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CLEARED QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS

Phillips Square Block Sold for $17 a Square Foot To-day, Cost Only $6.75 Two Years Ago.

The Dow property, situated on the east side of Phillips Square, was sold this morning by Mr. James H. Mayer to Messrs. Foster, Martin, Mann, McKennon and Hacket, St. James street, for $403,765, or about $17 per square foot. In November, 1910, Mr. Mayer purchased it from the Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company for $6.75 a square foot, so that in a little over two years, he has made a profit of a quarter of a million dollars on his investment.

The block is a vacant one, occupied last summer by the Airdome Company. It has a frontage on Phillips Square of 176 feet and a depth of 134 feet, being in fact one of the largest unoccupied areas in the uptown part of the city.

Although the purchasers have not yet decided what will be the future of the property, it is not unlikely that a big ten-story structure will be erected there at an early date. A report that the lot was being syndicated at an advance in price was denied by the owners to-day.

JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT FOR $381,000 AWARDED TO RAILWAY CONTRACTORS

Campbell, K.C., acting for O'Brien & Doheny, railroad ... appeared before Mr. Justice ... this morning, and asked ... ment be marked against the ... and Saguenay Railway for ... there being no appearance for ... His Lorship ordered that ... be drawn up by default.

The amount named represents the sum due the contractors for work during June and July of the present year. Further sums accruing up to the time the work was suspended in September, and still unpaid, will now be pressed for. The company's total indebtedness to Messrs. O'Brien & Doheny is said to run to close on $900,000.

WOMEN OF FASHION IN GAMING DEN

Nineteen 'Guests' Arrested in Raid in West End of London

ONE WOMAN'S LOSS, $140,000.

Police Entered the Place by a Clever Ruse.

London, Dec. 17.—The police last evening raided one of those so-called ... houses in the West end of London, which is run as a gambling hell, the enormous increase of which during the past eighteen months has been several times noted in the newspapers. A number of people of good position, including two ladies, were in the house at the time.

The house is in Wilson Crescent, on Belgrave square, and next door to the ... of Drogheda's house. It is rented by Roy McKay from Col. Powney. The raid was made by a force of 50 plain clothes policemen and detectives, who rounded up McKay and nineteen 'guests,' who were playing chemin de fer in the drawing-room.

A bundle of cheques, some of them running up to £1,300, and a number of counters of the value from £1 to £100 each were seized.

The whole party was taken to the Walton Police Station in taxi-cabs. They telephoned their friends and were released on bail and bound over to appear in the Westminster Police Court to-day.

McKay had his home in the raided house for four months. Several nights weekly for the past two or three months a procession of motor broughams had been bringing women in evening dress, and there were rumors of high play. One prominent lady is said to have lost £28,000, chiefly at baccarat, and a jockey is said to have lost £3,500.

The arrest was smartly made. A motor brougham, with a liveried footman on the box, drove up at 6.30. Inside was a young man with a fur coat, who had been there several times, and had played baccarat. McKay greeted him and accompanied him to the drawing-room, where eighteen or twenty persons were ranged about a table. The game was not stopped. The young man, who was Detective McCooey, not coming out within ten minutes, as had been agreed, the police surrounded the house, rang the bell and arrested the liveried servant who appeared.

They then burst into the drawing-room. A woman screamed and a cry went up 'the police.'

The gamblers accepted the situation cheerfully and waited quietly with the detectives until they could be taken to the police station. At the moment of the raid, a footman was serving sandwiches, champagne and whiskey, soda, cigars, etc., from an annex of the drawing-room.

THREATENED TO CHOKE PROPRIETOR

Intoxicated Man Created a Scene in Furniture Store.

A lively scene which caused the assemblage of a great crowd took place in the Montreal Furniture Exchange, 21 Craig street east about 11 o'clock this morning when a man in a pitiful state of intoxication came into the store and threatened to 'choke' the proprietor unless he gave him the price of a drink.' The proprietor, Mr. Harry Astrofsky, stoutly refused to comply with this request and ordered the individual out. At this juncture the stranger became very violent and set about knocking down and smashing all kinds of furniture he could lay his hands on and quite an uproar was caused.

Mr. Astrofsky, however, with the help of two assistants managed, after great difficulty to drag the individual out on the street and there held on to him till the arrival of a policeman to whom he was given in charge. The moment the constable's hands were placed on him the man's violence subsided and he quietly let himself be led to the station.

A charge of drunkenness and destruction of property was laid against him and if he is sober enough he will appear before Mr. Recorder Weir to-morrow morning for trial.

TO HEAR SIR JAMES GRANT.

Sir James Grant, of Ottawa, will give an illustrated lecture entitled 'The Kingdom of the West,' before the McGill Canadian Club, in Strathcona Hall (McGill Y.M.C.A.), to-morrow afternoon.

DEATH OF AN OLD RESIDENT

Mr. Mussen Lived in Notable Mansion on Dorchester Street

The death took place at his residence, 660 Dorchester Street West, this morning, of Mr. Henry Smith Mussen, a well known Montreal resident and business man.

Mr. Mussen belonged to the older group of city traders. Born in this city seventy years ago, he entered into the dry goods business of his father, Mr. Thomas Mussen, in the premises at the corner of St. Lambert Hill and Notre Dame street, and remained in virtual charge there until the business was disbanded some years ago. A prominent supporter of the Masonic order, the late gentleman was a member of the Royal Albert Lodge. He was also one of the first to inscribe ... and roll of the Victoria Rifles, when that corps was formed, while he was a past President of the Montreal Bowling Club.

The late Mr. Mussen's house on Dorchester street, is one of the most notable in Montreal, named Bellvue Hall, it stands right opposite the intersection of Bishop and Dorchester streets, and has its own extensive grounds, and heavy iron entrance gates. Mr. Mussen's hobby was the collection of time-pieces, and each room in the residence is ornamented with a half dozen to a score of clocks of varying periods and countries. Mr. Mussen is survived by two brothers and five sisters. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon, service being held at the church of St. James the Apostle.

SHIP WRECKED—
CREW WAS SAVED.

Buenos Ayres, Argentina, Dec. 17.—The Norwegian barque 'Nordstern' foundered on Dec. 13, while on the voyage from Pensacola, whence she sailed on Oct. 9. Twenty-six of the 'Nordstern's' crew were picked up by the steamer 'Edernian,' now on the way to this port.

NOTED CLERGYMAN DEAD.

Chicago, December 17.—The Rev. John Colliver, a noted circuit rider of the early days of the Methodist Church in Illinois, is dead, at his home in Aurora, aged 93 years. He was the oldest member of the Rockeriver Methodist Episcopal Conference. He was born in England.

REGISTER NOW.

There are only two days in which those desiring to get their names on the Voter's List under the new manhood suffrage law for the province may register. All men wishing to vote at the next parliamentary election must register before Thursday night.

Registration lists are available at the 'Witness' Office, and a commissioner in attendance will remain to receive applications for inscriptions, to-night until 6.30, and to-morrow from 11.30 a.m. till 6.30 p.m.

Those who fail to present themselves for registration before the time-limit expires will not have another opportunity to qualify within the next two years.

The new Provincial Act brings into effect the principle of 'one man, one vote.' Under this act any man of 21 years of age is qualified to vote, providing that he is a British subject, either by birth or naturalization, and, at the time of registration, is domiciled, within the electoral division in which he seeks registration, and also provided that he earns or receives at least $10 a month. If he is already a municipal taxpayer, such registration is unnecessary.

RECORD MAIL FOR THE WEST

The heaviest mail that has ever been despatched to Western Canada passed through Montreal to-day. It comprised some thousands of sacks of letters and parcels, and was brought to the Dominion by the Allan Liner 'Virginian.'

So heavy was this Christmas mail that the Canadian Pacific was compelled to make up a special train for mail alone, and the train, comprising fifteen mail cars, was despatched from Montreal at noon to-day.

QUEBEC CITY EULOGIZED

Chief Trudel Indignant at Imputations Regarding White Slavery

Mr. Emile Trudel, the Chief of Police of the City of Quebec, is indignant at the statements of the condemned man, Carlotta Battista, that Quebec is one of the centres of the white slave traffic. Chief Trudel, who has been carrying on a morality campaign in Quebec, told a 'Witness' reporter at the Place Viger Hotel to-day that there was no such thing as an organized white slave traffic in or around Quebec.

'Isolated instances of girls being decoyed from their homes have occurred,' he said, 'but there is certainly no gang or individuals engaged regularly in any such traffic. Quebec has a cleaner crime record than any city on the continent. We have no serious robbery, no violence, and there has not been a murder trial coming from Quebec City itself during the nine years I have been Chief of Police.'

FRATERNAL WAR AGAINST GAMBLING

And the Crusade Promises to Become Nation Wide

Chicago, Dec. 17. — A movement against gambling, started here a week ago by a fraternal order, promises to become nation wide. Eight State Governors have notified Arthur Burrage Farwell, who is at the head of the crusade, ... help launch and carry on the fights in their respective states against all kinds of games of chance — in churches, clubs and lodges as well as in professional gambling rooms and at race tracks.

The governors are: Charles S. Osborn, of Michigan; Governor Colquit, of Texas; Governor Albert Gilchrist, of Florida; Governor Dix, of New York; P. L. Goldborough, of Maryland; R. S. Vessey, of South Dakota; Edwin L. Morris, of Montana, and J. M. Carey, of Wyoming.

'In Texas, we are sending gamblers to the penitentiary,' was the remark of Governor Colquit in answer to a request for a suggestion on how to stop gambling.

BANK CLERK'S DEFAULT.

Henri Lagace, ledger keeper of the Bank of Hochelaga, was found guilty by Judge Bazin this morning of misappropriating the sum of $35,700 of the bank's funds. He will be sentenced on Tuesday. Mr. D. McAvoy, K.C., accused's counsel, says he will appeal.

TO SHIFT FOOD TAX ODIUM TO THE DOMINIONS

Latest Move of the British Tariff Reformers Angers Both Parties

MR. BONAR LAW WANTS COLONIES TO DECIDE TO TAX BRITAIN'S FOOD

Big Plans Afoot For Fostering Greater Trade Between Germany and Canada.

(By Special Cable From Our Own Correspondent.

London, December 17.—Mr. Bonar Law's speech at Ashton last night, in justification of throwing over the promised referendum in respect to tariff reform, is regarded as most unsatisfactory, even by the Unionist party. The people of the United Kingdom are now told that if the Unionists are returned to power there will be a colonial conference on the question of the proposed duties on food supplies, and that there will be no preference 'unless the colonies desire it.'

The London 'Chronicle' says:—

'This is a palpable attempt to shift the odium of imposing food taxes upon our people from the shoulders of the Unionist party to those Dominions who may wish to see preference introduced. Such relations between the Mother Country and the Dominions would scarcely be compatible with the harmony and unity of the Empire.'

GERMANY PLANS PEACEFUL INVASION OF CANADA.

In Anglo-Canadian quarters here it is stated that early next year efforts are to be made by certain powerful German interests to extend the trade between Canada and Germany. A scheme for improved steamship communication is now under consideration, and it is the intention, I understand, to use larger and faster boats specially catering for this service.

WESTMINSTER.

SAYS UNION WAS AGAINST VIOLENCE

J. T. Butler Denies Dynamite Conspiracy Charge.

Indianapolis, Dec. 17.— John T. Butler, Buffalo, N.Y., vice-president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Ironworkers, testified as a defendant at the 'dynamite conspiracy' trial to-day.

As the most prominent Union official next to President Frank M. Ryan, Butler is charged with sanctioning an allowance of $1,000 a month to J. J. McNamara, to pay for explosives, including those at Los Angeles, Cal.

Butler testified that he heard of four explosions in Buffalo on the work of 'open shop' contractors. 'I was in Buffalo when one of these explosions occurred,' he said. 'I learned of the others only through newspapers, and I never knew who caused the destruction of the work. Dynamite or violence never was considered in the councils of the Union.'

RUMOR OF MORE RESIGNATIONS

Three Members of Harbor Staff Will Retire, it is Said.

MR. DAVID SEATH'S DENIAL.

'I Have Not Resigned, and I Have No Intention of Doing So.'

Is there to be another batch of resignations from the harbor staff? A rumoro is in circulation in shipping circles to-day that at least three members of the staff of the Board of Harbor Commissioners will follow their chiefs into oretirement. The gentlemen whose resignations are said to be likely, are Mr. David Seath, secretary to the commission, Mr. F. W. Cowie, chief harbor engineer and Mr. Cowie, chief harbor engineer and Mr. A. D. Swann, assistant chief engineer. Mr. Seath has occupied his position for fourteen years, Mr. Cowie for six and Mr. Swann for a shorter time.

Mr. Seath was very much surprised to hear the story to-day.

'It is all news to me,' he told a "Witness" report. 'I have not resigned yet and I have no intention of doing so.'

His position, he added, was like that of the other heads of the harbor departments. They were all appointed by the commissioners and so, a new board, if it were so disposed could retire them all. In the past,, however, it has not been customary to change the members of the staff when the commissioners were changed.

HOUSE ADJOURNS TO-MORROW

Hon. G. E. Foster May at Last Take the Floor in Naval Debate

('Witness' Staff Correspondence.)

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—It was stated this morning that the Hon. George E. Foster will probably speak to-morrow on the naval debate. His speech will likely be the last before the holidays.

Mr. W. Germain, who broke from the Liberals on the reciprocity issue, will speak in favor of the Laurier naval policy.

The House will adjourn to-morrow evening at six o'clock.

REAL ESTATE DEAL

Owner Ordered to Implement Agents' Agreement.

Whether a sale negotiated by a real estate agent, but concluded between the property owner and the buyer, is binding on the owner, was the question decided by Mr. Justice Demers in a judgment handed out yesterday. The property in the suit is situated at 139-147 Dalhousie street, and the owner, Joseph Gibson, gave an exclusive offer on it to Carrick, Limited, for $8,000, of which $6,500 was to be in cash. The offer was good for thirty days, and during that period Carricks negotiated with Edouard Chollette, notary, who agreed to buy, but sought to complete the transaction with Gibson direct. The latter declined to hand over the property to Chollette, saying he had given an offer to Carrick, Limited, which had not been taken up by them in the specified time, and that he had not been informed of the negotiations with Chollette.

The court held that Chollette was entitled to receive the deed of the property, and ordered Gibson to sign, otherwise judgment would be given for its value.

PEACE CONFERENCE HAS BEEN ADJOURNED UNTIL THURSDAY

Absence of Greece's Signature to the Armistice Protocol Causes Halt in Proceedings, But Apart From this Delegates Have Power to Sign Peace.

London, December 17.—An obstacle was encountered early to-day by the plenipotentiaries of the Balkan allies and of the Ottoman Empire, who are gathered here with the object of bringing about peace.

The absence of Greece's signature to the armistice protocol was the cause of the hitch in the proceedings, and the delegates found it necessary to adjourn without transacting any real business. They will not meet again until Thursday afternoon and in the meantime will communicate with their home Governments.

After their adjournment Dr. Daneff, the leader of the Bulgarian delegation, and the president of to-day's meeting of the conference, confirmed the report that the question of the protocol had been under discussion without a decision being reached.

It is understood that the powers of the Turkish plenipotentiaries do not authorize them to recognize the Hellenic delegates unless Greece signs the armistice, and therefore they were obliged to refer the matter to Constantinople before proceedings with the conference.

The Greek representatives refused to sign the protocol when invited to do so this morning, pointing out that it would make no practical difference, as the allies were united and the decisions reached by the members of the Balkan League would be binding on Greece equally with the other members of the federation.

MAY CONCLUDE AND SIGN PEACE.

The credentials of the peace delegates of the Balkan allies and of Turkey give them full power as plenipotentiaries.

They can therefore not only negotiate for peace, but, if they come to an arrangement, can conclude and sign it.

This point was made clear when the delegates met in St. James Palace this morning, and before the obstacle, as reported above, was revealed.

Dr. S. Daneff, Speaker of the Bulgarian Parliament, presided.

The meeting of the conference lasted little more than two hours. The plenipotentiaries adjourned for the day before one o'clock.

It was noticed that, contrary to yesterday's procedure, when the delegates all lunched together, the Turks today left the palace and went off to lunch at their hotel, while their allied colleagues remained in the palace.

M. POINCARE AS MEDIATOR?

In speaking to-day on the subject of foreign mediation in Balkan affairs, Stojan Novakovitch, the head of the Servian delegation, said: 'The choice of the United States as mediater would be an excellent one. The only fears in this connection are that the distance of the United States from the scene and its lack of knowledge of the different complex problems agitating the Balkan peoples might hamper its action, while a European country would find itself in readier condition, having for years followed the aspirations of the different races constituting the Balkan family.'

M. Novakovitch, taking everything into consideration, thinks the best man now in Europe to carry out the work of mediation successfully would be Premier Poincare, of France, who has paid so much disinterested attention to the Balkan conflagration.

If the choice of that statesman, says M. Novakovitch, should give umbrage to Germany, then an Englishman statesman might be added, and if even this should not be considered as sufficient guarantee of impartiality, in the sense that all legitimate interests would be taken into account not only of the belligerents, but of the great powers, an Italian statesman might be joined to them. Belonging to the Triple Alliance, Italy represents in that combination of powers, according to M. Novakovitch, an element quite different from German's decided friendship for Austria.

M. Novakovitch went on to remark that Turkey's customary policy of delaying discussions and postponing decisions would this time be only hurtful to Ottoman interests. Servia, he said, for instance, had already conquered all that she desired to possess while Montenegro, Greece and Bulgaria within a month would see the fortresses of Scutaria, Janina and Adrianople capitulate from hunger.

M. Novakovitch pointed out that Adrianople, with 150,000 inhabitants and about 50,000 soldiers in the garrison, and Scutari and Janina each with about 30,000 inhabitants and 20,000 garrison, could not be re-victualled under the terms of the armistice, while the provisions and ammunition stored in those places could not last more than four weeks.

Both Adrianople and Scutari are, he said, entirely surrounded by hostile forces, while Janina still has an opening to the north, but even in that direction the Greek forces are rapidly approaching the fortress. Besides, the country, he declared, is not in a condition to provide adequate supplies.

SWITZERLAND ON QUI VIVE.

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 17.—The Swiss Government, in view of the possibilities of war, is augmenting the amount of ready cash at its command. A consignment of $5,000,000 in gold and silver arrived here by special train from Paris to-day, and was lodged in the Swiss National Bank.

The Government also continues to order quantities of grain from the United States.

TURCO-GREEK NAVAL FIGHT.

Sedil-Bahr, Dardanelles, Dec. 17.—Another naval battle was begun between the Turkish and Greek fleets this morning outside the entrance to the Dardanelles Straits. The firing was very heavy. How many vessels are engaged is not known.

AMBASSADORS IN 'CONVERSATION.'

London, Dec. 17. — The ambassadors of the great European Powers this afternoon began their 'conversations,' with the object of keeping the nations in close touch with each other in regard to the questions arising out of the war in the Balkans. The diplomats met in the cabinet room of the British Foreign Office.

The discussions, it is understood, are to be purely informal and non-committal, but they will serve to elucidate the position of the Powers, and, as a result, it will be possible to ascertain to what extent they are in agreement on such questions as the autonomy of Albania, the claims of Servia, the position of Salonika and the Dardanelles, and the re-charting of the map of the Near East.

The 'conversations,' it is said, will clear the ground for a possible formal conference of the Powers.



A GROUP OF HAPPY, ENERGETIC, 'WITNESS' BOYS.

The readers of the 'Witness' have been informed from time to time about the circulation and sales development of their paper. Especially, the interesting Shetland Pony contests have attracted attention, because the boys of very many Montreal families have been competitors and workers. The first Shetland Pony contest was decided last week, and on Saturday, in front of the Witness' building, the presentation of the first pony prize was made to Johnnie Hurrell, the winner. The above photograph was then taken with the happy winner surrounded by the other boys of the organization. This picture is especially interesting because it is a tangible evidence of the far-reaching and productive sales and delivery organization which has been created during these past few weeks.

'Witness' boys now sell and deliver on practically every street in greater Montreal, to the increasing satisfaction and benefit of an ever-widening circle of 'Witness' friends and readers. Although the picture shows a group of about seventy happy and energetic boys, it is only a part of the whole force, which now totals almost two hundred members. That the boys themselves like to belong to our sales organization, is evidenced by the fact that there is now a waiting list anxious to be harnessed into the pleasant and profitable work of looking after the delivery of the paper to many homes. It has been remarked that the work not only keeps the boy in the open at profit to himself from a cash earning standpoint, but that also they get an actual business training, which supplements the school work in a very helpful manner. The securing of new business, the delivery regularly and on time, the collection of small accounts and the keeping of these small cash accounts—all these things will be of value throughout their lives when the boys themselves realize. Now that the city is so well served by 'Witness' boys, we are able to offer to deliver into almost any section of Montreal at the homes of the people. Many 'Witness' readers, who would prefer to receive the paper each evening, between four and six o'clock, delivered to their homes, and who would like to test our service, should notify us to that effect. Our introductory plan is very simple. The boys will collect weekly—every Saturday, six cents for the trial service.

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TEN KILLED IN STREET CAR WRECK

Coal Train Crashed into Car at Level Crossing in Ohio

Ashtabula, Ohio, Dec. 17. — The bodies of six women have been taken from the wreckage of a street car which was struck at the Centre street crossing here last night, by a northbound Lake Shore and Michigan Southern coal train.

Under the wreckage of twenty loaded coal cars are thought to be the bodies of three more women and one man. None of the five injured were in a serious condition early to-day, and all will recover. All of those killed and injured were residents here.

Buckling of the train just back of the engine caused the coal cars to pile up to a height of nearly forty feet over the wreckage of the street car. Witnesses of the accident say that the gates of the crossing were not lowered, although Mullen, the conductor of the car, was on the track, frantically signalling McCutcheon, the motorman, to stop.

D. E. O'Connor, engineer, and Herchberger, fireman, both of Erie, Pa., jumped from their engine after setting the brakes, and neither were injured. The impetus of the heavily-loaded cars pushed the engine on, and portions of a residence, a warehouse, and a store near the crossing were demolished.

Railway officials say that it will take many hours' work to remove the pile of wreckage and ten thousand tons of coal which is thought to cover the bodies of four more victims.

WARSHIPS WILL CARRY BODY OF AMBASSADOR.

London, Dec. 17. — Mrs. Whitelaw Reid has decided to accept the offer by the British Government of a warship to convey the body of her late husband to the United States. The arrangements will be completed between the British Foreign Office and the State Department.

Among the first wreaths to reach Dorchester House was one from the Queen Mother Alexandra.

The memorial service in Westminster Abbey for the late Ambassador is to be held on Friday next.

A PRACTICAL MEMORIAL

Collier Bequest Helps in the Fight Against White Plague

New York, Dec. 17. — A cable from Dublin says: Lady Aberdeen yesterday transferred to the custody of the Dublin Corporation, under the provisions of the Insurance Act, the Peter F. Collier Memorial Dispensary for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, which is situated in the poorest quarter of this city.

Robert J. Collier, of New York, desiring a permanent memorial to his father in Dublin, placed at the disposal of Lady Aberdeen the funds necessary for the erection and equipment of the institution. During the year the number of patients was 1,176.

Lady Aberdeen, in presenting the institution to the city expressed her gratitude to Mr. Collier for his great charity.

Sir William Thompson stated that since the opening of the institution the death rate from consumption throughout Ireland showed a continuous fall and is now less by four deaths weekly than in 1907.

DEATH OF NEW YORK DIVINE.

New York, December 17.—The Rev. Abbott Eliot Kittredge, D. D., for more than twenty-five years pastor and pastor emeritus of the Madison Avenue Reformed Church, and formerly president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, died here to-day at the age of 79.

REGISTER

If You Want to

VOTE

To make it easy for every young man qualified—and under the new law practically every man is—to get his name on Voters' List, a Commissione be in attendance at the 'Wi office every day this week 11.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m.

DON'T MISS THE CHANCE.

OVERCOME BY FEAR

Boy Accidentally Shoots Friend and Disappears From Home

GRIEF OF THE PARENTS

POLICE SEARCH FOR MISSING LAD PROVES FUTILE UP TO NOW.

Because he injured his playmate when a revolver which both were handling, was accidentally discharged yesterday afternoon, Peter Satuski, aged about twelve years, has disappeared from his home at 52 Brown street, and on account of the fear of arrest, no doubt, has not returned home since the accident. Where he spent Sunday night is a mystery to all, and his parents are wild with grief and anxiety over his absence.

The lad and several companions, among whom was Harry Franklin, who resides with his parents at ...3 Ontario East, were playing with a revolver which belonged to the watchman of a stable, in which they were playing, when it was accidentally discharged, the bullet entering Franklin's face, just below the right eye. The lad ran home, and Dr. Rinfret, of Ontario East, was summoned. He ordered the boy to be taken to the General Hospital, where, on examination, it was found that he had been seriously injured. On account of the position of the bullet, it will be extremely difficult to extract it.

Immediately after the shooting young Satuski disappeared and the little fellow did not appear at his home at all on Sunday night. The police have been searching for him since his disappearance, not because of his part in the affair, as the shooting is admitted to have been purely accidental, but in order to relieve the anxiety of his parents, who are very much worried about him.

MUST LEARN SELF DEFENCE

Military Training Essential to Nation's Life, Says Prof. Hutton

BOYS AND YOUNG MEN MUST ACQUIRE ART OF WAR IS HIS MESSAGE TO CANADIAN CLUB.

Principal Maurice Hutton, of University College, Toronto, was the speaker at the weekly luncheon of the Canadian Club, held in the Sailors' Institute yesterday. 'The Objects of the Canadian Defence League' was the subject of Principal Hutton's address, which resolved itself into a strong plea for general and systematic military training and preparedness for war.

People might ask, the speaker said, what had a teacher of Greek to say to the question of defence of militarism? He would answer that it was because he was a teacher of Greek that he took such an interest in the subject. He then proceeded to trace the history of ancient Greece, and told how Athens had gone down before Philip of Macedon, 'the Bismarck of the East.' Athens went down because its citizens would not leave their statues, their philosophy and art, to prepare themselves to defend their country. But modern Greece realized the error of the old, and their splendid victories in the present war were the result.

Now the British Empire was being defended by peasants from Ireland and the Highlands of Scotland—these were the only people who seemed to possess the elementary principle of citizenship. But these people should not be allowed to bear the whole burden. It was a far cry from Demosthenes to Colonel Roosevelt, but their instincts were the same. Each preached that the nation should be prepared. He instanced ancient Greece, modern China, before the war with Japan, and France up to 1870, as states which had suffered from their devotion to intellectual pursuits to the practical ignoring of military preparations.

Military train' was beneficial to the health, to the physique, and the morals of the people. The present British Government was pacific enough but it had found it necessary to engage in ententes and friendships. The British Government was prepared for war in 1911, and because they were prepared for war, the war did not come.

The training of boys and young men in the art of war served to counteract the physical decadence which industrialism produced. Germany, which was a nation efficient in military training and physical exercise, was also pre-eminent in industries, in science, and in literature, though in the last not quite so much as formerly.

NEXT AMBASSADOR.

Washington, Dec. 16.—There was a report in Washington to-day that the President might ask Secretary Knox to take the post of ambassador to Great Britain, but it was given little credence. Another man mentioned was Mr. Myron Herick, former Governor of Ohio, and at present ambassador to France. Mr. Herrick is generally understood to be well able to afford the honor of a London assignment.

THE BANK OF TORONTO

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CITIZENS' COMMITTEE ALARMS ALDERMEN

Ald. L. A. Lapointe Says This Body Dominated Private Bills Committee at Quebec.

'I am utterly surprised at the power of the Citizens' Committee in the Legislature. Before the Private Bills Committee we had not a chance to say a word. At the instance of a member of the Citizens' Association every amendment that they did not like was quashed. When we asked for the repeal of the paving law, that clause was dropped by the Committee without any of us getting a chance to be heard. The only man who spoke was Mr. Loranger, a member of this Committee, who said he would bring in an amendment.

'As a sop to the aldermen, the clause dividing the city into five divisions has been dropped for a year, but we must present a scheme for the redistribution of the wards into twenty by next October.'

Thus reported Ald. L. A. Lapointe to a caucus of aldermen at the City Hall yesterday. He suggested fighting the Citizens' Committee, and the matter was settled yesterday afternoon. 'Shall we leave it to the legislation committee?' he asked, and a chorus of 'Noes' came from the aldermen, who all went down to Quebec last night.

Ald. Martin said that all this trouble was being brought on the aldermen by a small knot of men who were not elected by the people. He proposed that a number of them should resign their seats and seek re-election on an anti-Citizens' Committee campaign. No one took up this suggestion.

Ald. L. A. Lapointe, in a long resume of the situation, said the cause of all the trouble was the indolence of the chiefs of the departments. Money for work was voted long ago, and yet no move had been made to commence operations. He asked Ald. Bastien and Ald. Morin if anything was done in their wards after being sanctioned by the Council months ago, and they said 'No.'

