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GOVERNMENT COALITION NOW HAS MAJORITY OF THIRTY-SEVEN OVER UNIONISTS

Opposition Continues to Gain Slowly and Has Won Twenty-One Seats Against Fourteen by Liberals.

TIM HEALY DEFEATED BY NATIONALIST IN COUNTY LOUGH.

Sir Edward Grey Returned for Berwick-on-Trent — Small Suffragette Vote—Lloyd George Continues the Criticism of Tariff Reform.

GOVERNMENT COALITION.	
Liberals	156
Laborites	29
Irish Nationalists	53
Ind. Nationalists	6
Total	244
OPPOSITION.	
Unionists	207

SPECIAL CABLE.

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London, Dec. 9.—Nothing but a cataclysm can now prevent the Government from being returned by a majority of perhaps less and perhaps more than before dissolution, and the natural question is, 'What will happen?'

The Unionist papers from the 'Times' down are busy promulgating the argument that unless the majority is increased the Government cannot proceed with its programme—an argument described by the 'Chronicle' to-day as 'impudent bunkum.'

Singularly barren of definite announcements have been the speeches of the Prime Minister, whose aggressiveness seems to lie elsewhere.

Thanking his constituents in 'Bonnie' Dundee last night, Mr. Winston Churchill, borrowing a phrase from an American classic, said: 'The Tory party is beaten to a frazzle. They have tried conclusions with us once too often, and this time they have been knocked clean out of the ring. They must make up their minds to the Liberal solution of great problems—the abolition of the veto of the Lords, the disestablishment of the Welsh Church, the maintenance of free trade, self-government for Ireland, and the abolition of plural voting.'

This is an ambitious programme, but one finds doubting Thomases and pessimistic Radicals who say that English politics in the hands of wobbly leaders have fallen on fallow places.

The Tory party is but a wreck since the vacillating Balfour has permitted the protectionist wing to hold it in check.

But that is not the worst. These Radicals tell you that Mr. Asquith is a man of straw, in actual collusion with Balfour, and continually hedging. Otherwise he would have smashed right through with his programme without the present appeal to the country. The people are voting Liberal this time not because of the cabinet's strength, but because of its weakness.

The critics except from almost immediate oblivion only two of the present cabinet, Sir Edward Grey, because of his fairness, and Mr. Winston Churchill because of his youth.

Mr. Lloyd George is a light weight, they say, with a fictitious place in public life, and with a reputation like others—made by the newspapers.

It is a new England we have to-day. Education by the growth of newspapers and the passing away of the power of the clergy with their 'Bless you, my children, and be content with your lot,' is producing a new generation which is determined now to secure for the first time real representative government. Politicians do not realize it yet, but the iron has entered into the nation's soul.

The foregoing views have been encountered infrequently.

As opposed to them, however, the 'Chronicle' to-day says England is peer ridden, a nation of sycophants, flunkeys and factotums, as much afraid of the squire and parson as three hundred years ago, and to be rescued only by Scotland and Wales.

John Redmond, last night, expressed confidence that the Veto Bill would be immediately passed, and Ireland would have Home Rule before 'we know where we are.' The Lords might be recalcitrant, he said, and delay the Home Rule measure for two or three years, but his prediction was that they would immediately come to terms.

It is a tremendous feat, say the Liberal papers, for any party to win an election three times running.

The 'Westminster Gazette' compares the methods of the Lords and Tories to the famous shock tactics which Bismarck counted on in wearying German democracy.

The woman suffrage movement is tremendously exaggerated by cable agencies. It has proved a fiasco as a voting proposition. Fifty-seven ballots so far is the total cast for suffrage candidates.

On good authority, it is said, the Unionists do not anticipate further important gains or losses, and any changes will be accidental and in the nature of surprises.

JOHN R. BONE.

London, Dec. 9. — To-day's total shows that the coalition parties have thus far secured 244 seats in the new Parliament and the Unionists 207 seats. The Unionists have gained 21 constituencies, the Liberals 14, and the Laborites four.

The coalition aggregation is divided as follows: Liberals, 156; Irish Nationalists, 53; Independent Nationalists, 6; Laborites, 29.

The elections continue their humdrum course, the chief feature, perhaps, being the striking similarity to the returns of January last. Hardly is a seat noted on one side before it is equalized on the other.

To-day's news of special interest was the defeat of Timothy Healy at North, which constituency he has represented in the House of Commons for eighteen years. The Redmondites brought all their forces to bear in turning out the man who may be said to be a more bitter opponent of the Irish leader than O'Brien himself. Healy is known as the Ishmael of Nationalist politics, and has followed an independent course since the downfall of Parnell, to which he largely contributed.

The successful candidate, Richard Hazleton, who yesterday was returned unopposed for the north division of Galway, tried to send Healy into retirement in January, but failed by 99 votes. The rejoicings in the Redmond camp over the defeat of O'Brien's chief lieutenant, quite overshadowed the chagrin at William Redmond's failure to oust O'Brien in Cork City.

The state of the parties this afternoon was as follows: Coalition:

Liberals, 153.
Nationalists, 47.
Laborites, 29.
Independent Nationalists, 6.
Total, 235.
Opposition: Unionists, 206.

The Unionists won seats in Darwen division of Lancashire and Altrincham division of Cheshire, while the Liberals captured the Louth division of Lincolnshire.

Total number of members elected, 431.

Number still to be elected, 219.

TO-DAY'S UNOPPOSED.

London, Dec. 9.—To-day's unopposed returns follow:—

Kilkenny North—Michael Meagher, Nationalist. Unopposed last election.

Longford South—John Phillips, Nationalist. Unopposed last election.

Carlow County—Michael Molloy, Nationalist. Unopposed last election.

Banffshire—Captain Waring, Liberal. Majority last election, 2,053.

Herefordshire North (Leominster)—Sir James Rankin, Unionist.

—Rankin, Unionist. Majority, 831.

Queen's County (Ossory)—William Delany, Nationalist. Unopposed last election.

Kildare South—Denis Kilbride, Nationalist. Unopposed last election.

Leitrim North—F. E. Meehan, Nationalist. Unopposed last election.

Galway East—John Roche, Nationalist. Unopposed last election.

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AERO WRITERS ORGANIZE.

Mr. H. A. de V. Somerville, of Montreal, Elected District Vice-president of New Union.

An aviation writers' association, one of the vice-presidents of which is a Montrealer, is the latest indication that 'flying' is taking rank with the classic sports. A New York telegram sates that the National Aviation Writers' Association has been organized there with the following officers:

President, W. H. Leonard, Los Angeles; National Vice-President, B. R. Newton, New York; District Vice-Presidents, John P. Custis, Philadelphia; E. L. Jones, New York; E. Percy Noel, St. Louis; Victor Lougheed, Chicago; H. A. de V. Somerville, Montreal; Paul Coles, Atlanta; Secretary, Arnold Kruckman, New York; Western Secretary, T. Schaffer, San Francisco; Treasurer, George B. Harrison, Los Angeles.

The headquarters of the club have been established at 250 West 54th street, New York.

SEEKS LEOPOLD'S MONEY.

Princess Louise of Belgium Enters Action for $8,000,000.

Brussels, Dec. 9. — Attorneys for Princess Louise of Belgium to-day entered formal suit for the recovery of $8,000,000 which had belonged to her father, the late King Leopold, and is now held by the Nieder Fullbach foundation. The Belgian Government also claims the money on the ground that it came from the Belgian Congo and belongs to the state.

The princess has also summoned Leopold's valet and other members of his entourage to give an accounting of the contents of three trunks which were mysteriously turned over at Laeken Palace to Baroness Vaughan, the morganatic wife of Leopold, who has since married Emanuel Durieux, a Frenchman. Princess Louis alleges that the trunks were filled with securities and other valuables.

FOUND GUILTY AGAIN.

Seller of Cocaine Convicted of Receiving Stolen Goods.

Bernard Foley, who was sentenced to 90 days' imprisonment by Mr. Recorder Dupuis last week for selling cocaine, was found guilty by Judge Choquet, in the Court of Sessions, this morning, of advancing $3 to Peter Flynn, for goods which the latter had stolen. Flynn, who is now serving his time for the robbery for which he pleaded guilty, said that he borrowed the money to buy cocaine. Foley will be sentenced next Tuesday. Emelia Decarie, alleged to be his accomplice, was acquitted of the sae charge.

NEEDS VENTILATORS,

Why Workman Was Suffocated at Lachine Waterworks.

Shortly before entering the underground compartment in the Lachine Waterwork, where the gas pipes were, Mr. Joseph Richard, who was asphyxiated there Wednesday night, told Mr. T. W. Lesage, assistant cit yengineer, that ventilators should be put in to keep the place free from gas The above deveeloped at the inquest held by Coroner McMahon at the morgue this morning. The verdict of the jury exonerated those who were in the building at the time, of all blame.

FOUR YEARS FOR THEFT.

Father and Son Sentenced by Judge Choquette.

W. Whistaff, sr., was found guilty, and sentenced to four years in jail, and W. Whistaff, jr., was sentenced to two years by Judge Choquet, this morning, in the Court of King's Bench. They were guilty of thefts on Nov. 17, 18 and 19..

TRAIN WRECKED IN DEPOT.

Several Persons Reported Killed at Batavia, Ohio.

Cincinnati, Dec. 9.—A fast passenger train on the Norfolk and Western Railway jumped the track and crashed into the depot at Batavia, Ohio, today, according to reports reaching here. Several persons are reported killed or injured.

NEW ALTITUDE RECORD.

French Airman Ascended 10,499 Feet To-day.

Pau, France, Dec. 9.—Ascending from the aviation field here to-day M. Logagneux broke the world's altitude record, rising to a height of 10,499 feet.

APPRECIATED FIREMEN.

In appreciation of the work done by the fire brigade at the fire in the Hamilton Company'c store, St. Catherine street west, in October last, the company has forwarded a cheque for a hundred dollars to the Firemen's Benefit Association.

NO FIRE THERE.

Somebody in the 'Star' newspaper building rang in a fire alarm at 11.55 this morning, but no fire was discovered when the brigade reached there.

Before Mr. Recorder Weir this morning he pleaded guilty and was fined $5 or thirty days.

MILKMEN CANNOT WASH CANS AT STATION NOW

Dr. McCarrey Asks the Public to Assist Him in Enforcing the City Health By-laws by Reporting Any Offenders They Notice.

The account in the 'Witness' yesterday of the manner in which some of the milkmen using the Grand Trunk station disregarded all the requirements of health in regard to the washing of their cans, has had an immediate effect. The railway officials have positively forbidden the washing of cans in the precincts of the station, and have stopped the supply of hot water, whilst the city health department has notified the milkmen that their cans will be examined immediately on arrival at the station without being given the opportunity of unshipping them into the cars.

A further effect has been that an enterprising shipper in the district, whose apparatus fulfils all the requirements of the health officers, has notified the milkmen using this station that he will sterilize in satisfactory manner every can they like to bring him at a cost of half a cent a can, and many of the milkmen immediately took advantage of his offer. Others preferred to go home.

It was stated by a constable yesterday that if the milkmen were forbidden to wash their cans at the station they would only go round to some back street and wash them in the road. Dr. McCarrey hopes to have the co-operation of the public in stopping this if any of them should attempt to do it. 'If anybody sees a milkman doing such a thing, or using a stable or unclean place in which to cleanse his cans,' he said, 'I hope they will notify me at once, and it will be immediately stopped.'

There were no milkcans being washed at Bonaventure station this morning.

The Grand Trunk officials do not take kindly to the suggestion that the railways should provide sheds in wish to wash the cans. 'They will be asking us to milk the cows next,' said one of them. At the same time, whilst expressing disgust that such things should be done as were described in yesterday's 'Witness,' they say it is only since the cold weather came that these actions can have commenced. Before then the cans used to be washed in the yard and the water tipped down a sink.

At the beginning of the cold weather a deputation of milkmen called on Dr McCarrey, at the City Hall and asked if they could forgo the work of washing their cans during the winter months, leaving it to the farmer to attend to. They explained that the milk froze round the cans and unless they had exceptional facilities they were in many cases unable to wash them properly. He was not able to give them the required permission.

'Most of this difficulty,' he informed the 'Witness' this morning, 'could be got over by the milkmen having three sets of cans. At present many of them only have two sets, so there is always a rush about getting them cleaned, but this so-called cleaning you described yesterday has to stop right away. It is not cleaning, merely rinsing, and the sooner the milkmen get the proper way of doing things the better for them. Let the milkmen get three sets of cans and many of their difficulties will disappear.'

Mr. Stuart, president of the Montreal Milkmen's Association, expressed himself as horrified at the conditions obtaining at Bonaventure. 'As an association,' he said, 'we do all we can to keep inside the law, and obey not only all the legal requirements, but many others, to safeguard health; and I am sure it is with unspeakable disgust that the majority of the milkmen in the city learned through the 'Witness' of the behaviour of some of their number. The 'Witness' is doing a great work, not only to the public, but to the milkmen, in bringing out such cases, and I am sure our association will be only too willing to assist you in any possible way.'

At the Windsor station, a reporter found numbers of cans being unloaded, and upon inquiry was told that some of the milkmen washed their cans on the platform, though the man giving the information did not know where they obtained their hot water. The reporter waited an hour, but did not see any washing.

At Mile End, where a large quantity of milk comes into the city, two inspectors were present examining the cans. Very quiet and discreet, they refused even to discuss the weather with the reporter, much less to state their reasons for looking into the cans. Out of two or three they emptied a little dirty water, but were evidently entirely satisfied with what they saw. From time to time at this station cans are confiscated.

NINE DAYS LEFT FOR VOTERS TO REGISTER IN.

Men Who Can Qualify for Provincial or Dominion Franchise are Invited to Apply at the 'Witness' Office.

Yesterday the 'Witness' opened a registration counter for the convenience of citizens wishing to have their names enrolled on the voters' lists for the next provincial and federal elections. It is significant that during the first half day, and without previous notification, over fifty men applied for franchise rights. Thousands of electors pass the 'Witness' corner every day. Every year hundreds register at this office, and have done so for two generations. The time left is short, as the lists must be closed on Dec. 20.

Experience shows that at every election some householders, both tenants and proprietors, who should be on the electoral roll, are in some manner left off the list. Citizens are urged to inquire at the City Hall at once and find out how they stand. This is the only way to ensure the right to vote. Young men, especially, who pay no taxes, but are earning a fair salary and are entitled to vote, are urged to join the electoral army that may be called to the polls before two years are over, or at any time in case of a by-election.

A commissioner has been appointed who is thoroughly posted on the qualifications of voters, and prepared to take the declaration necessary to qualify electors to be placed on the list.

To be entitled to vote, a man must, first of all, be a British subject, twenty-one years of age.

A man who resides outside the city limits—in Westmount, Maisonneuve, and Verdun, for example—cannot be registered on the roll for Montreal.

Unless a citizen is a real estate owner or pays water rates or business tax his name will be omitted by the revisers from the new list being transcribed from the municipal rolls. Consequently it is necessary to register at every revision to ensure that one's name appears on the lists. People residing outside the city are required to register in the municipalities in which they reside.

Partners in business, but not having an interest in the premises occupied for the purpose of such business, and so registered, must see that their names are enrolled on the new lists on personal qualifications.

Gentlemen who have retired from business and not registered on the municipal tax roll should apply for the franchise on other grounds of qualification.

Young men living with their parents and not registered on the city assessor's books as proprietors or taxpayers, should be enrolled; likewise young men boarding and earning their own living. These may qualify on a revenue of $300 salary or income from investment.

For further information, call at the 'Witness' office, corner of Craig and St. Peter streets. The office will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 pm daily

OTHER OFFICES OF REGISTRATION.

Citizens may also register at:
The City Hall, assessors' office.
Corner of St Catherine and St. Timothee streets.
Corner of Ontario and Beaudry streets.
Corner of Roy and Montana streets.
Corner of St. Catherine and City Hall avenue.
Mr. A. P. Pigeon, 105 Ontario street east.
At Nos. 114 and 405 Bleury street.
At the St. Louis Liberal Club, 132 St. Elizabeth street.
At the Reform Club, 20 University street.
Corner of St. Antoine street and Richmond square.

WANT LOTS OF WORK

Petition to Prime Minister Will Ask Immediate Construction of Gergian Bay Canal.

A petition which ultimately will be sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, asking him to commence immediately the construction of the Georgian Bay Canal, is now in circulation. The ground upon which the plea is made is that employment would thus be given to a great number of men. Already the petition has been largely signed, but some have refused to affix their names on the ground that the request is made, not so much because the work is needed, but that money may be spent.

BOY WRECKED RESTAURANT.

For being drunk and smashing the inside of a restaurant on St. Lawrence Boulevard to the extent of $40 damage, Thomas Kelvie, from Toronto, was sentenced to pay $20 recompense, or two months for wreckage of the restaurant, and a fine of $5 or one month for being drunk, by Mr. Recorder Weir, this orning.

DROVE HORSE WHEN DRUNK.

John Blackhurst, for driving his horse when drunk, was sentenced to pay a fine of five dollars by Mr. Recorder Weir this morning.

CYCLONE IN SPAIN

River Rose at Seville Flooding Valley—Several Vessels Sank.

Cerebere, France, Dec. 9.—Advices received here late to-day state that Western Spain has been swept by a cyclone that razed everything in its path. Several small vessels sank in the harbor of Corunna and a number of persons were drowned.

At Seville the river rose ten feet, flooding the valley. Several persons were killed and many wounded near Bilbao.

CONDEMNED CATTLE.

Deputation Requests Government to Pay Out of Cost.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—A deputation representing the pork packers of Canada, saw Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Hon. Mr. Fisher this morning, and asked that when cattle are condemned by a government inspector the government bear two-thirds of the cost. At present all the costs falls on the packers.

CONSUL-GENERAL DEAD.

Constantinople, Dec. 9.—Edward Henry Obmun, United States consul-general here, died to-day after a brief illness. He was born at Rochester, Minnesota, Aug. 6, 1857.

MASSACRE OF CHRISTIANS

One Hundred Killed by Bedouin Tribesmen in Syria.

KERAK GARRISON WIPED OUT.

Uprising Against Turkish Authority in Revenge for Leader's Execution.

Constantinople, Dec. 9.—A telegram from Jerusalem to-day states that the Bedouins have massacred the Turkish garrison at Kerak, a town in the Turkish vilayet of Syria and killed more than one hundred Christian inhabitants of the place, in revenge for the execution of a Bedouin chief.

