, adding a few capers. After the yolks are devilled, make them into small balls and place them around the eggs on the lettuce leaves. This makes a decorative dish and quite a tasty one for a relish.

Tomato Canapés

Make as many toast rounds as are needed and butter them with a little horseradish butter. Peel and slice enough firm tomatoes to allow a slice on each round, dip them in mayonnaise, dust them with pepper and salt, then dip them into powdered nuts, lay them on the rounds of toast and garnish each round with a stuffed olive.

Center

Miss E. Tangway, Miss F. Ross, Miss B. Thorn, Miss Y. Lafferty, Miss D. Selfert, Miss M. McMillan, Miss H. Dale, Miss K. Turner, Miss M. S. Ross.

The game will be refereed by Miss S. C. MacBennett.

Sale at Y. W. C. A.

A bargain sale was held yesterday morning at the Y. W. C. A. Many attractive articles, at greatly reduced prices, found buyers. Quite a number of persons, who had not been able to avail themselves of the opportunity of attending the annual sale, held on December 8th, found their way to the "Y" and as a result the sum of \$56.00 was realized. The ladies in charge were Mrs. Thomas Brodie, Mrs. E. T. Nesbitt, Mrs. Woodley, and Miss E. Dean.

The Viscount and the Bobby

It is always satisfying to the man on the street to dwell upon noblesse oblige and the calm merriment of the born aristocrat. Therefore, it is not without an element of mild disappointment one reads in recent London police news a police constable testified before a magistrate that when Viscount Carlton's car came into collision with another vehicle, he asked the viscount for his motor license, the young man replied with hauteur: "I haven't got one. Get out of the way!" and then upon being pressed, added with increased dignity, "I have no time to talk with a common policeman!" The young viscount who is twenty-five, is son-in-law of the Earl of Wharfedale and probably finds it a task to live up to the family name of Montague Stuart-Wortley Mackenzie. Be this as it may, his grandeur minus the license cost him a fine of \$5.

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MENTAL DISEASES

Mental diseases take their rise from the corrupt state of the sentiments.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mosset of Ottawa are at present in Quebec.

Mr. J. Allan Bray, M.P.P., and Mrs. Bray, are guests at the Chateau.

Hon. Mr. Hector Champagne, M.C.L., is a guest at the Chateau from St. Eustache.

Lieut.-Colonel B. C. White, is in town from Montreal, registered at the Chateau Frontenac.

Lady Garneau of this city is in Montreal, the guest of Mrs. G. Rainville, Chesterfield Avenue.

Mrs. George Breakey and Miss Breakey are in town from Breakeyville, guests at the Chateau.

Mr. Arthur Plante, K.C., member for Beauharnois, will be a guest at the Chateau, during the session.

Mr. Gordon Ross left yesterday for Rimouski, after having been in town for some days on business.

Hon. Mr. Ed. Ouellette, M.C.L., and Mrs. Ouellette, of Montreal, are registered at the Chateau Frontenac.

Miss Stella Labrecque of this city is visiting in Montreal, the guest of Mrs. Groves-Contant, St. Famille Street.

Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tourigny of Victoriaville, arrived in town on Monday and are registered at the Chateau Frontenac.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Gerard Power's three sons, William, Gavin and Lorne are expected home Friday, from Loyola College, Montreal.

Miss Viola Sissons arrived yesterday afternoon from Stansfeld College, and will spend the Christmas holidays as the guest of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Labrecque, of Quebec, will spend the holiday season, with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Cholette, in Montreal.

The Misses Picher entertained at the tea hour yesterday, at the residence of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edouard Picher, Montcalm Place.

Madame Globensky arrives in Ottawa this week from Terrebonne, Que., and will spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Devlin.

Mr. Hugh T. Kane, Quebec Manager of the Lake Champlain Transportation Co., has left on a business trip to White Hall, N.Y., and New York City.

Miss Hester Thom, who has been visiting Mrs. Geoffrey Marani and Mrs. F. H. Marani, in Toronto, for some time, will arrive home at the end of the week.

Miss Mathew Woolcombe is expected in Ottawa this week from Boston, to spend the Christmas season with her parents the Rev. G. P. and Mrs. Woolcombe.

Mrs. J. F. Greig of Japan, who came through the recent disaster in Yokohama, has arrived in Montreal on a visit to her mother, Mrs. David Laurie, Hope Avenue.

Mr. Alex. Thibault, M.P.P., Mrs. Thibault and Miss Lucette Thibault, of Longueuil, who came to Quebec for the opening of Parliament, are staying at the Chateau.

Mr. Fred Price is expected home about the end of the week, from McGill University, to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Price, Belvedere Road.

Colonel and Mrs. J. A. Scott and family, of Breakeyville, will take up their quarters on Saturday at the Chateau Frontenac, where they remain for the Christmas season.

Madame L. A. Taschereau, wife of the Prime Minister entertained at a tea yesterday afternoon, at her residence, Grande Allée, in honour of the wives of the Provincial Ministers, who came to Quebec for the opening of Parliament.

Lady Macdonell's house party at the Commandant's quarters, Kingston, for the Christmas dance at the Royal Military College will include Miss Lillian Adair and Miss Charlotte Harwood, of Montreal and ex-cadets Macdonald and Porritt.