'They have never asked us to dismiss a chief of department,' he said. 'If they had done so we would have voted for it.'

Some person brought up the case of Dr. Louis Laberge.

Ald. Lapointe said: 'The charge was not incompetence, but that of being a Mason. When the budget was brought down his name had been admitted. We could not approve of that, and Controller Wanklyn supported us in our fight to retain Dr. Laberge. Mr. Wanklyn said that he would never consent to such an outrage.

Ald. Lapointe said that there was great hostility against the aldermen in the public mind, and Mr. Geoffrion acted at Quebec merely on hypothesis.

The general opinion was that the amendments proposed would take away all the power and interest of aldermen in civic affairs, and the clause in the amendments gave the Controllers such power that he would feel like sitting with his arms folded and let it pass.

CHURCH UNION

Text of the Presbyterian Minority Report

The following is the text of the Presbyterian Minority Report on Church Union:—

To the Venerable the General Assembly—

The minority of your Committee on Church Union beg to report—

That we reaffirm our belief in the essential unity of all true Christians, and express our earnest desire that this unity may be made increasingly manifest, and—

Whereas—This unity may find expression in co-operation and federation, without the more or less grievous friction and division and loss which often results from attempts to bring about Organic Union;

Whereas—The tendency of the age, in both Church and State, is towards federative unity with individual autonomy;

Whereas—True denominational loyalty ministers to the freedom and vitality of the whole Church, and helps to further its work;

Whereas—In the recent ballot, one-third of our membership that voted, recorded their judgment against the principal of Organic Union, leading the Assembly to pause in consummating such Union;

Whereas—Nothing has since emerged to cause any substantial change in the situation;

Whereas—It is of supreme importance that Unity and harmony be preserved in our own Church, and continued agitation of the matter, in any way, in the immediate present, will be injurious to the great work pressing upon the Church, and will intensify difference rather than promote unanimity;

It is therefore respectfully recommended—

(1) That the matter of Organic Union remain in abeyance in the meantime, without prejudice to either side of the question;

(2) That the Union Committee be continued, and instructed to gather the fullest possible information regarding the Federal Council of the Christian Churches in the United States of America—or any other method of co-operation expressing the unity desired by all, and also, to correspond with all other Evangelical Christian Churches in Canada, to ascertain the possibility of effecting some wider plan of co-operation in the great work common to all, and to report to next Assembly.

TRICKS OF A SMART LODGER

Got Value of Money Back by Thieving

Louis Delisle, who gave his address as Montcalm street, and his occupation as a leather cutter, appeared before Judge Leet yesterday in answer to a charge of having stolen $23 from Henry Nash and was sentenced to a term of one year's imprisonment on the charge. Delisle will appear on Thursday next also, when he will have to face several charges of theft. The man has been carrying on a wholesale thieving business in the city for some time and the police have long been on his trail. He was arrested on Saturday by Constable Ciguage and Detective Laberge.

The method employed by Delisle was an ingenious one, and with it he duped a number of people. Going to a lodging house or small hotel, he would engage a room, explaining that he had just arrived in the city, and expected to go to work on the following day, when he would have enough money to pay his room rent. In some cases he paid for night lodgings. Immediately the landlady was out of sight, however, he proceeded to get more than the value of the money back by visiting the rooms of the other boarders in the house and stealing any article which he considered would be of any value to him. In the Terrapin Hotel, Notre Dame street, he entered the room of a student named Simms, and purloined a new overcoat belonging to Mr. Simms. He also stole several articles of value from Mr. J. Demers, of Mountain street, working the same game.

Joseph Donpierre, was was found with the overcoat in his possesion, is suspected of having acted as 'fence' for Delisle. He denied the charge yesterday, stating that he had paid the latter $4.50 for the garment, not knowing that it had been stolen.

WEST'S DAY ON NAVAL QUESTION

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—To-day is western field day on the naval debate, as Mr. J. A. M. Aikins (Brandon) will have the floor the first thing, and will be followed by the Hon. Frank Oliver. Mr. H. H. Stevens (Vancouver) may reply to him, and Dr. Michael Clark will probably wind up the day.

The Hon. George E. Foster will probably speak on Tuesday, when one of the big speeches of the debate will be heard.

Some of the Liberals are still talking of trying to force an election on the naval question. Whether the Senate will be willing to accept the responsibility of throwing out the measure is considered in some quarters.

SHIPPING

OUTWARD.

	Dec. 16.
Victorian, arr. Liverpool	Dec. 15
Carmania, arr. Liverpool	" 15
Laurentic, arr. Liverpool	" 15
Majestic, arr. Southampton	" 15
New York, arr. Southampton	" 15
Lake Michigan, arr. London	15

INWARD.

	Dec. 15
Empress of Britain, arr. Halifax,	
Durango, arr. Halifax	" 15
Teutonic, arr. Halifax	" 15
Aranmore, arr. Halifax	" 15
Royal George, arr. Halifax	" 15
Manchester Commerce, arr. St. John	" 15
Bulgaria, arr. New York	" 15
Baltic, arr. New York	" 15
Pennsylvania, arr. New York	" 15
Perugia, arr. New York	" 14
Floride, arr. New York	" 15
Cassandra, arr. St. John	" 15

MR. EWART TO PRESENT CASE

Ottawa Separate School Board Engages Well Known Canadian Jurist

Ottawa, Dec. 16.— Mr. John S. Ewart, K.C., the well known Canadian jurist, will be engaged by the Separate School Board to assist in the presentation of its case to the Ontario Government on the occasion of the deputation from associated school boards of the province, which will wait on the Minister of Education at a date yet to be fixed.

The board is preparing its case and will have a number of strong arguments to present to the Government. With the return of Premier Whitney and the Hon. Dr. Pyne, Minister of Education, from England last week, notice is expected at any time of the date from the deputation.

According to the arrangements made the Government has promised to notify every provincial school board which has applied to it, of the date fixed so that all can wait and be represented at the same time. According to information received by the local board, practically every separate school organization in the province will be heard from.

MYSTERY REMAINS

Erwin Staiger a Lonely Man, With Little Known About Him.

The inquest on the body of the man whose decapitated remains were found beside the Canadian Northern tracks at Pointe-aux-Trembles last Wednesday, will be held to-morrow. The man has now been definitely identified as Erwin Staiger, but, although he has been in this country for several years, next to nothing is known of him.

The following telegram received by the morgue from Berlin, Ont., where Staiger lived for two years, gives an indication of the secluded life which he was living:

'Erwin Staiger was with the Canadian Importing Company, but had practically left Berlin. No office nor effects, no relatives, no intimate friends.'

Detectives are at work on the case, endeavoring to throw some light upon the man's past. It is known that he has a family in Germany, but the authorities are unable to get hold of any address. In the meantime, the body is lying at the morgue, and, unless it is claimed after the inquest, it will be buried at the city's expense.

The mysterious circumstances surrounding both the man himself and his tragic end has aroused much interest, and many persons have come forward claiming that they knew him, one of these stating positively that he saw the man in the Hungarian Parliament. It is extremely doubtful whether the mystery surrounding the man's career in Europe will ever be dispelled, as his lonely life in this country and its final termination tell a plain enoungh story of broken ties and a desire for oblivion, which would leave behind no trace of a former existence in high places.

SOLD ST. PAUL STREET BLOCK.

Mrs. E. L. Desjardins has sold to Damien Fournier a property situated on the north side of St. Paul street, a little east of St. Francois Xavier street for $...,000. The cadastral number ... 89, Centre Ward.

DELEGATION COST $321.

The expenses of the city delegation of Mayor Lavallee and twelve aldermen to Quebec on December 9 to 13 totalled $321.20. Of this sum $217.40 went for the bill at the Chateau Frontenac.

FINANCE

WALL ST. QUICK RETURN

New York, Dec. 1.—3 p.m.—The improvement in Wall street became more orderly in the late afternoon, and prices went up smartly without the feverishness and wide fluctations that prevailed earlier in the day. Reading soared near the close to 166 7-8. Union Pacific touched 157 1-2; Steel, 66 and Amalgamated 73 3-4.

Around 2.45 o'clock Canadian Pacific Railway was selling at 256 1-4, with every evidence of going higher, while the whole list was making firmer and more steady headway.

New York, December 16.—Wall Street—Noon.—Speculative sentiment was on edge to-day, owing to uncertainty whether decisions would be announced by the Supreme Court in the Minnesota rate and the anthracite cases. Bear operators made a determined attack on prices, and were aided in unsettling the market by a heavy fall in copper metal abroad, which was reflected in extensive liquidation of copper shares here. Last week's low prices for the important issues were broken through and losses ran from one to five points, with Reading the chief sufferer.

Commission house business was on a large scale and a considerable portion of the selling was due to further liquidation of out of town holdings. Bonds were heavy.

C.P.R. DOWN THEN UP—MARKET'S FEATURES FEW

The feature of morning session of the stock market was the activity in Canadian Pacific stock, which first took an unfavorable turn, dropping from 54 to 53½, after which it rose to 256 and closed at 255¼. Nearly a thousand shares changed hands.

Power and Richelieu were also fairly active and comparatively firm.

LONDON CLOSING PRICES.

London, Dec. 16, 4 p.m.—Consols for money 74 1-16; do. for account 74⅜.
Can. Pac. 262¼; G.T.R. 28¾.
Bar silver easy 29¼d per ounce.
Money 2¾ to 4 p.c.
The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 5 p.c.
The rate of discount in the open market for 3 months' bills is 4 15-16 to 5 p.c.

C.P.R. FIRMER IN THE AFTERNOON

The stock market was rather quiet in the afternoon in spite of the cheerful winds that blew in Wall Street. Price changes too were not marked, Canadian Pacific selling at 255, though towards the end of the afternoon the stock rose over a point.

AFTERNOON BOARD.

Steel Com.—25 at 56 7-8, 1 at 57 1-2.
Sherwin Pfd.—60 at 95.
Power—10 at 224 1-4.
Scotia—25 at 85.
Canadian Car—20 at 80 1-2
C. P. R.—25 at 255, 25 at 255 1-2, 25 at 256 1-2, 25 at 256 1-4, 25 at 256 7-8.
Canadian Cotton Pfd.—75 at 78.
Richelieu—100 at 112.
Quebec Ry.—50 at 14
Cement Com.—50 at 27.
Cement Pfd.—10 at 92 3-4.
Steel pref.—35 at 102.
Lake of Woods—10 at 128.
Detroit—25 at 71 1-2.
Canners—50 at 70, 25 at 70 1-4, 50 at 70 1-8.
Laurentide—25 at 218 1-2.
Sherwin—1 at 54, 5 at 53.
Iron bonds—$5,000 at 92 3-4.
Quebec Ry. bonds—$1,500 at 59.
Cement bonds—$1,000 at 100.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Specially reported for the 'Witness' by C. D. Monk, Hospital street, Local Manager of J. S. Bache & Co., New York, by direct wire.

Opening and closing prices:

Stocks	Op'g.	Clos.	Stocks	Op'g.	Clos.
			Dec. 16th, 1912.		
Amal. Cop.	72¾	74	Miss. Pac.	41¼	41¾
Amer. Loco.	40¾	40⅝	Min. St. P. &		
do. pfd.	....	....	Sto. M.	137	137
Am. Sugar	116⅔	117	do. pfd.	....	....
do. pfd.	....	....	Mex. Cent.	....	....
Am. Smelt.	69	70⅜	N.Y.C.& H.	107	108½
Am. Car Fy.	54	54¼	Erie R. R.	31	31½
Am. St'l Fy.	34½	34	do. I pfd.	48	48¾
do. pfd.	....	....	do. II pfd.	....	39½
Am. Wool.	....	....	N. O.&W.	30½	30⅝
Anaconda	37¾	38	No. Pacific	119	121
Atchison	105¾	106	Nor. & W.	....	....
do. pfd.	....	....	Pac. Mail	....	....
Balt. & Ohio	103	104	Penn. R.R.	120¾	121¼
do. pfd.	....	....	Press.Steel	34	34
Brklyn R. T.	87½	88	do. pfd.	....	....
Cen. Leather	27	27¾	Peo. Gas	110	110
Can. Pac.	254	256¾	Phil.&Read	163¾	167⅝
Chic. Gt. W.	16¾	16⅞	do. I pfd.	....	....
Ches. & O.	77	78¼	do. II pfd.	....	....
Chic. & Alt.	....	....	Rock Island	22¾	23½
Chic.&N.W.	135½	135¼	Ry.St'l Spg.	....	....
C. M.& St. P	110½	112	Rep. I. & S.	....	....
Col. South	....	....	do. pdf	81½	84½
Con. Gas	138½	138⅝	South Ry.	27½	27¾
Col. Fuel	33⅛	33¼	do. pfd.	70¾	8/
Corn Prod.	13¾	14¼	South Pac.	107⅞	107¾
do. pfd.	....	....	Sloss Sheffl.	....	....
Det. U.Ry.	....	....	Tenn. C.&I.	....	....
Del. L. & W.	....	565	Tex.Pacific	22½	22½
Del. & Hud.	....	....	Toledo Rys.	....	....
Den. & R.G.	....	....	and Light	2½	....
do. pfd.	37½	37½	Twin City	xd	....
Dul. S. & At.	....	....	U. S. Steel	65	65¾
do. pfd.	....	....	do. pfd.	109	109½
Gt. Nor. Ry.	133¾	134	U.S.Rubber	63	62⅞
Gen. Elec.	....	165⅛	do. pfd.	107	107
Hav. Elec.	107½	....	Union Pac.	155⅝	159⅛
Iowa Cent.	....	....	do. pfd.	90¼	91⅛
Ill. Central	....	126⅝	Wabash	....	....
Inter. Pump	....	....	do. pfd.	13	13
Kan. & Tex.	....	26½	W. U. Tel.	....	73¼
do. pfd.	....	....	Wis. C. com.	....	....
L. & Nash.	140	140	do. pfd.	....	....

CHICAGO MARKETS.

Messrs. J. S. Bache and Company, 29 Hospital street, Montreal, report the Chicago Market quotations for the 'Witness' to-day as follows:

	Open.	High	Low.	Close
Wheat—				
Dec.	84¾	84¾	84¼	84¾
May	89⅝	89⅞	89¼	89⅞
Corn—				
Dec.	47½	47⅞	47¼	47⅞ b
May	48⅜	48½	48¼	48½
Oats—				
Dec.	32½	32⅜	32½	32⅜ b
May	32⅞	33	32⅞	33
Pork—				
Jan.	1842	1842	1800	1800b
May	1827	1830	1805	1805
Lard—				
Jan	1012	1012	992	995b
May	1002	1005	985	987
Short Ribs—				
Jan.	990	990	975	977
May	977	977	962	967

IS THIS CORRECT?

A despatch from Ottawa to the Financial News Bureau makes the announcement that it is understood in certain quarters here that Sir Rodolphe Forget has succeeded in arranging with the powers that the Government will come to the relief of the Quebec and Saguenay situation, either by a guarantee of bond interest or by taking over the line completely.

NO GOOD CAUSE FOR WEAKNESS IN C.P.R. STOCK

It is stated that Canadian Pacific Railway weakened on cable advices concerning the situation in Canada as respects monetary conditions. Granted that these are not any too roseate, it would not appear that there is anything in them to cause European shareholders to liquidate their stock.

So far as the proportion of Canadian Pacific Railway held here is concerned it is small compared with the stock held outside of Canada, so that from that standpoint the matter of the monetary situation here is of little enough importance.

Regarding the monetary situation from a commercial standpoint, there would be absolutely no occasion for selling Canadian Pacific Railway, inasmuch as there is lots of money to pay freights and to carry on the business of the country.

Canadian Pacific a Weak Feature of the London Market ---Money Was in Good Demand

London, Dec. 16. — Money was in good demand to-day. Harder discount rates here and on the Continent give rise to fears of a general advance in bank rates in Europe.

In the absence of foreign demands, the Bank of England secured most of the $4,000,000 new gold offered in the open market.

The stock market opened cheerful, and home and foreign rails advanced, but weakness developed in other sections on Berlin and Paris selling, induced by dear money and apprehensions regarding the outcome of the various settlements. Canadian Pacific and Copper shares were weak features, and fears of unfavorable statistics accentuated the flatness in Coppers.

American securities opened steady and a fraction higher. Prices advanced from ¼ to 1⅜ over parity during the forenoon. Union Pacific and Canadian Pacific were firm leaders until the early afternoon, when Wall street offerings forced the list one to two points. Prices continued to sag during the late trading, and the market closed weak and at the lowest.

MAPLE LEAF CO. MAY BUILD AT MEDICINE HAT.

A Winnipeg despatch says that 'interests identified with the Maple Leaf Milling Company have practically decided on the erection of a mill at Medicine Hat with a capital of 3,000 barrels a day. This mill is being erected with a view of taking care of the company's growing business in the western provinces.'

EXCHANGE OF SHARES.

In connection with the organization of the Smart-Woods, Limited, to take over both the Smart Bag and Woods, Limited, arrangements have been concluded with the Royal Trust Company for the exchange of the shares of the old company for those of the new. The new consolidation will come into effect on 1st of January, 1913.

Large Wheat Supplies

A record of the world's wheat supplies of Dec. 1, in a number of years is as follows, figures representing bushels:

1912	239,796,000	1902	185,729,000
1911	240,490,000	1901	202,108,000
1910	237,607,000	1900	203,237,000
1909	18,929,000	1899	203,477,000
1908	182,040,000	1898	133,346,000
1907	181,342,000	1897	156,016,000
1906	219,048,000	1896	202,229,000
1905	201,855,000	1895	213,796,000
1904	199,881,000	1894	218,847,000
1903	174,085,000	1893	237,519,000

UNLISTED STOCKS.

Unlisted stocks as reported to the 'Witness' by O'Brien and Williams:

	Bid.	Asked.
Ames Holden com.	20	22
Pref	78⅜	79½
Beld Paul com.	30	34
Pref	85	90
Brazilians	88¾	89
Breweries pref	93½	95½
Bonds	102	103
Can. Power	87	89
Bonds	74½	76½
Hillcrest com.	25	30
Pref	76	81
Hollinger	—	—
Lachine 5 p.c. bonds	101	103
Mex. N.P.	23¼	24
Bonds	62½	65
Nat. Brick	56	58
Price Bros. com.	85	86
Bonds	84½	86
Sher. Railways	—	21
Tram and Power	46⅜	45⅝
Wayagamack com.	31	32
Bonds	75	75½
West. Can. Power	71½	73
Bonds	87½	88½

MORNING SALES.

Braz., 125 at 89, 50 at 88⅞, 75 at 88¾ 75 at 88⅝, 25 at 88½.
Tram and Power, 25 at 45½.
Waya Bonds, $9500 at 75.
Brick bonds, $1000 at 77¼.
Asb. pref. 2000 at 75.

RECEIPTS IN MONTREAL.

Following were receipts reported on the Board of Trade this morning:

	G.T.R and I.C.R.	C.P.R.
Wheat	3700	....
Oats	3119	....
Hay, bales	....	300
Flour, sacks	....	360
Butter, pkgs	532	62
Cheese, boxes	....	61

WINNIPEG GRAIN.

Following was the course of prices in the Winnipeg grain pit this morning.

	Wheat. July.	Dec.	May.	Oats. May	Dec.
Close	85½	80	84½	35¼	33⅛
Open	85	79⅞	84¾	35	33⅛
High	....	79⅞	83¾	35	33⅛
Low	....	79½	83¾	34⅞	32¾
Noon	....	79½	83¾	35	32¾

NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE

Messrs. J. S. Bache and Company, 29 Hospital street, Montreal, report the Cotton Market for the 'Witness' to-day as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	2.30 p.m.
Jan.	1288	1290	1276	1281
March	1299	1300	1290	1292
May	1293	1299	1292	1294
July	1293	1295	1280	1289
Dec.	1282	1285	1272	1277

LA ROSE GIVES BONUS

Mr. D. Lorne McGibbon, president of the La Rose Consolidated Mines Company, after a meeting of directors, at noon to-day, announced a very pleasant little Christmas gift to the shareholders, which took the form of a bonus of 2½ percent on the par value of the stock, payable Jan. 20, 1913, to shareholders of record Dec. 31.

This will accompany the usual quarterly dividend of 2½ percent, which will bring the year's disbursements up to 12 percent on the stock.

The news will undoubtedly be received with much favorable comment, as a further evidence of the determination of President McGibbon to work the La Rose properties in the interests of the shareholders.

Sir Henry Advancing Mining Matters

According to a circular sent out by Sir Henry Pellatt, an English syndicate is negotiating to obtain control of the Cobalt Lake Mining Co. Sir Henry himself has entered into an agreement for the sale of a million shares, and advises other shareholders to join in the agreement.

What the BANKER BROKER and FINANCIER are DISCUSSING

Business in general, as reflected in the condition of the banks of the United States, has shared in the country's prosperity, according to Mr. Lawrence Murray, Comptroller of the Currency, in his annual report, just made public.

The banking power of the United States, represented by capital, surplus, profits, deposits and circulation, reached during the year the enormous total of $22,548,707,000, a high record, showing an increase of 5.69 percent over 1911, and 27.8 over 1908. Since 1900, the banking power has increased 111 percent, or more than doubled. During the last twelve years the number of banks has increased by over 107 percent, and the volume of business as indicated by deposits, show an increase of over 127 percent.

In connection with the rates on money, which recently have been soaring, the Comptroller simply observes that the rates were normal up to Aug. with a lightening of the money market thereafter. According to the last condition report, Sept. 4, the Comptroller points out that New York and Chicago were slightly deficient in the amount of their legal reserves, and St. Louis slightly excessive. Banks in the major position rich other reserve cities were also slightly deficient, but the country banks maintained an excess of the legal requirements.

Less than 70 percent of the total amount of national bank notes which the national banks might circulate under the law has been issued. Based upon the Sept. 4 report, the banks might increase their circulation by $321,927,060, Mr. Murray says.

The National Banks, the report incates, hold over 80 percent of the bonded debt of the United States in the way of security for circulation and public deposits and as investments. During the fiscal year 1912, the National Banks paid dividends aggregating $120,300,872, or 11.66 percent on capital and 6.93 percent on capital and surplus combined.

Altogether the finances of the United States are in a pretty favorable condition, and with a little more security, and confidence in Wall Street environments there should soon develop a prosperous era.

TORONTO SALES.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Sales: Can. Mach. 20 at 62; Dul.-Superforh 50 at 70 to ⅛; C.P.R. 50 at 253; Maple Leaf pref. 13 at 96¾ to 97; Winnipeg, 10 at 216; F. N. Burt pref. 80 at 101 to ½; Mackay, 235 at 81¾ to 82; Brazilian, 1781 at 88 3-4 to 7-8; Mex. L. and P., 25 at 81; Rio bonds, $1000 at 98; Porto Rico, 50 at 70; Nipissing, 240 at 845 to 850; Larose, 5 at 250; Canners, 25 at 69¾; Loco. pref. 10 at 94; Can. Perm. 100 at 192¾, ex. div.; Cement pref. 10 at 92¼; Conagas, 150 at 750, and miscellaneous 14.

TORONTO COBALT SALES.

Toronto, Dec. 16.— Morning Sales: — Charter, 300 at 2, 2000 at 1¼, 2000 at 1 7-8; Holly, 25 at 1505, 20 at 1510, Jupiter, 500 at 36; Pearl, 1500 at 21½; Swastika, 1000 at 9¾, 1000 at 9¾; D. Lake, 5000 at 17 future, 16,000 at 17½ future 12,500 at 16½, 100 at 16; Bailey, 500 at 7, 2500 at 6¾; Chambers 500 at 20 3-4; Cobalt Lake, 1000 at 50, 500 at 48 1-2; Larose, 25 at 245; Nipissing, 40 at 850; Peterson, 500 at 15½, 1500 at 15¾; Right of Way, 500 at 6, 2000 at 7, Temiskaming, 500 at 41; Wettlaufer, 500 at 25.

FRUIT MARKET

Petersen Fruit Company:

Oranges, Valencia, 714, $5 per case; Mexicans, very sweet, 126, 150, 176, 200, 250, $2.75; Florida, 126, 150, 176, 200, $3; Valencia, 420, $4; Jamaica, 156, 126, 150, 176, 216, $2.50; lemons, fancy fruit, 300s, $3.50. Bananas, Jamaica Jumbos, $2.50 per bunch; cranberries, $11.00 per brl.; grapefruit, fancy Jamaicas, 64, 08, 96, $3.50 per box; grapes, Malaga, heavy weights, $5.50 per keg; fancy Malaga, $5; sweet potatoes, in hampers, $2 per pkg.; onions, red, 100 lb. bags, very fine, $2 per bag; do., Spanish, $2.50 per case.

Celery, California, $5.50 per case; evergreen, in bales, of 160 yards, $2 per bale; holly, in large cases, $4.50 per case.

Prunes, California, 30 to 40, 10c per lb.; 50 to 60, 9c; 60 to 70, 8c; 80 to 90, 7½c.

Apples, No. 1 Greenings, $3.75 per brl.; No. 2, $3.25; No. 1 Baldwins, $3.75; No. 2, $3.25; No. 1 Kings, $4; No. 2, $3.25; No. 1 Snies, $4.50; No. 2, $4.

New dates, packages, 30 lbs. to the case, 7½c per lb.; bulk, 5½c.

New figs, 7 crown, 13c per lb.; 5 do., 11c; mat figs each 23 lbs., $1.25 per mat.

Peanuts, Jumbos, 12c per lb.; do., French 9c; do., Diamond, Grenobles, 9c; do., Coons, 8c; almonds, shelled, 33; do. in shell, 16c; Walnuts, shelled, 28c; do. in shell, 16c; filberts, 14c; pecans, large, 19c; Brazils, 16c; holly wreaths, $2.50 per dozen; Tangerines, straps, 226, $5.50 per strap.

All nuts are 11c per lb. less in bag lots. Also on all orders of 10 packages of lemons or oranges, 10c per pkg. less.

DOMINION FINANCE.

The financial satement for the Dominion of Canada for November, out to-day, shows that the revenue for the month was $14,297,778, an increase of $2,702,000 over the revenue for the corresponding month last year. The exoenditure for the month amounted to $8,177,000, an increase of $692,000. For the eight months the revenue shows an increase of $22,500,000.

REPORT ON B.L. ASBESTOS CO. ENCOURAGING

Shareholders of the Black Lake Asbestos Company are receiving a report of operations as carried on by Messrs. Robert F. Massie, John B. Kay and Hamilton Cassels. These assume personal responsibility for the financial obligations of the company and have liquidated them.

The committee bought the company on the basis of the price the bonds were selling at on the open market, there being only one other bid. A new company was then incorporated under the name of the Black Lake Asbestos and Chrome Co., Ltd., with the same capital as the old company.

Asbestos has already advanced in price for the coming year, and it is hoped that the net revenue will be considerably increased. The company will probably produce chrome iron, in which there are extensive deposits near the company's thirty-stamp mill.

FOREIGN RATES.

Paris, December 16.—The Bourse was weak to-day. Three percent. rente 88 francs 5 7 1-2 centimes, ex-div. Exchange on London, 25 francs 10 7-8 centimes for cheques. Private discount rate, 4 percent.

Berlin, December 16.—The Bourse was depressed to-day and prices closed from 3 to 4 points lower. Exchange on London, 25 francs 20 ⅝ nigs for cheques. Money, 5 1-2 to 6 percent. Private discount rate 6 per cent.

GUTTA PERCHA NEW CAPITAL IS $6,000,000

The Gutta Percha & Rubber Manufacturing Company of Toronto, whose factories are located in Toronto, is to be reorganized. The company has carried on an extensive business throughout Canada and by export to various parts of the world for over a quarter of a century.

Application has been made for a Dominion charter, under the name of the Gutta Percha & Rubber, Limited, with an authorized capital of $6,000,000. The new company will be controlled by the same interests and will under the same management as the old.

It will be an entirely independent concern, without connection or affiliation with any other company in or out of Canada.

NEW MILK CO. TO HAVE CAPITAL OF $1,000,000

The interests which are at work in the organization of the new milk company, which has been announced for Montreal, have now secured the charter from Ottawa. The name of the company is the Consolidated Milk Company, Limited. Its authorized capital is $1,000,000, and of this $500,000 will be issued now.

The plan is to sell stock to the farmers, and it is thought that it will all be subscribed by the middle of next month. This would, to some extent, bring the farmers into co-operation with each other.

CEREAL CO. DEAL NOW SETTLED

At a meeting of the shareholders of the old Canadian Cereal and Milling Company held on Saturday the company was formally closed out and the assets transferred to the new Canadian Cereal and Flour Mills Company which will carry on the business.

The shareholders received stock in the new company in the proportion of forty percent of their old holdings.