The Bedouins, the despatch adds, now hold the fortress in the vicinity of which there has been desultory fighting between the tribesmen and the government troops for the past year and a half.

GIRLS' PARLORS OPENED

Point St. Charles Has First Experiment Under Old Brewery Mission

The Girls' Parlors opened at the corner of Congregation and Favard streets, Point St. Charles, a few days ago by the Old Brewery Mission were dedicated on Wednesday evening, and the first 'reception' was held last night. For several years the Old Brewery Mission authorities have recognized the need of providing boarding house or hotel accommodation for wage-earning young women in proportion to their means. Lack of funds was the only drawback that prevented the realization of the plans often discussed. Mr. Taylor, superintendent of the Old Brewery Mission, said yesterday that it was perhaps, as much lack of faith as lack of money; for the work that was laid on their hearts was urgent and now that a start, in a very humble way, has been made, sympathizers and supporters have come to the front in a most encouraging way.

Miss Young.

Miss Louise Young, one of the Old Brewery Mission deaconesses, is in charge of the new institution. At present it consists of two rooms placed at the disposal of young working women, who have no relatives in the city, and no place to go to spend the long winter evenings, except a room alone, or with a companion in a boarding house. Here there is a sitting room and a sewing room. A friend has furnished a piano for the use of the guests and the nucleus of a library has been contributed. Curtains and rugs and pictures give the rooms a cosy and attractive appearance and sociability, it is expected, will do the rest. Of course, in the sewing room needlework and fancywork will be taught and all girls will be welcome so long as there is room for them—then larger premises, perhaps with sleeping accommodation, will be found. The situatioon of the parlors is right in the heart of the residential quarter of Point St. Charles, and it is expected will fill a long felt want in proportion as its objects and powers to entertain and benefit become known. The news is spreading by 'wireless.' As soon as its usefulness has been proved and its success assured others will be opened in other parts of the city. Last night a dozen girls met and spent a couple of hours very pleasantly with music, games, social chat and refreshments. The parlors will be open only on Wednesday and Friday evenings before Christmas from 8 to 9.30 o'clock. The girls will be encouraged and assisted in making up presents for their friends.

BRITISH MAILS TO-NIGHT

I.C.R. Special Bring Record Consignment From Halifax.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 9.—Mails from SS. 'Empress of Britain,' which docked here at six o'clock last evening, should reach Montreal early this evening if the run of the I. C. R. special continues as good as reported up to noon. The 'Empress' had a very large passenger list and a record consignment of mail matter, viz., 2,211 bags and 1,250 packages.

The special, which consisted of thirteen cars, left here at 9.30 p.m., and should get to Montreal by six o'clock this evening. The 'Empress' left during the night for St. John, and is expected at that port this evening. Several of the first cabin passengers disembarked here, and journeyed westward by the special.

PASTOR AND GAMBLERS.

Next Sunday evening at Zion Congregational Church, the pastor, the Rev. Frank J. Day, will discuss the subject—'In the clutch of Montreal gamblers.' This will deal with one of the practical problems of moral reform, and part of the sermon will be based on information supplied by investigations conducted by the Zion Church Brotherhood. This sermon is supplemental to the series preached some weeks ago on—'Cleaning up Montreal.'

NEW YORK FIRE.

New York, Dec. 9.—Six firemen were overcome in an explosion of gas during a fire which broke out to-day in a five-story building on West Twenty-third street, occupied by Dempsey & Carroll, stationers, and other firms. The fire did $100,000 damage.

Fire destroyed the greater part of the big plant of the Edison Electric Company, on Rockwell Place, Brooklyn, to-day, and the lower section of Brooklyn was without light or power.

IS SIAM MINISTER.

Washington, Dec. 9—Phya Maha Nuhab has been appointed minister of Siam to Washington in place of P. H. Yaakharaaja-Varadhara, the present minister, who has been transferred to London.

MONTREAL AND THE 'WITNESS.'

The 'Daily Witness' of to-morrow will graphically show the enormous development of the city during the past few years. The issue celebrates the double fact that Montreal has passed the half-million mark and that the 'Daily Witness' has passed the half-century mark. The standing of Montreal as the gateway of Canada, and as its leading city in finance, commerce and education will be demonstrated with pen, pencil and camera. Order extra copies from your newsdealers to-day. Only one cent.

PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

Provinces all Represented a Session to Discuss Representation.

EAST SEEKS ARRANGEMENT

Which Will Ensure Present Representation For Maritime Provinces.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—The conference of provincial Premiers, or their representatives, to consider primarily the question of representation in the Federal House, met this morning in a room of the Senate. They hope to conclude their conference to-day, and to make a statement as to results.

Sir James Whitney was elected chairman of the conference when its members convened this morning.

Others present were: Sir Lomer Gouin, and the Hon. Messrs. Taschereau and Mackenzie, representing Quebec; the Hon. J. J. Foy, Attorney-General, Ontario; Premier Hazen and the Hon. Mr. Fleming, representing New Brunswick; the Hon. A. K. McLean, Attorney-General and Acting Premier of Nova Scotia; Premier Haszard and the Hon. H. F. Palmer, representing Prince Edward Island; the Hon. Robt. Rogers, representing Manitoba; and the Hon. Walter Scott, representing Saskatchewan and Alberta.

The reason for the meeting is the desire of the Maritime Provinces to protect themselves in the matter of Federal representation, and if this is to be done action must be taken before the next census is taken, and the re-distribution based thereon adopted by Parliament. At the time of Confederation on the basis of sixty-five seats for Quebec, Nova Scotia was assigned nineteen and New Brunswick fifteen seats. Prince Edward Island came into Confederation in 1872, and as that time was entitled to six seats. Owing to the steady growth in population of the other provinces, the Maritime Provinces representation has decreased, until New Brunswick now has thirteen, Nova Scotia eighteen, and Prince Edward Island four members. These numbers are likely to be further decreased after the next census unless it can be agreed to fix a minimum representation for the provinces by the sea.

MAY AMEND B.N.A. ACT.

The representatives of these provinces would be pleased with an arrangement which would restore to them the number of members they had at Confederation; but, failing that, would be content if it was agreed that there shall be no reduction in the present representation. Sir James Whitney and Sir Lomer Gouin have both expressed themselves in favor of action being taken to meet the demands of the Maritime Provinces, while Mr. Fielding, on behalf of the Federal Government has said that the Government would be willing to agree to ask for the amendment of the B.N.A. Act along any reasonable line of agreement reached by the provinces. Objections to the proposal are likely to come from the Western provinces, the representatives of which are anxious to see their influence grow at Ottawa as rapidly as possible, as they are greatly outnumbered by the members elected east of the great lakes.

Some consideration may be given to other questions, including the matter of the incorporation of companies, now before the courts.

THAWED TOO MUCH.

Fire to Melt Ice in Pipes Set Building Ablaze.

The interior of the shoe shop of H. Belec, at 753 Marie Anne street east, was wrecked by fire this morning. The water supply was so poor that efforts were made to thaw out the pipes. The fire used for that purpose set the building on fire at 7.45 a.m., doing $200 damage to the contents and $250 to the structure.

Sparks from a defective chimney got into a portmanteau in the residence of Mr. H. Trudel, 122 Beaudoin street, this morning, starting a fire, which did some damage to the contents of the trunk.

FIRE DAMAGE TOTALS $80,000.

Sherry Building at Lynn, Mass., Destroyed.

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 9.—The Sherry building, a six-story brick structure, occupied by several manufacturing firms, was destroyed by fire to-day, causing a loss of $80,000. The flames for a time threatened to sweep Monroe street of all its buildings, and the fire was one of the most spectacular seen in this city in a long time.

SHIP ABANDONED.

Fayal, Azores, Dec 9.—The Italian steamer 'Lazio,' due at St. Michael's to-morrow from New York and Boston, has on board the crew of the British freight steamer 'St. Leonard's,' which was abandoned at sea. The 'St. Leonard's' sailed from Shields for Galveston.

MARKET WAITING FOR A CHANCE TO ADVANCE

Good Trading and Prices for Leaders Firmer—No Room for the Pessimisl.

The atmosphere seems to be charged with a pessimism which is being felt by everybody, especially those who walk along St. Francois-Xavier street, and which is a factor influencing sentiment in stock market.

What will change this sentiment is not quite clear, but we have always survived like conditions before. In the meantime, the slowing-down process, the rest, the liquidation, will make for an accumulation of money a safer price level, a reduction of liabilities, an improved position of trade, creating a merchandise demand.

The absence of public buying has enabled large speculative interests to force liquidation. It does not apparently occur to the average mind that the decline thus far is a matter of prices rather than of values.

The market is discounting pretty rapidly the most unfavorable possibilities, and if these should not materialize, there might be some disappointing moments for those who are bears on the market.

While we have many who feel 'chilly' these days,—and remember the weather,—as to the market outlook, we fail to see any reason for anxiety. All that is necessary is a little more cheerfulness and patience. Let us look happy and not despondent, for if we lose to-day, we may win to-mrorow.

Look at the list, and see if you cannot find some consolation. The general trend of the market, this morning, was towards higher prices, and trading was active in comparison with previous sessions.

Practically, all the big leaders made advances. Lake of the Woods was the most prominent, going to 133. Power was steady at 135½, and Shawinigan at 107.

Tractions look better, while Dominion steel was steady. Cement issues continue to find favor, while bank securities are in fair demand.

New York, Dec. 9.— The decision of the United States Circuit Court is the principal factor in to-day's market.

There was a sharp advance at the opening; prices have held well, and are now advancing again. For the first time in some days, the sub-treasury was indebted to the clearing house, and to the extent of $1,500,000.

Consols Again Down General Market Heavy

London, Dec. 9.—Consols for money were off 3-16 at 78¾ to-day, while for account they were ¼ lower at 78 15-16.

Americans were quiet, but above parity, while the general market was heavy, with firmness in coppers.

Stocks Active and Firm —Lake of Woods Up

There was a fair amount of trading on the local stock market this afternoon, with prices quite firm. Lake of the Woods was strong, 133 7-8 being bid at the close.

Wall St. Closed Higher

Some little strength developed in Wall Street towards the close of this afternoon's session. C. P. R., 192 1-2; Soo, 128 5-8; Read, 147 1-8; S. P., 113 7-8; U. P., 168 1-4; Steel, 72 7-8.

Unlisted Securities

Following are this morning's sales and quotations of unlisted securities furnished the 'Witness' by Mr. W. P. O'Brien:—

	Bid.	Asked.
Lachine 5s	101	103
Price Bonds	86¼	87
Asbestos Bonds	—	89
Brewery pref	92	95
Bonds	—	103
Canadian Power	52½	55
Bonds	79	81
Cereal com.	19	21
Pref	79	80
Hillcrest com.	29	30
Pref	79	85
West. Can. Power	40	42¼
Bonds	—	83

Boston, Dec. 9.—The Hedley Gold Mining Company has declared a quarterly dividend of three percent and two percent extra. The dividend three months ago was three percent.

Compilation of the returns of Canadian trade for the first six months of the current fiscal year, proves that the expectations of a record-breaking commerce were well-founded. Indeed, in some particulars, the event has exceeded the most sanguine expectation. Imports, exports and total trade all show large increases over the corresponding period of 1909, while in comparison with the same period of 1907, which heretofore held all trade records, imports show an increase of nearly 15 percent and total trade an increase of over 8 percent. Exports are still slightly less than for the first six months of 1907.

Comparing the latest twelve months' period with the corresponding period of 1907, imports show an increase of 14 percent, exports an increase of 12 percent, and total trade an increase of 13 percent. In all respects the twelve months ended September, 1910, was the greatest twelve months' period in the history of Canadian trade.

A most satisfactory feature of the export trade is that the class of manufactured goods shows the largest and most continuous increase during any of the periods compared. Customs collections show an increase in proportion to the great increase of imports. Canada is growing.

RIO DIVIDEND INCREASE DUE IN FEBRUARY

The 'Witness' correspondent, in a wire from Winnipeg, to-day, makes the statement that private information received in that city by Rio shareholders, is to the effect that an eight-percent dividend may be expected early in February.

Holders of Rio say the same despatch confidently expect the price to go to 125, as they consider this stock a pretty good investment.

Big Decrease in Soo Earnings for October

The rather sudden decline in the price of 'Soo' stock yesterday and to-day finds an explanation in the statement of earnings for October, issued to-day.

This shows a gross decrease for October of $646,914, and a net decrease of $591,726. For the first four months, ended Oct. 31, there is a net decrease of $982,174.

Stocks in London

London, Dec. 9.—American stocks in London were mostly above party in the afternoon, although with the exception of strength in Union Pacific and some small improvement in Reading, there was very little feature. Consols continued to lose ground, and the general market was heavy. There was no real disposition to trade on the anthracite decision, although probably a few shorts in Reading covered.

Money was easy, but the general market influence is still the election, and no very cheerful view is taken of the result so far. Foreign houses expected to buy stocks moderately on balance.n

Mayor Geary Before Crowd Accepts Opportunity to Hit Toronto Street

This is Mayor Geary, of Toronto. It is said by his friends in the Queen City that if this gentleman, as a result of his popularity with the masses, is compelled to accept another term of office, he will take on the arduous duties for another term without murmur or resistance.

Mayor Geary.

His Worship, at the present moment, is leading a campaign against certain innovations on the part of the Toronto Street Railway, especially the pay as you enter car, under existing circumstances, and in a speech delivered in Massey Hall on Wednesday night, Mayor Geary had many uncomplimentary things to say about Toronto Street.

Of course, election time in the Queen City is about due. Geary has seized the opportunity.

Mr. James J. Hill is in St. Paul.

Mr. D. Lorne McGibbon is in New York to-day.

Mr. C. S. Cameron, of Dominion Steel Company, is in this city.

Pardon papers for John R. Walsh, the Chicago banker, have been completed.

E. V. W. Rossiter, vice-president of the New York Central, is critically ill.

Charles A. Ruggles, manager of the Boston clearing house, has been presented with a beautiful silver loving cup.

CALL MONEY STEADY.

New York, Dec. 9.—Noon—Money on call steady at 3 3-8 percent. Prime mercantile paper 5 to 5½ percent. Exchanger $818,485,275, balances $13,019,022.

Great Britain Looks to Australia for Honey

It will interest Canadian exporters of honey to learn that a new trade in this article of food is now being developed between South Australia and Great Britain, according to a letter from the trade commissioner at Bristol, a shipment of 39 cases, containing between two and three tons, having just been received at Avonmouth from Adelaide.

Strict precautions are taken by the South Australian Government to ensure the purity of the honey. Before it is allowed to be exported an analysis is made by special officials. The quality is to be guaranteed when offered for sale here. The honey is brought over in 60 pound tins, and is then in a solid state. After being subjected for four or five hours to a steam heat of 120 degrees, it is placed, while in a liquid state, in screw top jars ready for the retailer.

UNFILLED TONNAGE.

Statement of United States steel's unfilled tonnage for November, to be made public to-morrow, will show smallest shrinkage reported in months, some estimates placing it below 100,000 tons, comparing with 277,000 in October.

TWIN CITY EARNINGS.

Twin City earnings for the fourth week in November shows an increase of $9,903, monthly increase of $40,161. From January 1, shows an increase of $524,603.

C. P. R. IN LONDON.

Canadian Pacific stocks were quoted in London this morning at 198.

LONDON MONEY RATES.

London, Dec. 9.—Money on call, 2 1-2 percent. Discounts: Short bills, 3 5-8 percent; three months, 3 1-2 percent.

DETROIT UNITED RAILWAY.

Earnings for the Detroit United for the fourth week in November shows an increase of $8,473, and a monthly increase of $58,663. From January 1 an increase of $1,221,189 is shown.

Dominion Canners, Limited

6% BONDS

Authorized, $2,500,000. Issued, $1,500,000.

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PORCUPINE GOLD CLAIMS FOR THE CROWN RESERVE

Colonel Carson Says that Dea is on---Big Cash Surplus of $650,000

During the past three years the Crown Reserve Mining Company has been piling up a splendid reserve fund. The policy of the management has caused some comment from certain quarters, but the more conservative element of the Crown Reserve interests strongly supported Colonel Carson in this matter, realizing that in building up substantial reserve fund, the company was making secure a financial future.

Col. Carson.

The secret is out. Col. Carson returned this morning from a visit of inspection to the Porcupine gold fields, and it is stated that the Crown Reserve Company will shortly become interested in valuable gold areas in the new camp.

When interviewed by the 'Witness,' the Colonel admitted that there was a possibility of some important announcement shortly regarding the purchase by Crown Reserve of Porcupine claims.

'I spent several days in the gold district, said the president of Crown Reserve, and I was greatly pleased with the showings of the camp.

'I inspected several valuable properties with a view of control by Crown Reserve interests, and I must say that the showings are very valuable. I am impressed with the district, and believe it has a great future.

It is understood that the properties which Crown Reserve are likely to acquire are well situated, and among the most valuable in the district. Assays made show traces up $50 a ton, and in many cases much more.

The interesting statement is made that after providing for all depreciation of the plant, and meeting all dividend disbursements, working of the property and royalties, the Crown Reserve Company will on January 1 next show the splendid cash surplus of $650,000.

The possibility of Crown Reserve acquiring gold areas is a matter of importance, and indications point to some pleasing reports for Crown Reserve shareholders in the future.

Decision in Coal Case Pleased Wall St

New York, Dec. 9.—The decision of the United States Circuit Court in Pennsylvania, in the case of the Temple Iron Company, declaring the corporation illegal, but otherwise sustaining the rights of the Coal companies which control it, was favorably construed in Wall Street to-day.

Business Moving Well

London reports say general business is moving well. Both wholesalers and retailers seem pleased with the extent of trade. The holiday business is opening out nicely.

Business in the surrounding district is fairly good, and further improvement is looked for. Collections, says Bradstreets, are satisfactory.

All Lines Brisk

In Hamilton business is brisk in all lines of trade there. Retail lines are moving well, and for holiday goods trade is now commencing to be brisk. Wholesalers are also busy sending out shipments. Labor is well employed. Collections are generally fair to good.

Montreal Mining Market

Following are this morning's recorded sales of Cobalts:—

British-American, 9000 at 2¾.
Little Nip, 500 at 18, 1000 at 17½.
La Rose, 100 at 4.55.
Black, 1000 at 3¼.
Leaf, 5000 at 5½.
Temiskaming, 2500 at 92.
Porcupine Syndicate, 60 at $10.00.
Gifford, 500 at 2¾.