Miss Brenda Davis is expected home this week from Trafalgar, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Davis. She will be accompanied by Miss Heather Cassels of St. Anne de Bellevue, who will be the guest of Mrs. Davis for the Christmas season.

Madame L. A. Taschereau, entertained at a luncheon on Monday, in honour of Lady Goulin. The guests were: Lady Goulin, Lady Turner, Madame Anquetin Gaillet, Madame Geo. E. Amyot, Madame Georges Parent, Madame Perrault and Madeleine M. de Beaujeu.

Mr. E. J. Kay, formerly assistant manager of the Imperial Bank in Montreal, has arrived in town, and will replace Mr. George Love as manager of the Lower Town Branch. Mr. Love left on Sunday for Toronto, where he has been promoted to the management of the Yonge and Bloor street branch of the same bank.

Mrs. A. J. Christie who was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. A. Cecil Thomson, Moncton Avenue, for the past week, left Sunday for her home in Ottawa. Mrs. Christie, accompanied by her son Mr. Harold Christie, expects to leave shortly for Christmas for California, and will spend the remainder of the winter, there.

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WOMEN'S MEETINGS
TO-DAY.

Notice of Women's Meetings may be sent to the Chronicle care of the Social Editors.

Chalmers Church Home Workers' Club. Chalmers Church, Ursule Street, 3.00 p. m.

Quebec Garrison Badminton Club. Drill Hall, Grande Allée.

PASTORAL LETTER IS WELL RECEIVED

Further Favorable Comment On Condemnation Of Lascivious Dances

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—The synodal decree condemning lascivious dancing, moving pictures, and clandestine importation of intoxicants, which was issued in a pastoral letter by His Eminence Cardinal Bégin, at Quebec, has been the subject of much favorable comment by clergymen of all denominations. The decree on dancing names specific dances and says to indulge in them would constitute a sin of disobedience.

The Right Rev. Dr. Roper, Bishop of Ottawa, speaking of the stand taken by Cardinal Bégin, said he was in hearty sympathy with the condemnation of all dancing that could come under the term lascivious. The problem, he said, was to prevent a legitimate recreation from degenerating into a moral peril. With regard to the clandestine importation of intoxicants, Bishop Roper said "Whatever our convictions regarding the wisdom of prohibition while the law is on the statute books it ought to be obeyed."

BANDIT WAS SHOT DEAD IN ATTEMPTED HOLD-UP

Paymaster Threw Bag Of Money Into Highway And Fired At Bandit

Newark, N.J., Dec. 18.—A bandit was shot and killed and his companion was forced to flee late today after they had attempted to hold up Frank G. Dewey, Paymaster of the Newark Dress Co., in front of the concerns factory in Hoyt Street. Dewey saved a \$1200 payroll which he threw into the factory hallway as the bandits attacked him. When the bandits closed in on either side of him, Dewey after throwing the bag of money into the hallway, drew a gun and began firing. The holdup men turned and ran. One of them stumbled and fell after running half a block and was found to be dead when Dewey reached him. The other man escaped.

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YULETIDE GAMES AND AMUSEMENTS

Christmas is always a time of merriment and the hostess who can provide a series of mirth-provoking games is assured of success. An amusing way to manage an evening's entertainment is to appoint some general man a Lord of Misrule, after the early English fashion, giving him the sceptre for the evening, with power to name the games, forfeits and rewards.

*Pitching snowballs through a holly or fir wreath can provide a lot of fun. The balls of cotton-wool are allotted certain values, 1, 5, 10, etc. The guests are divided into teams, each guest taking a turn at throwing the balls through the number on each ball which scores a point, and if a player gets all the balls through the team scores 50.

Those who are to take part in the obstacle race must leave the room, to be brought back just one at a time. A course is prepared, ornaments, books, etc., being placed here and there along the way. The player is told that he must avoid all the articles, under penalty. When he is blindfolded the obstacles which do not exist are always amusing for the onlookers and to the player when the fold is removed from his eyes.

Drawing through a mirror will occupy the "artists" for a long time.

Each one holds a hand-mirror before him, just over the paper, and attempts to draw some article, looking always in the glass. The results may be imagined.

Ask each guest to bring to the party a photograph taken in early childhood or infancy. When you have collected them all, arrange them in a row on the wall and have the guests guess as to the identity of them. This is very sure to hold the interest of everyone and to provoke endless amusement. A prize may be given for the one who makes the most correct guesses.

LORD LASCELLES ASKS FOR MORE APPLES

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 18.—(By Canadian Press)—Princess Mary and her husband, Lord Lascelles, who a year ago tasted some of the apples which had been exhibited at the New Jersey State Horticultural Society, have asked for more. And as a result Daniel Fitzpatrick, a visiting Briton, stopped at the apple exhibit on the Steel Pier, where the Society's convention is being held, and ordered a crate of wine-saps shipped to the Princess for Christmas.

Mr. Fitzpatrick was at the exhibition a year ago and took home some of the apples. Princess Mary, who is his neighbor, tasted some of them and Fitzpatrick said he promised that if he ever went to the United States again he would send her some more.

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