Mr. J. P. Black of Montreal is president and Mr. A. E. McCuaig of Toronto vice-president and general manager of the new company.

C.P.R. LOWER

The following comparisons between to-day's and Saturday's cables on C. P. R. in London will illustrate the position on this stock to-day:

	Saturday.	To-day.
First Cable 6	257	255
Second Cable	257 1-4	255
Third Cable	257	255

MINING MARKET.

Mining quotations supplied by Gadd and Shorey. Stock Brokers, for the 'Witness':

MORNING BOARD.

Crown Reserve, 850 at 850.
Crown Chartered, 2000 at 2.
Larose, 500 at 250.
Jupiter, 50 at 40, 500 at 37.
Hollinger, 200 at 1500.

GRAIN ELEVATOR RECEIPTS

Following were receipts of grain carloads at Winnipeg reported to the Board of Trade this morning:

Wheat, No. 1 hard, 3; No. 1 northern, 14; No. 2, 410; No. 3, 285; No. 4, 14; No. 6, 8; other grades, 107.
Total 1154 as compared with 1,... the corresponding date of last year.
Oats 248; barley 119; flax 2...
No Calgary cars.

CHEAP FARES FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

For the Christmas holidays the customary excursion fares will be in force on the Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island Railway, good from all stations, and to points on connecting lines. The going dates are Dec. 21 to Jan. 1, and the limit to return Jan. 3.

For stations beyond Montreal there will be a special excursion rate for the same dates, with a single fare limit. The reduced fares for these dates will make it possible for those who wish to visit home and friends and for the return to the old home after the happy Christmastide.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL NEWS AND STOCKS

WHAT MOTIVES HAS WALL ST. IN HITTING C.P.R.?

Those who are interested in the movement of Canadian Pacific stock, and who are engaged in studying the causes of its recent weakness, will do well if they commence their investigations at the New York end.

The vague prospects of a European war are not alone, or even mainly responsible for the depression in the price of Canadian Pacific Railway, although they form an admirable weapon with which to beat down quotations by a clique of powerful operators whose main object just now is to get the stock down, no doubt, to a bargain level.

This group—all the names of which cannot be given with assurance—is using every means to gain the desired end, one of the latest moves on its part was the discriminate anonymous letters castigating the railway; predicting for it an unimproving future and uttering grave remarks about the awful consequences to follow the smash up of the Western Canada land boom. This sort of sentiment finds a hotbed in the minds of the anti-Canadian element in Wall Street, who help it along.

It would be detrimental to Canada's credit abroad if its premier security was to weaken too pronouncedly, and it would seem the duty of powerful Canadian interests to support the stock if matters go too far. Canadian Pacific cannot afford to be victimized by stock market sharks.

G. T. R. AND HUDSON'S BAY SLIGHTLY EASIER IN LONDON

The cable came over on Grand Trunk Railway. Ordinary this morning from London at 28 7-8 and on Hudson's Bay at 12, both these quotations being about 1-6 down from yesterday.

POULTRY VERY FIRM.

A firm feeling prevails in the market for dressed poultry owing to the steady increasing demand for supplies for the holiday trade. Turkeys, per lb., quote at 20c to 22c; ducks, per lb., 15c to 16c; chickens, per lb., 14c to 17c; fowls, per lb., 10c to 13c; geese, per lb., 12c to 14c.

FAIR TRADE IN CHEESE.

Prices of cheese are steady, with current receipts 11¾c to 12c; do., Oct., 12½c to 12¾c; do., Sept., 13c to 13¼c.

BALED HAY UNCHANGED.

There is no change in the market for baled hay, which quotes as follows: — No. 1 hay, $14.50 to $15; No. 2 hay extra, $13.50 to $14; No. 2 ordinary, $12 to $13. No. 3 hay, $11 to $11.50; clover, mixed, $10 to $10.50.

EGGS CONTINUE FIRM.

A good business in eggs continues at firm prices. Selected stock, in round lots, 30½c to 31c; in single cases, 31c to 32c. No. 1 cord storage stock in round lots, 28c; second grades, in single cases, 22c.

POTATOES ACTIVE.

An active trade continues in potatoes, with the market very firm. Green Mountains in car lots quote at 85c to 90c, and Quebec grades at 75c to 80c per bag, and in a jobbing way Green Mountains are selling at $1.05 per bag.

TORONTO CATTLE MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 17.— Receipts at the City Cattle Market this morning were 70 cattle, 98 sheep and lambs, 2 calves. Prices were steady, with a good demand for good cattle.

At the Union Stock Yards prices were unchanged. A fair number of buyers attended, and good cattle were plentiful. C. McCurdy bought two loads of butcher cattle at $6.10 to $6.60.

Receipts, 2,652 cattle, 158 calves, and 1289 hogs, 1,215 sheep and lambs.

Export cattle, choice, $6 to $6.25; export cattle, medium, $5.25 to $5.75; export cattle, bulls, $2.50 to $3.75; butcher cattle, choice, $6.60 to $7.25; medium, $5.50 to $6.25; common, $2.75 to $3.75; butcher cows, choice, $4.50 to $5.50; medium, $3.50 to $4.50; canners, $2 to $2.50; bulls, $3 to 5.50. Feeding steers, 5.25 to 5.35; stockers, choice, 5 to 5.25, light, 4 to 4.50. Milkers, choice, each, 40 to $85; springers, 40 to $60.

Sheep, ewes $4.25 to $4.50. Bucks, and culls, $2.50 to $3; lambs, 6.60 to 7.25.

Hogs, fed and watered, 8. Hogs, f.o.b., 7.65. Calves, 7 to 9.

Goodwins Limited

"Notice is hereby given that a quarterly dividend of 1¾ percent on the Preferred Shares of the Capital Stock of this Company has been declared, payable January 1st, 1913, to Shareholders of record of December 21st, 1912."

Montreal, Dec. 13th, 1912.

S. J. LeHURAY, Secretary-Treasurer.

THE WEST INDIA ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED

DIVIDEND No. 20.

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of 1¾ per cent. for the current quarter, ending 31st December, being at the rate of FIVE PER CENT. per annum, upon the Capital Stock of the Company, has been declared, and the same will be payable on the 2nd day of January, 1913.

The Transfer Books will be closed from the 24th December to the 2nd day of January, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

H. E. FLOWER, Secretary.

Montreal, December 13th, 1912.

Canadian Consolidated Rubber Company Limited

Notice is hereby given that quarterly dividends of 1¾ percent on the Preferred Shares and 1 percent on the Common Shares of the Capital Stock of this Company have been declared, payable January 1st, 1913, to shareholders of record of December 21st, 1912.

WALTER BINMORE, Treasurer.

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BANK ACT WILL INCLUDE COMPULSORY AUDIT AND OTHER DESIRABLE CHANGES

The Hon. W. T. White, Minister of Finance, will, it is expected, bring down the new Bank Act before the House this afternoon. The Act provides for a number of new regulations. The principal ones among them relate to the government's audit of banks and to the control over any proposed mergers.

Special provision is made which will enable farmers to secure loans against their grain and ranchers against their cattle. Certain changes will be made in the form in which the banks will submit their statements to the government, and altogether Mr. White is to be commended for his determination to strengthen certain provisions in the Bank Act.

TRAMWAYS CO. NEW ISSUE IS ALL TAKEN UP

Boston, Dec. 17. — (Special) — Montreal Tramways securities are popular with United States investors. The eagerness with which these issues are taken up by the public when any new offering is made is, to say the least, surprising, considering that they are of foreign origin.

The announcement was made this morning by the banking house of N. W. Harris & Company that the $890,000 Montreal Tramways Co. first and refunding mortgage 5 p.c. bonds recently offered for the public have all been sold, and that the American market is anxiously waiting a further offering by the Montreal Tramways interests.

C.P.R. FIRMER

C.P.R. came in at 256 7-8 from London, whereas the last sale here last night took place at 255 7-8.

Comparisons were as follows.

	Yesterday.	To-day
First cable	256 7-8	256 3-8
Secon cable	257 1-8	257 3-8
Third cable	255	256 7-8

NEW REAL ESTATE CO.

Mr. C. H. Cahan and some of his associates have formed the Corporation Estates, Limited. The latter have purchased a large tract of land close to the model city property back of the mountain.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Cattle, receipts, 5,000. Market, weak. Beeves, 5.50 to 9.85. Texas steers, 4.40 to 5.65; western steers, $5.25 to $7.50; stockers and feeders, 4.25 to 7.25; cows and heifers, 2.75 to 750; calves, 6.50 to 10.

Hogs, receipts, 23000 Market slow, 5c lower. Light, 6.90 to $7.25 mixed, $6.95 to $7.30; heavy, $6.90 to $7.30; rough, $6.00 to $7.05; good to choice hog, $5 to $6.85. Bulk of sales, $7.15 to 7.25.

Sheep, receipts, 17,000. Market, steady to shade higher. Native, $3.90 to $5.00; western, $5.00 to $5; yearlings, $5.40 to $6.75 lambs, native, $6.20 to $8.20, western, $6.25 to $8.50.

DOUBT ABOUT BANK RATE.

Financiers evidently take opposite views concerning the likelihood of the Bank of England rate advancing this week, cables having been received stating that an advance was expected and yet others being received to the effect that it was reasonably sure that the rate would not be increased.

MARKET BONDS IN CANADA IS BANK REQUEST

Edmonton, Dec. 17.—Instead of going to London for raising money with city debentures at four and a half percent and sometimes more, the municipality is being asked by the local manager of the Imperial Bank to market its bonds in Canada, the interest rate being raised to five percent.

Canada Machinery Doing a Large Business With its Earning Growing Rapidly

Canada Machinery net earnings for the last fiscal year amounted to $105,056.04, and this after deduction of bond interest and sundry charges amounting to $40,534, left available for dividend purposes, etc., a balance of $64,521. The president, Mr. George D. Forbes, in his statement, says that since the close of the last fiscal year, conditions have been very materially improved, and the company's sales show an increase over the corresponding period of last year of 50 percent.

AFTER BIG SILVER VEIN— LA ROSE EXPECTS NEW FIND

It would seem that a three-inch vein of ore has been opened up on the 75 feet level of the Right-of-Way mine adjoining LaRose. The vein carries right through LaRose boundary and LaRose is now cross-cutting to pock it up as it is practically a certainty that it runs into its property.

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ASKS ENGINEER TO RESIGN

Ald. McBride Gives Notice of Motion at Westmount Council

UNPAID TAXES.

Mayor Rutherford and Alderman Sherrard Give Satisfactory Explanation.

At a meeting of the Westmount City Council held last evening, Ald. J. T. McBride gave notice that at the next regular meeting, he would move that in view of reports, that the Council demand the resignation of the City Engineer. Attention was drawn by the same speaker, to the fact that Mayor Rutherford and Ald. Sherrard had not paid their taxes, and asked if they were to be held liable, according to charter, for a fine of $100 for every vote which they had cast since November 1st. Satisfactory explanations were given in both instances, however.

The meeting, as usual, was first held behind closed doors, as a committee meeting. What transpired was not made public, but it was evidently of some importance, as the meeting lasted fully two and one-half hours. In the meantime a number of Westmount residents who were waiting to hear the discussions, departed to their homes. His Worship Mayor Rutherford took his departure immediately after the close of the private meeting, Ald. Jones presiding.

The first matter brought up was the question as to whether the accounts of the Road department had been audited, as requested some weeks ago, by Ald. McBride. In reply to this Ald. Hyde stated that the matter had been placed in the hands of Mr. Wright, who would submit it when he had it completed. Ald. McBride pointed out that some six months ago he had asked the Finance Committee for a report on 26 items of expenditure which were over and above the estimated cost, this being handed to the chairman of roads for investigation. The report, said Ald. McBride, had not been presented, to which Ald. McLennan replied that this matter had been investigated and reported on some time ago. Ald. McBride, however, stated that he had never seen such report, and would ask for it at the next meeting. Ald. McLagan stated that the Mayor had given the report, to which Ald. McBride replied, emphatically that he had not.

The matter of His Worship the Mayor and Ald. Sherrard not having paid certain taxes, was explained in the latter's case by Mr. Sherrard, who stated that he had sold the property referred to some three years ago, but that an oversight had left the sale unregistered. Mayor Rutherford was not present when this matter came up, but Ald. Hyde explained that His Worship had been taxed on property held by him in trust for another, and that he did not own the property.

MOTION CAUSES EXCITEMENT.

The notice given by Ald. McBride at last evening's meeting of the Westmount Council that at the next meeting he would move that the City Engineer be asked to tender his resignation as a civic official of Westmount, has caused considerable discussion, and in some cases, the feeling even verged on excitement. Sides have already been taken in the matter, which is being discussed pro and con.

Some of the members of the Council are in favor of the motion's being put through, while others are of the opinion that the services of the engineer in the past entitle him to more consideration. The engineer himself, refuses to make any statement. This question will probably be discussed at the Municipal Association meeting tonight. Announcement of the candidates to be supported by the association will also be made to-night.

Rumors that a resolution asking for a royal commission to enquire into the affairs of the Roads Committee, and also into all real estate deals in Westmount since February 1st, 1911, will be moved at this evening's meeting, were also heard this morning.

A GOOD STORY

The Canadian Serial rights of a new novel, 'Woven in the Wind,' by Annie S. Swan, have been secured by the 'Witness.' Annie S. Swan, who in private life is Mrs. Burnett Smith, and who lives at Hampstead, London, England, is author of over one hundred novels and of numerous short stories. She is also connected with the production of 'The Woman at Home,' a successful English magazine. Mrs. Smith's stories are of homely people, such as one meets every day, and are always consistently interesting and of a character to appeal to every member of the household.

The scene of 'Woven in the Wind' is laid in Scotland, and the characters are Scotch folk—but speaking good English. The heroine, Bettine, is Scotch, but born and bred in Paris.

OATS CONTINUE STEADY.

The oat market shows no changes.

No. 2 Can. western quote in car lots ex. store at 43c to 43½c; extra No. 1 feed, 42c to 42½c; barley, Ontario malting, 80c to 82c; buckwheat, No. 2, 57c to 58c; corn, No. 3 yellow, 70c to 71c.

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'Though I Have Been 29 Years in Canada,' Says Rev. T. E. Bourke

'I have been twenty-nine years in Canada, but I can't forget Ireland,' said the Rev. T. E. Bourke, in his lecture on 'Ireland and the Irish,' to the members and friends of the Irish National Foresters at the Crescent Hall last evening.

The lecture was embellished by a series of lantern slides, including the most interesting places, and typical scenes of life, in the 'Emerald Isle.' The natural beauties of the land were well shown in the pictures of the Lakes of Killarney, the Vale of Avoca, the Gap of Dunloe, the Giants Causeway, and many other well-known beauty spots. The wonderful history of the country, ancient, and modern, happy and sorrowful, rose before the eyes of the audience when viewing, Athlone, Dublin, Blarney Castle, Limerick, Vinegar Hill, Belfast, and Drogheda, and the monuments of such famous statesmen, heroes, and warriors as O'Connell, Parnell, Sarsfield, and William of Orange, while the religious aspects were amply reviewed in the pictures of the Cathedrals of Dublin, Armagh, and Downpatrick.

The most notable features of the lecturer's style were his broad-minded views of religious and political differences, and the true Irish wit, and humor with which he interspersed his interesting and instructive address. He showed the Irishman to be patriotic, courteous, religious, a true lover of his home land, and above all, no matter what his political or religious sentiments, proud of being an Irishman.

During the course of the evening 'Killarney' was ably rendered by Mr. J. Fisher, accompanied by Miss Kathleen Dodd, and Miss Pearce recited 'The Harp that once through Tara's Halls.' Mr. J. C. Walsh was in the chair, and at the close of the meeting tendered to the Rev. Mr. Bourke a hearty vote of thanks for his interesting lecture, which was proposed by Mr. Geo. O'Donohougue, seconded by Mr. T. M. Reynolds. A vote of thanks was also tendered to Mr. Walsh for his services as chairman, by Chief Ranger R. J. Kelly.

BUTTER IS STEADY.

Prices of butter are unchanged, with business only moderately active. Finest creamery quotes at 30¼c to 30½c; fine creamery, 29½c to 29¾c; seconds, 28½ to 29c; fresh made creamery, 27c to 28c; dairy butter, 26c to 26½c.

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THE ENGLISH 'ATHLETIC NEWS' REFERS TO FRED BARTER AS POWERFUL AMBASSADOR

The English 'Athletic News' says:

'The Consultative Committee of the Football Association and the Management of The League both meet in London to-day, but there is little of surpassing importance on the agenda of either body save the Cantrell case, the everlasting bother with the Players' Union, and the advancement of the movement to secure the representation of the International Federation of Football Associations on the International Board. As England, Scotland, and Wales approve of a meeting to consider this matter, Great Britain is waiting to hear the voice of Ireland. Then let us hope that the United Kingdom will be in unison.

'It is extraordinary how the Association game is extending its empire. South Wales is, the converts declare, aflame in the valleys. Canada is likely to develop at last. The Dominion has been a long time about it. But Canada means to move. They have at this time a powerful ambassador in England, and he has taken advice in the right quarters.

'Is there any limit to the ground Football Montevideo (Uruguay) will t which the Association Nacional deo-day apply for membership of the Football Association. Away in Jamaica the game is played. Official documents declare that 88 competition fixtures have been arranged under the auspices o. the Jamaica Football Association for 1912-13, being composed of 20 for the amaica Shield, 56 for the Martinez Cup, and 12 for the Sydney Oliver Interscholastic Shield. Considering that this Association was only forme. in the West Indian island in 1910, they are rushing ahead with the full machinery of registered referees.

'A correspondent in Ciaro tellsof the progress mdea in football during recent years. The Association game now plays an important part in the training of the young Egyptian. The sport has become very popular, and is spreading rapidly. It has been taken up in the schools and colleges with great enthusiasm. Egypt has already given us one prominent player in Hegazi, of Dulwich Hamlet, the gentleman who once played for Fulham.

'Before Hegazi came to England he shewed good form in the game. He was captain of the Saïdia College team, and his colleagues are delighted at his success in England. If Egypt maintains the enthusiasm now being shown, that country will in the near future attain a prominent position in the football world.

'But whether East or West, in the British Empire or outside of it, all these foreign odies come into touch with the Football Association of England—the Mother of all such agencies for the control of a healthy pastime. The Football Association has a well-ordered system of government, and can give sound advice where no other institution can. The fruits of fifty years' experience are available.



MR. FRED. BARTER,

President of the P.Q.F.A., now in England in the interest of Canadian Soccer.

CHANCE MAY NOT GO AT ALL.

Los Angeles, Dec. 17.—Frank Chance, former manager of the Chicago Nationals, told friends here yesterday that private business had prevented him from going to Chicago to meet Frank Farrell, owner of the New York Americans, who is said to want Chance as manager.

'I can't go until after the first of the year,' said Chance, and added that he 'might not go at all.'

THE LEAFS WILL TRAIN AT MACON

Toronto, Dec. 17. — While in New York at the International League meeting, President McCaffery and Manager Joe Kelley arranged the dates for the Toronto spring training trip of 1913. The Leafs will train at Macon, Ga., again, and six games will be played with the Boston Nationals and University of Georgia at Athens, Ga.

Following are the training trip arrangements:—

March 15.—Report at Baltimore.

March 16.—Leave for Macon, Ga., arriving night of 17th.

March 25. — Leave for Athens, Ga., to play Boston Nationals, 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th, and University of Georgia, April 1 and 2.

April 2. — Leave for Atlanta to play Atlanta Southern Association team, 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

April 5.—Leave for Charlotte, N.C., to play April 7.

April 9.—Washington Americans at Washington.

April 10 and 11.—Utica, New York State League team, at New Brunswick, N.J.

April 12 and 13.—Syracuse, N.Y.

April 14.—Albany.

April 15.—Albany.

April 15.—Troy.

April 16.—Open International League season at Newark.

OTTAW ASECTION DRAWS UP SCHEDULE.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The Ottawa section of the Interprovincial Hockey Union met to-night and drew up the following schedule:—

Dec. 28.— Stewarton at New Edinburgh.

January 4.—New Edinburgh at Stewarton.

January 8.—New Edinburgh at College.

January 11—College at Stewarton.

January 17.—College at New Edinburgh.

January 25.—Stewarton at New Edinburgh.

January 31—College at Stewarton.

February 5.—College at New Edinburgh.

February 7.—Stewarton at College.

February 15.—New Edinburgh at Stewarton.

February 19.—Stewarton at College.

February 26. —New Edinburgh at College.

SNOWSHOE CLUB'S THEATRE NIGHT.

The Y. M. H. A. snowshoe club's first annual theatre night will be held at the Orpheum, on December 25th. Several choice rows of seats have been reserved. Member of the association wishing to pass an enjoyable evening with the snowshoers, will please see Mr. Berlin, secretary of the club.

THE DIXON TROPHY ARRIVES.

The Dixon trophy, emblematic of the championship of the Interprovincial Senior Rugby championship, arrived at the M. A. A. A. club house yesterday afternoon, and will be presented to the champion Argonaut representative at the annual meeting of the union on Saturday next. The trophy is a silver one of handsome design, and can never be won outright by any club.



Many bowling matches took place last night on the various alleys in the city. The best score of the evening was made by Gibson, who rolled 222, who was playing with the North End Giants, against Central Maples. Gibson's score was the only 200 registered. In the Y.M.C.A. League games, Racquets won three straight; North End Giants won two and lost one, and Central Roomers also won two out of three.

R.R.Y.M.C.A. LEAGUE GAME.

Maple Leafs defeated the Black Watch in straight games in a R.R.Y.M.C.A. League game last night on the Railroad alleys. Six men were played a side. The scores follow:

Maple Leafs.

Hair	135	160	151
Pugh	163	139	123
Simpson	157	162	134
Cooper	163	147	145
Marshall	155	167	138
Brown	139	132	154
Totals	912	907	845

Team average, 441.

Black Watch.

Mason	130	149	134
Thomas	135	118	89
Laing	105	121	148
Ritchie	123	135	149
Mann	133	148	145
Carmichael	143	176	159
Totals	819	857	821

Team average, 416.

BANK FRIENDLY.

A friendly game was played on the M.A.A.A. alleys between Royal Trust and the Bank of Montreal, the latter being beaten. The winners will meet the Bank of Commerce next week. Scores:

Royal Trust.

Shepherd	143	158	148
Peverley	125	131	132
McNaughton	105	—	—
M. Dean	167	157	165
R. Dean	146	142	177
Sewel	—	—	152
Brodie	—	104	—
Totals	686	692	774

Team average, 430.4.

Bank of Montreal.

Nash	92	96	142
A. Benson	110	121	100
Sprague	120	142	130
M. Benson	159	176	145
Johnston	133	122	117
Totals	614	637	674

Team average, 385.

INTER-Y.M.C.A. LEAGUE.

CENTRAL SENIORS VS. CRYSTAL RACQUETS.

Seniors.

Sutherland	180	166	102
Rowe	152	144	99
Campbell	111	164	155
Waller	91	123	112
Baker	129	112	162
Totals	663	709	630

Team average, 406.3.

Racquets.

Orr	196	146	132
Nelson	132	188	141
Reid	134	118	175
Edgell	160	117	140
Hart	145	157	180
Totals	767	726	768

Team average, 452.4.

N.E. GIANTS VS. CENT. MAPLES.

North End Giants.

Gibson	222	145	184
Boon	120	109	117
Tweedie	143	165	141
Matheson	161	122	138
Hall	145	141	173
Totals	791	682	753

Team average, 445.2.

Central Maples.

Gibbs	111	133	182
Orr	169	137	153
F. McNiece	146	143	134
Saunders	111	138	174
H. McNiece	152	108	144
Totals	689	659	787

Team average, 427.

CENTRAL ROOMERS VS. WESTMOUNT.

Roomers.

Armstrong	125	110	132
Enos	186	190	197
Clarabut	187	137	198
Bogert	141	117	191
Zimmerman	146	179	187
Totals	785	733	905

Team average, 484.6.

Westmount.

Shaw	167	178	123
Muir	142	125	128
Norris	86	—	—
Swift	—	125	154
Campbell	190	158	153
Brown	148	186	159
Totals	733	772	717

Team average, 444.4.



W. G. Cabana, strong man of the Montreal Police Force, and champion of the world at one-arm lifting above the head, has obtained a leave of absence from active police duties to enter the ranks of vaudeville performers, making his first appearance in the Francais Theatre in a refined novelty strong act.

Cabana is the Apollo of the 'Bluecoats,' and has many friends, who wish him the success his past performances for the benefit of the M. P. A. A. entitle him to.

Before he joins the stage folk it is his intention to break all existing records in one-arm lifting, which includes the one made by him last April, at Sohmer Park, when he broke the record of 265 pounds held by the late Louis Cyr by 10 pounds.

His contract calls for a tour of the principal American cities, where he will perform under a challenge to any man in the world to equal his feat.

Cabana is made of bone and muscle, is as hard as steel, and is one of the most decentive appearing men in citizen's clothes. One thousand dollars will be offered to the man he encounters on his trip who will duplicate his lifting.

The great Cabana, supporting 3,000 pounds with his legs only, a world's record.

Breaking the world's record at Sohmer Park, raising 275 pounds at arm's length above the head, from the floor.

Y.M.H.A. DEFEAT ST. PATRICK'S A.A.A. IN DOUBLE-HEADER

Battling valiantly to hold the lead which they had secured, the Young Men's Hebrew Association defeated the St. Patrick's A. A. A. in a scheduled game of the Junior Montreal and District Basketball League, 42 to 29, in one of the most sensational matches ever played.

The score in no way pictures the closeness of the game. Time after time lightning passes by the St. Patrick's would enable Johnstone to shoot square for the basket, only to have the ball 'loop-the-loop,' in the inner circle and bounce back into the waiting hands of the Hebrew team, who would with equal skill juggle the ball across the floor, and on shooting for the basket they were generally more successful than their opponents.

Line-up:—

Y.M.H.A.—42.	St. Pat. A.A.A.—29.
M. Garfinkle	Home Wilcox
A. Shalinsky	" Coneror
B. Silverman	Centre Johnstone
L. Blumberg	Defence Taylor
J. D. Asner	" Beck

Referees—P. Garfinkle, Samuels.

Scorer—M. Frank.

Goals scored—Y.M.H.A.—Garfinkle, 8; Shalinsky, 5; Silverman, 4; Blumberg, 2. St Patrick's — Coneror, 1; Johnstone, 5; Taylor, 6.

Fouls scored—Y.M.H.A.—Garfinkle, 1; Shalinsky, 1; Silverman, 2; St. Patrick's—Wilcox, 2; Coneror, 3.

The St. Patrick's A.A.A. Juvenile Basketball team also visited the Y.M. H.A. and played an exhibition game with the Y.M.H.A. Juveniles, as a preliminary to the junior fixture. The Y.M.H.A. won by the score of 32 to 13.

Stone's clever work featured for the Y.M.'s. Brady featured for the Saints. Line-up:—

Y.M.H.A. Jr., 32.	St. Pats. Jr., 13.
I. Asner	Home Conray
M. Lazarus	" Carr
J. Daniels	Centre Graham
S. Kaufman	Defence Brady
D. Stone	Defence Fern

Referees—T. Garfinkle, Johnstone.

Scorer—M. Frank.

LAST OF THE HOLDOUTS HAS NOW SIGNED

Ottawa, Dec. 17. — Joe Denison, the last of the Ottawa Hockey Club's holdouts, signed his contract last night and will report to the Senators today, when early practice will be started at the Arena. Denison, who was utility man last winter, wanted $1,000. The club offered him $700, and finally split the difference. Denison had offers from New Glasgow, Sydney, and Halifax, and Bruce Ridpath, when he tried to get his release from the Torontos. The Ottawa roster is now complete, as follows: Lesueur and Benedict, goal; Lake, point; Shore, cover point; Darragh, Ronan, Boardbent, Denison and Westwick, forwards. If the line does not look good enough every effort will be made to get Dubbie Kerr or Eddie Gerard to play one of the wings. The defence is the same as it has been since Fred Taylor jumped to Renfrew in December, 1909.

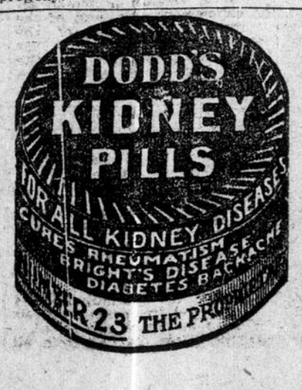
The New Edinburghs, who say they were played off their feet at Toronto Saturday night, are trying to arrange for a return game with St. Mike's. It will likely be played at the local Arena some time in February. The Stewartons go to Toronto next Thursday to play the Toronto A. A. C. Friday. They have a galaxy of stars, including Coo and Sid Dion, Billy and George Smith, Jack Fournier and Basil George, of Queen's, as well as Ward Gilmour and Charles McKinley, the former Cliffside goaler. Frank Shaughnessy is managing the team and Harry Westwick will likely do the coaching. They, too, want to play the St. Mike's.