PULP AND PAPER PURCHASE.

Sherbrooke, Dec. 9.—The Brampton Pulp and Paper Company have purchased the timber limits of T. M. Craig, in Compton County, about five thousand acres, with heavy timber. The same company has also bought out Emberton Lumber Company's limits, about 3,000 acres.

BREAK IN FLAX MARKET.

Duluth, Dec. 9.—A sudden flood of selling orders broke the flax market yesterday, December flax going down 7 points to $2.57, and the May option going down 6½ points to $2.57.

There was no apparent cause for the break except an unusual amount of offerings.

CEREAL DIVIDEND.

Dividend cheques for the first quarterly disbursement on the preferred stock of the Canadian Cereal and Milling Company are being mailed to shareholders to-day.

COPPER EXPORTS.

New York, Dec. 9.—Copper exports for week ending December 8 were 5,541 tons. Since December 1 6,406 tons. Last year 9,186 tons.

SUB-TREASURY GAINS.

Sub-treasury gained $1,404,000 from banks on Thursday, making cash net gain since Friday $6,904,00.

INCREASES DIVIDEND.

Boston, Dec. 9.—Dorchester Trust Company has declared a semi-annual dividend of 3 percent payable on December 15 to stock of record on December 1. Last disbursement was 2½ percent.

RAIL ORDERS.

New York, Dec. 9.—Carnegie Steel Company reports a rail order for 500 tons, making aggregate tonnage of 24,500 tons reported in the last two days.

RAY CENTRAL.

New York, Dec. 9.—Weed & Probert have been retained to examine the Ray Central copper property, and their report will be submitted at the annual meeting in January.

PHELPS, DODGE & CO.

New York, Dec. 9.—Phelps, Dodge and Company declared regular quarterly dividend of $2.50, and an extra dividend of $2, payable on December 30, to stock of record on December 20.

AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL.

New York, Dec. 9.—At a meeting of the directors of the American Agricultural Chemical Company, Robert S. Bradley and James F. Gifford, whose places on the board had been temporarily filled by C. B. Hobbs and J. A. Starret, while the former were in Europe, looking after the company's interests in connection with the German potash syndicate negotiations, were reinstated on the board.

Capital Now $500,000,000

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS BANK.

Will be no Open Market in the Sheet Steel Trade is General Conclusion

Pittsburg, Dec. 9.—According to the best opinion in Pittsburg to-day there will be no open market in the sheet steel trade. This conclusion was reached at yesterday's meeting of important manufacturing interests.

It was explained that some cutting has been in progress, and more was to be expected, but when the makers of sheets went into the condition of business it was found that business in November had been better than that of October, with excellent prospects for December.

It was found that there was little demand for lower prices already looked upon as low enough.

Sitting leisurely on a large sofa in the parlors of the Windsor Hotel last evening, Mr. J. H. Plummer accepted the occasion to quietly consider, no doubt, the tremendous amount of business detail with which he has to engage himself during the greater part of his time.

Engrossed intently in papers before him, the passing to and fro of scores of people was unobserved by him, and it was not until the president of the Dominion Steel Corporation was approached by an acquaintance that he turned for a moment to recognize the salutation.

Men of Mr. Plummer's calibre and capacity for work, are not met with every minute, and those who are close to him, are emphatic in their declaration that they know of no other official more devoted to his business obligations, and who accepts his tremendous responsibilities with so little complaint.

Mr. Plummer must always be remembered and associated with Canadian financial and industrial growth.

This morning Mr. Cameron, secretary of the Dominion Steel Corporation, was seen walking eastward along St. James street towards the Dominion Coal offices in the London and Lancashire and Globe building. He carried a leather reticule, in which, no doubt, were some weighty documents bearing upon matters requiring the immediate attention of the Steel directorate.

The secretary of the Steel Corporation, while keeping sensible of his responsibilities, is, nevertheless, an ardent worker and an official whose ambition is to see Dominion Steel triumph.

It is scarcely to be wondered at that James J. Hill looks with admiring eyes on Canada, and earnestly wishes for more friendly trade connections between 'Uncle Sam' and 'Johnny Canuck.'

If the truth were known, we expect, it would be found that Mr. Hill's personal regret is that he severed his connections with the Canadian Pacific Railway some years ago, when it was laying its rails along the swampy land along the north shore of Lake Superior.

That James J. is a Canadian at heart, no person doubts.

It is quite evident that many of our Power corporations have been caught in the current of pessimism. The situation, however, is not serious. Good people, so it is said, are after more 'Power.'

President Robert, of the Montreal Street Railway, is not asking too much when he insists on a new charter. He is only human, and like the majority of people, wants 'something for nothing.'

Toronto Cobalt Sales

Toronto, Dec. 9.—Morning sales: — Bailey, 100 at 7¾, 3000 at 7 5-8, 1000 at 7½, 2000 at 7 7-8. Beaver, 500 at 27½, 200 at 27¾, 2700 at 27. City, 583 at 19½, 500 at 19¾, 3¾. Chambers, 200 at 14. Lake, 500 at 14. Crown, 600 at 268, 10 at 270. Great Northern, 1500 at 19¾, ¾. Hargrave, 4600 at 28, 1500 at 28½, 500 at 28¼. Little Nipissing, 500 at 16 7-8, 4500 at 16¾, 23,500 at 1, 1500 at 17¼, 12,000 at 17½, 1500 at 17 3-8, 2000 at 17¾. McKinley, 100 at 137 cash, 50 at 139. Nipissing, 100 at 1080. Otisse, 3700 at 2. Right of Way 1900 at 28. Bar, 100 at 9. Leaf, 5000 at 5¼. Temiskaming, 100 at 91, 300 at 92, 500 at 92½, 6900 at 93, 5300 at 93¼, 500 at 93¾. Wettlaufer, 1000 at 107. 1400 at 107½, 2500 at 108, 6600 at 107¾, 5000 at 108½, 170 at 109, 1000 at 109½, 1000 at 109 3-8, 1000 at 109 5-8, 300 at 107¾.

COAL TO ADVANCE.

Sharp advances in coal prices in Chicago are expected Dec. 18. The average now is 35 cents above a month ago and 75 cents above a year ago.

OUTPUT OF MINES.

The output of the Lake Superior mines for November amounted to 18,801,463 pounds of copper, compared with 18,566,902 pounds in October, an increase of 234,561 pounds, or 1.2 percent.

CHICAGO AND NORTHWESTERN

New York, Dec. 9.—The $15,000,000 Chicago & Northwestern general mortgage 4 percent. gold bonds recently purchased by Kuhn, Loeb & Co. have all been sold.

LONDON METAL MARKET.

London, Dec. 9.—Copper, weak; spot, £56 12s. 6d., off 10s. Futures, £57 7s. 6d., off 10s; spot, £174 10s., off 7s. 6d Futures, £174 12s. 6d., off 2s. 6d. Lead, £13 3s. 9d., unchanged.

CONTRACTS FOR STEAMERS.

Contracts for new ships for the Atlantic and Pacific fleets of the Canadian Pacific Railway will be signed this month. The order will be the biggest one for Canadian vessels for this service ever placed, calling for vessels of much increased speed and tonnage

TRADE STATEMENT.

The November statement of the English Board of Trade shows increases of £2,499,900 in imports and £3,575,900 in exports. Imports of foodstuffs decreased, but there were gains of £1,500,000 in American cotton and £1,750,000 in Egyptian cotton.

DETROIT EDISON.

New York, Dec. 9.—Detroit Edison Company will issue $1,500,000 10-year 6 percent convertible bonds, balance of an issue of $2,000,000 author, etc.

NO CHANCE FOR INCREASE IN LA ROSE CO. DIV.

For Present at Least --- Mr. McGibbon Pleased With Mines.

New York, Dec. 9.—Those stockholders of the La Rose Consolidated Mines Company, who have been expecting an increase in the dividend rate this month from 8 to 12 percent, are doomed to disappointment, for it is highly improbable that at the December meeting directors will favor an advance.

Mr. D. Lorne McGibbon, Montreal, president of La Rose Mines Company, is in New York, and in discussing the La Rose situation, said that the La Rose is more than meeting his expectations.

'Our policy,' continued Mr. McGibbon, 'is to build up a large cash surplus before increasing dividends. This has been largely accomplished. We are earning enough from the Lawson and Princess mines to pay dividends at the present rate.

'The Lawson mine is making a wonderful showing, and promises to be one tobagrain at Ontario points andcmfwy whole Cobalt camp.'

'While believing that a consolidation of the more important properties would be the logical thing to do, and would be very beneficial if carried out on a sound business basis, I may say that any proposal that would be made to the La Rose management would have to be very attractive, as our properties are now in such excellent condition that we are confident as to the future without the co-operation of any other Cobalt interest. Further than that I have nothing to say.

More Liberal Offerings of Ontario Wheat Now that Sleighing is Good

Toronto, Dec. 9. —With most grain 'across the Bay' local prices are not apt to be so erratic as they were before the close of navigation, while the Winnipeg market is running from 1-8c to ¼c lower.

Toronto dealers do not see the necessity for a change in the value of Manitoba grain stored at Ontario points, and No. 1 northern remains at 98¼, with the same spread.

More liberal offerings of Ontario wheat have been encouraged by good sleighing at country centres, and the prices offered to farmers are no higher. Both Canada western and Ontario oats are steady and dull. Corn is up and down with quotations for old No. 2 hovering around 60. Barley is just 'sa,' and buckwheat meets a moderate demand at 47c f.o.b. shipping points.

Flour is listless, with export bids out of line.

Christmas Trade Good

At Ottawa business is brisk in all lines. The trade in Christmas goods promises to be particularly good, there being already an excellent business in this respect.

Staple lines of winter goods are moving well. Local industries are also actively engaged. Country trade has much improved with colder weather and snow.

FARMERS' MARKET PRICES, Dec. 9.

The zero weather did not prevent a goodly number of the farmers from bringing sleigh loads of produce to the Bonsecours market this forenoon, while the basket brigade nearly filled both of the market halls. Nearly all kinds of seasonable stuff was in good supply, but the prices of dead poultry were unusually high, and there was a dearth of new laid eggs, which were quickly sold at 65c the dozen. Oats sold at 95c to $1.00 the bag; there was no buckwheat in sight; white beans $2.50 per bushel was asked; potatoes, 75c to $1 the 80-lb. bag; turnips, 50c to 75c do.; beets and carrots, 50c do.; onions, 90c to $1.00 do.; cabbages, 75c to $1 the barrel; celery, 35c to 85c the dozen. The farmers were asking 9¾ to 10c per lb. for dressed hogs, but Mr. Bickerdike is selling dressed hogs at 9c to 9½c per lb. One of the farmers was asking 9c per lb. for beef hindquarters, and 7½c per lb. for the fronts, but the general selling prices were from one to two cents per lb. lower; dead turkeys sold at from 22c to 25c per lb.; geese, 15c to 16c do.; chickens, 14c to 18c do.; tub butter, 22c to 25c per lb.; print butter, 25c to 30c do.; cream, 30c the quart; apples, $3 to $6 the barrel; cranberries, $7.50 do.; Jamaica oranges, $4.50 to $5 do.; Almeria grapes, $5 the keg; bananas, $1.65 to $2 the bunch; hay, $8 to $10 the 100 bundles of 15 lbs.; straw, $4 to $5 the 100 bundles of 12 lbs.

CHICAGO CATTLE PRICES.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Cattle receipts estimated at 3000, market steady; beeves, $4.40 to $7.20; Texas steers, $4.10 to $5.30; western steers, $4.10 to $6.20; stockers and feeders, $3.25 to $5.60; cows and heifers, $2.25 to $6.10; calves, $7 to $9.

Hogs receipts estimated at 18,000; market generally 10c higher; light, at $7.25 to $7.65; mixed, $7.25 to $7.65; heavy, $7.25 to $7.65; rough, $7.25 to $7.40; good to choice heavy, $7.40 to $7.65; a pigs, $6.75 to $7.55; bulk of sales, $7.45 to $7.60.

Sheep receipts estimated at 10,000; market strong to 10c higher; native, at $3.50 to $4.40; western, $2.75 to $4.40; yearlings, $4.25 to $5.50; lambs, native, $4.25 to $6.50; western, $4.75 to $6.50.

OAT MARKET QUIET.

The oat market is quiet, with sales of No. 2 C. W. at 39c to 39½c; No. 1 extra feed at 38½c to 39c; No. 3 C. W. at 38c; local No. 2 at 37½c to 38c; No. 3 at 36½c to 37c, and No. 4 at 35½c to 36c.

THE FLOUR SITUATION.

The demand for flour fairly good, and the tone of the market is firmer, but with no change in prices. Spring patents selling at $5.60, and second grades at $5.10, while strong bakers command $4.90. There is more activity in winter patents, prices of which remain unchanged.

ROLLED OATS FIRM.

The market for rolled oats is firm and more active. Prices show a further advance of 10c per barrel, making the price this week $2.10 per bag, and $4.45 per barrel.

LIVE AND DRESSED HOGS.

The receipts of live hogs have been more liberal. Packers pay $6.75 to $7 per hundred pounds weighed off cars. Dressed hogs are also easier at $9.75 to $10 per hundred pounds. Country dressed are selling at $8.75 to $9

CHICAGO MARKET.

Messrs. J. S. Bache & Co., Bell Telephone Building, Montreal, Stock Brokers, report the following closing quotations in Chicago yesterday:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May. . . .	96⅛	96½	95¾	95⅞
July. . . .	93⅛	93⅜	93	93⅛
Corn—				
May. . . .	47¼	47⅝	47¼	47½
July. . . .	48⅛	48½	48	48⅛
Oats—				
May. . . .	34¼	34⅜	34	34¼
July. . . .	34⅛	34⅛	33⅞	34⅛
Pork—				
Jan. . . .	1850	1875	1850	1875
May. . . .	1745	1775	1745	1770
Lard—				
Jan. . . .	1005	1012	997	1010
May. . . .	982	992	982	992
Short Ribs—				
Jan. . . .	987	995	977	995
May. . . .	950	962	950	962

MORE SOUTHERN PACIFIC.

New York, Dec. 9.—Application has been made to the Stock Exchange to list Southern Pacific Company fifteen million dollars San Francisco Terminal first mortgage four percent bonds of 1950 and twenty-five million dollars stock of Public Service Corporation of New Jersey.

U.S. INTERESTS ARE PICKING UP ILLINOIS PFD.

Although it has apparently passed unobserved by the 'street', there has been as much as 5,000 shares, so the 'Witness' was authoratively informed, this morning, of Illinois Traction preferred stock picked up during the past two or three weeks from local holdings, and sent to the United States where it is evidently desired as an investment.

Just why the stock has held so long around its present level when all factors bearing on it at present are bullish, is a surprise to many who, however, will not complain at an opportunity of making a really good investment purchase.

The recent extensions and acquisitions to the company's lines are approved on all sides as excellent conditions, and such as to add materially to the revenue of the company

It would not be surprising if some important announcement were made shortly, that will be pleasing news for Illinois shareholders.

MERCHANTS BANK SHOWS PROFITS AT $1,057,139

Sir H. Montagu Allan, president of the Merchants Bank of Canada, will have a very fine financial report for the year ended November 30th to present to the shareholders at the annual meeting on Dec. 21 next.

Sir M. Allan.

The net profits, after payment of charges, rebate on discounts, interest on deposits, and making full provision for bad and doubtful debts, amounted to $1,057,139, which is equal to 17.60 percent on the capital stock.

The balance brought forward from Nov. 30, 1909, was $102,157, making a total of $1,159,297.

The sum of $510,000 has been paid out in interest, while $400,000 has been transferred to the reserve fund; written off bank premises account, $100,000, while contributed to officers' pension fund is the amount of $50,000, leaving a balance carried forward of $99,297.

The cheese situation in England is somewhat perplexing, and not very encouraging to local dealers. Prices in England will not go up, as the trade there realizes that the production in New Zealand will be enormous this year, yeary.

'The consumption in England,' said a local dealer this morning, 'is good all the time, as the economic conditions, good trade and wages, enable the working classes to indulge freely in the consumption of cheese, but supplies are so plentiful that we don't feel the benefit.'

'It is an unmixed pleasure,' says an English fruit dealer, 'to report on the very satisfactory results obtained in England with Canadian Alberta peaches. Apparently there has not been a single faulty case among all the shipments to various parts, a performance which reflects the very greatest credit upon the shippers, and upon the Department of Agriculture, which had the experiment in hand.'

Mr. Peter Laing returned from a rapid visit to the Middle West. Mr. Laing was not inspecting business conditions there, and therefore had nothing new to say in a business way.

The following were introduced on 'Change this morning: Mr. A. C. Fettcroft, of New York, by Mr. James Thom; Mr. Robert Mackay, of Hamilton, and Mr. R. Southam, of Toronto, by Mr. Thomas Harling.

EGGS IN GOOD DEMAND.

There is nothing new in eggs. Selects, 29c to 30c, and straight receipts, 30c with No. 1 stock at 25c to 25½c. Straight storage stock, 26c.

BUSINESS IN BEST HAY.

There is a good demand for the better grades of hay, but supplies are light and prices on No. 1 grade are firm at $12 to $12.50 per ton. Extra No. 2 grade is commanding $10.50 to $11, but ordinary No. 2 is worth only $9 to $9.50.

NEW BEANS IN THE MARKET.

The offerings of new beans are light, but the demand is very limited, the market easy, a few sales being made at $1.65 to $1.68 for three-pound pickers.

BAR SILVER STEADY.

Bar silver was quoted in New York this morning at 54 5-8 cents per ounce.

EAST BUFFALO CATTLE.

East Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 9.—Cattle receipts 125 head, fairly active and steady prime steers, $6.50 to $6.75.

Veals receipts 500 head, active and 50c higher, $7 to $11.

Hogs receipts 9600 head, active, and heavy steady; light, 15 to 20c lower; heavy, $7.85 to $7.90; mixed, $7.80; yorkers, $7.85 to $8.00; pigs, $7.80 to $8.00; roughs, $6.90 to $7.10; stags, 5.75 to $6.25; dairies, $7.75 to $8.

Sheep and lambs receipts 6000 head, active, 15c to 25c higher; lambs, $5.00 to $7.25; yearlings, $5.25 to $5.75; wethers, $4.50 to $4.65; ewes, $3.75 to $4.25; sheep mixed, $2 to $4.40.