Don Brophy, the football star, who was counted on by Stewartons, caused surprise yesterday by jumping to Ottawa College.

AMERICAN HORSES ON ENGLISH TURF

New York, Dec. 16.—The English racing season of 1912 will go down in turf history as 'the American year.' in no other year have American horses won such an array of brilliant victories as they did this season. Horses bred and raised in America won two out of the three classic turf events—the Two Thousand Guineas and the St. Leger. This in itself was a great achievement, but it was supplemented by a victory in the Cambridgeshire Handicap, the most important race of the fall and one of the greatest handicap races in the country.

The victory of Herman B. Duryea's colt, Sweeper II., in the Two Thousand Guineas, the runaway triumph of August Belmont' Tracery in the St. Leger, and the success of Louis Winan's Adam Bede in the Cambridgeshire has caused the English breeders and turfmen to consider with anxiety, if not alarm, the potency in the blood of American stallions and brood mares to transmit speed in their progeny.



PRINTERS' BOWLING MATCHES

Some Close Results on the Canadien Alleys Last Night

LEAGUE LEADERS LOST — NO MORE MATCHES TILL AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.

Some good bowling was witnessed on the Canadien alleys last night, when the teams composing the Printers' Bowling League played their regular weekly scheduled matches. In several cases very narrow margins separated the winners from the losers, showing that the competitors this years are very evenly matched, and some great bowling may be expected before the close of the season. Last evening the 'Patrie' took three straight from the 'Star' Red, the 'Herald' trimmed Bentley's (the league leaders) by two to one, while the 'Witness' lost to 'Star' Blue by the odd string, losing the last one by two pins. The game was in doubt till the last ball was rolled.

No more games will be played till after the Christmas holidays, the schedule re-opening again on Monday, Jan. 6, 1913.

Following are last evening's scores in detail:

'STAR' BLUE VS. 'WITNESS.'

'Star' Blue.

Bryant	141	122	141
Coady	147	135	149
Jackson	150	145	117
Pollard	137	145	144
Birtles	147	156	146
Totals	722	703	697

'Witness.'

S. Bedding	143	131	135
Raymond	116	190	116
Whelan	113	155	162
Menzies	175	176	144
Kenney	112	165	138
Totals	659	817	695

LA PATRIE VS. 'STAR' RED.

'La Patrie.'

Gilbert	169	147	154
Dupuy	147	133	152
Rousseau	119	130	149
Davignon	160	179	164
Leveille	181	131	198
Totals	776	720	817

'Star' Red.

Wright	135	172	134
Fitzgerald	134	162	138
Tatley	113	106	175
Loughren	112	91	—
Carter	145	142	162
Robineau	—	—	103
Totals	646	673	712

THE ST. PATRICKS OF QUEBEC ARE GETTING INTO FORM

Quebec, Dec. 17. — The St. Patricks, of Quebec, have been working out for the past week, and the team is beginning to shape up well, judging by the number and class of men they are turning out, Quebec will be represented by a strong team capable of trying for the honors. The Rooney boys and Latraverse are playing better this season, and can be counted upon to keep the opposing defence men busy. McIver, of Montreal, has signed with the team, and is expected on Thursday.

The following men are signed for the season: H. Bolvin, J. Walsh, W. and L. Rooney, George Leonard, P. Anger, W. Derouin, 'Chubby' Power, F. Conway, L. Conway, W. Woods, N. Latraverse, P. Pouliot, E. McDermott, J. Parks, R. Perry, D. McIver and C. Edwards.

LAST OF SEASON.

The last wrestling match of the season before hockey starts will be held at Sohmer Park tomorrow night, when Dr. Roller links up again with Constant Le Marin. Whether the latter can duplicate his defeats of the doctor remains to be seen and the match in question be at catch-as-catch-can, should be quite one of the most interesting of the year.

Is Your Back Full of Aches All Day Long?

That Stab-like Pain in the Back is Sure Indication of Kidney Trouble.



Mrs. Anna Rodriguez writes as follows from her home in Valencia: 'For a long time I suffered with failing strength and nagging headaches. My condition grew steadily worse, my limbs became bloated and shaky, I was sallow and thin, felt rheumatic pains, dizziness and chills. I unfortunately didn't suspect my kidneys and was nearly dead when I discovered the true cause of my sufferings. I read so much about the wonderful health and strength that comes to all who use Dr. Hamilton's Pills that I felt sure they would help me. Such blessings of health and comfort I got from Dr. Hamilton's Pills I can't describe. They speedily put me right, and their steady use keeps me active, energetic, strong and happy. I strongly urge others to regulate and tone their system with Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut.'

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AN ABUNDANCE OF NEW FEATURES AT ANNUAL AUTOMOBILE SHOW

A moving picture display, showing the latest automobile races and aeroplane flights, is th newest novel feature in connection with the Annual Automobile Show, which is to be held under the auspices of the Automobile Club of Canada, in the Drill Hall and the 65th Armory, during the week of Jan. 4 to 11. The management of the big exhibition are sparing neither time nor expense to make the big show to be held the first week of January one of the greatest ever held here, one which the visitors will remember for many years to come.

There will be numerous features in connection with the annual show, but the moving picture show will, no doubt, come in for a great deal of attraction. The visitors of former shows held in Montreal, have always felt the want of a sitting out room, as it were. By the time they have travelled about the large Drill Hall a couple of times, they begin to feel a little tired, but they have never been able to find a place where they can go and rest, and incidentally talk matters over.

AUTO ACCIDENTS SHOWN

The moving picture theatres will, therefore, about till the bill. Here, the patrons will not only be able to go and rest a while, free of charge, but they will also incidentally be entertained by the moving picture reels, which will be displayed every night of the exhibition. Those lookin gafter the details of the show have secured at a great expense a number of long reels, which will show the latest happenings in the automobile world. The thrilling accidents on the various speedways will be shown the public once more, while in addition there will also be a number of pictures of aeroplanes. One of the features that have been secured, in fact, is a race between an aeroplane and a motor car, in which the immense advantage of the flying machine is ably demonstrated.

ELABORATE DECORATIONS

The decorations are to be the finest ever seen in this city. Those looking after the details have now completed all the details for the transformation of the two large halls. It is the most novel and elaborate decorative scheme ever planned for an automobile show. Foliage will be spread from the capitals of the columns, over the ceiling, admitting light from an indirect system, while the walls will, too, also be elaborately colored.

Every attention is being given to the comfort of the public. The exhibits are to be arranged in such a manner as to take up the least space possible. In this way, it is planned to give the visitors a large space in which to view the various models of cars which will be exhibited.

In fact, according to present indications, the shop to open on Jan. 4 will be one of the largest and most successful exhibits of its kind ever held in Canada.

EDWARDS WILL STAY WITH THE AMATEURS

Considerable disappointment has been caused by the fact that Charlie Edwards will not be seen in the Wanderer line-up this season. Owing to the excellent work which he did in goal last week at the Wanderer practice it was hoped that he would be out to strengthen the Lichtenhein aggregation. He has, however, determined to remain in the amateur ranks for another year. Edwards is a printer by trade, and has accepted a position on the Quebec 'Telegraph,' and will play this winter with the St. Patricks in the Inter-provincial Amateur Hockey Union. He played last season with the Frontenacs, of Kingston, as goalkeeper, and is a first-class man. Edwards left last night for the Ancient Capital where he will make his home.

THE STARS WILL PRACTICE WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The Stars' next practice will be at the Jubilee Rink to-morrow night (Wednesday) from 8 to 9 o'clock.

The players are fast rounding into excellent shape, and feel confident on the result of their first league game next Monday evening.

STARS' 'STAG' EUCHRE THURSDAY NIGHT

The big 'stag' euchre being given by the Star Hockey Club, in the Auditorium Hall, Berthelet street, near the corner of Bleury street, will take place on Thursday night, at 8.30 o'clock.

The tickets have been selling rapidly, so a large attendance is expected.

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CONFESSIONS OF BLACK HAND

Battista Implicates Others in His Startling Story

VICE AND TERRORISM.

Widespread Organization of Crime Throughout the Continent.

Carlo di Battista, who is lying in the shadow of death in Montreal jail, yesterday, in the presence of Judge Leet, Mr. T. J. Callaghan, Governor Vallee, and a court stenographer, gave a recital of the country-wide operations of the Black Hand Society and the white slave traffic throughout Canada and the United States, and his story implicated many local Italians, one of them in a prominent position in the city.

In the course of a three-hour and a quarter interview, which was committed to writing, the prisoner, who is under sentence to pay the death penalty for the murder of Salvatore Macaruso on Latour street, on July 22nd last, entered into details concerning his association with crime, and incidentally gave a clue to the numerous murders of Italians, which have taken place in Montreal and elsewhere in the past few years. The prisoner also touched upon the assassination in Palermo some years ago, of Petrosino, the New York Italian detective, though his evidence in regard to this crime was of a hearsay character. Of the actual killing of Macaruso, for whose death he has been sentenced to hang next Friday morning, he pleads innocence, but admits that he was on the scene when Macaruso was shot down in front of Manford's grocery store, at the corner of Ste. Genevieve and Latour streets in July last. He contends that the shooting was done by a man named Scala, and that it was Scala who handed the smoking weapon over to Mrs. Manford.

The fact that a man handed a revolver to the wife of the proprietor of the store only came out the day before the close of the trial. Mrs. Manford, in her testimony, said that after Battista had come into the store with the victim and a number of other Italians, he had handed his umbrella to one of the party and then with a sign induced Macaruso to go outside. Turning down St. Genevieve street he had grasped the victim by the arm ang fired three shots.

At this moment a man in the store whom the defence maintained was Scala, gave her a revolver from his pocket. Mrs. Manford, after the shooting directly opposite the window, out of which she was looking, asked the man in the store if he was going to let Battista get away free, and wanted to know why he did not go after him; but the Italian fearing that with the arrival of the police search would be instituted, handed the revolver over to her. Later, after Macaruso's body had been taken to the morgue, and the neighborhood had quieted down a girl came to the store and asked for her fellow's revolver, and though Mrs. Manford had never seen the girl before or since, she handed over the weapon.

BLACKMAILING GANG.

That there is a band, with country-wide organization, for the express purpose of extorting money from Italians, is the avowal of Battista, who averts that in this way several of the hold-ups often recurring in the city and vicinity are explained. It was this band, according to Battista, which was responsible for the death of Poplander, the man who informed on Creola, and who, before he could get an opportunity to testify against him in open court was shot down in a gateway leading from Vitre street. It will be remembered that when Poplander was found lying dead in the gateway, there was a small black cross nailed to the gate over the body, this, according to Battista, being to show that the dead one was an informer and that he had met his desserts as such. The perpetrator of the murder of Poplander was never run to earth, and at the inquest the real reason of his murder was never brought out, though it was strongly suspected at the time that there was a connection with the fact that he had 'given away' Creola, in a conversation with Constable Gamache. Constable Gamache was not called as a witness either at the inquest or the trial. Creola was hanged on May 26th, 1911, for the murder two years previously of a fellow-boarder in a house in Richmond lane, off Guy street, and two weeks after his arrest Poplander was shot dead on a Saturday afternoon when the street was crowded.

Battista, in the course of his confession yesterday, also referred to other murders perpetrated in different parts of the country, all of which, he claimed, were brought about at the Black Hand Society, with quasi-headinstigation of the members of the quarters in Montreal. Another local outrage to which he made reference was that wherein Mr. Manetti, proprietor of a restaurant on St. James street, figured as victim. One night as Mr. Manetti was in his establishment, an unknown man secured an entrance, presumably through a window in the rear of the shop, and in the course of a struggle, slashed Manetti across the face. Mr. Manetti was able to throw off his aggressor, but so severely wounded was he that he will bear the mark of the razor slashes all his life. In this instance, it is claimed by Battista, that the motive was revenge and an attempt to extort money from Manetti.

ORGANIZED WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC.

Dealing with the white slave traffic, Battista admitted that he was one of the moving spirits in the nefarious work, and claimed that the business was organized on a quite systematic basis throughout the country. Montreal and Quebec served as headquarters, whilst houses of ill-fame at all points even to the Pacific Coast were supplied and controlled by the organization chiefs in Ontario and Quebec. Quite a squad of young men are retained for the purpose of securing the girls, many of whom are Canadian born, but quite a percentage of whom are brought from the Old Country for the sole purpose of supplying houses of ill-fame throughout the length and breadth of Canada. The confession, which took place in the jail infirmary, took up the whole of the afternoon, Battista being brought from the death cells to the infirmary at 2.30 and returning to his cell only a few minutes before 7 o'clock. The condemned man's admissions will be forthwith committed to writing, and will be forwarded to the Department of Justice without delay. This morning the condemned man will be again visited, when the confessions will be read to him and any corrections which it is deemed fit to make will be effected.

It is stated that Battista, ever since he was taken into custody, has been talking of his association with the Black Hand, and the white slave traffic, and has repeatedly promised to make revelations regarding the business. He is in a highly nervous state as the day of his execution draws near, and it was at his request that Judge Leet visited the jail yesterday afternoon. Yesterday, though since his confinement on a capital charge, Battista has refused the ministrations of any clergyman, an altar was erected in his cell and mass will be said each morning by Father Garceau, the Roman Catholic chaplain of the jail. The latter has been exhorting the prisoner to prepare himself for the end, but thus far Battista has turned a deaf ear to the exhortations. It is the hope of the chaplain, however, that there will be a change of mind on the part of the condemned man in the few days intervening between the present and his execution.

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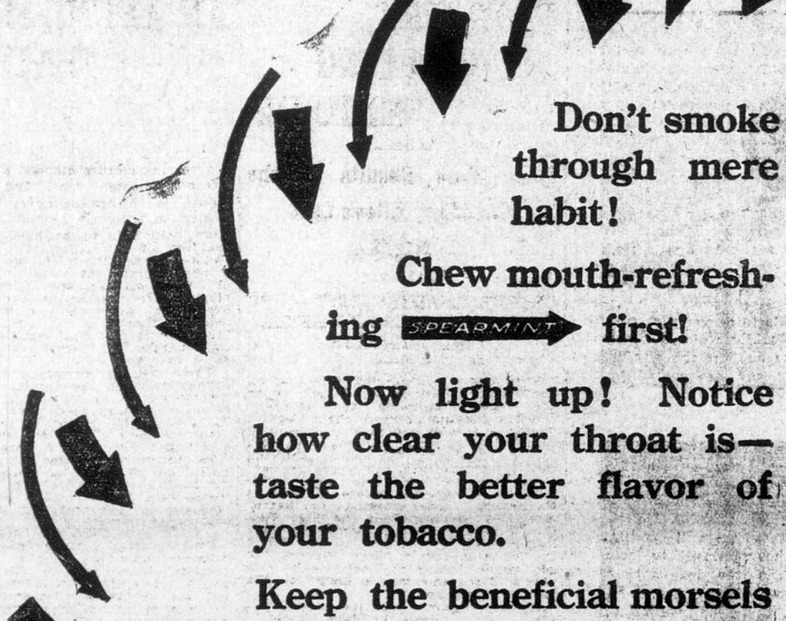
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LAST BOAT OF SEASON DEPARTED

Kingston, Dec. 16.—The steam barge 'Navajo' cleared for Buffalo this morning, and will mark the last departure from this port this season. The 'Navajo' will be in Buffalo all winter, and will be used in the work of raising the steamer 'Richardson' sunk in the harbor there last spring.

PROPOSES SEIZURE.

Washington, December 16.—Seizure of the property of the New York and New Haven and Hartford Railway Company, and its condemnation and purchase by the Government are proposed in a resolution introduced in the House to-day by Representative Victor L. Berger, the Socialist member for Wisconsin.



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MR. ASQUITH'S FINE TRIBUTE

Eloquent Reference to Late Mr. Reid in British Parliament

London, Dec. 17, — Referring to the death of Mr. Whitelaw Reid, Premier Asquith, in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon, said: 'Before proceeding wth the orders of the day I would ask the leave of the House to give brief expression to the sincere grief felt by the whole British nation at the death of the ambassador of the United States.

'The American ambassador to this country has a position of his own which is independent of his status and functions as the diplomatic representative of an external power.

'We regard him as a kinsman. He is also an honored and a welcome guest sprung from our own race, speaking our language, sharing with us by birth and inheritance not a few of our most cherished traditions, and participating, when he comes here, by what I may describe as his own right in our domestic interests and celebrations.

'The office has been held and adorned by a long succession of distinguished men, but I am not using the language of exaggeration when I say that none of them more fully entered into its spirit and maintained its special authority than did Whitelaw Reid. He brought to the discharge of its manifold and exacting duties the gathered experience of a veteran in public affairs, the endowment of a man of the highest culture, a social gift of the most genial and generous nature. He was a host in keen sympathy with the many sides of our British life, a man always open and receptive, and with the warmest of hearts.

'We propose to suggest to the United States Government that one of His Majesty's battleships or battleship cruisers should convey the body of the late ambassador to his native land.

'I am certain I am interpreting the sentiments of the whole House when I venture, in the name of the members, to offer to the late ambassador's family, and to the President and people of the United States, our deep and heartfelt sympathy for the loss of one who was a great American, who was none the less at home among us, and who in a true and real sense was felt by all of us to be one of ourselves.'

Sympathetic 'Hear, hear's,' from all parts of the House of Commons punctuated Premier Asquith's speech.

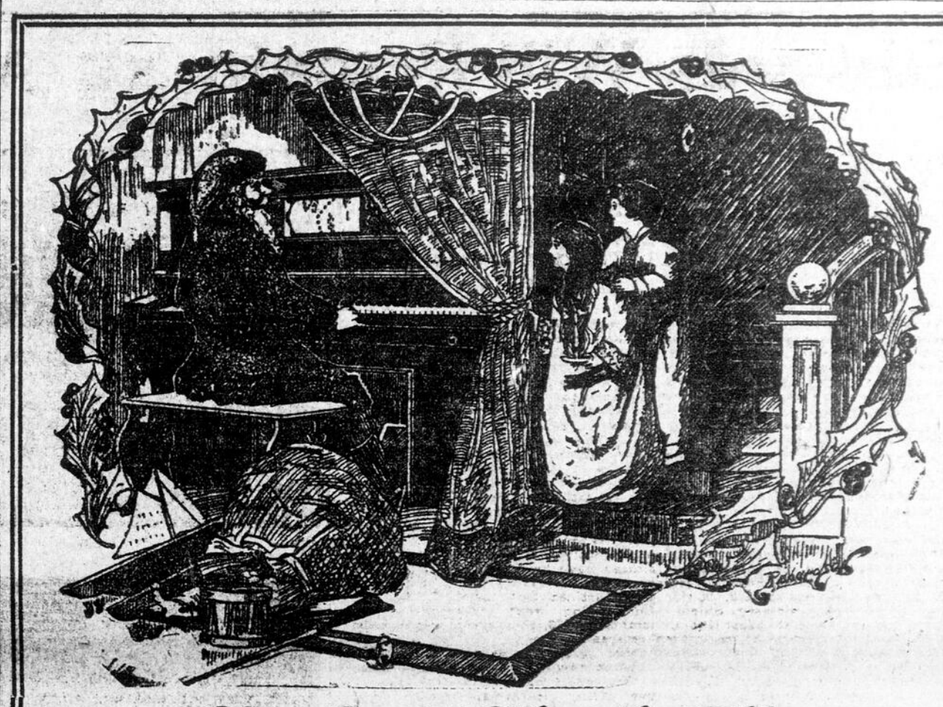
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TURKISH FLEET FOUGHT GREEK ONE.

Constantinople, Dec. 16.—The Turkish fleet engaged the Greek fleet off the Island of Lemnos this morning, according to an official telegram from the Dardanelles. The Greek fleet was compelled to withdraw from the action.

FOR THE SALE OF A MINE.

Judgment has been rendered by Mr. Justice Dunlop awarding Mr. A. Ross $47,500, with interest, etc., which will probably amount to another $5,000, on foot of his claim for commission on the sale of the Sterling mine. The defendants were R. G. Leckie, the Montreal Trust Company, and the Grey Siding Development Company, Limited. Mr. A. R. Johnson appeared for plaintiff, with Mr. C. A. Ducks, K.C., as councel.



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Friday at 8, LA BOHEME. Mells, Cortada, Polese.
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Staff (including all details), and all Sergeants .. ..Monday.
C and E Companies .. ..Tuesday.
D and F Companies .. .. ..Wednesday
B and H Companies .. .. .. Thursday.
A and G Companies .. .. Friday.

On Saturday night there will be a stag euchre, at which the turkeys will be presented.

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ATTEMPT TO BAN TREATING EVIL

Calgary Starts Movement to Reduce Alcoholic Drinking.

Calgary, Dec. 17.—For the purpose of eradicating the 'treating evil,' a strong movement has been inaugurated in Calgary and an attempt is being made to secure pledges from as many men as possible to the effect that they will neither treat nor be treated.

A club has been formed in connection with St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church called the Non-treating Club, which already has a large membership and those who join are pledged not to treat any man in a bar and not to accept a drink bought by any other person in a licensed place.

Father D'Alton, the parish priest that in Dublin, Ireland, the idea has been adopted, with the result that liquor establishments have been decreased by fifty percent.

The local Protestant churches are also taking up the campaign.

HELPING THE BOYS' FARM.

You are still wanted in the Boys' Farm Circle. A contribution from you, however large or small, would help in the splendid work being carried on there for turning delinquent boys into wholesome, healthy, self-supporting citizens. The work is extending rapidly. If it is to continue to expand, it must have more help from a wider circle. A subscription blank will be found on another page—the farm is at Shawbridge, and its directors would welcome a visit from you.

STREET CAR MEN WILL NOT STRIKE.

Edmonton, December 17.—The threat of the street railway men's union to strike unless a dismissed employee was reinstated is not to go into effect. The men decided to await the finding of the city commissioners, to whom both the superintendent and the men submitted their case.

THE WEATHER

SNOW OR SLEET.

Toronto, Dec. 17.— The disturbance which was near the New England coast yesterday has developed into an important storm, and gales are now blowing in the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland. The western disturbance is moving towards the great lakes. The weather continues moderately cold in the western provinces, and has become much colder between Eastern Ontario and New Brunswick.

Lakes—Easterly and southerly winds, with occasional sleet or rain; Wednesday, westerly winds and mild in morning, then northwest winds, and becoming a little colder.

Georgian Bay—Strong east and south winds; snow, turning to rain; Wednesday, mild at first, then a little colder, with northwest winds.

Upper St. Lawrence and Ottawa. — Fair and cold to-day, followed by anow or sleet to-night and on Wednesday.

Lower St. Lawrence and Gulf—Fair and cold; Wednesday, light snowfalls.

Maritime. — Northwest gales, becoming colder, with snow flurries; Wednesday, moderate to fresh winds, fair and cold.

Superior—Strong easterly winds with snow; Wednesday fresh northwest winds, fair and moderately cold.

All West—Fair and moderately cold to-day and on Wednesday, with local snow flurries.

TEMPERATURES:

	8 a.m.	Highest to-day.	Lowest Yester-day.	during night.
MONTREAL	8	36		8
Victoria	42	46		42
Calgary	18	28		16
Winnipeg	22	22		20
White River	8	28		—4
Sault Ste. Marie	18	24		18
Toronto	30	40		25
Kingston	24	36		12
Ottawa	6	34		4
Quebec	2	34		2
St. John, N.B.	20	32		20
Halifax	24	46		32
St. John's, Nfld	40	34		22
Detroit	38	40		32
New York	36	46		34

Washington, Dec. 17.—Forecast:

Eastern New York—Rain in south and snow or rain in north portions to-night and Wednesday; rising temperatures, increasing east to south winds.

New England—Rain to-night and probably Wednesday; rising temperature, increasing east to south winds.

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The last edition of the 'Daily Witness' is delivered in the city every evening of publication at $4.00 per annum, and 'World Wide' at $2.00 per annum.

While the publishers of the 'Witness' exclude from its columns all financial and other advertisements which they consider calculated or intended to take advantage of or injure the readers, it must be understood that they in on way guarantee advertisements, and must leave their readers to exercise their own discretion in the way of putting faith in them. It is, of course, impossible to know much about mining advertising, which offers probably the most speculative, and, therefore, the most risky of all investments. The great chances of gain are balanced by the great chances of loss, and no one should invest in a very speculative property more than he can afford to lose.

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Sir Lomer Gouin was misapprehended by those papers which reported him as saying that this country is one of the best provided for educationally. What he did was to compare the teaching here with that of other provinces and to declare its results to be as satisfactory. That we have a very great leeway to pull up in order to be abreast of other countries is only too evident. The serious question is whether we are gaining this lost ground or whether other countries, in the constant improvement of their methods, are still gaining on us. There are certain features of education in which our province is very successful with a limited number of scholars, but our general elementary education is very low, and we have in our recent developments acknowledged how far we were behind in much that prepares men and women for the practical side of life.

Though we are not to have compulsory education, we are, at the request of the Juvenile Court, to have a truant law, the truant officers being the parents. The law will not require the parents to educate their children, as it requires them to feed them. That it seems is an irreligious thing to require. The parents may neglect and exploit the children as they like, under the nominal limits of the factory act. But if a parent, having failed to exercise control over a child, complains to the court that he or she cannot make the boy go to school, then the court is to be empowered to make him go. That is so far good, and a good step towards the right thing. The first principle of a juvenile court is that the children's guardians are to blame for the children's offences. This law, which, as the Premier says, punishes the children and not the parents, will reveal its own weakness as, in the very nature of things, it is, in most cases, the parents who are to blame for not having brought up their children under control. There are, of course, cases when the parent cannot very well be blamed, as for instance, that of the widow, who has to work all day for the support of her family. Such are deserving of the special care of government, and it is to be hoped that they will, as far as possible, be spared having to take direct action for the public discipline of their children. This law will increase the demands upon institutions to which ungovernable boys and girls have occasionally to be sent to learn how to work, and that community serves itself well which encourages such efforts.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Mr. Borden's principal mission in the eyes of those who had Canada's best good at heart was the cleansing of the rottenness of our public service, which he had undertaken to do, and which he has made some show of doing by the appointment of a commission to report upon the administration of the public departments. An expert was brought from England, a country whose public service is free from political stain, to assist this commission. The result has been that after a year, the commission has reported, all three commissioners resigning. The report contains general representations as to the crudeness of the organization of the general service and strictures on the remarkable differences in salaries that ought, though in different departments, to be more or less parallel with each other. It shows how in the West the service is so much underpaid, that it is impossible to keep it efficient there, and that opinion there is against political patronage. With these general remarks the commission leaves the constructive portion of its task to Sir George Murray, occupying itself with the duty of lifting the cover off the misdeeds of the Government's predecessors. The moment at which the report was presented, just before the introduction of the navy question, was an opportune one for the excellent counsels with which it abounds to be smothered at birth.

Not all the public services were found to be rotten. The report deals with the Montreal Harbor Board, in which no wrong-doing was found, although the system of bookkeeping seemed to be such as invited it. Yet, though all went well and all were satisfied, in some way or other politics has intervened and turned that board inside out, against the expressed wish of the parties most interested in the good working of the harbor. The Harbor Board is, it seems, to be multiplied into a number of harbor boards which will distribute the 'patronage among a number of Government members or defeated Government candidates. We do not fail to note that this commission, like all such commissions, repeatedly recommends the abolition of the system of political dismissals and appointments. There was an old saying in Nelson's time, 'Tell that to the marines.' The whole history of this reforming administration during the year in which this report has been in incubation has gone to show that the evil spirit has not been cast out.

The commission found the shipyard at Sorel little the better for all the housecleaning it was supposed to have got at the hands of two commissions appointed by Mr. Brodeur. There were no practical shipbuilders in control. It was a nest for political appointees and a recruiting station for Liberal votes. The commission naively repeats the formula that every vestige of political partisanship and patronage should be eliminated. It would have been better if this rule, which was familiar enough on the mouth of Mr. Borden, had been applied a year ago. Is it to be applied here and elsewhere after the partisans of the past have been replaced by new? Will it be then that place-holders will become immovable? Even so, we shall greatly welcome the day. Dealing with the way dredging contractors had combined to charge what they liked for work done to the enormous loss of the taxpayer the report says that, even then, the contract did not always go to the lowest tenderer. A very corrupt charge is implied in the moral appended to this part of the report, which is that to advertise for tenders after it has been decided in advance to whom the contract is to be given, is a breach of faith calculated to bring the whole service into contempt. So it is most certainly. May we faintly hope that such will not now be done.