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BANK CLEARINGS AT WINNIPEG ARE ENORMOUS

Winnipeg, Dec. 9.—Bank clearings in Winnipeg this week, while showing a slight decrease over last week's record, continue to pass those for the corresponding week last year.

With the big month just passed, clearings held remarkably strong, and a little doubt exists now that the total clearings for the year will pass the $1,000,000,000 mark.

Already last year's twelve months' total has been passed with [illegible] months' returns to December 31st. Such the market and business of an exceptionally steady nature, 1910 promises to stand forth as a record in [illegible] throughout the Western [illegible].

The weekly failure list comprises eight district insolvencies, with liabilities of only $45,000.

TRADE IS GOOD WITH SIGNS OF HIGH PRICES

With the close of navigation, and the near approach of the holiday season there is a slackening in wholesale activity, but the movement is a fair one for the season.

November was a poor month for retailers of dry goods, clothing and furs, owing to the mild weather conditions. The frosty weather of late has induced more active shopping in the city, but a snowfall is needed to make trading active in the country.

Stock-taking is the rule among the wholesale dry goods houses. Heavy metals are less active, but in general hardware lines there is still a fair volume of business doing.

Hides are quiet, offerings being light. Leather moves in moderate lots to local consumers; the export trade is practically closed, though some shipments of sole will continue to be made to Britain during the winter.

Groceries show a good distribution. Canned goods keep mounting upward, tomatoes are now held at $1.45 to $1.50 in a jobbing way, and peas at $1.35 to $1.40, while there is a scarcity of canned apples, pumpkins and all small fruit. Canned salmon is firmer, as well as pickled salmon and codfish.

Sugars are easy at last decline, on refinery quoting standard granulated at $4.65, and the other at $4.70 in barrels. Hog products continue to show a tendency to decline.

While collections are described in some as fair to good in spots, most houses show a disposition to find fault with general remittances.

FRIDAY MORNING BOARD.

Ex. Div. to-day. Mackay, 1¼ percent: Mackay Pfd., 1 percent.

Soo Com., 100 at 128, 50 at 128⅛, 50 at 128¾.
Street Ry., 25 at 220½, 55 at 220.
Detroit, 60 at 54, 160 at 55, 2 at 55, 125 at 55, 25 at 55½.
Shawinigan, 25 at 106¾, 25 at 107.
Quebec Ry., 25 at 58¼, 20 at 58.
Nor. Ohio, 100 at 35.
Porto Rico, 4 at 49.
Power, 300 at 135, 3 at 135½, 5 at 135⅝, 55 at 135¾, 10 at 135, 30 at 135½.
Rio, 50 at 103¼, 50 at 103⅛.
Mexican, 10 at 87.
E. Can. P. and P., 270 at 32.
Halifax, 8 at 141.
Cement Pfd., 5 at 85¼, 2 at 85, 25 at 85¾, 50 at 85⅞, 10 at 86.
Steel Corp., 40 at 61, 50 at 60½, 40 at 60⅝, 50 at 60¾.
Switch Com., 50 at 126.
Ogilvie, 35 at 126½.
Cement, 3 at 22[illegible], 10 at 22 5-8.
Iron pref., 5 at 102¾, 10 at 103.
Woods com., 25 at 131, 25 at 131½, 100 at 132, 20 at 132½, 80 at 133, 20 at 132½, 175 at 133.
Que. Bank, 30 at 128½.
Bank of Comerce, 2 at 210, 1 at 211.
Mer. Bank, 36 at 166.
Bank of Montreal, 2 at 245½, 2 at 246, 1-8, 2 at 245 1-8.
Royal Bank, 1 at 243¾.
Molsons Bank, 20 at 209.
Iron bonds, $1000 at 95½.

AFTERNOON BOARD.

Steel Common—75 at 60¾.
Power—75 at 135, 10 at 135¾.
Iron Preferred—50 at 103.
Cement Common—10 at 22⅝, 25 at 23.
Quebec Railway—50 at 58½.
Nova Scotia—25 at 85¼, 2 at 85.
Ogilvies—5 at 126.
Lake of the Woods—25 at 133½.
Street—40 at 220½.
Rio—100 at 103.
Street Bonds—600 at 100, 100 at 101.
Merchants Bank—10 at 180 1-4.
Iron Bonds—10,000 at 95 1-2.
Twin—1 at 106 1-2.
Illinois pfd.—25 at 91.

CHEESE AND BUTTER.

There is no change in the conditions in the dairy produce trade.

Cheese quotes: Western colored, 11 to 11 7-8; do., white, 11¼c to 11 5-8; eastern, 11¾c to 11½c; seconds, 11 to 11 1-8c.

There are no fresh developments in the butter business. Finest creamery, Sept., 26c; current receipts, 24c to 25½c; dairy western, 2c to 21½c; rolls, 21c to 22½c.

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WILL MEET CITY ON ALL OTHER POINTS.

Express Line From Westmount Will Be Started in the Spring, Says Mr. Robert.

It has been said that the Montreal Street Railway officials are blocking all changes in their system, aiming to relieve the congestion of traffic in the hope that the city will thus be forced to make a new contract. This Mr. A. E. Robert, the new president of the company, emphatically denied this morning. There was nothing uncertain about this part of Mr. Robert's remarks. 'We are not seeking a new contract,' he said. 'We are not asking for a readjustment of the contract which now exists. We are willing to take any practicable steps to relieve the congestion, but we are willing to do this only as the charter provides. The city is asking us to lay lines into districts not included in the charter. It is in connection with these requests that we have said a new charter or a changed charter is needed.'

Mr. Robert has many other things to say upon the street car situation. For the crowding he lays a part, a large part, of the blame upon the city. And he states that an express system running from Westmount, along Atwater avenue, and to the heart of the city via St. Antoine street, will be inaugurated as soon as the weather permits.

This is one side. The city naturally takes a different view. Ald. Leslie Boyd, far from a rabid representative, admits that there is much in what the company says, but he states that its officials seem unwilling to outline exactly what changes they are prepared to make under the contract as it now stands.

After explaining exactly what the company does not seek, that is a new or adjusted agreement, Mr. Robert stated that plans are now being made to relieve the congestion. 'But,' he argued, 'this cannot all be effected at once. Moreover, we arn't the only ones who must work to bring this result. You know, every one knows, that our cars are continually blocked by drays. They drive on the car tracks. They drive beside them and cause innumerable stops. Every block on some streets motormen have to slow up because of careless driving. Of course, that can't all be avoided, but if the city regulated the street traffic properly I have no hesitation in saying our cars could make their run in half the time which is now necessary. Then there is Wellington street,' he continued. 'It is said the service there is bad. But people never consider that for eight months in the year we are continually held up because the bridge across th canal is open to let ships pass.'

'You say you are willing to meet the city to consider changes in the system,' remarked the 'Witness' representative. 'In what part of the city would you be willing to make these?'

'Any part specified in the charter,' came the reply.

'And those?'

Here Mr. Roberts became somewhat indefinite. He would not say exactly what districts both the company and the city agreed are affected by the present agreement.

'Would you consider changes in all parts except those lately annexed?' was asked.

'No. Those wards which had at the time of annexation other elective service are not considered,' replied the president. 'That includes Notre Dame de Grace, Emard, St. Paul, Longue Pointe, Rosemount, and, yes, Ahuntsic and Bordeaux.'

'In the rest of the city you would meet the proposals of Council?'

'We have stated,' replied Mr. Robert, 'that any of their suggestions which seem to offer relief will receive our careful attention. Why, we have been studying this question. We want to give as good a service as is possible. We have asked for new lines, and, as you know, they have not been given us.'

Being asked what the company has done of late to relieve the excessive crawding, Mr. Robert remarked that he and those with him had taken charge so recently that this was a difficult question to answer. 'The past has nothing much to do with us. We don't want any particular credit for what was done, and we don't feel we deserve blame for what was not. But in the past few weeks we have increased the number of cars running north and east at the rush hour. The suggestion was made by the city. It seemed a wise one, and we adopted it.'

'What about an express line from Westmount along St. Antoine street?' was asked.

'Well,' said Mr. Robert, 'nothing can be done in the way of laying tracks until spring, but if this line promises well it will then be started. Yes, I think it is safe to say it will be put in operation.'

'And the removal of snow by the cars, have you come to an agreement with the city regarding that?'

'Why, we made an offer,' replied Mr. Robert. 'We said we would carry the snow from the centre of the city to a dump on the outskirts, for 40 cents a cubic yard. I think it was. The authorities said it was too much. They did not even take the trouble to make us a counter offer. If they do, if they suggest a sum which gives us even a fractional profit, we will accept. We are willing to do all we can to advance the city's interest, but we cannot consider changes which are not provided for in our charter.'

Ald. Boyd neither entirely disagrees nor agrees with the position as stated by Mr. Robert. 'Perhaps some of the suggestions made are not according to the charter,' he said. 'That is a legal point. But we proposed that the company take our suggested changes; that their executive study these, then hand us a list of the proposals which they think might properly be studied, or they did that we could submit the other clauses to our legal department and we could see if they were opposed to the spirit of the agreement. Of course that might be unwise, because of the delay it would necessitate. The case would go to the Privy Council and might not be settled for two years. It would be better if we could study at once the proposals which the Street Railway say are all right. But the company's officials won't declare these.'

Mr. D. McDonald, manager of the Street Railway, had nothing to say on the situation this morning. That is, Mr. McDonald had nothing that he would say. He admitted that the company was pretty well in the public eye. He avowed this would not embarrass the company, it having lost all false modesty. But as to the steps the company is prepared to take to relieve the congestion, Mr. McDonald would say nothing.

THE CITY'S RIGHTS.

Ald. L. A. Lapointe quoted the by-law (No. 210) in support of his contention that the city could, legally, if not effectively, order the M. S. R. to give a better service. 'Take section 26 of the by-law,' said he. 'What can be plainer than this: "The city shall have the right, by resolution, to change, as it thinks proper, the time fixed for the running of the cars in the different routes." I claim that the company is legally bound to give a faster service when ordered, and we have notified them and protested in vain regarding certain routes.'

The question of better service in the suburbs was dealt with, and while there was room for difference of opinion in some cases, Ald. Lapointe gave Emard Ward as an instance in which the company was not living up to the terms of the by-law. Section No. 34 says: 'In the case of annexation by the city of any of the outside municipalities, the company shall be obliged, within three months after being ordered by the City Council, to extend their system through that new annexed portion of territory not already provided with electric cars, and to furnish a similar service as is furnished to the city.' Ald. Emard, on the annexation of the ward bearing his name, gave the required motion for the extension of the M.S.R. into that new territory, but, so far, no attention has been paid to the order given to the company in conformity with the resolution of Council. In some wards there is a service furnished by lines not originally established by the Montreal company, but which are now owned by that company. In such cases the interpretation is governed by the ambiguous sense conveyed by the word 'already.' Does it mean at the time the by-law was passed (Dec. 21, 1892 or when the annexation became effective. This gives the company a loophole to hold back for the decision of the courts if they do not want to furnish the service we demand.

'In section 34 of the by-law,' continued Ald. Lapointe, 'there is another sentence that the company balks at. It says: "Whenever the public service shall require it, the city shall have the right, by simple resolution of the Council, to change and modify such circuits and to order new routes, provided, however, that the company shall not be forced to abandon any route already established to give way to another company," etc. Here the question to be decided is, When does the service require changing? The citizens clamor for more cars or a new route or a quicker service, and the City Council orders it. But the company says, "In our opinion the service on such and such a line or for such and such a district is all right." On the other hand, we think the city's decision should be final.'

INSPECTORS' REPORTS.

For months, and even years, the inspectors of the road department have been periodically and regularly checking the time of th estreet cars. Within the past week their reports show the service on Park avenue to have been one and a half to two minutes; St. James street, two and a half to five and a half minutes; St. Lawrence boulevard, one and three-quarters to two and a quarter minutes; and these were not in the congested districts. It was stated that the company's service in some respects was better than the terms of the contract. Six or seven lives use Craig and St. James and Notre Dame street, and the cars followed very closely all day long Still the company was not nearly accommodating the people during the rush hours.

The controllers, when seen on the subject, said they were concentrating their attention on the budget, and were not thinking about the street car situation at present.

A SONG AND ITS SEQUEL.

The Strange Experiences of a 'Down and Out.'

The sweet strains of that good old song, 'Down and out,' which, though sad, has an inspiring refrain, breathing hope of ultimate regeneration, were heard to effect in the Arraignment Court this morning. Billy Watson was the vocalist, the song forming the incidental music to his vivid description of what befell him on Wednesday night. Walking along St. Lawrence Boulevard, 'weary and ill at ease,' with hunger gnawing at his vitals and a burning thirst playing havoc with his throat, a rare stroke of good luck came his way. Three lads whom instinct told Billy were like himself, 'frae Auld Scotia,' attracted his attention, and an introduction and a tale of dire hard luck followed. With that hospitality so characteristic of their country, Billy's compatriots conducted him from the freezing air to the Main, to the snug and warm bar of the Majestic Hotel, where Scotland's health was drunk in copious draughts of the mountain dew. As the exhilarating spirit began to make itself felt, hearts grew warmer, and hospitality towards their unfortunate fellow countryman became stronger still. The long and the short of it was that Billy soon found himself lying between warm blankets and thoroughly comfortable on the outside as well as the inside.

But every story has a sequel, and this one is no exception. When, after a long deep sleep, the Caledonians awoke, one of them found the trifling sum of $47 missing, and on looking for his new found friend, could find no trace of him. Billy had disappeared. So a charge was made out, sleuth hounds of the law put on the 'down and out' one's track, and Billy appeared before Judge Bazin this morning to explain how it all happened, but the only incident of the night he could remember was the singing of the song which he was proceeding to render till stopped by the judge, who did not appear to have any particular leaning towards Billy's style of singing.

That his ill-luck was chronic was indignantly denied by Mr. Watson, who claimed he had $70 of his own last week, and gave a 'leg up' to several 'down-and-outers' therewith, 'which proves,' he went on, 'that though now I'm down and out, I once was in ma prime.'

Dreading a recommencement of vocalism in his court, Judge Bazin quickly decided the case. His Honor did not think there was any evidence to convict Billy of the theft, and he was discharged.

'Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast,' and it may also be that it has power to soften the hearts of judges.

PERSONALS

The following were invited to dine with their Excellencies the Governor-General and Countess Grey, at Government House, on Wednesday: The Hon. C. Murphy, M.P., and Miss Murphy, the Hon. J. K. and Mrs. Kerr, the Hon. J. V. and Mrs. Ellis, the Hon. J. and Mrs. Tessier, Mr. F. T. Congdon, M.P., and Mrs. Congdon, Mr. H. B. McGiverin, M.P. and Mrs. McGiverin, Mr. A. S. Goodeve, M.P., and Miss Goodeve. Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. J. Lyons Biggar, Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Eaton, Mr. and Mrs. David Gilmour, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Jones and Miss Burrowes, Mrs. Thomas White and Miss White, Mrs. Wm. Macdougall, Mrs. Cromble, Mrs. Christie, Miss McLeod Clark, Miss Lola Powell, Col. Sam Hughes, M.P., Mr. M. S. McCarthy, M.P., Mr. W. S. Middleboro', M.P., Sir Henry Bate, Lieut.-Col. Morrison, D.S.O.

Sir Lomer Gouin was at the Place Viger last evening.

Lady Davies, of Ottawa, is coming to Montreal for a short visit.

Lady Bourinot is staying in the city for a few days, the guest of Mrs. Jeffrey Burland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Riddell are leaving for England, and will visit their daughter, Mrs. Freshfield, London.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Hall are expected in town shortly, to spend Christmas with Mrs. Hall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hays.

The Hon. Rodolphe and Mrs. Lemieux, who have been spending several months abroad, are expected back early in January.

Mrs. W. D. Sutherland is giving a dance this evening at her residence, Sherbrooke street, and will entertain again on Monday evening for Miss Alice Sutherland.

The Rev. James Lawson, of Ottawa, has been spending a day or two in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Willis, Westmount. He leaves Portland by the 'Canada' for England on the way to the Holy Land.

A successful dance was held last evening by the Daughters of St. Andrew at the Victoria Hall, Westmount, in aid of the children of the Scotch poor. The president, Mrs. J. McD. Hains, acted as hostess for the evening, assisted by Mrs. C. A. Smart, Mrs. William Ewing, Mrs. A. MacLaurin, and Mrs. W. A. Ritchie.

Mrs. W. Wynne Robinson, formerly Miss Claire Dunlop, was formally 'at home' for the first time since her marriage, yesterday afternoon, at her residence, 10 Selkirk avenue. Mrs. Robinson, who was wearing her wedding gown of white satin, was assisted in receiving by her mother, Mrs. Graham Dunlop. In the tea-room, where the decorations were of yellow chrysanthemums and greenery, Mrs. McMurtry and Mrs. James Hutchison were in charge, with the assistance of Miss Gladys Dunlop, Miss Lorraine Handyside, Miss Elise Kingman, Miss Gladys How, and Miss Brenda Molson, as servers. White chrysanthemum and roses, mingled with palms and ferns, formed the floral decorations of the drawing-room.

A dainty and most successful tea was given yesterday afternoon by Mrs. C. E. Archibald, in honor of Miss Evelyn Archibald, her debutante daughter. Pink and white carnations were tastefully arranged in the drawing-room, where Mrs. Archibald received her guests, wearing a handsome gown of grey velvet, while Miss Evelyn, who assisted in receiving, was in white satin, veiled in pearl trimmed ninon. The entrance hall was gay with a profusion of growing crimson bloom and palms, and in the dining-room the decorations were carried out in yellow chrysanthemums. Mrs. Arthur Scott and Mrs. David Paterson presided over the tea-table, assisted by a number of young ladies, Mrs. Vassall Delmege, Miss Madge Law, Miss Geraldine Paterson, Miss Kathleen Black, Miss Sybil Ross-Ross and Miss Marjorie Burke.

CHARGED WITH PERJURY.

Warrant Issued Against Defendant in Civil Suit for Alleged False Arrest.

A very commonplace action, brought by the Ring Mineral Water Co., against Z. Leduc, becae more intricate when Mr. Justice Davidson, who was hearing the case, suggested that a warrant should be issued against the defendant, charging him with perjury in the box. The warrant was issued this morning, and the case is now in the hands of the detectives. It is alleged that the accused denied that he acknowledged receipt of the goods from the plaintiffs after having signed a note for them in the presence of the plaintiffs' attorneys, Messrs. Courdeau, Bissonet and Geoffrion.

HOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL.

Commercial League Septette Have Bright Prospects.

The annual meeting of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, Limited, Hockey Club was held in the company's office at the close of business on Dec. 7

The club has a team entered in the Commercial League as in past years, and prospects are bright for the coming season. The officers of the club are: Hon. patron, Lieut.-Col. F. S. Meighen; hon. president, W. W. Hutchison; hon. vice-president, Robt. Neilson; president, T. F. McNally; vice-president, B. S. Sharing; secretary-treasurer, C. P. Ross; manager, W. L. Macgregor; captain, D. L. Macdougall.

Stock Sales this p.m.

Following are this afternoon's sales of stocks up to 2.25 p.m.:

Power—50 at 135 1-2.
Iron, pfd.—50 at 103.
Cement, com.—10 at 22 5-8.
Quebec Rly.—25 at 58 1-2.
Scotia—25 at 85 1-4.
Lake of Woods—25 at 133 1-2.
Street Bonds—600 and 100 at 100 and 101.

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TENDER WAS DEFECTIVE.

Counsel for Company Asks Removal of Rioters, Declaring Fair Trial Difficult.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—The troubles of the Street Railway Company are not over yet. A jury at an inquest on a boy killed by a car with a bad fender today brought in a verdict censuring the company for its equipment. As a result of the verdict, Crown Attorney Baird is considering the indictment of the company for operating a criminal nuisance.

To-day he company had five riot cases before Judge Denton and a jury. When called, the counsel for the company presented a lengthy affidavit to the judge asking for the cases to be traversed to the next court, as they could not get a fair trial at present. The affidavit set forth that owing to the minds of the public being inflamed by incendiary articles in the newspapers, and a mass meeting at Massey Hall having still further inflamed their minds, the public showed great antagonism against the company, as was evidenced by the riotous conduct, not of hoodums, but apparently of respectable people.

Two cases were traversed.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Theophile Girouard has sold to Andrew J. Mowatt and others lot 482 in St. Louis Ward for $8,000.

Alphonse Valiquette has sold to Amedee Meunier part of lot 1207 at 214 St. James street west for $5,500.

Mrs. J. C. E. Levy has sold to Joseph E. Fournier lots 897-23 and 24 in St. Louis Ward for $17,000.

Mrs. S. G. Tritt has sold to Morris Godel the northwest part of lot 902-94b and the southeast part of lots 902-95a in St. Louis Ward for $4,300.

Mrs. Alf. J. Wilson et al. has sold to A. Lemire vacant lot 151-4-30 and 31 Cote des Neiges, in Mount Royal Ward, area of each lot 50 x 100, for $4,500.

P. RLobitaille has sold to O. Massicotte & Cote houses Nos. 475 and 477 Clark street, area of the lots 25 x 84 feet, for $4,000.

Mrs. P. W. Beaudoin has sold to Art. Drouin houses Nos. 2225 to 2235 Waverly street. The area of the lots is 50 x 80 feet, and the price was $11,000.

P. Robitaille has sold to O. Massicotte & Cote houses at 664 to 666a Clark street. The area is 25 x 88 feet, and the price $6,000.

ALLEGED HIGHWAY ROBBERS.

Joseph J. Lamereaux and Zephia Jarry appeared for trial in the Court of King's Bench this morning, before Judge Choquet. They were charged with having committed highway robbery upon an Indian named Peter Hill, on St. Charles Boromme street, on Nov. 22. They pleaded guilty, and Lamereaux, Jarry's accomplice, was allowed to go on furnishing security of $2,000.

NOTES AND NOTICES.

Miss Parlow's Debut.—Praise must be given the Orchestra for their accompaniment of the Mendelssohn Concerto, which was played with great skill. At all times Signor Jacchia kept his musicians well in hand, and they played with a fine nuance and tone which accompanied without ever overpowering the player. Miss Parlow subsequently spoke in terms of the highest appreciation of their work. Her latest numbers were accompanied with excellent effect by Mr. Guy Ambrose on the Knabe pianoforte.—Willis & Co., Limited, Canadian representatives, 600 St. Catherine St. West.

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FROM THE OLD COUNTRY

ENGLISH NEWS NOTES.

A son and heir has been born to Sir Arthur and Lady Conan Doyle.

Mr. Thomas Hardy, the famous author, has received the freedom of his native town, Dorchester.

The world's largest electric clock is to be installed in the new building of the Royal Liverpool Friendly Society at Liverpool. The minute hand is 14 ft. high.

The whirlwind campaign methods so familiar in Canada and the United States as the means of raising money for Y. M. C. A.'s have been tried in Manchester, with the result that in 12 days £13,760 were collected.

George Wilson, aged 70, has spent the main portion of his life in jail. He made a specialty of obtaining money by false pretences, and he has a record of over forty-five years in prison, including thirty-nine years' penal servitude.

Another so-called bank—the London Trading Bank—has failed. The official notice stated that owing to a combination of unforeseen circumstances the bank had been compelled to suspend payment, but it was probable that creditors would be paid in full.

It having come to the knowledge of the Surrey County Rifle Association that prizes had not only been won at rifle meetings, but also had been taken by men with good private incomes, the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey has issued a letter deprecating the practice on the part of 'sportsmen who can afford to pay for their own amusements.'

A petition has been presented to Mr. Harcourt from the self-governing colonies pointing out that hitherto all local efforts to protect native birds have been rendered abortive by the illicit export of plumage, and praying that steps may be taken forthwith to prevent the millinery interest of Great Britain from further depriving the self-governing colonies of one of their most valuable assets.

Among the recent accessions to the collection of phonograph records at the British Museum, are records of the voices of Melba and Tetrazzini and other famous singers. The records are sealed on arrival at the Museum, and the seals will not be broken until an interval of at least fifty years has elapsed since the death of the person whose voice is recorded.

Among those who have given evidence before the Royal Commission on Divorce is Professor James Whitney, Professor of Ecclesiastical history at King's College, London. He was for a time professor in Canada (principal of Bishop's College, Lennoxville), and stated that the Anglican Church here follows the canon which laid down that the remarriage of divorced people is illegal.

Mrs. Hughes, widow of 'Tom' Hughes, Q.C., author of 'Tom Brown's School Days,' has died in London, in her 85th year. She was Miss Frances Ford, daughter of the Rev. James Ford, and niece of Richard Ford, author of the famous 'Handbook to Spain.' She married Tom Hughes in 1848, some years before the publication of 'Tom Brown's School Days,' the completion of which was delayed by the death of their eldest daughter. Mr. Hughes died in 1896, leaving three sons and three daughters then surviving.

The Countess of Aberdeen has inaugurated a co-operative system of housekeeping at the Letchworth garden city. A number of houses have been built at the garden city at a cost of £12,000, which have common dining, tea, reading and smoking rooms, together with kitchen and garage. Meals are prepared by a qualified cook and served in the common dining-room. Each house consists of a living-room with three bedrooms, a bathroom, and pantry with a gas stove, and the rents, including rates, heating, maintenance of garden, window cleaning, and the services of the staff with use of common rooms, vary from £40 to £62 per annum.

Many postal changes are announced by the Postmaster-General. Means are to be taken by which the number of messengers discharged each year by reason of age limit will be reduced, and many more absorbed into the government service. Boys who leave the postal service at nineteen for the army will have first claim, at the end of their military service, for positions of postmen and porters. Slight reductions are to be made in the price of post cards and letter cards; the telephone rate between France and England will be reduced from 8s. to 4s.; and the wireless telegraph system is to be greatly improved.

There was a dramatic scene in the Appeal Court, London, when two men appealed against their conviction for stealing a till from a shop. During the hearing Owen Govern, a young man, went into the witness box and declared he was guilty of the offence, and not the men convicted. He stated so previously in open court after the original conviction, but was put out by the officials. Mr. Justice Darling reminded Govern that he might be sent to penal servitude, but he still persisted that he was guilty, and did not want to see two innocent men punished. The judges quashed the conviction on the ground mainly that the evidence of identification was unsatisfactory; and Govern was afterwards arrested and charged with the theft.

SCOTTISH BRIEFS.

Sir Thomas Mason has been re-elected chairman of the Clyde Trust.

Mr. Carnegie has borne the expense of a thousand and twelve pounds for renovating the organ at Dunfermline Abbey Church.

In ten years the poor law rates in Glasgow have risen one hundred per cent, while the total number of poor relieved has increased fifty percent.

A serious farm fire occurred at Netherwood, Dumfries, at which fifty-four dairy cattle were roasted alive. The loss is estimated at two thousand pounds.

A man named Martin has been fined a hundred pounds at Hamilton for using premises for the purposes of betting. One week's books showed a profit to Martin of four hundred and forty-two pounds.

A sum of three hundred pounds mysteriously disappeared from a drawer in a house at Hawick. John Beattie, a mineral water works manager, also disappeared at the same time, and was arrested at Blackpool.

The agricultural department of Aberdeen University has shown greater growth than any other department during the past two years. Agricultural students were three times as numerous as the divinity students, nearly double that of law students, and they composed the majority of the faculty of science.

Considerable progress has been made wth the erection of the numerous buildings in Kelvingrove Park, Glasgow, which are to house the treasures of the Scottish History Exhibition of 1911. The Palace of Industries, which is nearing completion, occupies a large stretch of the available space on the south side of the park.

An advertisement in a Glasgow paper asking for the whereabouts of John McLuskey, formerly of Annihilla, Tyrone, Ireland, was answered by a laborer named McLuskey, of Bushey, near Glasgow. Further inquiries showed that he was heir to two hundred and fifty thousand pounds, left by a brother in the United States, with whom he had not corresponded for 20 years. McLuskey has left Glasgow to claim the money.

Proposals for the erecting of a memorial of the ter-centenary of South Leith Parish Church are being put forward. In the old church building there were various coats of arms of noble families associated from time to time with South Leith and Restalrig, and it is considered that the restoration of these would fittingly mark the ter-centenary occasion. A local gentleman, who is a member of the church, has volunteered to bear the greater part of the expense of such a scheme, and it is expected that funds will soon be forthcoming for the remainder of the work.

Girls in a reformatory situated seven miles from Edinburgh revolted, and succeeded in confining the teaching staff to their rooms. Some of the girls mounted the roof and tore the slates and smashed the windows. The villagers, hearing the noise, hurried to the scene, when the girls threatened to set the place on fire if the police were called. Eventually the local police, reinforced by the Edinburgh police, arrived on the scene, and succeeded in quelling the revolt. The Edinburgh officers arrived in a motor car, and when it was discovered that a number of the girls had escaped the country was scoured, and the motor on one trip brought back no fewer than ten of them.

Speaking in Edinburgh, Lieut.-Col. Martin Martin, of Ostaig, Skye, deprecated the cry that the old country was played out and done for, and that they must seek in other lands the livelihood which was denied them at home. Surely that was a false counsel—a counsel of despair and a confession of incompetence, and unfit to be entertained by Highlanders, involving as it must do, if carried to its extreme, the depopulation of their glens and the extinction of their existence. Rather should they use their brains, open their purses, and employ their united and individual energies while life lasted to avert a calamity to their country such as wholesale emigration would imply.

IRISH ITEMS.

Mr. Mitchell Henry, who played a great part in Irish politics, has died at Leamington, at the age of 84. He was a Liberal, but seceded on the Home Rule question.

The Department of Agriculture is holding a series of surprise butter competitions, in which many co-operative agricultural and dairy societies are taking part. Prizes are given.

The death has taken place at his residence at Cliftonville, Belfast, of Surgeon Major-General James Sinclair, M.D. He was present at the capture of Magdala, and was promoted for meritorious service during that campaign.

The Dublin Court of Appeal has decided that 227 inhabitants of the Island of Inishmore must be disfranchised, as no rates had been paid on the island for over two years, the County Council of Galway being unable to get any person to collect the rates.

A young man named Bernard Donaghy, of Kilgort, County Londonderry, has been charged with murdering his sister, aged 30, with whom he resided. The coroner's jury came to the conclusion that death was due to shock, resulting from injuries. The prisoner, when under the influence of drink, kicked his sister in and out of bed, and then ran her into a field, where she was found by neighbors.

A verdict for £750 damages has been given by a jury in the Dublin King's Bench Division, in the action by Miss Mary L'Estrange, housekeeper at Mount St. Joseph's Retreat, Roscrea, who claimed £2,500 from the Great Southern and Western Railway Company for personal injuries at Roscrea on July 19 last. While admitting negligence the railway denied liability, and denied also that plaintiff had suffered pain or disablement.

While crossing a bridge over the small river at Muckamore, County Antrim, on returning home from work in company with her brother, Agnes Campbell missed her footing and fell into the water, which was greatly swollen owing to recent rains. The brother raised an alarm, and a number of fellow-workers were soon on the scene, but owing to the darkness they could do nothing, and the girl was drowned.

While being pursued by the police, Michael Dunne, an ex-convict, was shot, in Clonbeale wood, near Birr, and died in the hospital. Dunne was pursued owing to some burglaries, and when the police found him in a wood, he presented a gun at the nearest constable, but before he could shoot a policeman fired at him, striking him in the leg. The limb was amputated, and Dunne never rallied.

MADE STRANGE BOAST.

Mysterious Visitor Claimed to Have Caused Many Fires.

Sergeant Martin had a strange visitor last evening, in the shape of a man who gave his name as Joseph St. Germain, 27 years of age, and who claimed to have served seven years in the Kingston Penitentiary for arson. St. Germain said that he had just left the Longue Pointe Asylum, and started to relate with considerable pride many of the fires of which he had been the cause. Sergeant St. Martin concluded that he must have come from the asylum, and took him in charge.

MR. ASQUITH'S CONTEST.

Premier Contests Seat in East Fifeshire, Scotland.

Among the members of Parliament seeking re-election to-day is Mr. Asquith, who is contesting his old seat in East Fifeshire, Scotland.

WATER SYSTEM REPAIRED.

The pump which supplies the Notre Dame de Grace water works system, and which was reported to be out of order on Wednesday, has been repaired, and water was turned on at ten o'clock this morning. During the interval the ward was supplied by Lachine, whose system is so arranged that it can be coupled on to the Notre Dame service mains

SHIPPING NEWS

INWARD.

Emp. of Britain, Halifax	Dec.	8
Adriatic, New York	"	8
Main, New York	"	8
Zeeland, Boston	"	8
Cymric, Liverpool	"	8
Kursk, Libau	"	8
Sant-Anna, Naples	"	8
Duca d'Aosta, Naples	"	8

THE RIDEAU CANAL.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Improvements in the navigable channel of the Rideau canal and river between Kingston and Ottawa and a protest against the proposal of the Canadian Pacific Railway to close up a part of the waterway in this city, were urged by a deputation of sixty which waited upon the Hon George P. Graham, minister of railways, yesterday.

In his reply Mr. Graham pointed out that the Canadian Pacific Railway has not asked the Government to close the canal, but it was a large order, and he would hesitate very much before consenting to it. Of the improvements he spoke encouragingly.

THE 'CANADA'S' CABIN.

To-morrow the following cabin passengers will sail from Portland for Liverpool on the SS. 'Canada':—Miss Honor Gregory-Allen, the Rev. G. I. Armstrong, Corporal F. J. Baggs, R. C.E., Chas. Ballantyne, F. Bayard, Mrs. Bayard, Miss Bayard, Geo. Bearman, John Bedford, Mrs. Bedford, R. C. Biggar, Capt. Bond, Mrs. Bond, Raymond Bond, C. Brackenborough, Mrs. Brackenborough, Miss Brady, J. Algernon Brown, Mrs. G. Bruce, Miss Audry Bruce, Gordon Bruce, Jas. R. Bunce, J. H. Burness, Jno. C. Cairns, Mr. Carveth, Albert Chamberlain, Harold Chamberlain, Geo. Chapman, Jas. E. Chapman, Jas. Christensen, Mr. Churchill, Miss Coker, Mrs. M. A. Crone, Miss Mabel Crone, Wm. A. Curl, Jas. J. Dahl, J. R. Dawkins, H. DeBrum, Gerald Drought, H. S. Dupuy, Mrs. Dupuy, Mrs. M. W. Eaton, Miss Eaton, W. H. Evans, Mrs. Evans, F. Fielding, Mrs. Arnold Forster, G. French, Mrs. French, Mrs. Furber, Miss Furber, H. Garnett, W. Geades, J. W. Gibson, Geo. Gidney, Miss M. Glass, Jas. Graham, Mrs. Graham, T. J. Graham, Mrs. Graham, Robt. Grey, Mrs. Grey, Staff-Sergt. Hwoff, A. Hudson, Mrs. E. Hudson, W. W. Hughes, Chas. Hunter, S. A. Jones, Llewylin Jones, Wilford Kunz, M. L. Lauretzen, the Rev. Mr. Lawson, Archibald Layton, Wm. Lebborn, E. Lehberg, N. Ludlow, Miss Inez Ludlow, Miss Dora G. Mackie, F. Manger, F. Mansell, Mr. Miller, Miss Milne Miller, Mr. Parker, Mrs. Parker, R. Parnell, Miss Lizzie Paul, Lyman Paulson, J. P. Pearson, A. Pennington, Miss Kathleen Phillips, Miss Alice Porrington, D. G. Porteous, G. Preece, John Preston, Frank T. Quinlan, H. S. Rake, Wilford Reeder, Caulson Rich, Arthur Roberts, T. Rooks, Mrs. Rooks, S. Rubin, F. Sawdon, J. W. Schofield, Mrs. Schofield, Miss Searson, Mrs. A. M. Smith, Miss Lillian Smith, David Smith, Miss D. Smith, J. Snell, Mrs. T. D. Smyth, A. M. Spear, Mrs. Spear, Miss Sarah Spence, Mrs. A. H. Stevens, Jno. J. Storey, W. M. Tate, Alex H. Taylor, L. M. Taylor, Miss Cassie Toole, Miss Turnbull, Mrs. M. Urquhart, W. Vebel, N. C. Vidal, Miss Gladys Vidal, L. Walters, Jno. H. Watkins, Jos. Watson, S. M. Watt, Jno. H. Wheelwright, H. Wilkinson, Mrs. A. Wright, Mrs. Alfred Wright, J. Wyatt, Mrs. Wyatt.