Under the notorious head of public printing, the Liberal Government, instead of developing the Government printing office whose very purpose is to relieve Governments from the bestowal of printing patronage, had preferred the patronage system. Double the present accommodation is required. We assume that henceforth or as soon as possible after this report is digested the premises will be made ample and the system of bonusing party newspapers will cease. At least, let us hope on, hope ever. And let us hope that another word of advice from the commission will bear fruit, namely, that the bureau be not made a refuge for political placemen as has evidently been the case in the past. The commission here also recommends that politics should be entirely eliminated from the administration of the bureau—a thoughtful suggestion, but not new.

WORK.

A new weekly journal came into being in Montreal last Saturday. It is a courageous undertaking for a group of men to start out on such an enterprise, and look forward through the years at the responsibilities and labor it involves. Especially is this so when the paper, as in this case, is one with a purpose, and not a mere financial venture. Its name has been well chosen, 'Le Travail' ('Work'), and its programme is to try to secure legislative enactment for the Labor party's platform. This is in many respects so excellent as to call for hearty sympathy. Take, for instance, the party's solicitude for the care of children. Instead of needing the more liberally educated to force the laborer to send their children to school, it is from the workers themselves that the demand springs, being embodied in the second clause of their provincial platform, which reads: Free and compulsory education. Instead of the better educated classes having to work against their opposition in trying to get them to educate their children to a higher level for the welfare of the state, it is the workers themselves who are dissatisfied with the education given, and are demanding that a Minister of Education be appointed by the Quebec Government, so that they can have some one to hold responsible for any inefficiency or negligence of which they do not approve. Again, instead of the state having to keep the workers from sending their children into the workshop and factory at too young an age in the interest of the general welfare, it is the workers who might be expected to object to being prevented from adding to the income of the family by the work of their offspring, who are demanding the prohibition of the labor of children under sixteen years of age.

In municipal affairs, the Labor party make but two demands. They ask for the abolition of the property qualification and the creation of public libraries (note the plural). To their platforms, federal, provincial and municipal, they add a number of general propositions, the last of which is that demanding proportional representation. It is undeniable that the working element of the electorate is far from fairly represented in our governments. With the two-party system, it is hard for them to break in anywhere with a candidate elected to voice their demands. Only in a ward here or there, and in a couple of urban ridings, have they been able to secure a representative, yet in many ridings those who would like to support the platform of the Labor party are a substantial minority. With wards and ridings grouped in fives they would elect from one to two representatives in nearly every division of the city. There are those who doubt that such a result is desirable. It is, however, far better than trying to carry on government over a suppressed and voiceless minority, whose views will continually diverge further and further from accepted policies the longer they are kept from open discussion in our legislative halls, and finally break forth with a disconcerting revolutionary vehemence. If we desire to be governed by a representative government, let us make it truly and fairly representative of all classes and factions. It is because representative government in the United States failed in this that the widespread demand for direct government by the people through the referendum and initiative has sprung up.

THE OPERA

Two changes in the cast of 'Rigoletto' made the performance at His Majesty's Theatre last night one that was looked forward to with a good deal of interest. The first was the singing of the role of the Duke of Mantua by Laffitte instead of by Di Crescenzo, and the second was the appearance of a new Italian soprano, Mme. Camparelli, in the part of Gilda, in which Miss Scotney made such a successful debut here a few weeks ago. Neither change can be said to have been an improvement, for one of the most uneven performances of the whole season was the result. Mr. Laffitte was not in his best form, and seemed to have difficulty in keeping his voice up to pitch; his rendering of the famous 'La donna e mobile' was not what one might have expected from such a gifted artist. Temperamentally, too, he fell considerably short of the requirements of the part.

Of Mme. Camparelli, whose first appearance this was on this side of the Atlantic, it cannot be said that she made any very great impression. It was quite evident that she was considerably handicapped by nervousness, and on this account, as well as on account, apparently, of a slight cold, she did not do herself justice. It is no small undertaking for a young artist like her to have to sing an important part before a critical and expectant audience, that included not only the directors of the Montreal Opera Company, but also Mr. Russell, of the Boston Opera Company, who had come up specially to appraise Mme. Camparelli at her debut, and allowances must be made for her on this account. Except in the upper register, her voice, a light soprano, lacked carrying power, and there were times duing the evening, when her singing was so lacking in force and fulness that it could not be distinguished above the accompaniment. On the technical side, she gave every evidence of considerable accomplishment, and it must be said that in appearance and acting she made an attractive little Gilda.

Riddez took the title role, as on the last occasion, and gave a fine interpretation of the part. It seemed a pity that the play did not give greater opportunity to M. Huberty, who appeared as Sparafucile, and to Mme. Courso, who appeared as Maddalena. Both, as always, were in excellent voice, and every note they sang was a delight to the audience.

Signor Jacchia had the chorus and orchestra well in hand, and got fine work out of both, but of the performance as a whole it must be said that it was not up to the standard the company itself has established.

OUR EMPIRE NAVY

'Out Empire Navy,' a patriotic programme of moving pictures is the attraction at Princess Theatre this week. Every type of war vessel—from the submarine to the large Dreadnought—and guns of every 'pound' and inch are shown on one screen. The pictures are good and instructive, and cannot fail to give a clearer idea of the life of the British bluepacket ashore and afloat. They trace the eventful life of the raw recruit from the time he leaves his mother's cottage until he becomes a qualified seaman in His Majesty's service. The deadly nature of torpedoes and submarine mines are shown when boats are shivered in a moment and sent to the bottom of the sea.

One wonders, however, why 'Our Empire Navy' should become so strongly Conservative. The lecturer of the evening, Mr. W. Phelen, seemed to revel in the 'German menace,' as he terms it, and is happiest when showing the German fleet in the North Sea and repeating the scare stories of fearful British leaders. Part of the programme—that which shows the colonial contributions to the defence of the Empire—is distinctly political, and those who glory in the naval policy of Mr. Borden have a gala time. Pictures of Premier Borden, the Hon. Mr. Hazen, and the Hon. Mr. Pelletier are thrown on the screen at this point, and the theatre is turned into a campaign hall for a few minutes. A good evening's entertainment and education is marred by flaunting views that are acceptable to but part of the audience only. If Mr. Phelan would omit his campaign speeches and make his address explanatory only, it would improve the programme greatly.

Last evening it was a 'benefit' show for the Hervey Institute.

NOT BADLY INJURED.

Thomas Wallace, 30 years of age, who was buried under several loads of earth yesterday while at work on th new High School building excavation, will be able to leave the Royal Victoria Hospital in a few days' time, as his injuries are not serious. Had it not been for the quick work on the part of the other workmen in digging him out, he would probably have been smothered.

HON. W. T. WHITE SUBMITS BANKING ACT FOR FIRST READING

Its Main Features Provide for Greater Supervision Ove Management and More Control Over Prospective Mergers —Second Reading to be Taken After Holiday Recess

(Witness' Staff Correspondence.)

Ottawa, Dec. 17. — The proceedings in the Commons on Thursday were confined to a number of interesting preliminaries and five or six hours of debating on the Laurier amendment to Premier Borden's naval resolution.

The preliminaries it will be recalled, included the announcement that the Hon. T. W. White would, on Tuesday, introduce the long deferred bill to amend the Bank Act. For three successive sessions owing to the pressure of other business it has been found necessary to defer consideration of this legislation. The bill which it is now proposed to pass this session will be given a first reading to-day.

Shortly after the house resumes in January it will get a second reading and go to the Committee of Banking and Commerce where the bill will be discussed in its details and the banking and other interests heard.

Additional safeguards in connection with the organization of banks, greater and more complete supervision by the Government of their management, increased elasticity with regard to loans to farmers, and a larger control over prospective mergers are four features of the bill. There will also be provisions enabling banks with fifty-dollar shares to convert their capital into hundred-dollar shares. The result of this will be seen in the securing of uniformity among the banks. It is anticipated that the revision will demand a more elaborate annual statement or balance sheet to be submitted by the directors to shareholders at the annual meeting.

There may be a provision for compulsory shareholders, audit, and special examination by the shareholders' auditor. This would be done at the request of the Minister of Finance when he would wish it. Power to the banks in addition to their present power to issue notes may also be given to issue also against gold specially deposited as security and as a guarantee of redemption.

The interests of the farmers, it is understood, will be looked after and power will be given to the banks to lend to farmers upon the security of their grain and to ranchers upon the security of their cattle.

As to bank mergers the consent of the Minister of Finance may have to be obtained before an agreement can be entered into between banks for the purchase of assets the one from the other.

It is understood that there will be a provision that any director of a bank, officer, or auditor, will be liable to indictment who negligently prepares, assigns or approves of any return respecting the affairs of a bank which contains any false or misleading statement. This is an addition to the present liability which may be incurred for making wilfully false statements or returns.

SPEAKERS IN DEBATE.

The speakers in the resumed debate on the naval amendment were J. A. M. Aikens, Brandon; Dr. Michael Clark, Red Deer; H. H. Stevens, Vancouver and Mr. Sinclair, of Guysboro.

Mr. Aikens declared strongly in favor of the proposal of the government. He did not accuse Sir Wilfrid Laurier or those who followed him with being disloyal. They were just as loyal as other Canadians; but in proposing a Canadian navy they did not display good judgment. The proposal, Mr. Aikens said, would contribute greatly to the strengthening of Great Britain's position and be an additional security to the peace of the word.

Dr. Michael Clark, of Red Deer, in a vehement speech advanced a long series of arguments against the proposal. From a financial standpoint, he said that it was grotesque. The proposal in addition to being objectionable in other ways put Canadians in an inferior role. If the Empire had to fight for its existence on the high seas, not a drop of Canadian blood would be shed. Dr. Clark's speech aroused great enthusiasm on the Opposition benches.

Mr. Stevens contended that the Liberal policy was on its face insincere. On the other hand the policy of the government is just what is necessary to meet the present situation. He believed that it would be practically impossible to secure sailors on the Pacific Coast to mann the proposed fleet unit.

Mr. Sinclair was strongly in favor of the proposal to build a Canadian navy. The building up of a great shipbuilding industry would mean much for the Dominion and would be more in keeping with the dignity of the Canadian people than a contribution, or a series of contributions. Mr. Sinclair said he objected to the contribution because it had for its basis a compromise with the Nationalists. It would put Canadians down as a poor spirited people who want other people to do their fighting for them.

Mr. H. B. Aimes moved the adjournment of the debate.

NOT TO DAM SAULT RAPIDS.

During question time, Mr. Wilson (Laval) was told by Premier Borden that no report had been made by the International Waterways' Commission with regard to the St. Lawrence water power. He also stated that the present administration had no application from any company concerning any project like the St. Lawrence Power Company, or the Long Sault Development Company, for the construction of a dam on the Long Sault rapids. He was not aware that any such efforts were being made.

JAPANESE IMMIGRATION.

Premier Borden told Mr. Sinclair that there were no new arrangements respecting the immigration of Japanese into Canada, and that the question was under consideration. To further questions, Premier Borden stated that the arrangements which the Laurier administration had with the Imperial Government as to immigration from India to Canada had not been altered; that there were no requests made to the Government by big contracting firms in British Columbia to import Asiatic labor, and that no new regulations had been made with respect to Chinese, Hindus or Japanese coming into Canada. No new restrictions of any kind had been imposed upon them.

A RAILWAY INSPECTION.

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux said he had noticed in a Quebec paper that a party of engineers had left Ottawa to inspect the Quebec and Saguenay Railway. This is the railway which was promoted by Sir Rodolphe Forget. Mr. Lemieux asked if this inspection had anything to do with the proposal to have the Government guarantee the bonds of the road.

Premier Borden said that if Mr. Lemieux would put his question on the order paper it would be answered in due course.

There was an amusing little interchange when Mr. Devlin, of Wright, endeavored to ask a question as to the purchase by the naval department of the schooner 'Advocate,' with the object of instructing sailors.

The Hon. J. D. Hazen promised to bring down the information, but Mr. Devlin was not satisfied.

Speaker Sproule intervened to state that he thought this was the kind of a question which should be placed on the order paper.

'But it relates to the defence of our territory,' said Mr. Devlin.

'There is no emergency,' chimed in Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

'Was it not in connection with our urgent need?' persisted Mr. Devlin.

Mr. Hazen rose and repeated that he could not give the information offhand, and that it would have to be asked for in the usual way.

WANTS LONGER ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. E. M. Macdonald, on behalf of the Western and Maritime Province members, entered a protest against the proposal to have the House adjourn from Thursday next until January 8th. He said that members who have to go a long distance would have only about a week at home. He suggested an adjournment from Wednesday, December the 18th, until January the 13th.

Premier Borden said that he agreed that consideration should be given to the wishes of the members from the east and the far west. He would consent at once to the Wednesday adjournment and would give his best consideration to the proposal that the House should not reassemble as early as January the 8th.

TO INTRODUCE BANK ACT.

The Hon. W. T. White gave notice that he would to-day move the House into committee to consider the resolution in regard to the Bank Act, as it was desirable to have the bill introduced before the adjournment.

Sir Wilfrid said he would assent with pleasure to the proposal as the public is anxious to know the details of this legislation. He asked if the bill would be introduced to-day.

Mr. White replied in the affirmative. He said it was desirable to have the bill introduced so that members could secure copies of it before the holidays.

NAVAL DEBATE IS RESUMED.

The debate on Sir Wilfrid's Laurier's amendment to the Government naval proposals was then resumed by Mr. J. A. M. Aikens, Conservative member for Brandon, who spoke from a front bench to an attentive House. At the outset he said that members in the course of this debate should eliminate all things which belittle or becloud the issue. No benefit was to be derived from quoting definitions of the word 'emergency.' The member for Rouville (Mr. Lemieux), in order to arrive at a conclusion as to where he stands on the navy question had gone to Webster's dictionary.

Mr. Lemieux interrupted that he was in doubt as to the meaning of the interview given by the member for Brandon, in which he said that war had actually been declared between Great Britain and Germany.

'If you are ill would you go to a dictionary to see if you were sick enough to consult a doctor,' retorted Mr. Aikens. 'Perhaps you would wait until hovering between life and death before callling a physician,' he added.

Continuing, Mr. Aiken said that preventive as well as corective remedies are sometimes necessary, and this was true in regard to the naval matter. We can quite afford to eliminate what has been said from one to four years ago. The question at issue was not what Mr. Foster or other members of the Government had said in the past. The matter of importance is, what are their present views, and what are they going to do about it.

Mr. Aikens thought that when it was considered what other nations have been doing in the past fifty years, the wonder is that Canada has not acted more quickly. As compared with other nations the British Empire, he said, had not maintained a proportionate ratio of advance.

'Is it not a fact that the United Kingdom is the only European country which is reducing its debt?' queried Mr. Lemieux.

'That is not the point. It is that the British Empire has not maintained her proportionate advance,' replied the member for Brandon.

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Mr. Aikens then quoted from Sir Wilfrid's amendment the words, 'a permanent policy of naval defence.' Defence of what? Canada or the Empire'

SIR WILFRID EXPLAINS.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier rose to state his meaning. The new condition of things arising in Europe, he said, has compelled Canada to take part in defending the Empire, as a whole, and the way to do it is by the construction of a Canadian Navy.

Mr. Aikens then asked Sir Wilfrid as to the meaning of the phrase in his amendment, 'to increase the power and mobility of the Imperial Navy.'

Sir Wilfrid said that if it means anything it means an addition to the Imperial Navy.

Mr. Aikens replied that to his mind the Laurier proposal means two Canadian fleets under separate and independent control ,and not under the same control as the British squadron. Sometimes these fleets might act in conjunction with the Imperial fleet, but perhaps never.

Mr. Aikens then 'created a mild scene by declaring that he was one of those who had an impression that the Laurier naval plan would lead to separation.

'Brain storm,' suggested an Opposition member.

'The Opposition Leader says he is a Britisher and I believe it. He is a great Canadian, and I no more doubt his loyalty than I do my son. I have no doubt of the loyalty of his followers,' Mr. Aikens went on to say.

'Why should you,' queried Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

'I should not,' assented Mr. Aikens. 'While I respect and believe in the loyalty of those opposite I have no faith in their judgment.'

'We don't mind that,' put in Mr. Turriff.

'Their heads do not follow where their hearts lead,' asserted the member for Brandon.

THE BONDS OF SENTIMENT.

Dr. Michael Clarke, of Red Deer, who replied, said that protection had been described by an English statesman as being both dead and damned. The Government's naval policy was dead when it was born, and had since been damned by the defence put up for it by the Government. He said that he believed that the real bonds of Empire are those of sentiment—love for the throne, the monarchy and the flag which floats over it. If Canada had a navy of her own, and in the event of the Empire being attacked there would be no hesitation. Ninety-nine out of one hundred Canadians and even more would are all behind the flag with the whole of our material and moral resources.

Dr. Clarke said that the idea of the loyalty of Liberals was insulted and attacked simply because they would not approve of any particular scheme submitted by a government was not to be considered for a moment. Four years ago the Conservatives were unanimously in favor of defending our own shores. Now they say that we should send the contribution, and that everybody should support it. There were some, however, who were not content with acrobats enough to make a change so swiftly. The Premier in his speech had deprecated a spirit of controversy. He had displayed a very sanguine temperament for a minister coming from a Cabinet which had been torn to the point of disruption. It was all very well for the friends of the Government to hawk around a document to the effect that the navy be taken out of politics. But when and by whom had it been introduced into politics? The time was the by-election in Drummond-Arthabaskaville, when prominent men on the party opposite had advised their followers to shoot imaginary holes in the British flag in order to down Laurier. History would condemn the Conservative party for its alliance with the Nationalists. On the other hand the name of Laurier would be long honored as a leader who succeeded in carrying by a large majority the Province of Quebec on a policy which should have been the policy of the whole of Canada.

NOT AFRAID OF GERMAN BOGEY.

Dr. Clarke said that what Britain wants most from Canadians is our moral support. An objection to the Government's proposal in its present form is that this moral support is thrown away. He was no scaremonger. His opinion was the same as it was four years ago. The German scare has become so attenuated that it now finds a place in only such comparatively disordered minds as the one heard from this afternoon.

Dr. Clarke recalled the circumstance that about the middle of the last century England suffered from the same sort of a scare. At that time it was France that everybody was afraid of.

There were evidences that the German scare had, like its predecessors, the French and Russian scares, died a natural death. The people of Germany were in the first place too busy making money to think of war with Britain. In the second place the memorandum of the Admiralty proved conclusively that Britain was ready and able to meet any demands which might be made upon her strength. War between Germany and Britain under present conditions would be a causeless and foolish war, which would take its place, if it came, among the follies of mankind. Here, however, was a government which proposed an emergency contribution where no emergency existed.

The speaker referred to the arguments against the Laurier navy to the effect that the vessels would be obsolete before built. What would be the condition of Canada's Dreadnoughts when she decided to take them back. These were to become the elements of the Prime Minister's permanent navy, and yet they would, according to the arguments advanced against Laurier navy, be on the scrap heap before Canada got them back. Dr. Clarke proceeded to deal with the question of representation in the councils of the Empire, this being the condition upon which Canada, according to the Minister of Marine, would found her permanent policy. Edmond Burke and Adam Smith had been working on a scheme of Imperial federation many years ago, and had not succeeded in bringing it about. Did the Prime Minister hope to consummate what they had failed in doing. Was it feasible or desirable anyhow? Did any one ever dare to contend that there was even the germ of imperial federation in the committee of defence? And yet for a position on that committee the Prime Minister was willing to submit to an attack on Canada's self-government. It was humiliating in the extreme.

In conclusion, Dr. Clarke said that the Liberal party is united as one man on the naval question.

The debate was continued by Mr. H. H. Stevens, of Guysboro, and Mr. J. H. Sinclair. The adjournment was moved by Mr. H. B. Ames.

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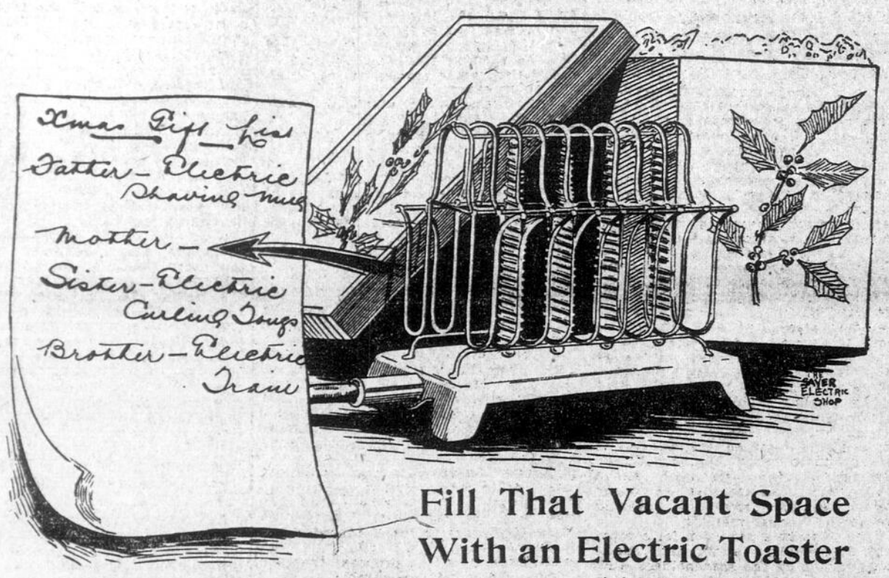
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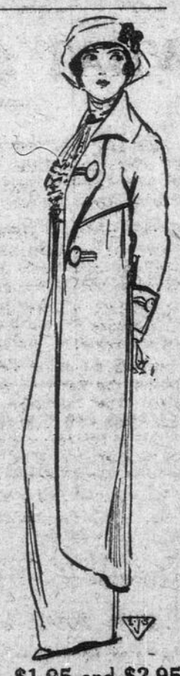
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(BALCONY.)

Dainty Embroidered Net Blouses as Xmas Presents

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An Important Sale of Dainty Afternoon and Tea Aprons

Regular .35 to .50; Wednesday, - - **.29**

Ladies' Afternoon Tea Aprons in twelve different patterns; some are daintily trimmed with lace, others with silk ribbon. These will make dainty Christmas Gifts, and at the price they will not last long.

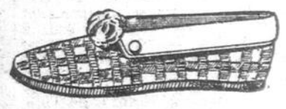
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400 Pairs of Women's Juliet and Felt Slippers

REGULAR VALUES .98 and $1.25

On Sale Wednesday Per Pair **.59**



Sharp at 8 a.m. on Wednesday a sale of Felt Slippers will commence. The assortment is limited, therefore those who come early will have much the better choice.

These are fine quality English slippers imported direct for Christmas selling. They come in the Juliet style with leather sole, well padded insole and turndown collar. Very neat and comfortable slippers are these, and we guarantee every pair. Regular **.98** to **$1.25** values;
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Christmas Handkerchiefs

FOR LADIES—Swiss embroidered edge, hemstitched embroidered lace trimmed, prices **.10, .12½, .15, .20, .25, .35, .50** to **.75**

Guipure lace trimmed handkerchiefs, prices **.25, .35, .50, .65, .75**
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FOR MEN—Men's handkerchiefs of pure Irish linen with hand embroidered initial, **6** for **$1.25, $1.50, $2.00, $2.75**.

FOR CHILDREN—**3** white lawn handkerchiefs, with colored border, in box, **.20**; in booklet form, **.25**

3 white lawn handkerchiefs with colored border, **3** in a box for **.15**

PENSION FUND FOR MOTHERS

Suggested by Mrs. R. W. Henderson to Remedy Child Mortality

A Mothers' Pension Fund, for the assistance of those mothers who through poverty were unable to give their children proper care, was suggested by Mrs. R. W. Henderson, in the course of her address on juvenile reform work, given in Mountain Street Methodist Church, on Sunday afternoon. The speaker pointed out that although the institutions were doing a great deal in some cases, yet the child needed its mother's care, and that when, as in many cases, the mother had to go out and work in order to supplement her husband's meagre income, or in some cases to support the family altogether, she could not pay proper attention to her children. If the money which was given to the institutions by the government and the city were paid to these mothers it would benefit them greatly and avoid much unpleasantness which now has to be undergone by both children and mothers. The separation of children from their mothers was responsible for a great deal of this, said the speaker. Mrs. Henderson gave an outline of the work of the Juvenile Courts. The address also contained a number of figures which went to show that the salary of the average day laborer was not sufficient to enable him to support a family. The speaker stated that in spite of the fact that more modern methods were being employed the number of fatal accidents in factories and other places was on the increase, and that this was the cause of many mothers having to part with their children, being unable to support them.

GLORIFIED GREECE

Local Hellenes Roused to Enthusiasm by Patriotic Panegyric.

Greek patriotism was raised to a high pitch at the Auditorium Hall on Sunday, when Mr. Constantine Papamichalopoulos, M.A., Ph.D., LL.D., general director of the Pan Hellenic Union of America, addressed the members of the Greek local branch of the Pan Hellenic Association. The speaker was introduced by the acting-chairman, Mr. D. N. Nicholson, B.C.L.

Mr. Papamichalopoulos, who came specially from Boston to address this meeting, has been a member of the Greek Parliament for 22 years, and during that time held many ministerial portfolios.

The speaker chose as his topic 'The evolution of the Greek race.' He started off by comparing all the ancient races in existence before Greece sprang up as a nation, and emphasized the fact that all these races, including the Phoenicians, Egyptians, and even the Romans, were now extinct as nations, while Greece has for many years continued as a progressive nation and is still climbing the ladder.

'The Greek nation,' he said, 'never undertook any colonizing war, never attempted to take from other nations what belonged to them. The only crusades that the Greek nation ever undertook were the civilization crusades.'

With great heat and fervor the speaker continued: 'God has placed into the world the Greek nation with a definite object. If not so how can we explain the fact that Greece is placed in the Mediterranean Sea, in the centre of three great continents. It is from there that Greece is destined to complete the work that God has willed that she should do.'

The speaker next referred to the Bible, and quoted a passage where it is stated that when the disciples of Christ told him (Christ) that two Greeks were desirous to see him, Christ answered 'Now is the son of man glorified.' 'How else could it be,' continued the speaker, 'when we have different epistles by the disciples written in the Greek language. We see disciples, whose native language was other than Greek, writing their epistles to the Romans in Greek,—to the Hebrews in Greek, and also their epistles to the Philippians in Greek.

'The present war in which Greece is engaged is nothing but a continuation of the civilizing wars of Greece. I am of the strong opinion that under no circumstances whatever will Greece sign the armistice, because she must continue the work that she was destined to do.'

HITCH IN C.P.R. OFFER TO STRIKERS

Ottawa, December 16.—A serious hitch in the settlement of the dispute between the C.P.R. and the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees developed to-day when President Mosher, of the Brotherhood, announced that the men would not accept the basis of settlement outlined in a statement issued from the Labor Department this morning. The statement reads, in part:

'The department has been advised by the company that the man who left the company's service as the outcome of the recent strike will be given opportunity for re-employment, if application is made during the next two weeks, the fact that these men had left the company's services not acting as a bar to their re-employment.'

'The men will not return on such a flimsy promise as is contained in that statement, and they are able to stay out indefinitely,' declared Mr. Mosher. 'We want to know if the company means to accept the board's findings, and, if not, what the department intends to do.'

GET READY TO LEAVE.

Harbor Commissioners' Resignation Comes Into Effect on Dec. 31.

Since Major Geo. W. Stephens, chairman of the Board of Harbor Commissioners, sailed for Europe, his two colleagues in the position have been preparing to vacate the office. No new business is being undertaken; that will be left to the new Board. Mr. C. C. Ballantyne was in Toronto yesterday, but was expected back last night. To-day the two commissioners will meet to dispose of official matters, and on the last day of the year their resignation will come into effect.

YACOVLOFF NOT INSANE

A rumor to the effect that Yacovloff, the Italian who has been sentenced to die during the first week in January for the murder of his sister-in-law, had broken down under the strain, and had been insane since learning of the fate of Farduto, who was hanged last Friday, was about the city yesterday. On inquiry of the jail officials, however, the 'Witness' learned that the story was without foundation. The death of Farduto did not affect the prisoners in the Death Row, in the least, Battista particularly showing not the least interest in the matter.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN



This beautiful memorial to Abraham Lincoln, which is the design of Henry Bacon, the architect, is to be erected in Potomac Park, Washington, and Congress is considering an appropriation of $2,000,000 to be expended on the structure.
—Photo. Underwood & Underwood, N.Y.

27TH TO TAKE WITNESS STAND

Labor Union Official Bernhardt Accused of Complicity in McNamara Plots

Indianapolis, Dec. 16. — William C. Bernhardt, of Cincinnati, former official of a local Iron Workers' Union, took the witness stand at the 'dynamite conspiracy' trial to-day as the twenty-seventh of the forty-one defendants to testify in his own bhalf.

Bernhardt is accused of complicity in th McNamara plots because of letters he wrote to John J. McNamara, secretary of the International Union. In one of these letters Bernhardt said a reference to 'cleaning up the city' meant inducing non-union men to join the union. He said he met McNamara only several times when the latter visited Cincinnati on union business.

SUNDAY IN MONTREAL

Miss Lilian M. Birt of Liverpool Writes Her Impressions.

Miss Lilian M. Birt, of Mrs. Birt's Distributing Home, Knowlton, Que., writes, in the Liverpool 'Daily Post and Mercury':—

My first Sunday on arrival in Canada. I accompanied the friends with whom I was staying to church in Montreal. There I received sufficient encouragement to assure me that the work we are engaged in in Liverpool is a beneficial and wholesome one. The pew to the right of where I sat was occupied by a father and mother and four beautiful, well-dressed, and well-behaved children. The mother had been one of our little emigrants; the father held a good position in a large mill. I was assured they were most regular attendants at church and their children at Sunday school, and that their life was exemplary. This girl was one of five assisted by the sheltering home, who are all married and doing well.

Across the church to my left hand was another pew filled with father and mother and a family of children. In this case the father and mother were both originally from the sheltering home, and they are now industrious and worthy members of the church. Their eldest girl was singing in the choir, while another young lady who sang in a duet in the choir was also one of our sheltering home bairns who had been adopted when five years old, and is still living in the same family.' Two seats behind me sat another little adopted one, now almost grown up. I felt glad that my steps had been led to that church that morning, for there was the result of the work displayed in living stones in God's temple before me.

Had I visited the cathedral or any one of half a dozen churches in Montreal that morning, I believe I could have picked out as many in each congregation who belonged to us. In one or two Sunday schools there are whole classes composed of our Liverpool girls. It was a foretaste of the day when we shall meet around the Throne in heaven with thousands for whom we have toiled and labored and interceded here, and encourage me still to plead with those who can help us to give of their means while yet the opportunity is permitted to gather in another winter the lost and the orphan, and train them for Jesus.

I visited while in Montreal the new building just opened for the Central Y.M.C.A. It is a magnificent building; it can accommodate 5,000 members—dining room, cafeteria, and lodgings for 200 young men are provided; a large boys' department is attached. The able secretary, Mr. D. A. Budge, told me they have five branch Y. M. C. A.'s in Montreal, each with from 500 to 1,000 members; all classes of young men join the association; there is not that feeling of snobbishness, which we seem unable to get the better of at home. Mr. Budge told me that the population of Montreal is now 650,000, and that there never was such a demand for labor of all kinds. Anyone with a trade or properly trained to any useful work has no difficulty in getting immediate employment. Unskilled laborers, also, if steady and in good health, are greatly wanted.



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SON HELD, TOO.

Flesherton, Dec. 16.— It became known at the inquest into the death of Mrs. Hannah Lucille Love this afternoon that Arnel, the fourteen-year-old son of the dead woman, is also nominally under arrest, as well as her husband, Henry Love. This action has been taken by the Crown on the advice of Inspector Reburn.

JUST RUMOR YET

Canadian Lines Not Planning to Use Panama Canal.

Statements have been current in shipping circles during the week-end that the Canadian railways are at the moment actively negotiating for a share in the carrying traffic of the Panama Canal. The Canadian Northern is credited with the intention of running a line of steamships of its own through the Canal to its Pacific terminals, while the Grand Trunk Pacific is said to be interested in a similar project.

'These statements are premature, if they are nothing else,' said Mr. D. E. Galloway, assistant to the president of the Grand Trunk system, yesterday. The Grand Trunk is not at the moment even discussing such a scheme.'

On behalf of Sir Donald Mann, of the Canadian Northern, a similar denial of any such activity was given to a 'Witness' reporter yesterday.

Mr. G. M. Bosworth, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, states that whatever may happen after the opening of the canal, his company has no present intention of running its ships through the Panama route.

Questioned as to whether the opening of the Panama Canal would result in allround fall of freight rates for western produce, Mr. Bosworth said the effect of the canal on Canadian transportation questions could only be guessed at just now, and railways would make their shipping and other plans when the canal was seen in full operation.

TO GIVE EVIDENCE IN ELECTION CASE

(Witness' Staff Correspondence.)

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Mr. Jas. G. Foley, clerk of the Crown in Chancery, leaves for Winnipeg to-day to give evidence at the preliminary inquiry in the MacDonald election case. He had been summoned by court to appear with all ballots and documents relative to contest.

MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the Presbyterian Ministerial Association, held yesterday at the Edinburgh Cafe, the Rev. John Lochead, of Melville Church, presiding, a paper on 'Canada and the Empire' was given by the Rev. J. W. Johnston, and the Rev. A. G. MacKinnon, of Lachine, recited 'Mr. Dooley on Christian Science.'

PUBLIC PURSE FULLER THIS CHRISTMAS

More Presents Bought for Friends Abroad Than in Previous Year

New records on Christmas shopping are being made this year. Inquiries yesterday brought forth an uninterrupted story of heavy buying.

'We expect to increase our total sales this Christmastide by nearly 30 percent over our previous high water mark,' said the head of one big departmental store to a 'Witness' reporter. 'The buying of presents for friends abroad has just concluded, and since the closing of the parcel post mail on Friday last we have had a chance to review the volume of that portion of our Christmas trade. It has increased in a striking manner. We find that this early shopping is a good index to the general yuletide purchasing, and it looks as if the public purse was just a little fuller than usual this year.'

'Have the public acquired the early shopping habit? It would hardly be wise to say that the big bulk of the public have yet learned the advantages of shopping before the rush begins. There are, however, signs of an improvement this year over other seasons. Unpleasant conditions underfoot are holding back the shopping a good deal, but the first bright, dry day will see shoppers out in their thousands, and we hope, with the increased staff, to see the purchasing go along at a rapid rate, so that there will be no congestion on Christmas eve.'

Cold Settled On Lungs.

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A cold, however slight, should never be neglected, for if it is not treated in time it will, in all possibility, lead to bronchitis, pneumonia, asthma, or some other serious throat or lung trouble.

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Other presents, suitable for little girls are doll's carriages and doll's sleighs.

For both boys and girls, there are kindergarten sets, consisting of two chairs and a table, painted green, red, or brown.

There are also rockers and arm chairs, in oak and Early English finish, rattan, willow and wicker.

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It is difficult to select any gift which, at an equal expenditure, will give so much pleasure to any person. By ordering it for your friends you at once avoid all the vexation of Christmas shopping and Christmas crowds.

In sending an order for the 'Witness,' or any other of the 'Witness' Publications, the Daily or Weekly 'Witness,' 'World Wide,' 'The Northern Messenger,' 'The Canadian Pictorial,' be sure to say which is desired. Give your own name and address as well as that of the person for whom the subscription is ordered, plainly stating that it is a Christmas gift. The subscription will be started with the issue to reach the subscriber on Christmas Day, and the announcement with your name inserted will also be mailed then.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Notices of births, marriages and deaths, must invariably be endorsed with the name and address of the sender, or otherwise no notice can be taken of them. Birth notices are inserted for 25c; marriage notices for 50c; death notices for 25c, prepaid. The announcement of funeral appended to death notice, 25c extra; other extensions to obituary, such as short sketch of life, two cents per word extra except poetry, which is 50c per line extra prepaid.

Annual subscribers, whose names appear on our lists, may have announcements of birth, marriages and deaths (without extended obituary or verses) occurring in their immediate families, free of charge, in which case name and address of subscribers should invariably be given.

BIRTHS

BROWN — On Thursday morning, Dec. 12, 1912, a son to Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Brown, 41 Staynor.

BROWN — On Nov. 30, 1912, at 182 Ash avenue, to Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Brown, a daughter.

MARRIED.

BOTHWELL — MORRISON — At Regina, Sask., on Dec. 4, 1912, by the Rev. M. M. Bennett, B.A., Victoria Isabel, daughter of the late James A. Morrison, to Robert Hector Bothwell, of Kerrobert, Sask., formerly of Peterborough, Ont.

FARLEY — BLODGETT — At Sherbrooke, Que., on Dec. 10, 1912, by the Rev. W. T. G. Brown, Clifford Bruce Farley, of Waterville, Que., to Ada Pearl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allison Blodgett, of Johnville, Que.

DIED.

ASSER — On Nov. 29, 1912, at midnight, at 27 Creffield-road, Ealing, England, Frances (Fanny), the beloved wife of James Asser, in her 75th year.

COOKE — At 18 Quinn avenue, Longueuil, this morning, Dec. 16, 1912, Mary Theresa Anderson, beloved wife of E. B. Cooke.
Funeral private.

DAVIES — On Dec. 13, 1912, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. M. A. Crain, 467 Gilmour street, Ottawa, Mrs. Martha Davies, in her 92nd year.

McKINSTRY — At her late residence, 64 Third avenue, Glebe, Ottawa, on Dec. 15, 1912, Sarah McKinstry, aged 97 years.

McDONELL — On Dec. 14, 1912, at the Grace Dart Home Hospital, of tuberculosis, Kate McDonell, late of Quebec, aged 50 years.
Interred at the Cote des Neiges Cemetery.

MUSSEN — At 660 Dorchester street, West, on the morning of Dec. 17, 1912, in his 70th year, Henry Smith Mussen, son of the late Thomas Mussen, of this city.
Funeral will leave his late residence on Thursday, the 19th instant, at 2 o'clock p.m., to the Church of St. James the Apostle.
At the request of the deceased, kindly omit flowers.

RAINE — At Minneapolis, Minn., on Dec. 6, 1912, in her 75th year, Jane Ingram, wife of the late Wm. Raine, formerly of Ottawa.

PELL — At Westboro, on Dec. 16, 1912, Mr. Alfred Pell, late of Rockingham, Ont., aged 79 years, 1 month.

ROSS — On Dec. 11, 1912, at Spokane, Wash., Mrs. Jessie Ross, daughter of Mrs. S. Guthrie, 254 Bay street, Ottawa.

STORK — On Dec. 14, 1912, Mrs. Susan Stork, in her 83rd year, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. G. S. Cauham, 60 Balsam street, Ottawa, Ont.

WAGNER — At Prince Albert, Sask., on Dec. 10, 1912, of pneumonia, Bertha M. Wagner, wife of J. H. Wagner, and youngest daughter of the late John Meech, formerly of Ottawa.

Those sending notices for the above column may send with them a list of names of interested friends, together with a one-cent stamp for each address, and marked copies of the 'Witness' containing the notices will be promptly mailed. For addresses in foreign countries three cents will be required.

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CHEAP FARES FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

For the Christmas holidays the customary excursion fares will prevail on the Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island Railway, good between all stations, and to points on connecting lines. The going dates are from Dec. 21 to Jan. 1, and the limit for return Jan. 3.

For stations beyond Montreal there will be a special excursion fare on the same dates, with a similar return limit. The reduced fares prevail on these dates will make it convenient for those who wish to visit relatives and friends and for the absent ones to return to the old home for the happy Christmastide.

THE
Gentleman From Indiana
BY BOOTH TARKINGTON
Author of 'Monsieur Beaucaire' and 'The Two Vanrevels'
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CHAPTER XIX.—Continued.

Then the band came marching down the street. They played in such magnificent time that every high-stepping foot in all the line came down with the same jubilant plunk, and lifted again with a unanimity as complete as that of the last vote the convention had taken that day. The leaders of the procession set a brisk pace, and who could have set any other kind of a pace when on parade to the strains of such a band, playing such a tune as 'A New Coon in Town,' with all its might and main?

But as the line swung into the Square, there came a moment when the tune was ended, the musicians paused for breath, and there fell comparative quiet. Amongst the ranks of Business Men ambled Mr. Wilkerson, singing at the top of his voice, and now he could be heard distinctly enough for those near to him to distinguish the melody with which it was his intention to favor the public:

'Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
As we go marching on.'

The words, the air, that husky voice, recalled to the men of Carlow another day and another procession, not like this one. And the song Wilkerson was singing is the one song every Northern-born American knows and can sing. The leader of the band caught the sound, signalled to his men; twenty instruments rose as one to twenty mouths; the snaredrum rattled, the big drum crashed, the leader lifted his baton high over his head, and music burst from twenty brazen throats:

'Glory! Glory! Hallelujah.'

Instantaneously, the whole procession began to sing the refrain, and the people in the street, and those in the waggons and carriages, and those leaning from the windows joined with one accord, the ringing bells caught the time of the song, and the upper air reverberated in the rhythm.

The Harkless Club of Carlow wheeled into Main Street, two hundred strong, with their banners and transparencies. Lige Willetts rode at their head, and behind him strode young William Todd and Parker and Ross Schofield and Homer Tibbs and Hartley Bowider, and even Bud Tipworthy held a place in the ranks through his connection with the 'Herald.' They were all singing.

And, behind them, Helen saw the flag-covered barouche and her father, and beside him sat John Harkless with his head bared.

She glanced at Briscoe; he was standing on the front seat with Minnie beside him, and both were singing. Meredith had climbed upon the back seat and was nervously fumbling at a cigarette.

'Sing, Tom!' the girl cried to him excitedly.

'I should be ashamed not to,' he answered; and dropped the cigarette and began to sing, 'John Brown's Body,' with all his strength. With that she seized his hand, sprang up beside him, and over the swelling chorus her full soprano rose, lifted with all the power in her.

The barouche rolled into the square, and, as it passed, Harkless turned, and bent a sudden gaze upon the group in the buckboard; but the western sun was in his eyes, and he only caught a glimpse of a vague, bright shape and a dazzle of gold, and he was borne along and out of view, down the singing street.

'Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
'Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
'Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
As we go marching on!'

The barouche stopped in front of the court house, and he passed up a lane they made for him to the steps. When he turned to them to speak, they began to cheer again, and he had to wait for them to quiet down.

'We can't hear him from over here,' said Briscoe, 'we're too far off. Mr. Meredith, suppose you take the ladies closer in, and I'll stay with the horses. You want to hear his speech.'

'He is a great man, isn't he?' Meredith said to Helen, gravely, as he handed her out of the buckboard. 'I've been trying to realize for the last few minutes, that he is the same old fellow I've been treating so familiarly all day long.'

'Yes, he is a great man,' she answered. 'This is only the beginning.'

'That's true,' said Briscoe, who had overheard her. 'He'll go pretty far. A man that people know is steady and strong and level headed can get whatever he wants, because a public man can get anything, if people know he's safe and honest and they can rely on him for sense. It sounds like a simple matter; but only three or four public men in the country have convinced us that they are like that. Hurry along, young people.'

Crossing the street, they met Miss Tibbs; she was wiping her streaming eyes with the back of her left hand and still mechanically waving her handkerchief with her right. 'Isn't it beautiful?' she said, not ceasing to flutter, unconsciously, the little square of cambric. 'There was such a throng that I grew faint and had to come away. I don't mind your seeing me crying. Pretty near everybody cried when he walked up to the steps and we saw that he was lame.'

Standing on the outskirts of the crowd, they could hear the mellow ring of Harkless's voice, but only fragments of the speech, for it was rather halting, and was not altogether clear in either rhetoric or delivery; and Mr. Bence could have been a good deal longer in saying what he had to say, and a thousand times more oratorical. Nevertheless, there was not a man or woman present who did not declare that it was the greatest speech ever heard in Plattville; and they really thought so—to such lengths are loyalty and friendship sometimes carried in Carlow and Amo and Gaines.

He looked down upon the attentive, earnest faces and into the kindly eyes of the Hoosier country people, and, as he spoke, the thought kept recurring to him that this was the place he had dreaded to come back to; that these were the people he had wished to leave — these, who gave him everything they had to give — and this made it difficult to keep his tones steady and his throat clear.

Helen stood so far from the steps (nor could she be induced to penetrate further, though they would have made way for her) that only fragments reached her, but what she heard she remembered:

'I have come home . . . Ordinarily a man needs to fall sick by the wayside or to be set upon by thieves, in order to realize that nine-tenths of the world is Samaritan, and the other tenth only too busy or too ignorant to be. Down here he realizes it with no necessity of illness or wounds to bring it out; and if he does get hurt, you send him to Congress. . . There will be no other in Washington so proud of what he stands for as I shall be. To represent you is to stand for realities — fearlessness, honor, kindness. . . . We are people who take what comes to us, and it comes bountifully; we are rich — oh, we are all Americans here! . . . This is the place for a man who likes to live where people are kind to each other, and where they have the old-fashioned way of saying 'Home.' Other places, they don't seem to get so much into it as we do. And to come home as I have to-day. . . . I have come home . . . .'

Every one meant to shake hands with him, and, when the speech was over, those nearest swooped upon him, cheering and waving, and grasping at his hand. Then a line was formed, and they began to defile by him, as he stood on the steps, and one by one they came up, and gave him hearty greetings, and passed on through the court-house and out at the south door. Tom Meredith and Minnie Briscoe came amongst the others, and Tom said only, 'Good old boy,' as he squeezed his friend's hand; and then, as he went down the hall, wiping his glasses, he asked Minnie if she believed the young man on the steps had risen from a sick bed that morning.

It was five o'clock when Harkless climbed the stairs to the 'Herald' office, and his right arm and hand were aching and limp. Below him, as he reached the landing, he could see boys selling extras containing his speech (taken by the new reporter), and long accounts of the convention, of the nominee's career, and the celebration of his home-coming. The sales were rapid; for no one could resist the opportunity to read in print descriptions of what his eyes had beheld and his ears had heard that day.

Ross Schofield was the only person in the editorial room, and there was nothing in his appearance which should cause a man to start and fall back from the doorway, but that was what Harkless did.

'What's the matter, Mr. Harkless?' cried Ross, hurrying forward, fearing that the othr had been suddenly reseized by illness.

'What are those?' asked Harkless, with a gesture of his hand which seemed to include the entire room.

'Those!' repeated Ross, staring blankly.

'Those rosettes — these streamers — that stove-pipe — all this blue ribbon.'

Ross turned pale. 'Ribbon?' he said, inquiringly. 'Ribbon?' He seemed unable to perceive the decorations referred to.

'Yes,' answered John. 'That?' He fingered the band on the stovepipe as if he saw it for the first time. 'Yes, I see.'

'But what are they for?' asked Harkless, touching one of the streamers curiously.

'Why — it's — —it's likely meant for decorations.'

John picked up the ink-well staring in complete amazement at the hard knot of ribbon with which it was garnished.

'They seem to have been here some time.'

'They have; I reckon they're almost due to be called in. They've be'n up ever sence—sence——'

'Who put them up, Ross?'

'We did.'

'What for?'

Ross was visibly embarrassed. 'Why—fer—fer the other editor.'

'For Mr. Bisbee?'

'Land, no! You don't suppose we'd go to work and bother to brisken things up fer that old gentleman, do you?'

'I mean young Mr. Fisbee — he is the other editor, isn't he?'

'Oh!' said Ross, coughing. 'Young Mr. Fisbee? Yes; we put 'em up fer him.'

'You did! Did he appreciate them?'

'Well — he seemed to — kind of like 'em.'

'Where is he now? I came here to find him.'

'He's gone.'

'Gone? Hasn't he been here this afternoon?'

'Yes; some 'the time. Come in and stayed durin' the leevy you was holdin'; and saw the extry off all right.'

'When will he be back?'

(To be continued.)

"BED-TIME STORIES"

My Dear Santa Claus will you please send me a Box of nice Toys for Christmas I want a pen and some ink and blotting paper and some blocks and a sewing box any thing else what you like to bring me. I love you still Santa Claus. Your

Loving Dear,
JOSEPHINE.

THE LITTLE GIRL WHO LIKED CHRISTMAS.

(By Frank H. Sweet, in 'The Interior.')

The little girl came into her papa's study, as she always id Saturday morning before breakfast, and asked for a story. He tried to beg off that morning, for he was very busy, but she would not let him. So he began:

'Well, once there was a little pig——'

She put her hand over her mouth and stopped him at the word. She said she heard little pig stories till she was perfectly sick of them.



Hurrying to Town to Finish His Christmas Shopping.

'Well what kind of story shall I tell, then?'

'About Christmas. It's getting to be the season. It's past Thanksgiving already.'

'It seems to me,' argued her papa, 'that I've told as often about Christmas as I have about little pigs.'

'No difference! Christmas is more interesting.'

'Well!' Her papa roused himself from his writing with an effort. 'Well then, I'll tell you about the little girl who wanted it Christmas every day in the year. How would you like that?'

'First rate!' said the little girl; and she nestled into comfortable shape in his lap for listening.

'Very well, then, this little pig— Oh, what are you pounding me for?'

'Because you said little pig instead of little girl.'

'I should like to know what's the difference between a little pig and a little girl that wanted it Christmas every day!'

'Papa,' said the litle girl warningly, 'if you don't go on, I'll give it to you!' And at this her papa darted off like lightning and began to tell the story as fast as he could.

'Well, once there was a little girl who liked Christmas so much that she wanted it to be Christmas every day in the year and as soon as Thanksgiving was over she began to send postal cards to the old Christmas fairy to ask if she mightn't have it. But the old fairy never answered any of the postals and after a while the little girl found out that the fairy was pretty particular, and wouldn't notice anything but letters—not even correspondence cards in envelopes—real letters on sheets of paper and sealed outside with a monogram, or your initial, anyway. So then she began to send her letters and in about three weeks—or just the day before Christmas, it was —she got a letter from the fairy saying she might have it Christmas every day for a year, and then they would see about having it longer.

'The little girl was a good deal excited already preparing for the old-fashioned, once-a-year Christmas that was coming the next day, and perhaps the fairy's promise didn't make such an impression on her as it would have made at some other time. She just resolved to keep it to herself and surprise everybody with it as it kept coming true and then it slipped out of her mind altogether.

'She had a splendid Christmas. She went to bed early to let Santa Claus have a chance at the stockings, and in the morning she was up the first of anybody and went and felt them and found hers all lumpy with packages of candy and oranges and grapes and pocketbooks and rubber balls and all kinds of small presents, and her big brother's with nothing but the tongs in them, and her young lady sister's with a new silk umbrella, and her papa's and mamma's with potatoes and pieces of coal wrapped up in tissue paper, just as they always had every Christmas. Then she waited around till the rest of the family were up, and she was the first to burst into the library when the doors were opened and look at the large presents laid out on the library table—books, and portfolios, and boxes of stationery, and breastpins, and dolls, and little stoves, and dozens of handkerchiefs, and inkstands, and skates, and snow-shovels, and photograph frames, and little easels, and boxes of water colors, and Turkish paste, and nougat, and candied cherries, and dolls' houses, and waterproofs — and the big Christmas tree, lighted and standing in a waste basket in the middle.

'She had a splendid Christmas all day. She ate so much candy that she did not want any breakfast and the whole forenoon the presents kept pouring in that the expressman had not had time to deliver the night before; and she went round giving the presents she had for other people, and came home and ate turkey and cranberry for dinner, and plum puudding and nuts and raisins and oranges and more candy, and then went out and coasted and came in with a stomachache, crying and her papa said he would see if his house was turned into that sort of fool's paradise another year; and they had a light supper and pretty early everybody went to bed cross.'

Here the little girl pounded her papa in the back again.

'Well, what now? Did I say pigs?'

'You made them act like pigs.'

'Well, didn't they?'

'No matter, you oughtn't to put it into a story.'

'Very well, then, I'll take it all out.' Her father went on

'The little girl slept very heavily and she slept very late, but she was awakened at last by the other children dancing round her bed with their stockings full of presents in their hands.

'"What is it?" asked the little girl, and she rubbed her eyes and tried to rise up in bed.

'"Christmas! Christmas! Christmas!" they all shouted and waved their stockings.

'"Nonsense! It was Christmas yesterday."

'Her brothers and sisters just laughed. "We don't know about that. It's Christmas to-day anyway. You come into the library and see."

(To be continued.)

WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURE?

December 17.

As the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.—Isa. lxi., 11.

O child of sorrow, be it thine to know
That Scripture only is the cure of woe;
The field of promise how it flings abroad
Its perfume o'er the Christian's thorny road;
The soul, reposing on assured relief,
Feels herself happy amidst all her grief;
Forgets her labors as she toils along,
Weeps tears of joy ,and bursts into a song.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.—Isa. lxi. 10.

82, VERY ILL, BUT MARRIES

St. John Union of Age and Youth Has Aroused Much Interest

St. John, N.B., Dec. 16.—Much interest has been aroused here by the announcement of the wedding of Mr. S. E. Matthews, widower, 82 years of age, to a young woman, Miss Ena Louise Bustin, which took place on Saturday night in a private hospital here, where the groom is a patient and not likely to recover.

The wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. L. Dawson, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church.

Mr. Matthews was for many years a prominent candy dealer in this city, and is reported to be worth $40,000, and to have made a will giving all to his bride and cutting off his children.

It is also reported that the management of the hospital would not accord admission to the bride and party until an order was issued by Mr. Matthews's physician, and that one of the groom's daughters appeared on the scene of the nuptials and made a protest against the wedding being proceeded with.

DULUTH STORM SWEPT.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 17. — Duluth and vicinity to-day are blanketed under one to five feet of snow in the worst blizzard in ten years. The temperature is not low, however. This morning the snow and wind show no sign of abatement.

VICTORIA NEEDS BIG MONEY.

Victoria, Dec. 17. — According to the estimate of former City Solicitor McDermid, Victoria will need about eleven million dollars to finance her undertakings next year.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The Hon. J. A. and Mrs. Lougheed have left to spend Christmas at Calgary.

Mrs. D. A. Shirres is giving a small dance for her son, Mr. Gordon Shirres, on December 26.

Mrs. W. Hope entertained at dinner last evening, and afterwards in her box at the opera.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Campbell will spend the Christmas holidays at their country home at St. Hilaire.

Mrs Duncan McIntyre is entertaining at dinner on Friday evening prior to the dance at 'Ravenscrag'

Miss Kathleen Black, Cote des Neiges Road, is giving a tea for the debutantes on Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lionel Judah, who are spending their honeymoon abroad, are in Vienna at present.

Mrs. W. D. Bliss, who was in town from Ottawa, visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bliss, has returned home.

Mrs. D. Lorne McGibbon, who is at present in Switzerland, will not return to Montreal before the middle of February.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Johnston, of 'Sylvancrest,' Bellevue avenue, have sailed for home after a stay of some time abroad.

Senator and Mrs. J. P. B. Casgrain, who spent the week end guests of Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier, have returned to town.

The Misses Jeannine and Paule Dansereau are in Ottawa for the marriage of their niece, Miss Jeannette Dansereau, and Mr. Eugene Hamel.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Marler are going out on Sunday to their country residence, 'Grantham Hall,' Drummondville, where they will have a large family house party for Christmas.

Mrs. A. H. Tanner, of New York, and Mrs. R. B. Johnson, of Toronto, are in town for the wedding of their sister, Miss Bertha Barclay Stephens, and Mr. Harold Cushing Schofield, which takes place to-morrow afternoon.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Marguerite Beaubien, daughter of the Hon. Louis and Mrs. Beaubien, to Mr. H. Austin Ekers, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Ekers.

Mr. and Mrs. James Miller, of Grenville, Que., announce the engagement of their daughter, Hilda, to Mr. Ira J. Nichols, formerly of Montreal, now of Edmonton, Alta. The marriage will take place quietly during Christmas week.

Mrs. Arthur Bloxham entertained on Saturday for the first time since her return from England at her home at St. Laurent. Quite a number of friends drove out in sleighs from the city. Mrs. Rennicks and Mrs. William Wilson served tea and coffee. The young ladies assisting were Miss Russell, Miss Wilson, Miss N. Wilson, Miss Waddell and Miss Banks.

Mrs. Isaac Collins, of 207 Ash avenue, sailed by the 'Empress of Britain' on Friday for Great Britain, where she intends spending the winter months. Mrs. Collins is going to spend Christmas at her former home, Westerton Saxmundham, England, where there will be a Christmas reunion of her brothers and sisters for the first time in forty-two years.

Mrs. A. C. Matthews, Sydenham Avenue, entertained at tea yesterday afternoon, when she was assisted in receiving by Mrs. H. Ross Matthews and Miss Neelands. The drawing-room was decorated with pink roses and greenery, and roses with violets were arranged in the dining room. Mrs. J. E. E. Dickson and Mrs. R. T. Carter poured the tea and coffee, and Mrs. Frederick Abrahams served the ices. The young ladies assisting in the dining-room were Miss Dorothy Charlton, Miss Annie and Miss M. Mattinson, Miss Dorothy Robinson, Miss Hilda Baillie, Miss Viola MacDonald, and Miss Dorothy Carter.

TREE FOR THE DAY NURSERY

At the Montreal Day Nursery, Belmont Park, there are 181 children who are looking forward to Friday, December 27th, when they have been promised a Christmas Tree, and visit from Santa Claus.