SUNK IN A COLLISION.

Yarmouth, Eng., Dec. 8.—The steamer 'Blackburn,' from Grimsby for Antwerp, was sunk in a collision with the steamer 'Rook' off Sheringham. The 29 passengers and the 'Blackburn's' crew of 27 took to the three small boats, and one of the boats, containing 21 persons, reached here to-day. This evening word was received that the others of the 'Blackburn's' passengers and crew had arrived at Grimsby.

TUGS TO AID 'DUNELM.'

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 9.—Tugs were dispatched yesterday to aid the steamer 'Dunelm' which went ashore on the rocks at Blake's Point, on Isle Royal, 46 miles from here. The 'Dunelm' left here at 11.30 on Tuesday night, just half an hour before her insurance would have expired. She is loaded with 105,000 bushels of wheat and flour, and is owned by the Inland Navigation Company. The cargo is owned by Jas. Richardson and Sons, of Kingston, and was the last cargo the company was handling from Fort William this season. The cargo is fully insured.

EMPRESS OF BRITAIN.

The Empress of Britain arrived in Halifax last evening at 6 o'clock on her first trip of the 'winter port' season. Thirty-two of her 731 passengers were landed at Halifax, and the rest taken to St. John. At Halifax 3500 bags of mail were landed and placed on a special train for the west.

MAISONNEUVE.

There was a largely attended congregational meeting of Maisonneuve Presbyterian Church on Tuesday evening of this week, to consider what action would be taken regarding the call from Fairmount Presbyterian Church to their minister, the Rev. Peter A. Walker. Principal Scrimgeur presided. It was unanimously decided to request Presbytery not to grant the request of Fairmount. Three representatives of the congregation Messrs. Kerr, Wilkinson, and Siebert were appointed to represent the congregation at Presbytery next Tuesday.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Maisonneuve Presbyterian Church have had a most successful bazaar. As a result of the year's work, they voted to give the managers one thousand dollars.

CAR SMASH ON BLEURY STREET

Two Cars Collided But Passengers Were Unscathed.

About 1.20 this afternoon an Amherst car, coming down Bleury street hill, collided with a car going up, where the tracks converge by the Church of the Jesuit. The driver of the car going up did his best to stop, and he had almost succeeded when the other car crashed into him. His car was only very slightly damaged, and he was able to proceed at once. The front of the other car was badly smashed, the driving platform and steps were bursted almost off. The windows in front were smashed, and the top was slightly splintered. Neither motorman was hurt and all the passengers escaped unscathed.

The M. S. R. workmen were soon on the spot, and with the aid of levers they raised the front of the worst damaged car so that after a short time it could be taken away, the only evidence remaining being the broken glass and splinters on the street.

FIVE YEARS FOR YEANDLE.

Juror Guilty of Attempting to Sell Vote.

New York, Dec. 9.—George W. Yeandle, who was recently convicted of bribery committed while he was serving on the Rosenheimer murder trial jury, was to-day sentenced to serve not less than five years nor more than eight years and six months in state prison. Yeandle, who is fifty-four years old, broke down and cried when sentence was pronounced. In sentencing Yeandle, Justice Blanchard administered a scathing rebuke to the weaping prisoner and denounced his crime as one of treason to the state.

Weekly Calendar

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THE GUILD OF ST. ANNE, CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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Annual Tea and Sale of Fancy Work

On SATURDAY NEXT, the Tenth of December, in the Parish Room, from 2.30 to 10 p.m.

ARGYLE LODGE, No. 65, A. F. & A. M.

The Brethren are requested to attend the funeral of our late Wor. Bro. C. Corner, from his late residence, No. 2 May avenue, on SATURDAY, Dec. 10th, at 2 p.m.

No Regalia.

By Command of the W.M.

J. G. MOFFATT, Secretary.

MEN'S OWN

Calvary Congregational Church.

GUY STREET.

SUNDAY, DEC. 11th, 3 P.M.

Open Meeting and Distribution of Books.

Mrs. HENRY JOSEPH and Mrs. DR. J. J. MARTIN will officiate.

Soloist, Miss McRAE.

ALL WELCOME.

Week of Winter Sports

Representatives of Clubs interested in the organization of a Week of Canadian Winter Sports are invited to attend a meeting to be held in the

M.A.A.A. Club House, 350 Peel Street,

on MONDAY EVENING NEXT, the 12th inst., at 8 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of arranging the details and appointing Committees to deal with the various branches.

R. E. MELVILLE, Sec.-Treasurer, M.A.A.A.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN MAILS.

To be Closed at the Post Office During the Week Ending Dec. 10, 1910.

Dec.

9 7.45 a.m. St. Paul, American.
* 9 6.00 p.m. " Supplementary.
** 9 10.30 a.m. Victorian, Allan.

*Letters may be posted up to 6.00 p.m. Other matter should be posted before 5.00 p.m.

**Parcels are forwarded by these steamers; latest time of mailing is 9.30 a.m. on Friday.

Letters for the above mails may be posted at Station 'B' up to within 15 minutes, and at Station 'C' up to within 30 minutes of the above-mentioned hours of closing.

*Letters for Registration should be posted three-quarters of an hour before closing of mail.

HONDURAS REVOLUTION.

Outbreak Threatened and Wholesale Arrests Are Reported.

Guatemala City, Guatemala, Dec. 9.—A revolutionary outbreak is threatened in Honduras and intense excitement prevails throughout the country. Martial law has been proclaimed in the capital and the larger cities of the Republic, and the jails are filled with political prisoners. Wholesale arrests of persons suspected of having connection with the threatened uprising are being made on the orders of the President.

TURKEY DICTATORSHIP?

Rumor of Military Coup at Constantinople.

London, Dec. 9.—According to special despatches, rumors have reached Berlin and Vienna of a projected coup at Constantinople to establish a military dictatorship. No confirmation of this report has been received here.

THE WEATHER

FINE AND COLD.

Probs.:—Forecasts:—Fine and cold to-day and on Saturday.

Yesterday's maximum and minimum temperatures were:—

Victoria, 48, 42.
Kamloops, 46, 34.
Battleford, 14, 14.
Qu'Appelle, 12, 2 below.
Winnipeg, 6, 4 below.
Port Arthur, 10, 6 below.
Toronto, 28, 4.
Ottawa, 10, 2 below.
MONTREAL, 24, zero.
Quebec, 18, 8.
St. John, 26 14.
Halifax, 34, 12.

Cold weather prevailed this morning from the lake region to the Maritime Provinces, while in the western provinces the temperature had risen somewhat.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Forecast: Eastern States and Northern New York: — Fair to-night and Saturday; slightly colder in southeast portion to-night; slowly rising temperature on Saturday; light west winds, becoming variable.

Western New York—Generally fair to-night and Saturday; warmer Saturday; light variable winds becoming south on Saturday.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1910.

It is obvious that the telegraphic despatch sent from Winnipeg, and confirmed to us from Ottawa, which stated that Archbishop Langevin had put certain papers under the ban, was an unwarrantable exaggeration, those papers not having been mentioned in his circular to his diocesans. What His Grace did do was to single out certain papers, including the most sectional papers, and among them a rabidly anti-national and anti-Liberal organ, as those which should be placed in every home in his diocese. His Grace has certainly been misrepresented.

There has been a discussion in certain Irish quarters as to whether it is not desirable to give up the St. Patrick's Day procession. A generation has grown up that does not know that at one time Montreal had not only its St. Patrick's Day procession, but one on St. Andrew's Day, and one on St. George's. These were not given up as the result of any formal purpose. The trouble was that they got smaller from year to year till at length there was nothing left but the president and committee following the band or the pipes as the case might be. Then even the president and committee would not turn out. St. Patrick's procession has shown no such condition of decline. It is as robust to-day as it was seventy years ago. There may be various ways of accounting for this difference, but so long as the people take so much delight in the wearing of the green as they do there seems little reason in talk about giving it up.

A characteristic specimen of ecclesiastical Christianity is seen in the lying by which the memory of Tolstoy is being pursued in the interests of Greek orthodoxy. Unable through the faithfulness of a friend, to circulate the story that the old man had, on his deathbed, recanted all his errors and repented the grievous sin of holding them, the priestly persecutors have circulated an equally preposterous story that the prophet was being taken by his daughter and the friend who protected his deathbed to the Caucasus for the purpose of raising an insurrection against the government among the fierce hill tribes there. The idea of the man who at all times preached non-resistance, who might have roused the nation to resistance at any time, and who at all times bared his bosom to the wrath of authority without quailing, going or being taken by his disciples to an ungovernable country for such a purpose could only have arisen in the hearts of men living in terror of vengeance because they realize that their authority rests upon the points of bayonets, and has its strongholds in dungeons. The most malicious lying seems to be all right in the defence of an enforced system of religion.

The rushing of motor cars along St. Catherine street must be treated as criminal. The driver who ran down Mrs. Redfern yesterday and then ran away was guilty, whether he knew what he had done or not. At an hour of the day when that street is so crowded with foot passengers that it is hard to cross the sidewalks, to be rushing along at such a rate as not to know that one has knocked over a lady who was trying to save her baby, is so obviously wrong that it ought to be punished, no matter whether it transgresses any written statute or regulation or not. Yet it is a fact that such rushing is rather the rule than the exception. The drivers seem to take to the crowded street by preference, for the joy of the excitement. With the numbers quite visible on the rear of these war chariots, it should be easy to bring the practice to an end by a regulation forbidding anyone to drive on that street faster than a walk. It is apparently impossible to enforce the present rule that motor cars shall reduce their pace to a walk at crossings, but if the rule prevailed on the whole street it could be done to a nicety. The crossings are just a hundred yards apart, so that it would be simple for a policeman to determine whether a vehicle was going ten or fifteen miles an hour instead of four, or three to five blocks a minute instead of one. There would be no hardship at all in requiring those who wish to go faster to use other streets, and only visit St. Catherine street on business. Even then the proper place for halting carriages is on the side street. This is a rule which the department stores are doing what they can to introduce. Ladies who can walk all about a big store can walk fifty yards to their carriages.

STREET RAILWAY DEMANDS.

There is something to be said on both sides in connection with the suggestion of the Montreal Street Railway Company that a new contract be entered into with the city, although the present one still has over twelve years to run. The very long hauls that may be added by city extension to the island's limits should be paid for at a higher rate than the present fares, or the present fares are too high for the old area. The zone system is the remedy for that. Where we would be if we were in the hands of an unchecked monopoly may be gathered from the present demand of the Park and Island Railway, which the Street Railway controls, for a flat rate of three cents a mile. Interurban roads charge half that rate where the town fare is five cents flat. Possibly the city as well as the company can ask better terms. The Controllers of to-day are better fit to make proper terms for the citizens than were the aldermen of the day of the giving of the franchise, and the company could be obliged to pay a fair percentage on all its receipts within present or future limits of the city, whereas under the present contract the company pays the city a ridiculously low sum based on its area eighteen years ago. The company pays nothing out of the revenue, not inconsiderable, that it draws from the newer wards. The 'new management' urges as ground for opening discussion of a new contract, that outlying districts have grown so enormously as quite to alter the conditions which prevailed at the time the contract was entered into. In this connection it will be remembered that at the time of the giving of the franchise, it was the company, not the citizens, that insisted on the thirty-year term. The average citizen in those days thought ten years would be quite long enough, but the promoters demanded a fifty year term, and by means known to themselves got a contract for thirty years against general protest. Their calculation was and such was the common view that every year would add to the profitableness of their franchise. Supposing this to have been the case we can imagine the cries of confiscation that would have been heard had the city sought a modification of the contract which had been extracted from its council, on the plea that under its terms the company was making too much. But it is the company which declares its contract irksome and one under which it cannot live.

We have always given the railway credit for being in many respects one of the best in existence. We have the best cars, by far, of any city, though there are bitter complaints of the wretched little vehicles still running on some of the lines. We have, considering climatic conditions and hills, which lead to the blocking of the tracks quite frequently, a pretty regular service, but we cannot find words to condemn the disgusting overcrowding that has been permitted by the company and tolerated by the city for years. It is bad enough for men to have to hang on to the step of a car going to or from work, but the thought that so many women have either to fight their way on to a car or else walk long distances in all weathers, and particularly the worst of weather, is maddening when realized. This is a reflection on the male passenger. We doubt whether the average of men who habitually give up their seats to women is higher in any city than in Montreal. The company blames this state of things on the city. The facts are these. A year or two ago when the outcry against overcrowding began, the company filed at the City Hall a list of streets that it desired to use for tracks to relieve the congestion. This list was so appalling that it was pigeon-holed and only resurrected by the company when again attacked for doing nothing. It was used as evidence that the fault was the city's and not the company's, while everyone knows that if the company honestly wanted to overcome the difficulty and presented a moderate and reasonable plan to that end, it would have been assented to in short order, because public opinion is aroused on this matter, though not, we hope, to the ungovernable and hysterical extent that prevails in Toronto.

Whether or not any new arrangement is made, the demand of the people for immediate improvement of the service on all the lines cannot be ignored. The company has now what it demanded in the beginning and did not get, the exclusive right to operate electric cars in Montreal, and it cannot shirk the responsibility for carrying the people who pay for it from their homes to their places of business. The company has practically monopolized our streets, destroying our winter roadways for other traffic. It owes the people an adequate service in return. Its failure to give it or even to supply a reasonably frequent service on the lines it has, the Beaver Hall line, for instance, guarantees all sorts of opposition in the matter of subway and overhead proposals. The operations of the M. S. R. are certainly remunerative enough to make it worth while putting forth every effort to retain, not only the business but the good-will of the public. Who dare prophesy what such a franchise may be worth thirty years hence? The experience of all cities is that, where a city council is concerned, a company like that of the Street Railway will persist till it gets its way. Fortunately, the city interests are now in the hands of competent and trustworthy business men, who, it is safe to say, will stand out for the people's rights, just as they would if it was their personal business they had in hand.

OYSTERS.

Several years ago, Mr. Prefontaine, who was then Minister of Marine and Fisheries, was told at a luncheon by a prominent shipping man to enjoy his Malpecque oysters while he could, as the time was fast coming when they would have disappeared. Unless something is done, and that speedily, that prophecy will be fulfilled even earlier than the prophet himself anticipated. Malpecque oysters, the best of all oysters in the world, come from one or two sections of the Prince Edward Island coast, of which Richmond Bay and Curtin Island are the most bountiful. Even there, however, the oysters have become so scarce that the fishermen—so the dealers say—are mixing Malpecques with inferior oysters and resorting to other tricks, such as cutting down the barrels, while the price has increased so enormously as to put the shell oyster out of the reach of all but the well-to-do. No longer do our sea shores present such a sight as that which greeted the Carpenter and the Walrus in the doggerel of Lewis Carrol, when the charmed oysters hurried out of the foamy deep anxious to take that little walk, which ended in their being eaten with thick bread and butter. Rather the condition of things is remindful of another verse in that delectable composition, where the Carpenter and Walrus 'wept like anything to see such quantities of sand'—the bare shore and nothing else.

The cause of the oyster depletion is, we understand, due to the fact that the oyster beds or grounds have been leased indiscriminately, that the beds have simply been raided, and that no attempt has been made to propagate or take care of the growing oysters. The suggestion, however, that the government should in future sell the beds instead of leasing them, is not in accord with the spirit of our age, which is altogether against the total alienation of public resources, and it is unnecessary, even for the oysters' sake. What is needed is that the beds should be leased to responsible persons, under stipulations and regulations conceived for the 'good of the beds,' and these should be enforced under efficient government supervision. That is what is done, for instance, on Long Island Sound, where the government leases certain sections under stringent regulations and supervision. What the trade might mean if intelligently carried out is shown by the fact that while Canada produces no bulk oysters, the consumption of bulk oysters to shell oysters is about as twenty-five to one, and that in Montreal alone a hundred thousand gallons of imported bulk oysters are consumed yearly. What strikes us most about the situation is that here is an attractive opening for a most profitable and leisurely occupation. The chief thing needed would be a moderate capital and the patience to wait until the oysters should grow up to marketable age.

WHITE CATS OFTEN DEAF.

For This Reason Dark Haired Ones Are the Best Mousers.

'I have possessed white cats that could hear, but they have been the exception, and that applies as much to the short haired pet of the fireside as to the aristocratic long hair of the shows,' says a writer in the 'Scotsman.' 'Moreover, I have observed that the white cats dullest of hearing are those with blue eyes.

'The cats with orange eyes which I have had could hear quite well, those having odd eyes—that is, one orange and one blue—could hear a little, but not well, and those having blue eyes were quite deaf, although all have come from the same litter.

'All kittens have blue eyes until they are about six weeks old, when the eyes change to their adult or permanent color. But to show how widely the permanently blue eyes differ to begin with from the other eyes, I may say that immediately the eyes of white cats that are to have permanently blue eyes open they will shine bright red in the dark, and neither the ephemeral kitten blue nor any other color eye does this.

'One peculiarity of deaf cats is that they seem to have an exaggerated sense of feeling in their feet pads. It is very difficult for a heavy walking animal such as man is to approach a deaf cat from behind without giving it warning, and this I attribute to the extreme sensitiveness of the cat's feet, recording the slightest tremor of the ground and so to a certain extent taking the place of hearing.

'It is a belief held by some country people that white cats do not make good hunters, good mousers or rat catchers even if they do hear. I am inclined to think that there is a foundation for this idea, and I would go further and say that dark colored cats make the best mouse and rat catchers because they hear best.'

GOVERNMENT COALITION NOW HAS MAJORITY OF THIRTY-SEVEN OVER UNIONISTS.

London, Dec. 9.—At the close last night of the polling in the general elections, the standing of the parties was as follows:—

GOVERNMENT COALITION.

Liberals	147
Laborites	28
Nationalists	45
Independent Nationalists	6
Total	226

OPPOSITION.

Unionists	189

The fifth day of the elections ended with the parties still running neck and neck, and with the prospect that they will come under the wire in almost precisely the same relative position they held at the start. Returns had been received up to midnight from the voting for 419 members, and the result is a Unionist gain of two seats in that number over those held by that party in the last parliament.

This amazing result is as unprecedented in English history as it is embarrassing to politicians of all factions. Both parties predicted great gains, but are now convinced that the new House of Commons will be practically identical with the old. The Conservatives argue that Premier Asquith bid for a sweeping endorsement from the country and has not obtained it; therefore he cannot be justified in fastening upon the nation such radical changes as Home Rule and the disarming of the House of Lords. The coalitionists insist that the voters by returning them to power endorse their policies and direct them to carry out their programme in its entirety.