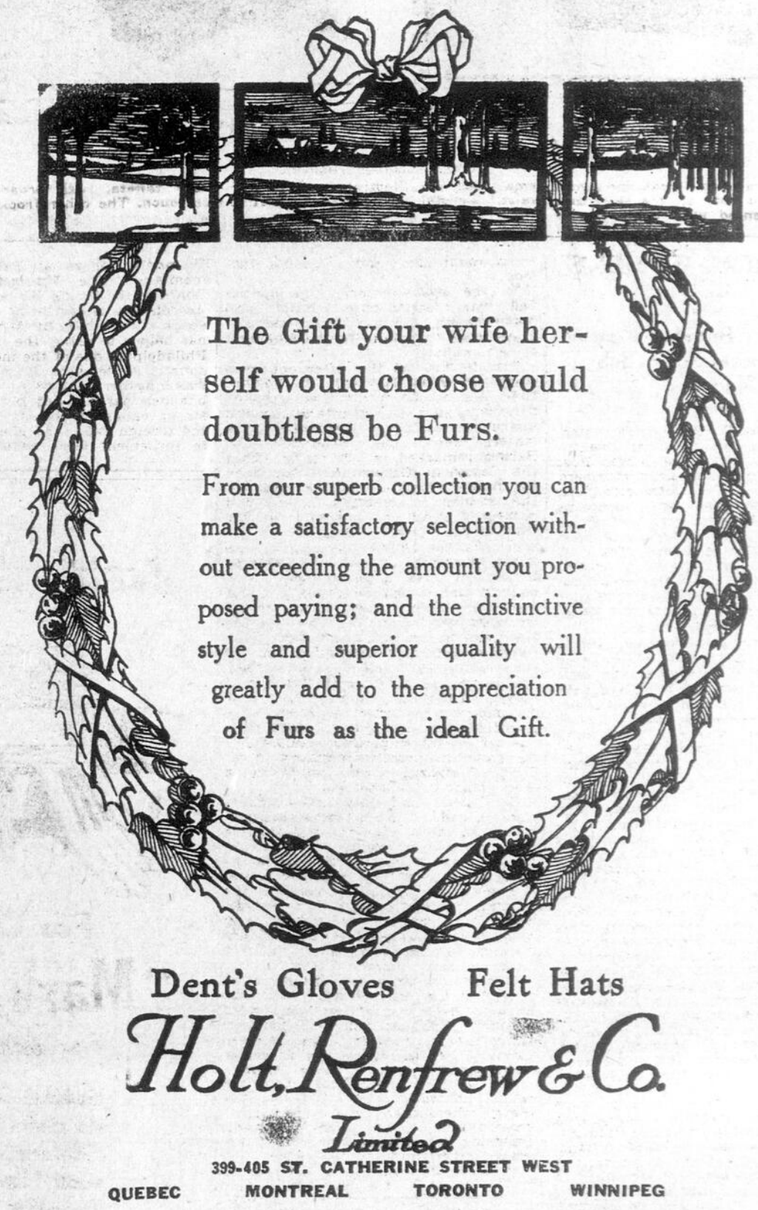
The committee have never had such a large family to provide for, and take this means of asking for contributions of toys or money. Sleighs for the boys, would be a great pleasure and help.

If there are any children, who would like to visit the Nursery before Christmas, and carry a toy, for the little girls and boys there, who are less fortunate than themselves, they would be doing a kindness, and would be made most welcome.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE CLASSES.

On Monday evening representatives from the Protestant Board of School Commissioners, with other guests, paid a visit to the evening technical classes in the Riverside School and inspected the work done by the young ladies in the cutting and sewing department, and in the School of Domestic Science, Miss Dow receiving in the former and Miss Shamper in the latter. After the inspection the guests were entertained in the School of Cookery at a luncheon prepared entirely by the students, and consisting of mashed creamed potatoes, beef loaf, Graham bread, biscuits, coffee and Turkish delight, all of which were pronounced scientifically perfect and humanly satisfying. These classes have been well attended this season, and are becoming increasingly popular from year to year. Several married ladies are among the students.

The visiting deputation consisted of the Rev. Dr. Symonds, chairman of the board; Mr. H. J. Silver, B.A., director of the Government night schools carried on by the Protestant Board of School Commissioners; Miss Dow, superintendent of cookery and sewing in the Protestant school; ex-Ald. Turner, late member of the School Commission; Principal Bacon, M.A., of Lorne School, and Principal Kneeland, B.C.L., of Riverside School.



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Ladies' Fur-Lined Coats.	Men's Handsome Trousers.
Ladies' Stylish Skirts.	Boys' Splendid Overcoats.
Ladies' Pretty Silk Waists.	Boys' Smart Suits.
Ladies' Fur Muffs and Scarfs.	
Ladies' Chinchilla Coats.	

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6 SHOPPING DAYS TILL XMAS 6

Of Interest to Women.

The 'Witness' Daily Fashion Hint.



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DISTINCTIVE FROCKS.

Two charming frocks for semi-formal wear are illustrated. One is of black taffeta, with broad insertions of Milan lace both on the skirt and waist. Crystal buttons add a distinctive touch. The other frock is a black tulle ornamented with white lace.

MONTREAL WOMEN'S CLUB.

Twenty-first Birthday Anniversary Evokes Some Club Memories.

The Montreal Women's Club yesterday afternoon celebrated its twenty-first birthday, when Mrs. Alfred Ross Grafton, one of the charter members, gave a paper on 'Club Memories.' Mrs. H. Fortier presided, and occupying seats on the platform were Mrs. W. S. Barnes, Mrs. John Lovell and Miss Eglauch, charter members, Mrs. J. A. Dale, secretary, and Mrs. C. A. Hayes, third director of the Home and Education Department. A lovely bouquet of pink roses and lilies of the valley was presented to Mrs. Barnes.

In her paper, Mrs. Grafton, who a year ago was appointed by the Club to go through the records and prepare a condensed history of the club, said that realizing the work that had been done, she felt that a debt of gratitude was due to the club's founder, Mrs. Robert Reid, who was its able president for ten years. This statement was greeted with applause, as was also a reference to another of the charetr members, Mrs. John Lovell, much valued for her interest in the club, and her example as home-maker and friend.

The success of the club and its power of achievement could be traced to the courage and persistence of the pioneer women who were 'true to their vision' even when their efforts were misunderstood and sometimes scoffed at. While the three departments: Home and Education, Art and Literature, and Social Science, remained as originally formed, other activities evolved as need arose, leading to the organization of committees on Moral and Social Reform, Hygiene, Civics, Legislation, Forestry, Industrial, etc.

The Medical Inspection of Schools, and the establishment of a Children's Aid and of Juvenile Courts, were among notable reforms accomplished through the influence of the club, directly or indirectly. In its educational phase, the club had had the benefit of lectures by speakers, distinguished in their subjects or lines of work. With a membership of about three hundred, working together in a spirit of harmony and loyalty, irrespective of creeds, the Club was doing its part to bring about unity and a broader outlook.

To the great majority the special field was that of wife, mother and home-maker, and the Club recognized as most important 'the development of womanhood.

The lecture of the afternoon was given by Prof. Howard T. Barnes, D.Sc., son of one of the charter members, who gave a very interesting and instructive lecture, illustrated with lantern views, on 'Icebergs.' Dr. Barnes remarked in beginning that the Canadian Government had been the first to lend aid in the study of the problem of icebergs, which had presented itself so insistently at the time of the 'Titanic' disaster.

Dr. Barnes showed a map of the ocean currents by which icebergs, broken off from arctic glaciers, are caught and caried southward and outward. Only a few of the 'bergs, comparatively, find their way across the track of the Atlantic liners. The Canadian route, Dr. Barnes stated, has the smallest ice-track to pass through. Dr. Barnes explained, with the help of views, of the instrument, the microthermometer designed to detect the presence of icebergs by registering the change of temperature, and showed charts of microthermograms, or records of iceberg effects, taken on a ship going to Hudson Bay.

Dr. Barnes said that further investigation had led him to revise his preconceived ideas, that the approach to icebergs was indicated by a lower temperature. The records of the instrument showed that there was first a rise in temperature, caused by the melting of the iceberg in the salt water. The reason why icebergs seem to be denoted by a colder temperature is because they are nearly always found in cold currents.

The lecturer gave an account of his cruise in the St. Lawrence and the Strait of Belle Isle, on the Government steamer 'Montcalm,' last summer, to study the ice problem, and showed views of icebergs in various stages of disintegration, some of them of fantastic shapes, concluding with one which he called the 'Spirit of the 'Berg,' where there was a remarkable resemblance to the head of a wolf emerging gigantic at one side of the grim, impenetrable white mass. It sometimes happened that an iceberg, visible in the light at one side, is dark in its own shadow on the other side, and Dr. Barnes said he thought it must have been invisibility from this cause which deceived the look-out on the 'Titanic.'

There was a large attendance at the meeting, including representatives of other societies: Mrs. Preble Macintosh, regent of the Municipal Chapter of Daughters of the Empire; Mrs. R. D. McGibbon, first treasurer of the club; Mrs. W. G. MacNaughton, President of the Women's Art Society; Mrs. C. T. Shaw, of the Ladies' Morning Music Club. Mrs. James Thom, Mrs. J. P. Black, Mrs. H. Wallace Stroud, Mrs. Ashcroft, Miss Helen Reid, Mrs. Lighthall, Mrs. Sinton, Mrs. Finley, Mrs. Foster.

SUFFRAGE IN WHITE HOUSE.

The 'White House,' in Washington has not for many years been without a suffragist among its women. Mrs. Roosevelt, like her husband, is a moderate believer in votes for women. Mrs. Taft is a decided one. Mrs. Woodrow Wilson is not interested in the question, and may be called an anti, as may two of her daughters; but the third daughter has done settlement work, and, like most settlement workers, has become a suffragist through her experience in dealing directly with the problems of the poor.

Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson, who will be the sole suffragist in the White House family under the new administration, wears a Phi Beta Kappa key earned by high scholarship at the Woman's College at Baltimore, is a member of the National Executive Board of the Young Women's Christian Association, is said to be a good public speaker for philanthropic causes, and has helped to make 'the Lighthouse' in Philadelphia one of the most successful church settlements in America. It was long her wish to be a missionary, but her parents did not think her strong enough in health for service in the foreign field, and she gave herself to settlement work as a compromise.

TO-MORROW'S MENU

(By Gertrude Sanborn)

For a family of six, including two children. Weekly cost $8.00.

BREAKFAST.
Oatmeal with top of milk
Stewed Prunes
Corn Muffins Coffee
(cost 34c.)

LUNCH OR SUPPER.
Scalloped Cheese
Sliced Corn Muffins
Apple Sauce Ginger Cookies
Cocoa.
(cost 42c.)

DINNER.
Stewed Beef with Macaroni
Baked Cabbage Baked Potato
Steamed Apricot Roly.
(cost 54c.)

STEAMED APRICOT ROLY.

2 cups of flour.
4 level teaspoons baking powder.
2 level tablespoons lard or other shortening.
1-2 level teaspoon salt.
3-4 cup mixed milk and water.
1 1-2 cup stewed apricots.

Mix like baking powder biscuits, roll out half an inch thick, spread with the apricots which have been drained from juice, roll up like a jelly roll, and steam. Cut in slices for serving and serve with a sauce made from the apricot juice.

APRICOT SAUCE.

1 1-2 cups hot water.
1-2 cup sugar.
1-2 cup apricot juice.
1 1-2 level teaspoons cornstarch.
1-4 level teaspoon salt.

THE NEW WAISTCOAT.

Quite a new feature in dresses and suits is the waistcoat, which is usually a waistcoat in effect only, being fastened into the front of the gown, blouse, or coat, as the case may be. This feature can be utilized in bringing a somewhat old-fashioned dress up to date. The vest can be of satin or velvet matching the waist in color, or of a different tone, or in contrasting color. A little embroidery, by hand if possible, on the vest and collar adds very greatly to its effectiveness. A grey gown with a vest of grey satin or of the gown material embroidered in grey silks picked out with silver, is a charming example.

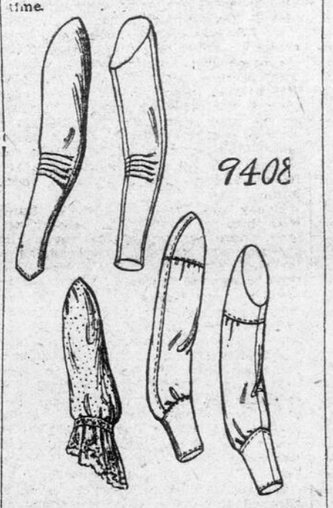
The vest should be cut with regard to the figure of the wearer, as it makes a great difference whether it is to be worn by a stout person or one who is slender. It is advisable to try the effect of different patterns before cutting. The vest may be fastened into the bodice or left separate, and it is usually fastened down the front with small ornamental buttons. Above the vest portion is a square chemisette of cream lace with standing collar; and a bow in front, either of the lace or of satin matching the vest.

SOUVENIR OF BANQUET.

The menu card of the annual dinner of the Canadian Society of New York, held at Delmonico's this month, was given a highly artistic form. Tastefully bound in book form, it contained portraits of His Majesty King George V. and Mr. R. L. Borden, the Dominion's Premier, and also some fine views of old Quebec—altogether a souvenir exceptional in its beauty and individuality.

THE 'WITNESS' DAILY PATTERNS

The home dressmaker should keep a little catalogue scrap book of the daily pattern cuts. These will be found very useful to refer to from time to time.



9,408.—A GROUP OF NEW SLEEVES.

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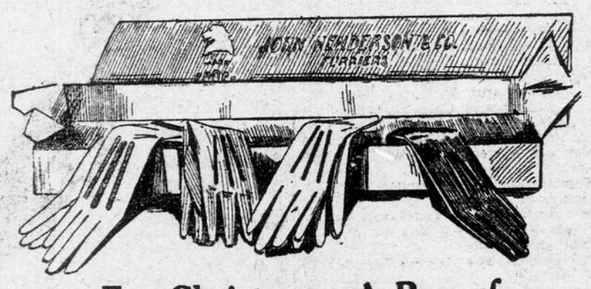
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ALDERMEN TO RESIST REDUCTION IN POWER

City Council Asks Legislature to Delay Amendments of Citizens' Association for a Year to Let Another Plan Mature.

The sitting of the City Council yesterday was almost entirely occupied by the hearing of addresses of aldermen in favor of retaining their powers of exercising a supervision and even mastership over the Board of Control through their prerogative of indefinitely delaying important recommendations. Coupled with these pleas for a continuance of the present system was denunciation of the Citizens' Committee for interfering to assist the Board of Control.

The upshot of the discussion, which was pretty lively and even plaintive at times, was the passing of the following resolution:

'Whereas a committee was appointed by the City Council of Montreal to consolidate and revise the city charter, that the said committee in its report recommended that the Council be content for this year with submitting to the Provincial House an amendment authorizing the city to make the expropriations required in the city's interests, and another amendment authorizing the Council to adopt the by-laws which may be deemed necessary, and that the revising work should be suspended until the result of the application and of the discussion of said amendments before the Legislature should be made known, inasmuch as, otherwise, this work would be useless in many respects;

'Resolved: That the Government and the Legislature be requested to defer until next year the consideration of the amendments presented by the Citizens' Association, anent the administration of Montreal, in order to give to the Technical Committee appointed by the Council, with the commissioners' approval, the necessary time to continue and complete the revision and consolidation of the city charter for the next session of the Legislature.'

Ald. Lariviere set the ball rolling in this discussion by asking whether the City Council was satisfied with the way in which the city attorneys represented the city before the Private Bills' Committee of the Legislature.



Ald. L.H. Lapointe.

Ald. L. A. Lapointe made a verbal report of the fate of many items, including the clauses to adopt the autobus contract; to repeal the present paving law; to grant terminal facilities to the Montreal and Southern Counties' Railway; in fact, every report that was objected to by the Citizens' Committee was 'knocked out.'

He also said that judging from the manner in which the amendments to the charter respecting the powers of the Controllers were presented to the Legislature, it was the ultimate intention of the Citizens' Committee to do away with the aldermen in a roundabout way. He said that the faults of the present administration lay at the door, not of the Controllers or the aldermen, but of the chiefs of departments, and that he had documentary evidence to prove this contention to Sir Lomer Gouin. He proposed appealing to Sir Lomer for justice.



Ald. Emard.

Ald. Emard asked for some information on the amendments to the paving law. There is no dissension in the Council on the need of amending this law to make its burdens fall more equitably and, seconded by Ald. Robinson, he moved the following:—

'The commissioners, the president of the Legislation Committee, Ald. Victor Morin, one of the members of the committee, and His Honor the Mayor, be authorized to confer with the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature on the kind of an amendment that they believe opportune to submit under the circumstances to amend the paving law.'

Ald. Mederic Martin resorted to his inveterate practice of calling 'Next meeting,' on this resolution, and it was left over, standing as a notice of motion.

Ald. L. A. Lapointe proposed that the delegation to Quebec be enlarged by the addition of one or two Controllers and the aldermen agreed to this.



Ald. Turcot.

Ald. Turcot took upon himself the championing of the cause of the aldermen. He said that the Controllers had already more work than they could attend to, and he said that it was only making matters worse to put new duties on their shoulders. He predicted the future government of the city by commission if the aldermen did not commence the fight from the beginning. If Sir Lomer Gouin, the Prime Minister, did not recognize the rights of the aldermen, after matters were duly explained to him, he said that the aldermen should resign as a body in protest. He agreed to contest Laurier ward to find out the will of the people. Aldermen should not be blamed for everything that went wrong.

Ald. Mederic Martin made a long speech against the Citizens' Committee. When he got warmed up His Worship Mayor Lavallee looked fatigued, vacated the chair, and was succeeded by Ald. Clement, acting Mayor, for a time.

Ald. Martin said that he protested against the going of about fifty persons to Quebec as the Citizens' Committee, which, he said, did not represent the electorate, and represented only very narrow interests. It is equivalent to giving a non-representative body most of the power in Montreal. 'To listen to the Citizens' Committee and ignore the aldermen,' he said, 'it is worse than Tammany Hall. I am absolutely opposed to the giving of the powers to the Board of Control proposed by the Citizens' Committee. I have little use for the representatives of the Trades and Labor Council on this committee. They do not, as they claim, represent twenty thousand workmen. If the proposal was to abolish the Provincial Legislature and leave all power in the hands of the Ministry, the proposal would not be entertained. Likewise the City Council, he said, should not be abolished, and its powers given to the Controllers.'

Ald. Victor Morin attempted to mollify matters by submitting an amendment to appoint a sub-committee, consisting of Ald. L. A. Lapointe, Lariviere and Boyd, to meet the representatives of all persons or bodies who desire amendments to the charter, to talk over these questions in order to agree on the best legislation for the city.



Ald. Morin.

'Next meeting' was called on this by Ald. Mederic Martin and a number of other supporters of his.

Taking advantage of a lull in the speech-making and the breaking out of a number of private conversations among the aldermen, Ald. Macdonald got the eye of the chair, and began what promised to be a lengthy speech by saying that important changes in the city charter required due consideration, but this did not seem to have been done by the Citizens' Committee.

'As a member of this Council,' said he, 'I feel humiliated and insulted by the action of that committee. It is an insult to the city; it is an insult to the Province of Quebec, and it is an insult to the Dominion of Canada. This committee looked upon aldermen as men who were looking after their own particular rewards.'

At this moment Ald. Macdonald was silenced by Ald. L. A. Lapointe, who ran up to him and whispered something that was quite effective. Cries of 'Vote, Vote,' resounded through the hall.

Ald. Boyd said he would not vote for the motion of Ald. L. A. Lapointe to defer the proposal for a year until another committee made a report. The motion was too broad. He feared it would affect the paving tax.

Ald. Ward said that the city and citizens were not satisfied with the present state of affairs. He would vote for the motion if he was certain the report referred to would be presented to the next session of the Legislature. This motion might only postpone action and substitute nothing better than the present plans.

Ald. L. A. Lapointe said that the report would be ready by next year.



Ald. Robinson.

Ald. Robinson objected to setting back proposals to amend the charter for another year. He could not see what could be gained by it. He was afraid that the paving tax might be affected.

Ald. L. A. Lapointe said that the Citizens' Committee was being asked not to push matters to an issue this year, owing to the nomination of a technical committee of two recorders, Mr. Justice Laurendeau, K.C.; Mr. A. W. Atwater, K.C.; the Hon. L. O. David, Mayor Lavallee, to go into the codification and reform of the city charter.

Ald. Lapointe said: 'If this affair of the Citizens' Committee is proceeded with it will actually diminish the powers of the Controllers instead of increasing them.'

Asked how this could be, Ald. Lapointe said: 'It is for them to find out. I keep it in my head.'

The result of the vote on the motion of Ald. L. A. Lapointe asking for a year's delay in passing the charter amendments drawn up by the Citizens' Committee was as follows:—

Yeas—L. A. Lapointe, N. Lapointe, Prud'homme, Garceau, Clement, Letourneau, Mayrand, Bastien, Drummond, Lariviere, Martin, Seguin, Giroux, Stroud, Poissant, Vandelac, Menard, Judge—18.

Nays—O'Connell, Ward, Robinson, Boyd, Monahan, Emard, Morin, Fraser—8.

The following amendment to the by-law on the erection of buildings, in certain streets of St. Henri ward was adopted:

'It is forbidden to rebuild, transform or move any wooden building not cased with brick or stone and now existing on the lots fronting on either side of Notre Dame street west and of St. James street, between Atwater avenue and the western limits of St. Henri ward, unless such building be reconstructed in accordance with the following section.'

'Every new building hereafter erected on the lots fronting on either side of Notre Dame street west and of St. James street, between Atwater avenue and the western limits of St. Henri ward, shall be at least 25 feet high from the level of the sidewalk to the top of the roof and shall be built in accordance with the by-laws in force.'

HOW WE GOT OUR ALPHABET

Fine Art of Writing Described by Professor Hill-Tout

Beginning with the prehistoric picture writers of over one hundred and fifty thousand years ago, Prof. Hill-Tout, of Oxford, described the gradual development and evolution of writing down through centuries of time to our present day system, before a gathering of the members of the Archaeological Society in the Physics' building, McGill University, last evening. The keen mind of science has pierced back through these great periods of time and laid bare not only the systems of writing in vogue at different periods, but also much of the history of races which have long since disappeared from the face of the earth, leaving no trace nor sign of their existence except the crude picture writings and hieroglyphics which are occasionally found.

Strangely enough the earliest picture writings known exhibit an artistic skill which later development fails to show. Only at brief spaces is any light thrown upon the earth's inhabitants during these remote times, thousands and thousands of years passing, of which science has not the slightest record.

The Egyptians of some seven thousand years ago, cultivated the art to a high degree, and even invented a cumbersome system of writing according to sound, but some barrier prevented them from ever developing or even using it to any great extent. The first definite breakaway from the old picture writing was made by the Cretans who lived on the Island of Crete, in the Mediterranean. English explorers within the past few years have discovered marvellous records of a hitherto unknown civilization, showing evidences of great skill in the arts, among them being a high standard of picture writing, and also a nucleus of writing by sound. It is now known that from them the Phoenicians derived their system, which in turn Greece borrowed and began shaping into the lines of our present alphabet. The Romans further developed it and handed it down to the present civilization, of which shorthand represents the highest development within the last century.

It is a peculiar fact that to the vanity of great kings and other personages, who wished to leave a record of their achievements to posterity, and for this purpose made use of sign and picture writing, that science has been able to secure something tangible and concrete to work upon. Many of these great tablets, statutes and tombs have given to the modern world not only the history of distant races, but also some knowledge of their customs. Our present day writing evolved from the primitive picture writing in vogue for over a hundred thousand years, but for greater part of this time, but few races had any conception of writing according to sound. The lecture was supplemented with numerous slides exhibiting the different stages of development.



TRAIN HIT AUTO AND KILLED THREE

Perth Amboy, N.J., Dec. 16.—Three persons were killed and eight injured, several probably mortally, when an express train known as the Atlantic City 'Flyer' on the New Jersey Central Railway, ran into an automobile stage at a grade crossing between Roosevelt and this city, Saturday.

The automobile, a closed machine, resembling a trolley car, contained thirteen persons.

PREACHED FAREWELL SERMON

Iron Mountain, Mich., Dec. 16.—The Rev. A. K. Scott preached his farewell sermon in Immanuel Baptist Church here yesterday, prior to his departure for Picton, Ont., where he will become pastor of the First Baptist Church.

NOTHING TO IDENTIFY HIM

Unknown Man Dies in General Hospital

With nothing found on him to aid in establishing his identity, a man known to the police as Charles Scamp, of London, Eng., died at the General Hospital last night from pneumonia brought on by excess of liquor. The man gave his name to Captain Riopel of Chaboillez street station where he had been taken three times in a week for drunkenness, the last time by a cabby who claimed he couldn't get his fare from him, after driving about for three hours.

Locked up for refusing to pay, he was taken ill. Dr. O'Connor, police surgeon, pronounced it a case of delirium premens, and the man was sent to the hospital where pneumonia developed, from which he died. He was 35 years of age and had only been in the city a week. Who his friends are is a mystery to the police, the only thing left to trace him being a trunk which he said was with a friend in Cote St. Paul, but could not remember the name of street or number, his friend's name getting away from his memory while sick.

FOUNDER OF KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS DEAD.

Washington, Dec. 16.—David L. Burnett, one of the five men who founded the Knights of Pythias, died suddenly here late last night of heart disease, aged 76 years. Mr. Burnett was born in Ohio, and had been connected with the United States Treasury since 1866. Interment will be here to-morrow.

SPEAKS TO STEAMFITTERS.

Mr. J. W. Bruce, general organizer of the Plumbers and Steamfitters, who is here on a visit from Toronto, will address the men of that organization to-night in the Labor Temple.

Dickens Fellowship will be given a dramatic study of 'The Haunted Man,' by Dr. Atherton, this evening in Victoria Hall.

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MANY LARGE SALES

Nearly One Million Dollars Paid for Lachine Land in Week-end Transfers

Nearly one million dollars was involved in transfers of farm land that were completed yesterday. The largest was the sale of part of lots 940 and 948, parish of Lachine, to the Highland Factory Sites, Limited, by Henry Blachford for $488,208, or at the rate of 27 cents per square foot. The property is situated within half a mile of Lachine, and has an area of 1,700,030 square feet.

Three farms, situated on the south shore of the canal, near Lachine, were sold yesterday for $290,000, while Edward W. H. Phillips and others sold to the Lachine Realties Company, Limited, a farm with an area of 79 1-2 arpents for $169,826.93 and other considerations. The farm fronts on Fairview and Earl avenues and Maple st.

SOME SMALLER SALES.

The south-east corner of St. Catherine and St. Christophe street has been sold for $142,000.

The vacant lot adjoining the site of the factory of the Mount Royal Spinning Compay, Cote St. Paul, has been purchased by that company for $86,500.

Mrs. D. R. Hebert has sold for $65,000 for property, lot 74, St. Louis Ward, fronting on St. Lawrence Boulevard and St. Dominique streets, the purchaser being Isaac Lande and others.

Nos. 413-417 St. Paul street has been purchased by Dr. Fournier from Mrs. Edouard Desjardins for $52,500, while Nos. 384-386 on the same street have been transferred to the Rolland Paper Company by Lyman, Limited, for $50,000, or at the rate of $12 per square foot. The deal was made by Mr. John J Louson.

George E. Blackwell has paid W. F. Heney $29,000 for vacant lots situated at the corner of Belmont and Westmount avenues, with an area of 27,290 square feet.

For the dwellings Nos. 821 to 845 Cadieux street, Goodman Bernstein and others paid Simon Kirsch and others $42,500.

O. Lamoureux has paid $106,372 for the lot No. 4619 St. Catherine street, Westmount, the sellers being M. Carsley and others. The price paid was $3.50 a square foot. The property has changed hands in recent months at the following prices: $1.50, $2, $2.35 and $3.50 a square foot.

For the south-west corner of Mance and Bernard streets, A. H. Jackson and others paid M. Dobrofsky $76,500, or $5 a foot.

CALL TO DOUGLAS CHURCH.

At a special meeting of the Quarterly Board of Douglas Methodist Church, held last night, a unanimous call was extended to the Rev. Dr. Smith, of Centenary Church, Kingston, to become pastor next June. Dr. Smith has been pastor of some of the leading churches of the west. There are reasons for believing that Dr. Smith will accept the call.

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SYNOPSIS OF DOMINION LAND REGULATIONS.

ANY person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the District. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency, on certain conditions, by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.

Duties. — Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter section, alongside his homestead. Price, $3.00 per acre.

Duties—Must reside upon the homestead or pre-emption six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent), and cultvate fifty acres extra.

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may enter for a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price, $3.00 per acre. Duties.—Must reside x months in each of three years, cultiate fifty acres and erect a house worth 00.

W. W. CORY,

puty of the Minister of the Interior.