WINSTON CHURCHILL IS RETURNED.

Forty-four seats were balloted for yesterday. Returns were received from 21 of these, and from 44 which were balloted for on Wednesday. In these 65, the Liberals gained Radnorshire and Bedford, while the Unionists gained Eskdale. The contests were close nearly everywhere. The Unionists continue to cut down the Liberal majority and to make numerical gains all along the line, but insufficent to turn out the Liberal members. Winston Spencer Churchill, the Home Secretary, was returned by Dundee, but about 1,500 votes shifted to the Unionist column. The indications are that the O'Brienites are cutting down the strength of the Redmondites in most sections of Ireland. Heavy rains yesterday coupled with a delay in the reports, decreased the general enthusiasm.

At Belfast slight rioting followed the closing of the polls. There was stone-throwing and windows were broken. Police reinforcements turned out and quelled the trouble.

ARNOLD S. WARD RE-ELECTED.

Arnold S. Ward, son of Mrs. Humphrey Ward, the novelist, has been re-elected in the Watford division of Hertfordshire. Mrs. Ward, as in last January, worked in his behalf, issuing a series of letters to 'My neighbors,' setting forth the Unionist contentions.

At Lloyd's ninety percent is quoted to cover payment for a claim if the Ministerial majority is 100, fifty percent against a majority of 120, and thirty-five percent against 130.

TARIFF REFORM INCONSISTENCY.

Mr. Lloyd George, at Wrexham, asked how it was that if tariff reform is going to do so much for industries, the greatest centres of manufactures voted consistently against it? There was only one exception, Birmingham, which was loyal to Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, and the tariff reform victory there was a personal one.

British international trade, he added, equalled that of Germany, France, the United States, Russia, Spain, Italy, and Greece.

Mr. J. A. Pease, the Liberal Whip, at Tinley, said the Government felt certain that it could make the Parliament Bill law as soon as they were returned to power.

Lord Milner, at Salisbury, complained of the apathy of the electors. He admitted that there was some justice in the Ministerial complaint that the House of Lords was impotent when the Liberals were in power. Unionists were not now fighting to effect a change in Government, but he urged that every nerve should be strained in a fight for the fundamental institutions of the country and for real popular freedom.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain, at Oldbury, said he became a tariff reformer, not on account of the condition of English trade, but because representatives of the great nations growing up under the British flag across the ocean saw in it a trade federation of the Empire the easiest way to closer union: because they wished to advance on that line, and because if Great Britain joined them they offered us a preferential entry into their markets.

LORD ROSEBERY LEADS TORIES.

London, Dec. 9.—The Tories now are following Lord Rosebery, who is still attempting to discount the results.

When the election is over the King will send for Premier Asquith, who will point to the Government's majority against the veto. The King will then send for Lord Lansdowne and Mr. Balfour, and say that if the Veto Bill is not passed by the Lords, he will create a sufficient number of peers to carry it. That would mean some 500 new peers, and this I believe to be impossible. I adhere to an earlier statement that the Lords will yield on the veto question.

WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE POORLY SUPPORTED.

The cause of woman's suffrage is making a pitiable showing in the elections. Thus far they have had but two candidates, and these have polled but 221 and 35 votes.

Other interesting developments today were the capture of the only Nationalist seat in Belfast City (West) by Joseph Devlin, and the return of Sir Edward Grey, the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, for the Berwick division of Northumberland by a majority of three more than he obtained in January.

It is understood that Healy has already made a protest against the conduct of the election at Louth, alleging gross corruption and intimidation. Exciting scenes marked the polling. Throughout the day there were free fights and incidentally considerable damage to property. Healy himself required police protection.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

The following results in constituencies polled for members of the new parliament were announced yesterday:—

Bedford—F. Kellaway, Liberal, majority, 20. Liberal gain. This was a Unionist gain last election; majority, 169.

Berkshire (Abingdon)—Maj. H. G. Henderson, Unionist. Majority, 1,349. No change.

Belfast (South)—J. Chambers. Unionist. Majority, 2,863. No change.

Cheshire (Norwich)—J. F. L. Brunner, Liberal. Majority, 331. No change.

Cumberland (Eskdale)—Claude Lowther, Unionist. Majority, 370. Unionist gain. Liberal majority last election, 34.

Derbyshire (West) — The Earl of Kerry, Unionist. Majority, 1,060. No change.

Dorset (North)—Sir Randolf Baker, Unionist. Majority, 32. No change.

Dublin (Harbor Division)—Abraham, Nationalist. Majority, 2,613. No change.

Devon (Tiverton)—Hon. W. L. C. Walrond, Unionist. Majority, 578. No change.

Dundee (two seats)—Right Hon. Winston Spencer Churchill, Home Secretary, Liberal, and A. Wilkie, Labor. Aggregate majority, 3,555. No change.

Dublin (St. Stephen's Green)—P. J. Brady, Nationalist. Majority, 829. No change.

Essex (Eppen).—Colonel M. Lockwood, Unionist. Majority, 2,629. No change.

Glasgow (College Division).—H. A. Watt, Liberal. Majority, 459. No change.

Glasgow (Blackfriars).—G. N. Barnes, Labor. Majority, 1,278. No change.

Glasgow (Tradeston).—A. Cameron Corbett, Liberal. Majority, 1,674. No change.

Glasgow (Bridgeton).—A. McCallum Scott, Liberal. Majority, 943. No change.

Glasgow (Central). — Hon. Scott Dickson, Unionist. Majority, 981. No change.

Glasgow (St. Rollox).—T. McKinnon Wood, Liberal. Majority, 1,917. No change.

Glasgow (Camlachie).—H. J. Mackinder, Unionist. Majority, 26. No change.

Hertfordshire (Watford).—Arnold S. Ward, Unionist. Majority, 883. No change.

Huntingdonshire (Huntingdon). — J. Calor, Unionist. Majority, 148. No change.

Kent (Tonbridge).—Capt. H. Spender-Clay, Unionist. Majority, 2,127. No change.

Lancashire (Chorley).—Lord Balcarres, Unionist. Majority, 2,536. No change.

Lancashire (West Houghton).—W. T. Wilson, Labor. Majority, 1,000. No change.

Lincolnshire (Gainsborough).—J. G. Bentham, Liberal. Majority, 80. No change.

Lincolnshire (Horncastle). — Lord Willoughby Deeresby, Unionist. Majority, 524. No change.

Limerick City.—M. Joyce, Nationalist. Majority, 1,770. No change.

Middlesex (Hornsey).—Earl of Ronaldshay, Unionist. Majority, 3,453. No change.

Monmouth Boroughs.—Luis Haslam, Liberal. Majority, 1,089. No change.

Norfolk (North).—Noel Buxton, Liberal. Majority, 696. No change.

Northampton ((two seats.—H. B. Lees Smith, Liberal, and C. A. McCurdy, Liberal. Aggregate majority, 1,140. No change.

Northamptonshire (Mid).—H. Manfield, Liberal. Majority, 565. No change.

Pembroke and Haverford (West).—Guest, Liberal. Majority, 565. No change.

Pontefract.—F. Handelbotham, Liberal. Majority, 52. No change.

Radnorshire.—Sir F. Edwards, Liberal. Majority, 42. Liberal gain. This was a Unionist gain at last election, the majority being 14.

Southampton (two seats).—Lieut.-Col. Iver Philipps, Liberal, and Dudley Ward, Liberal. Aggregate majority, 898. No change.

Staffordshire (West).—G. A. Lloyd, Unionist. Majority, 279. No change.

Stockton-on-Tees.—J. Samuel, Liberal. Majority, 670. No change.

Somersetshire (Fromme).—Sir J. E. Barlow, Liberal. Majority, 578. No change.

Surrey (Guildford).—W. E. Herne, Unionist. Majority, 3,631. No change.

Sussex (East Grinstead).—H. S. Cautley, Unionist. Majority, 2,395. No change.

Warwickshire (Strathford-on-Ava)—P. S. Foster, Unionist. Majority, 1,685. No change.

Westmoreland (Kent).—Lieut.-Col. J. F. Bagot, Unionist. Majority, 308. No change.

Wiltshire (Oppenheim).—G. Tyrrell, Unionist. Majority, 26. No change.

Yorkshire (Elland division).—C. P. Trevelyan, Liberal. Majority, 2,063. No change.

Essex (Malden)—Flannery, Unionist, 5,386. Majority over Jardine, Liberal, 693. No change.

Northeast Lancashire (Darwen) — Rutherford, Unionist, 8,384. Majority over Hindle, Liberal, 115. A Unionist gain.

Cheshire (Altrincham) — Fletcher, Unionist, 8,000. Majority over Crossley, Liberal, 19. A Unionist gain. Liberal majority last election, 901.

Devonshire (Totnes) — Mildmay, Unionist, 5,252. Majority over Dunstan, Liberal, 2,212. No change.

Durham (Jarrow) — Palmer, Liberal, 5,097. Majority over Kirkley, Unionist, 111, and over Cameron, Labor, 205.

Glamorganshire Mid—Edward, Liberal, 7,624. Majority over Hortshorn, Unionist, 1,522. No change.

Herefordshire (Leominster) —Rankin, Unionist, 4,600. Majority over Paine, Liberal, 1,169. No change.

Merthyr Tydvil—Jones, Liberal, 12,258; Keir Hardie, Socialist, 11,507. No change.

Berwick-on-Tweed — Sir Edward Grey, Liberal, 4,612. Majority over Hoare, Unionist, 1,686. No change.

Broitwich—Lytelton, Unionist, 4,878. Majority over Brookes Liberal, 69. No change.

Tyrone South — Horner, Unionist, 2,962. Majority over Boyd, Nationalist, 300. No change.

Louth North — Hazleton, Nationalist, 2,509. Majority over Healy, Independent Nationalist, 481. A Nationalist gain.

Peebles and Selkirk — McLean, Liberal, 1,965. Majority over Steel, Unionist, 201. No change.

Brecknockshire— Robinson, Liberal, 5,511. Majority over Lloyd, Unionist, 1,800. No change.

Dorsetshire West—Williams, Unionist. Majority last election, 1,252.

Norfolk Mid.—Boyle, Unionist, 4,308. Majority over Lester, Liberal, 5. No change.

Lancaster—Helme, Liberal, 6,186. Majority over Hamsbottom, Unionist, 154. No change.

Perthshire West—Tullibardine, Unionist, 4,027. Majority over Barbour, Liberal, 390. No change.

Gloucester (Cirencester)—Bathurst, Unionist, 4,788. Majority over Beyfus, Liberal, 701. No change.

Rutlandshire—Gretton, Unionist, 2,169 majority over Emery, Liberal, 802. No change.

Londonderry— Hamilton, Unionist, 2,415. Majority over Leslie, Nationalist, 105. No change.

Belfast West—Devlin, Nationalist, 4,543. Majority over Smiley, Independent-Nationalist, 463. No change.

Lincolnshire (Louth)—Davies, Liberal, 4,260. Majority over Holdsworth burg, Unionist, 72. A Liberal gain.

TO-MORROW'S POLLING

(Canadian Associated Press)

London, Dec. 9.—To-morrow's polings, with the majorities in January:

Cheshire (Macclesfield)—Brocklehurst, Liberal; Bi. Beg., Unionist. Brocklehurst, Liberal majority, 150.

Cheshire (Crewe)—Mr. Macdonald, Liberal; Mr. Craig, Unionist.

son, Liberal. Majority, 2,

Derbyshire (Eskington)—Harvey, Labor; J. S. Harvey, Labor. Majority

Essex (Walthamstow)—Liberal; Bellair-Radcliffe Simon, Liberal. Majority

Burton-on-Trent—Mr. Beral; Col. Ratcliffe, Unionist cliffe, Unionist, unopposed.

Wiltshire (Cricklade)—Mr. Liberal; Col. Galley, Unionist ley, Unionist. Majority

Yorkshire (Colne Valley)—Liberal; Carpenter, Unionist Liberal. Majority, 991 ter, Unionist, and 1,592 Socialist.

Yorkshire (Pudsey)—Ogden, Oddy, Unionist. Ogden, jority, 1,424.

Yorkshire (Spen Valley)—Liberal; Kelly, Unionist. Liberal. Majority, 1,378 Unionist, and 1,903 Labor.

Down East—Williamson Craig, Unionist. Craig, jority, 974.

Monaghan North—Lardner, alist; Knight, Unionist. tionalist. Majority, 1,472.

Garnarvon District—Lloyd Liberal; Lloyd, Unionist. George, Liberal. Majority,

THE ORPHEUS CONCERT.

There are two ways of regarding the concert given last evening in the Windsor Hall by the Orpheus Male Voice Club, in conjunction with the McGill University Conservatorium Orchestra. These are the sympathetic and the coldly or sternly critical. The Orpheus Club deserves to be sympathetically considered, as, if it succeeds in its intentions, it will supply something that Montreal music has too long been deprived of. Last night was remindful of Gould and Couture, except that the forces under those two leaders had been longer if not better drilled, and were consequently better under control. For a first performance, however, the work last evening was creditable, although in spots somewhat raw. The attacks were fairly good, but the enunciation of the choir as a whole lacked distinction, although—another fault—one or two voices refused to blend and stood out from the rest almost with the distinction of soloists. The voices were generally of good quality, and there were some fine bursts of sound, showing that the aggregation will be able to do something really worth while when it has worked earnestly and intelligently for some time longer.

Dr. Perrin's band is of course an amateur organization, and it did very well indeed, considering, but some weeks of Signor Jacchia's band have rather spoiled the ear and the inclination for less perfect efforts. Several things it did very well, but, as natural, it went to pieces rather than plaed as one piece, now and then. However, with each succeeding rehearsal, these little faults will doubtless mend. The 'cellist, Miss Gorowitsch, performed with considerable skill, and occasionally obtained a full rich tone, and her efforts were rewarded with warm appreciation on the part of the audience. The vocal soloist, Miss Janet Spencer, was also pleasing in songs of varied genre, although her singing pronunciation of English sometimes leaves something to be desired.

The hall was crowded, and, as the seats are moveable ones, some early comers took up all the space they could, crowding others so much that they could not listen to the concert with any degree of pleasure. Indeed, in some cases ticket holders found their seats occupied, and, as the ushers seemed helpless in the matter, they had to seek scattered seats elsewhere. One of the French classics remarks 'Society has killed more art than it has empires. Art is lean and is always wondering. Society is—well, plump—and knows all about it.' But society should not be blamed for everything that a few people in an audience do; and it is best to think of the pleasant, kindy things for which it is responsible.

'WORLD WIDE.'

The following are the contents of this week's issue of 'World Wide':—

ALL THE WORLD OVER.

The Premier on the Reasons for Dissolving Parliament—Speech at the National Liberal Club—The 'Daily Chronicle,' London.
The Lord Chancellor's Defence of the Government—'Morning Post,' London.
Lord Lansdowne's Motion—English Papers.
History at a Gallop—'Public Opinion,' London.
The Test Election—The 'Nation,' London.
The Opportunity of the Lords—The 'Spectator,' London.
Mr. Atherley-Jones, K.C., M.P., on the Osborne Judgment—The 'Spectator,' London.
Side Lessons from the Women's Suffrage Movement—'Votes for Women,' London.
The New Order in China—'Daily News,' London.
Siam: Its Government and its People—D. A. Oswald, in 'T. P.'s Weekly,' London.

SOMETHING ABOUT THE ARTS

Post-Impressionists—Laurence Binyon in the 'Saturday Review,' London.
Music in Fiction—H. A. S., in 'T. P.'s Weekly,' London.

CONCERNING THINGS LITERARY.

'The Sum of Things'—From One Woman to Another—Rachel A. Taylor, in 'Hours of Fiametta.'
Hades Revisited—'Morning Post,' London.
Mr. Owen Seaman on Parody—'Post,' Liverpool.
The Persian Revolution—The 'Spectator,' London.

HINTS OF THE PROGRESS OF KNOWLEDGE.

The Heavens in December—Henry Norris Russell, Ph.D., in the 'Scientific American,' New York.
Decline of Crops per Acre in the United States—The 'Times,' New York.
Sir Oliver Lodge on the Human Outlook—'Public Opinion,' London.
A New Route to India—The 'Times,' London.

PASSING EVENTS

THINGS NEW AND OLD

So many men, so many minds—Terence.

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(Official Report.)

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS BANK,

Proceedings of the Fifty-first Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders.

Held at its Banking House in Sherbrooke, Wednesday, December 7th, 1910.

The 51st annual meeting of the Eastern Townships Bank was held in the Board Room of the Bank, at Sherbrooke, at 2 o'clock on Wednesday, December 7. There were presentr Messrs. Thomas Ward, Frank Spaulding, William Farwell, S. H. C. Miner, W. E. Lebaron, L. P. Jenne, Frank Sherman, Charles Ward, Gardner Stevens, Charles H. Kathan, James S. Mitchell, Marcus G. Crombie, George G. Foster, K.C., B. C. Howard, O. A. Robertson, A. C. Flumerfelt, Frank N. McCrea, Col. H. R. Fraser, Capt. F. Bennetts, etc. President William Farwell occupied the chair. General Manager J. Mackinnon acted as secretary, and Col. Harry F. Fraser and Mr. M. G. Crombie were appointed scrutineers.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual report was as follows:

The Directors have pleasure in submitting to the shareholders the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement for year ending 15th November past.

The net Profits for the year amount to $410,696.90, which with the balance brought forward from last year gives the sum of $559,538.33 available.

Out of this the regular quarterly Dividends have been provided for—that payable on the first of January proximo being at the rate of nine per cent per annum; $150,000 has been added to the Reserve Fund, bringing that account up to $2,250,000; $15,000 set aside for Bonus to employees, $2,000 transferred to Officers' Guarantee Fund, and a balance of $145,038.33 carried forward.

In view of the Reserve Fund having reached 75 percent of the Paid Up Capital, the Directors feel justified in increasing the Dividend to nine percent, and are confident their action will be approved.

Business throughout the country has been satisfactory and the outlook encouraging, although expectations of six months ago have fallen short of fulfilment as a result of partial failure of the grain crop in important sections of the Northwest Provinces. Nevertheless, harvest results throughout the Dominion as a whole, have been sufficient to maintain trade and manufacturing at a high level.

Collections are fair, and the number and importance of insolvencies normal. The export trade in lumber and pulpwood is still lagging, though tending towards improvement.