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Dame Margaret King, widow of the David Yuile, in his lifetime of the y of Montreal, manufacturer; Dame e Cochrane Yuile, wife separate as property of William Lawrence, of the ty of New York, in the State of New ork, one of the United States of America, manufacturer; Miss Helen Yuile, Miss Abigail Yuile, and Miss Margaret Yuile, all of the City of Montreal, and spinsters of the full age of majority, executrixes, and William Yuile, of the said City of Montreal, manufacturer, executor, to the Last Will and Testament of the late David Yuile, will apply to the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, at its present session, for an Act to validate a deed of sale from James Cochrane King to David Yuile, dated June 19th, 1907, and passed at the City of Montreal before John Fair, Notary Public, and thereby confirm and ratify the title of the said late David Yuile to the immovable property acquired in virtue of said deed.

Montreal, November 15th, 1912.

WILLIAM PATTERSON, Attorney for Applicants.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST. — $5.00 REWARD. —LOST from 306 St. Antoine street, on Saturday last, a smooth Fox Terrier Dog, black and white markings, mostly black. Answers to the name of 'Nigger.' Finder will be rewarded at above address after 6 p.m.

PUBLIC NOTICE

is hereby given that, under the Quebec Companies' Act, letters patent have been issued by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, bearing date the ninth day of December, 1912, incorporating Messrs. George H. Thibault, real estate agent, of the city of Montreal; Seraphin Gauthier, hotelkeeper; Jean Baptiste Bisonnette, livery stable proprietor; Adélard G. Giroux, blacksmith, and Ernest J. Comeau, optician, of the Town of Farnham, for the following purposes:

To deal in real estate in all its branches;

To carry on business as real estate broker in all its branches;

To acquire by purchase, lease, exchange or otherwise, and to hold, improve, divide, subdivide, build, upon, utilize, administer, lease, sell, exchange, and dispose of all kinds of moveable and immoveable property;

To lay out and dispose of any streets, lanes, squares or lands, upon such terms and conditions as the company may think fit, and to make and enter into any agreements or contracts (with any persons, municipalities, corporations or companies), for constructing, grading, paving, macadamizing and repairing streets, highways and sidewalks, or for the constructon, opening and repairing of conduits, cisterns, drains or sewers; to aid by advances of money in the construction and maintenance of roads, streets, lanes, waterworks, drains, sewers and other works calculated to give better access to the property of the company and to enhance its value;

To act as agents and brokers for the purchase, sale, exchange and leasing of immoveables and for other transactions of a like nature;

To loan money to clients, lot-owners, and others having business with the company;

To take and hold mortgages, hypothecs, liens, and charges on real property to secure any debt due to or advances made by the projected company;

To carry on loan and investment business of all kinds, except banking business;

To act as insurance agents and brokers;

To carry on any other business which may seem to the projected company capable of being conveniently carried on in connection with the above, or calculated directly or indirectly to enhance the value of or render profitable any of the company's property or rights;

To acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise, the whole or any part of the business, property and liabilities of any person or company carrying on any business which the projected company may be and is authorized to carry on, or possessed of property deemed suitable for the purposes of this projected company;

To enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, co-operation, joint adventure, reciprocal concession or otherwise, with any person or company carrying on or engaged in or about to carry on or engage in any business or transaction which this company is authorized to carry on or engaged in, or any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this company; and to lend money to, guarantee the contracts of or otherwise assist any such person or company, customers or persons having business interests or dealings with the company, and to take or otherwise acquire shares and securities of any such company, and to sell, hold, re-issue, with or without guarantee, or otherwise deal with the same;

To purchase, take or otherwise acquire and hold shares, bonds and debentures and other securities of any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this company, or carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this company, and to establish, promote or otherwise assist any such company or companies;

To enter into arrangements with any governments and authorities municipal, local, or otherwise, that may seem conducive to the company's objects, or any of them, and to obtain from any such government or authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the company may think it desirable to obtain and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such agreements, rights, privileges and concessions;

To promote any company or companies for the purposes of acquiring all or any of the property and liabilities of the company, or for any other purposes which may seem directly or indirectly calculated to benefit this company, and to underwrite and place or assist in the placing of the stock, bonds or securities of any such company or companies;

To construct, maintain and alter any buildings or works necessary or convenient for the purposes of the company, and to construct, own, and operate cars and other vehicles propelled by steam, electricity or otherwise, for the purposes of the company;

To invest and deal with the monies of the company not immediately required in such manner as may be from time to time determined;

To issue paid up shares, bonds or debentures or other securities for the payment either in whole or in part of any property, real or personal, moveable and immoveable, services, rights, lease, business, franchises, undertaking, power, privilege, license or concession, which this company may legally acquire, and in payment or part payment, of or in exchange for shares, bonds, debentures or other securities of any other company doing a business similar or incidental to the business of this projected company;

To remunerate any person or company for services rendered or to be rendered, in placing or assisting to place, or guaranteeing the placing of any shares in the company's capital, or any debentures or other securities of the company, or in or about the formation or promotion of the company or the conduct of its business;

To draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading, warrants and other negotiable or transferable instruments;

To sell or dispose of the undertaking of the company or any part thereof for such consideration as the company may think fit, and in particular for shares, debentures or securities of any other company having rights and objects altogether or in part similar to those of this company;

To do all or any of the above things as principals, agents, and either alone or in conjunction with others;

To amalgamate with other companies having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this projected company;

To distribute by dividend or otherwise the whole or part of the property of the said company in specie, or kind, among the members of the company, and particularly paid up shares, debentures or debenture stock of any other company;

Generally to purchase, take on, lease, or in exchange, hire, or otherwise acquire any real and personal property, and any rights and privileges which the company may think necessary or convenient for the purposes of its business, and to sell or otherwise dispose of the same as it may see fit;

To make, sign and assent to, execute and accept all deeds, contracts and document whatsoever which may result from the powers herein mentioned, and suitable for the purposes and objects which the projected company has in view; to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainments of the above objects, and to do all or any of the above things as principal, agents or attorneys, and exercise all the powers granted by the said Companies' Act, under the name of 'Townships Land Company, Limited,' with a capital stock of forty-nine thousand dollars ($49,000.00), divided into four hundred and ninety (490) shares of one hundred dollars ($100.00) each.

The principal place of business of the corporation, will be in the city of Montreal.

Dated from the office of th Provincial Secretary, this ninth day of December, 1912.

C. J. SIMARD, Deputy Provincial Secretary.

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is hereby given that, under the Quebec Companies' Act, letters patent have been issued by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Quebec, bearing date the seventh day of December, 1912, incorporating Messrs. Albert D. Denis, linen draper; Tancrède Denis, gentleman; L. Elzéar Beauregard, advocate; J. Ovile St.-Pierre, real estate agent, of the City of Montreal; Procul Cardinal, farmer, of the Parish of Saint-Redempteur, County of Vaudreuil, for the following purposes:

To deal in real estate in all its branches:

To carry on business as real estate broker in all its branches;

To acquire by purchase, lease, exchange or otherwise, and to hold, improve, subdivide, build upon, utilize, administer, lease, sell, exchange and dispose of all kinds of moveable and immoveable property;

To lay out and dispose of any streets, lanes, squares or lands, upon such terms and conditions as the company may think fit, and to make and enter into any agreement or contract (with any person, municipality or corporation), for constructing, grading, paving, macadamizing and repairing streets, highways and sidewalks, or for the construction, opening and repairing of conduits, cisterns, drains and sewers; to aid by advances of money in the construction and maintenance of roads, streets, lanes, waterworks, drains, sewers and other works calculated to give better access to the property of the company and to enhance its value;

To act as agents and brokers for the purchase, sale, exchange and leasing of immoveables and for other transactions of a like nature;

To loan money to clients, lot-owners, and others having business with the company;

To take and hold mortgages, hypothecs, liens and charges on real property to secure any debt due to or advances made by the company;

To carry on loan and investment business of all kinds except banking business;

To act as insurance agents and brokers;

To carry on any other business which may be conveniently carried on in connection with the above objects or necessary, directly or indirectly, to enhance the value of or render profitable the company's property or rights;

To acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise, any part of the business, property and liabilities of any person or company carrying on the business which the company is authorized to carry on or possessed of property deemed suitable for the purposes of this company;

To enter into partnership or into any arrangement for sharing profits, union of interests, co-operation, joint adventure, reciprocal concession or otherwise, with any person or company carrying on or engaged in or about to carry on or engage in any business or transaction capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this company; and to lend money to, guarantee the contracts of or otherwise assist any such person or company, or customers or persons having dealings with the company, and to take or otherwise acquire shares and securities of any such company, and to sell, hold, re-issue, with or without guarantee, or otherwise deal with the same;

To purchase, take or otherwise acquire and hold shares, bonds and debentures and other securities of any other company having objects altogether or in part similar to those of this company, or carrying on any business capable of being conducted so as directly or indirectly to benefit this company, and to establish, promote or otherwise assist any such company or companies;

To enter into arrangement with any government and authorities municipal, local, or otherwise, that may seem conducive to the company's objects, or any of them, and to obtain from any such government or authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the company may think it desirable to obtain and to carry out, exercise and comply with any such agreements, rights, privileges and concessions;

To promote any company or companies for the purposes of acquiring all or any of the property and liabilities of the company, or for any other purposes which may seem directly or indirectly calculated to benefit this company, and to underwrite and place or assist in the placing of the stock, bonds or securities of any such company or companies;

To construct, maintain and alter any buildings or works necessary or convenient for the purposes of the company, and to construct, own, and operate cars and other vehicles propelled by steam, electricity or otherwise, for the purposes of the company;

To invest and deal with the monies of the company not immediately required in such manner as may be from time to time determined;

To issue paid up shares, bonds or debentures or other securities for the payment, either in whole or in part, of any property, real or personal, moveable or immoveable, services, rights, lease, business, franchises, undertaking, power, privilege, license or concession, which this company may legally acquire, and in payment or part payment, of, or in exchange for shares, bonds, debentures, or other securities of any other company doing a business similar or incidental to the business of this company;

To remunerate any person or company for services rendered or to be rendered, in placing or assisting to place or guaranteeing the placing of any shares in the company's capital, or any debentures or other securities of the company, or in or about the formation or promotion of the company or the conduct of its business;

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Generally to purchase, take on lease or in exchange, hire, or otherwise acquire any real and personal property, and any rights or privileges which the company may think necessary or convenient for the purposes of its business, and to sell or otherwise dispose of the same as it may see fit;

To make, sign and execute all deeds, contracts and documents whatsoever, which may result from the powers hereinmentioned and suitable for the purposes and objects which the projected company has in view; to do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainments of the above objects, and to do same, all and any (as principals, agents and attorneys, and exercise all the powers granted by the said Companies' Act, under the name of 'Mount Royal Land Company, Limited,' with a capital stock of ninety-nine thousand dollars ($99,000.00), divided into nine hundred and ninety (990) shares of one hundred dollars $100.00) each.

The principal place of business of the corporation, will be in the City of Montreal.

Dated from the office of the Provincial Secretary, this seventh day of December, 1912.

C. J. SIMARD, Deputy Provincial Secretary.

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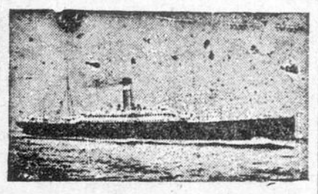
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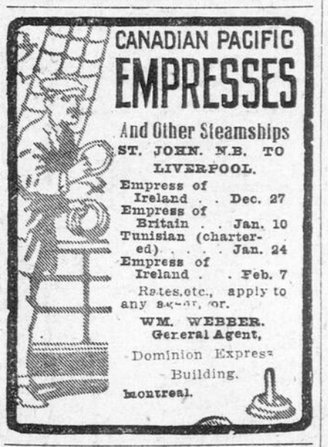
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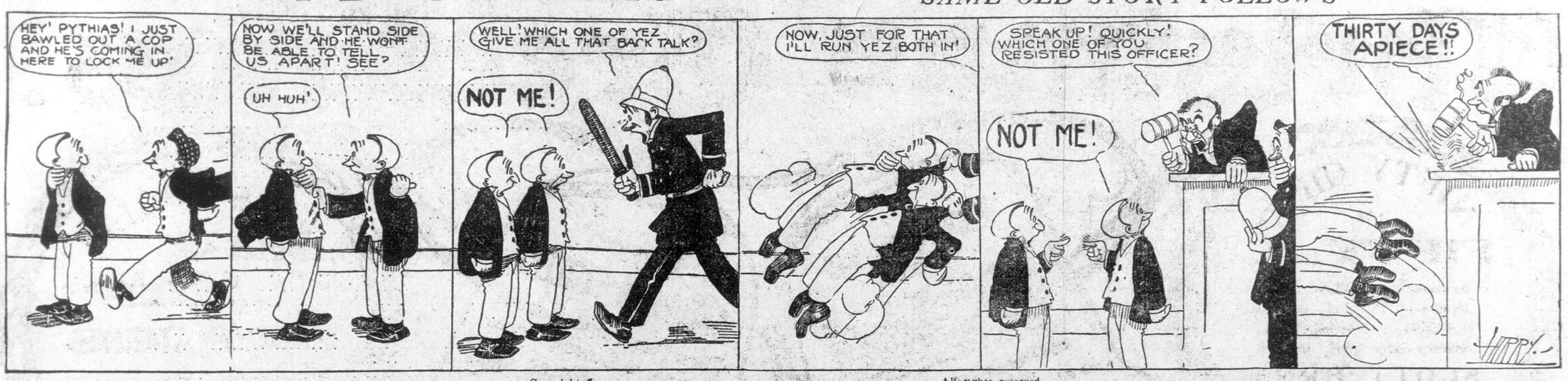
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MORE POWER GIVEN TO JUDGE

Sir Lomer Gouin Proposes Compulsory Education Act

BUT TO LIMITED DEGREE.

Aimed to Prevent Children 'Running Away' From School.

('Witness' Staff Correspondence.)

Quebec, Dec. 17.—Sir Lomer Gouin introduced in the Assembly yesterday afternoon a bill to amend the Act respecting juvenile delinquents so as to give to the presiding judge of a juvenile court authority to deal with children who refuse to go to school, refuse to come home at a proper hour at night, and otherwise disobey their parents. It is a compulsory education measure, but in a very limited degree, of course. It is calculated to compel the attendance at school only of those children who are told to go to school by their parents, but do not do so. It does not interfere with parents who, through indifference or for other reasons, neglect to send their children to school.

LICENSE LAW REVISION.

A bill introduced by the Hon. P. S. J. Mackenzie, provincial treasurer, extends the time allowed the Royal Committee on the revision of the License Law from December 1st past to September 1st next, and also removes the difficulty in regard to the situation in Quebec City following the reduction from 97 to 60 in the number of hotel and restaurant licenses by an amendment of the License Law passed at last session. On this point the Minister said:

'A doubt having arisen as to whether the amendment deprived the electors of the city of the right to oppose the confirmation of a certificate in the City of Quebec by a majority petition, the object of the present bill is to declare that these rights have not been affected.'

CONTROL OF WATER POWERS.

Another government measure introduced by the Hon. Jules Allard, Minister of Lands and Forests, enlarges the powers of the Commission for the Management of Running Waters in Quebec. It gives the commission the necessary authority to carry out their recommendations, notably that for the construction of the huge power dam on the St. Maurice River. This work will cost the province $1,250,000, but revenues will be collected from various companies, who will use the water power that is made available.

MAY REDUCE ONE TAX.

The provincial treasurer gave notice of a bill to amend the Act imposing a tax on 'commercial corporations, companies, partnerships, firm and persons.' The only indication the Minister would give of the nature of the amendments was that it would mean a reduction of the taxation and would change to some extent the right of municipalities to tax insurance companies.

The tax on corporations at present brings a yearly revenue of approximately $400,000. The rate is one-eighth of one percent on the paid-up capital of all corporations up to million dollars, and one-twentieth of one percent on all over a million dollars, with an additional tax of $50 on all offices and places of business in Montreal and Quebec, and $20 in other parts of the province.

A CHURCH INCORPORATION.

The Brethren Church will be granted incorporation after all. The bill was again discussed in committee and finally got its third reading.

The Hon. Mr. Mackenzie explained that the Brethren Church had the same form of government as the Congregational Church and the Free Methodist Church. Each congregation is absolutely independent. It is to all intents and purposes a corporation by itself. The Congregational Church, the great independent body founded by Oliver Cromwell, had retained this form of government since the year 1600.

Moreover, the minister added, this bill was copied word for word from the act passed in 1901 to incorporate the Free Methodist Church in this province. He moved that clause No. 2, which had been struck out last week, be reconsidered. This clause gave to prospective, as well as present congregations, the right to hold and administer property.

Mr. Armand Lavergne asked why the clause should be reconsidered.

Mr. Mackenzie—'Because it destroys the general economy of the bill to strike that clause out. When a new Methodist or Anglican Church is established in a town it does not need to obtain special incorporation. That's what the honorable member would have.'

Mr. Lavergne denied this.

Mr. Tellier said he was not opposed to the incorporation of this church, but it seemed to have a strange disconnection with the civil authorities.

After further discussion the bill was reported and was given its final reading.

The bill authorizing the incumbent and wardens of St. George's Church in Montreal to sell the church property was also read a third time.

The Opposition members criticised the Trust Company Bill, and forced it to a vote on third reading, but it was carried by a majority of 24 to 9 on a straight party vote.

A similar attack was made on the bill regarding the prevention of fires, which was introduced by the Hon. Mr. Taschereau. When the resolutions in connection with the bill were being moved for third reading, Mr. Gault moved that two of the resolutions be referred back to committee. This was lost on a vote of 25 to 8, Messrs. Lavergne and Campbell voting with the Government.

During the discussion on the bill itself, the Hon. Mr. Taschereau amended it by providing that municipalities should be allowed six months' notice to secure adequate fire-fighting apparatus before any action could be taken against them.

As already explained, the Government is voting $10,000 for this work, which will be supplemented by another $10,000 secured by a tax of one-fourth of one percent on all premiums collected by fire insurance companies in the province. A fire commissioner, with a number of assistants, will be appointed, and they will instruct village municipalities in the use of fire-fighting apparatus towards the securing of which the Government will also make a small grant.

A SHORTER SEASON.

A deputation representing fishing and hunting clubs in different parts of the province waited on the Hon. C. R. Devlin, Minister of Colonization, Mines and Fisheries, yesterday to ask him not to shorten the hunting seasons for moose, deer and caribou, and also for partridge.

There was a general discussion on the subject, but the minister stated that the bill shortening the season had already received its third reading in the Assembly and could hardly be changed now.

DYNAMITE TRIAL NEARS THE END

Longer Court Hours to Facilitate the Hearing

Indianapolis, Dec. 17.— The trial of the 41 men accused of complicity in the McNamara dynamite plots, which has been in session for almost three months, and in preparation by the Government for more than a year, is said by both sides to-day to be nearing an end.

Thirty-one of the defendants had testified in their own behalf, denying the charges of illegal transportation of explosives, at the close of yesterday's session. Some of the remaining ten defendants are not to take the stand.

Those who so far have not testified are John T. Butler, Buffalo, vice-president of the Iron Workers' Union; Herbert S. Hockin, Indianapolis; Philip A. Cooley, New Orleans; J. E. Munsey, Salt Lake City; Eugene A. Clancy and Olaf A. Tveitmoe, San Francisco; Frank C. Webb, New York. William J. McCain, Kansas City, and Edward Smythe and James E. Ray, Peoria, Illinois, Counsel for Hockin and Tveitmoe said they would not testify.

When the defence's counsel stated it could not finish with a witness before the regular adjournment, Judge Albert B. Anderson said—

'Continue right on. I am going to lengthen the hours. We must finish this case.'

It was stated court would be held on Christmas Day.

About two weeks are to be devoted to argument to the jury after the defence completes its case, and after the Government devotes a brief time to testimony in rebuttal.

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Testimony that Mrs. Ortie E. McManigal, wife of the confessed dynamiter, was paid $25 a week by a local iron workers' union in Chicago, as an act of charity, after her husband had been in jail in Los Angeles, was given by Richard H. Houlihan, former financial secretary of the union. Houlihan said the money was paid for three months before the McNamaras pleaded guilty.

Fred. Shireman, twenty-eight years old, the youngest of the defendants, told of meeting Thomas Taggart two weeks before an explosion at French Lick, Indiana. Shireman said he knew nothing of the cause of the explosion, but he induced Mr. Taggart to have the job unionized, negotiations for which were in progress when the explosion occurred.

Clarence E. Dowd, Rochester, N.Y., formerly an organizer for the Machinists' Union in Detroit, denied conspiring with other union officials to blow up non-union jobs in Detroit.

COURT OF REVIEW.

Judgments in the following twelve cases have been rendered by division No. 2 of the Court of Review. The appeals were heard by Chief Justice Davidson, with Justices Archibald, St. Pierre, Greenshields and Mercier. In nine cases the judgment of the Superior Court was confirmed and reversed in three.

Bates vs. Kane, confirmed; Zimmerman vs. C. P. R., reversed; Edmunds vs. M. S. R., reversed; Morris vs. Painchaud, confirmed; Latour vs. Schwartz, confirmed; Hall vs. Lockwell, confirmed; Breton vs. Baillargeon, confirmed; Baillargeon vs. Breton, confirmed; Pion vs. Marien, confirmed; Hoseason vs. Lennon, confirmed; Clairoux vs. Blouin, confirmed; Brousseau vs. Benard, reversed.

THAT RAILWAY TRAFFIC AGREEMENT

New York, Dec. 16. — Mr. Benjamin Campbell, president of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, was called before the federal grand jury to-day at the resumption of the investigation into the alleged monopoly agreement between that road and the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada. It is expected that several New York bankers will testify this week.

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San Francisco, Dec. 17.—Frederick J. Horswill, a wealthy mining engineer of Oakland, was killed early to-day near San Miguel, San Luis, Obispo County, when his automobile skidded and plunged down a precipice 125 feet. His three-year-old daughter, whom he held in his arms, received only a few scratches.

ST. LAWRENCE CURLING CLUB.

Mr. Geo. W. Dow has been appointed publicity agent of the St. Lawrence Curling Club. The following are the names of the members of the house and entertainment committee: Chairman, W. G. Kent W. H. Griffin, W. W. Williamson, R. J. Griffin, Geo. W. Dow, Joseph W. Richards, W. G. Laing and E. B. Atkinson.

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CHURCH UNION RESOLUTION

Presbyterian General Assembly's Committee Favors it by Large Majority

The 'Witness' has been asked to publish again the result of the record of recent meetings of the Presbyterian Geenral Assembly's Committee on Church Union.

After three days' deliberation the Presbyterian Union Committee which met to discuss the basis of union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches, passed the following resolution, which was moved by the Rev. Dr. W. T. Herridge, of Ottawa, and seconded by Principal John MacKay, of Vancouver.

'That in view of the large majority i nour own church voting in favor of organic union and the practically unanimous favorable vote in the other negotiating churches, and in view of the intense desire of all sections of our church that the spirit of Christian unity which obtains between the churches may be continued and deepened, this committee feels that negotiations should be continued; and in view of the strength of the minority in our own church which has not approved of organic union as the best method of expressing the unity of spirit which is rapidly growing throughout the Church of Christ, and in view of the desirability of the utmost unanimity of action within our own church, this committee proceeds to consider the suggestions and alternatives remitted to it, and recommends the General Assembly as follows:

'That the Assembly assure the other negotiating churches that the Presbyterian Church fully realizes its share of responsibility in the present movement, and earnestly desires that the spirit of Christian unity which has given rise to it may be conserved and deepened, and ask the other churches to continue the negotiations because it feels the desirability of the practically unanimous action of all its own members in order that the result of any union entered into may be most happy and far-reaching.

'That the Union Committee be continued, and that for the fullest and fairest consideration of every aspect of the question further amendments to the present basis of union and alternative proposals be invited from Presbyteries, and from sessions, congregations and individuals through Presbyteries, and referred to this committee in order that it may after considering them again enter into conference with the committees of the other negotiating churches with the view of setting before our people a final presentation of the question for their judgment.

'That in order to secure the judgment of the church the finding of the joint committee of the negotiating churches on all such proposals be sent down to Presbyteries, sessions and congregations, with the details of the vote already taken and all other relevant information.'

When the vote was taken there were forty-four members present, six of whom expressed their intention of presenting a minority report, which was published in full in yesterday's 'Witness.'

It was signed by the Rev. Thomas Sedgewick, the Rev. R. G. McBeth, the Rev. W. G. Brown, the Rev. A. T. Love, D.D., the Rev. Ephraim Scott, D.D., and Mr. Walter Paul.

The minority stated that they were highly gratified with the kindness and courtesy shown them.

The result of the whole proceedings is that the Presbyterian Church is pledged to continuation of negotiations with regard to union.

The meetings were presided over by Dr. Clark, of Westmount, and the secretary was Dr. Ratcliffe, of St. Catharines.

ACCEPT CONDITIONS BEFORE TENDER

Marconi Co. Beat Out Government on Percentage.

New York, Dec. 17.—A London cable says: At the session of the Marconi inquiry committee yesterday, Mr. A. W. Farnall, assistant secretary-general for the Postoffice, said that the Marconi tender had been prepared at the postoffice, but the conditions had been settled previously by Mr. Godfrey Isaacs and himself. At the suggestion of the Postmaster-General, he endeavored to induce Mr. Isaacs to accept lower terms. The Government offered three percent. The Marconi Company demanded ten percent, and won. Witness declared that he did not deem it wise to give the contract to the Poulsen Company.

Following the friendly lead of Mr. William Redmond, Mr. Farnall insisted that in the interests of the public, an imperial wireless chain should be established as soon as possible.

The committee adjourned till to-day, when Sir Henry Norman is expected to offer some interesting evidence.

TRAGEDY MAY NOT BE DOUBLE

Girl-Wife May Recover From Husband's Gun-Shot.

Belleville, Dec. 17.—Physicians attending Mrs. E. D. Wellman, who was shot by her husband on Saturday afternoon—the man later committing suicide—hold out some hopes of her ultimate recovery, provided nothing unforeseen sets in. However, injuries to her head were such as to disfigure her for life.

AUSTRALIA NOT ALWAYS AN ISLAND?

Hobart, Tasmania, Dec. 17.—'Captain Davis, of the Dr. Mawson Antarctic ship 'Aurora,' reports the discovery of a rocky ridge in mid ocean, two hundred miles south of Hobart. Ten soundings varied from 543 to 915 fathoms. The main direction of the most shallow water was north-west and south-east.

Fifty-six sea soundings and also deep sea dredgings were accomplished by the 'Aurora.' The results strongly tend to confirm that Australia formerly was connected with the Antarctic continent by means of a ridge of land, now submerged.

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WAR CONTINUES AGAINST TRUSTS

Lumber Men Charged With Restraining Trade.

New York, Dec. 17.—Another government anti-trust suit took its place on the boards of the Federal District Court here to-day, four judges being assigned to hear arguments in an action for the dissolution of the eastern States Retail Lumber Dealers' Association, which, with certain individual defendants, is charged with having formed a combination to restrain trade in violation of the Sherman law.

This suit was filed by District-Attorney Wise, on May 19, 1911, and since then testimony has been taken before a special master in a number of places. The government is asking for an injunction to prevent the defendants from further combining and conspiring to restrain trade.

TEN STEAMERS ARE OVERDUE

Feared That Some Have Been Wrecked in Storms.

New York, Dec. 17.—There is grave uneasiness for the safety of ten large freight steamers now overdue in Atlantic passages. In each case very high rates are being asked for reinsurance. The list of overdue ships is the longest posted since 1899.

All ten of the missing vessels left port toward the end of last month, and are known to have encountered violent weather. Each carries a crew of from thirty to forty men, and the value of ships and cargoes totals nearly $3,500,000.

Among the overdue ships are the 'Whitinham,' 3,750 tons, which left Baltimore for Rotterdam, on Nov. 20; the 'Birchtor,' 3,700 tons, which passed Newport News on Nov. 25, from Galveston for Dunkirk; the 'Snowden Range,' 3,000 tons which left Philadelphia on Nov. 23 for Leith; and the 'Brabara,' 3,700 tons, which left New port News on Nov. 22 for Naples.

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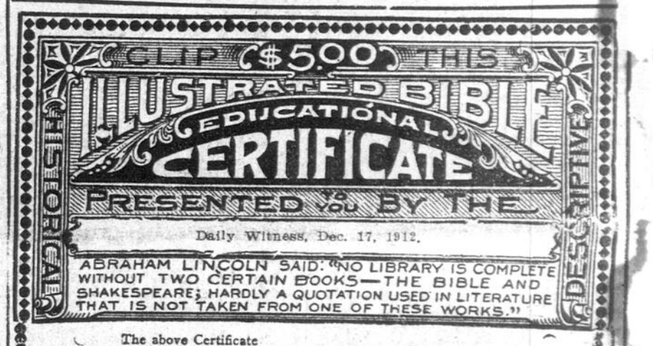
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