The dairy industry continues to be in a very satisfactory condition, and while along the southern border an important change has taken place, cream being shipped in large quantities to factories and others in the large cities of the United States, it is to be hoped that impending changes in the U. S. Tariff may lead to a resumption in the localities referred to and of a return to the condition previously prevailing and the manufacture of butter and cheese within our own territory.

It is very gratifying to notice that the tide of immigration continues to flow into the country from both England and the United States. The country is growing fast, and much money and credit are needed to finance its development. Our moneyed institutions will be expected to provide increasing facilities so long as rapid development continues.

As the larger proportion of immigrants are settling in the Northwest, it means a great increase in the territory to come under cultivation, and proportionately the grain supply available for export.

Our manufacturing establishments are prosperous and are increasing in number because of important industries in the U. S. opening branches here in order to share in Canada's prosperity. Paper and Pulp industries are the most active in consequence of new regulations affecting export of pulpwood. It is to be hoped that the necessity of safeguarding our manufacturing industries will be kept in view in any negotiations looking towards reciprocal trade relations with our neighbors to the South.

In view of the remarkable growth of the country it is evident that increased banking facilities will be required, and as this can be met more readily and economically by the present organizations increasing their Capital—which several have already done—the Directors have decided to recommend that a Resolution be passed at this meeting for authority to increase the Capital of the Bank in the sum of $2,000,000,—this increase to be issued from time to time in such amounts and at such rate of premium as the Directors may determine.

During the year five new offices of the Bank have been opened as well as several sub-agencies, all of which are showing satisfactory results.

New office buildings have been erected at Knowlton, Megantic and Grand Forks, and three others are now under construction, viz.: Winnipeg, Montreal West and Sutton.

We have also moved into commodious new premises at Vancouver in a building specially built for our use which we occupy under lease for a long term of years.

With deep regret we have to record the death of Mr. Frank Grundy, one of our Board, who passed away on the 14th of November, 1910. Mr. Grundy was a man of wide experience and good business ability and was an active and very useful member of the Board. His death is a great loss to the Bank and the community generally.

All the offices of the Bank have had the usual thorough inspections.

In conclusion, the Directors have much pleasure in testifying to the faithful and painstaking service of the General Manager, Managers and other officers of the Bank.

Respectfully submitted,
WM. FARWELL,
President.

Sherbrooke, Que.,
7th December, 1910.

STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

For the year ended 15th November, 1910.

Balance at credit of Profit and Loss brought forward from November 15th, 1909		$148,841.43
Profit of Head Office and Branches, after reducting charges of Management, Interest due Depositors, and provision for Losses	410,696.90	
		$559,538.33
Appropriated as follows:—		
Dividend of 2 percent, paid April 1st, 1910	$60,000.00	
Dividend of 2 percent, paid July 2nd, 1910	60,000.00	
Dividend of 2 percent, paid October 1st, 1910	60,000.00	
Dividend of 2¼ percent, payable 3rd January, 1911	67,500.00	
Transferred to Reserve Fund	150,000.00	
Bonus to Officers	15,000.00	
Transferred to Officers' Guarantee Fund	2,000.00	
		$414,500.00
Balance carried forward		$145,038.33

J. MACKINNON,
General Manager.

GENERAL STATEMENT.
15th November, 1910.

LIABILITIES.

Capital paid up		$3,000,000.00
Reserve Fund		2,250,000.00
Balance of Profits carried forward		145,038.33
Reserve on account of Rebate on Bills Discounted unmatured	35,000.00	
Dividend No. 112 at the rate of 9 percent per annum, payable 3rd January next	67,500.00	
Dividends unclaimed	2,678.75	
		105,178.75
Notes of the Bank in Circulation	2,896,335.00	
Deposits not bearing interest	3,980,521.69	
Deposits bearing interest	12,911,491.18	
Balances due to other Banks in Forein Countries	108,446.20	
		19,896,794.07
		$25,397,011.15

ASSETS.

Gold and Silver Coin Current	$454,568.30	
Dominion Government Notes	1,345,763.00	
Deposit with Dominion Government or security of Bank Note Circulation	130,000.00	
Notes of and Cheques on other Banks	724,073.84	
Due from other Banks in Canada	533,923.98	
Due from other Banks in Foreign Countries	989,487.04	
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities	167,073.42	
Canadian Municipal Debentures and Foreign Public Securities	522,659.70	
Other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	318,096.20	
Call Loans on Bonds and Stocks	1,608,832.49	
		6,794,477.97
Current Loans, Discounts and Advances to the Public	17,148,990.76	
Loans Overdue (Estimated Loss provided for	140,305.76	
Real Estate (other than Bank Premises)	106,236.04	
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank	14,587.49	
Bank Premises and Furniture, including Safes and Vaults at Head Office and Branches	1,077,442.14	
Other Assets	114,970.99	
		18,602,533.18
		$25,397,011.15

The President moved, seconded by the Vice-President, Mr. S. H. C. Miner, the adoption of the report, which was carried unanimously. Gratification was expressed by Shareholders present at the decision of the Board to increase the dividend to nine percent. The Directors were authorized to apply to the Treasury Board of Canada for its approval of an increase of capital stock, of $2,000,000, raising it to $5,000,000; new shares to be issued and allotted in such manner and proportion and at such time as the Directors of the Bank may deem proper.

A vote of thanks was given to the President and Directors and to the General Manager, Managers and Staff for their services during the past year.

Following were elected Directors: William Farwell, S. H. C. Miner, G. Stevens, C. H. Kathan, J. S. Mitchell, A. C. Flumerfelt, O. A. Robertson, G. G. Foster K.C., F. N. McCrae, B. C. Howard, Charles W. Colby, and H. B. Montreal.

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, immediately held, Mr. William Farwell was re-elected President, and Mr. S. H. C. Miner, Vice-President.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Eastern Townships Bank, held at Sherbrooke, December 7, a resolution was passed expressing the gratitude of the Board to Mr. A. P. Willis, of the Willis Piano Company, for his courtesy to the Bank in allowing them, without compensation, the use of part of the ground floor in his store, on St. Catherine street, Montreal, the morning after the fire on the 13th October, which enabled them to conduct the business of the Bank without interruption or inconvenience to their customers.

WELLINGTON COUNCIL, R.A.

The election of officers of this counter the ensuing year took place evening. The following were elect- Representative to Grand Council, Sydney A. Cole; alternate to Council, Bro. H. W. Pritchard; Bro. D. C. Coull; vice-regent, W. H. R. Knox; orator, Bro. H. G. Mackie; past regent, Bro. S. A. Cole; secretary, Bro. W. H. Redding (re-elected); collector, Bro. J. W. Hayden (re-elected); treasurer, Bro. W. Bennett; chaplain, Bro. W. H. Higgs; guide, Bro. J. E. Barclay; warden, Bro. J. H. Pearson; sentry, Bro. J. M. Fraser; trustees, S. J. Milligan, J. Black, and W. W. Clark.

RECIPROCITY NOW OR NEVER

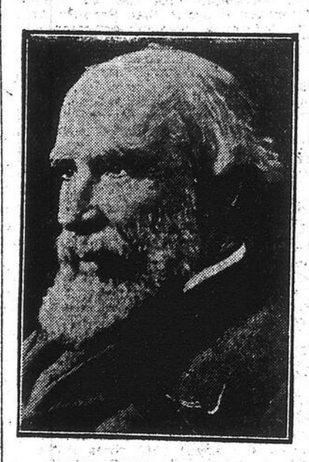
James J. Hill States Opportunity May Vanish in Changed Circumstances.

BOTH NATIONS HAVE FAILED.

Reciprocity, He Declares, Would Carry Concensus of Opinion in Both Countries.

New York, Dec. 9.—James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway, made last night a strong written plea for reciprocity with Canada, at the fourteenth annual dinner of the Canadian Society at Delmonico's. Mr. Hill is in the West at present, and his speech was read by Dr. George David Stewart, formerly president of the society.

Both nations, he said, demanded a closer and more definite commercial contact, and he thought that if a concensus of opinion could be taken, reciprocity would have a majority on both sides of the line. Canada, he pointed out, is to-day the third best customer of the United States, and



MR. JAMES J. HILL.

the United States imports and exports to the Dominion have increased within the last ten years 131 percent.

The dinner was one of the most successful in the history of the society. There were about 300 members present.

Mr. Hill's speech in part was as follows:

'Opportunity, says the proverb, knocks once at the door of every man. If he does not open, she never returns.' Whether this is true or not of the individual, it is not true of nations. The larger life of communities has more than one chance to rectify mistakes, and Canada and the United States have failed during most of their past to improve the opportunity plainly awaiting them.

TRADE IS ONLY FETTERED RELATION.

'In many relations there is complete and cordial understanding between them. They comprehend each other. It is substantially impossible to imagine any great crisis that should range the people of these two countries on opposing sides. Our Great Lakes are free from the menace of ships of war, our railroads cross the boundary unvexed, and our people move freely back and forth. Only trade is fettered. While professing many of the same economic doctrines and enforcing them against the rest of the world, they have aimed their missiles against each other. For nearly half a century, trade reciprocity, the birthright and manifest destiny of both, has been denounced. Again and again in the form of enlightened statesmanship on one side of the line or the other, the advice of great men of letters, like the late Goldwin Smith, or great political leaders like Sir Wilfrid Laurier, opportunity has called to us, and been denied.

'If we are to levy only such imposts,' the address continues, 'as will equalize the cost of production here and elsewhere—and that is now the universal slogan—then there would be free trade between the United States and Canada immediately.'

In support of this statement, Mr. Hill contended that there was virtually no difference in wages or cost of raw products, with few exceptions, in the two countries.

STATES OPPORTUNITY MAY BE LOST.

'Canada and the United States have failed to improve the opportunity plainly awaiting them,' he declares. 'It is possible that should these countries fail again, as they have failed so many times in the past since 1866, to listen to intelligent and self-interest, combined with real statesmanship, as embodied in the reciprocity policy, the voice of opportunity may be silenced forever by the changing circumstances that alter permanently the outlook of nations as well as the fortunes of men. In both nations to-day a thousand interests are calling for a closer and more definite commercial compact.'

A. Mitchell Ines, counsel of the British Embassy at Washington, opposed the idea that Canada and England would be separated.

'People are fond of talking lightly of the inevitable separation of the oversea dominions from the mother country,' he said. 'They cannot see the value of connection between the two. If the British Empire were to be broken up it is not so much we ourselves would suffer. It is the world which would suffer, through the failure of this magnificent example to maintain its high standard in the face of difficulties.'

MANITOBA UNIVERSITY.

English and French-speaking Catholics Apparently Disagree.

Winnipeg, Dec. 9.—That the English-speaking Roman Catholics of Manitoba do not see eye to eye with the authorities of St. Boniface Roman Catholic College in the stand taken by the college regarding Manitoba University, was made plain yesterday in a statement of Dr. Devine before the University Council. Dr. Devine has until recently been official representative of St. Boniface College to the University Council, but was requested to resign a short time ago, when he protested at a meeting of the College Board that the English-speaking Catholics were not in accord with the views of the French-Canadian brethren, and favored a university with teaching faculties. Dr. Devine called a meeting of the English-speaking Catholics, at which a unanimous vote favored a university with a faculty rather than affiliation as a separate institution. He also protested that at a meeting of the College Board Archbishop Langevin presided, although not a member of the board.

INQUIRY MUST PROCEED

Judge Wishes to Announce Verdict in Winnipeg Hearing Before Election.

Winnipeg, Dec. 9.—The judicial inquiry into certain vice conditions in Winnipeg in connection with charges made by the Rev. Dr. Shearer and others will postively close on Saturday, even though Mr. Justice Robson has to hold night sittings. This was the ultimatum handed out yesterday by the commissioner. In very explicit language the judge said he believed the testimony of respectable residents in the vicinity of the vice district who gave evidence last week. With some degree of warmth and very emphatically the judge expressed his belief that Mr. Dennistoun, the counsel for the police commissioon, had evidently been instructed in bad faith in the attitude taken before the commission, and intimated that he thought he was trying to delay the investigation. The inquiry, he said, would absolutely close on Saturday, which will give the judge time to make his report before election day, Dec. 13. From the general remarks of the judge it is believed his report will be favorable to Dr. Shearer.

OPPOSE CANAL CLOSING.

Deputation to Government Object to C. P. R. Ottawa Project.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—A large deputation representing all the important points along the Rideau Canal from Ottawa to Kingston waited upon the Hon. Geo. P. Graham yesterday and entered a vigorous protest against the proposal to close the Ottawa end of the Rideau Canal in order to give the C. P. R. an opportunity to build a tunnel across the city from the Central to the Union stations. Mr. Graham told the deputation that the government had not yet been asked to consider the proposal, and that it would certainly require the most serious consideration when made.

A large delegation, which came all the way from the Pacific coast in a private car, asking to have the navigation on the lower stretch of the Fraser River improved by dredging, waited upon the Premier and Messrs. Pugsley, Oliver and Templeman. They were informed that the work would be commenced at once, and continued.

SHERBROOKE'S POWER.

Determined Effort to be Made to Attract Industries.

Sherbrooke, Dec. 9.—Sherbrooke has 8,000 horse power developed within the city limits. At the Drop Off it owns another power which, if developed, would give the city 2,500 additional horse power. The estimated cost of developing this power would be $100,000.

With all this power available, Sherbrooke has determined to send her scouts into the States and induce American industries to open branches in Canada and locate in Sherbrooke.

Mr. C. E. Bradford is now installed in his new offices, and is making all preparations for swinging the campaign.

RAISED $2,100 FOR CHURCH.

Perth Methodist Congregation Shows Liberality.

Perth, Dec. 9.—Very successful anniversary services were held in Asbury Methodist Church, Perth, on Sunday. The Rev. Mr. Timberlake, of Montreal, a former pastor, preached morning and evening. The trustees decided to signalize the twenty-fifth anniversary of the dedication of the present church edifice by raising an amount sufficient to wipe out a floating debt of $600, and also to cover the cost of extensive improvements made in the church during this year representing an outlay of $1,200.

The pastor, the Rev. J. D. Richardson, M.A., asked that the amount, $1,800, be placed upon the plates on Sunday. And the congregation contributed $2,101.23.

COWARDLY CHAUFFEUR.

Made Off After Knocking a Woman Down.

The police are now determinedly looking for the chauffeur who after knocking down a woman at St. Catherine street and McGill College ave., at 4.15 yesterday afternoon, did not even slacken speed.

The woman, Mrs. Charles Redfern, of 97 Cathedral street, had her nose fractured, and received a number of painful bruises.

Her three-year-old daughter was with her at the time, but Mrs. Redfern managed to throw the baby clear of the machine before it struck her. Mrs. Redfern's injuries were looked after at the General Hospital. The shock was so severe that her condition is still serious. Fortunately the police have a good description of both car and driver, and they expect to apprehend him soon.

SHOT BY CHILD.

Four-year-old Boy's Prank Caused Companion's Death.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 9.—At Beech Lane, Norfolk County, James Pickensgill, aged sixteen years, was instantly killed on Wednesday by being shot through the neck by a child four years old. The baby brother of William Williamson, Pickensgill's companioon, took a gun which was standing in the corner of the room, and pointed it at Pickensgill at the same time pulling the trigger.

BROKE THROUGH ICE.

Farmer's Attempt to Drive Over River Was Fatal.

Tweed, Ont., Dec. 9.—Anson Canif, a farmer, and well known resident of this community for years, was drowned yesterday afternoon while attempting to drive from Tweed to Stoco, across Lake Stoco, with a horse and buggy. Mr. Canif was about 58 years old. His body was found shortly after the tragedy. His widow and daughter, Mrs. J. Floyd, Mattawa, survive.

REJECTS CHURCH UNION.

Bruce Presbytery Decides Against Proposed Basis.

Paisley, Ont., Dec. 9.—The Presbytery of Bruce in session here, after about five hours' discussion on the heads of church union, decided against it by a vote of 13 to 5.

WANTS CHIEF ENGINEER

Ald. Brodeur Moves for Centralization of Roads, Water and Building Departments

Ald. Brodeur announces that he will move at the meeting of the City Council next Monday for the unification of the road, water and building inspector's departments under one head, the central authority to be known as the chief engineer. He will also ask for the allocation of a sum sufficient for the salary of such an official. Already the alderman has given notice for the preparation of a by-law on the subject, which, he says, will not be taken into consideration till after the holidays, but he considers that unless funds are voted now nothing will be done for another year.

As regards the salary Ald. Brodeur says it should be at least $7,500 a year.

HOME FOR CHRISTMAS.

Successful Old Country Men Going Back in Large Numbers.

Every year sees more and more Old Country people going home for the Christmas holidays. Last night about five hundred left Windsor station for St. John to travel on the 'Victorian,' whilst other large parties, including one organized by the Sons of England, will be leaving in a few days.

These men and women who left last night were mostly from Great Britain, although there was a good sprinkling of Poles, who, after working on railway construction, had taken up land grants and formed a community. Many of these latter were going home to get married, and others were going for their wives and families.

Of the British people going, the majority of them came from Western points, nearly all of them bearing the imprint of successful farmers, although those willing to talk on the subject disclosed the fact that few of them had been in Canada more than four or five years.

There were Scotsmen, Irishmen, men from the counties and men from the cities of England; some of them were making their second trip home and some were going for the first time to readjust their perspective between the old land and the new.

'Every Englishman who can,' said one of them, 'ought to go home after he has been here three or four years and get a new perspective of England. It will strengthen his love for his motherland and his affection for the land of his adoption. Then, if he has been hankering after the fleshpots of Egypt or going to the other extreme and believing Canada is the one and only place in the world, whilst the Old Country is a back number, a visit home will bring him back to the straight way of thinking again. Can I give your regards to Trafalgar Square?'

A CHURCHMAN'S DUTY.

To Conduct His Life in the Way the Church Demands, Says the Bishop.

At the social of the Men's Association, conducted in connection with the Church of England, at the Synod Hall last night, Canon Gault occupied the chair, whilst Bishop Farthing took his place as a member of the audience.

An address was given by Canon Paterson-Smyth on the subject, 'What is a Churchman?'

After showing the origin of the Church, the speaker said that it was not an invisible Church, but a divine society. It was not a mere appendage to the Bible, but existed before the Bible.

Their Church was both a missionary Church and a sacramental Church. He emphasized Church Union, showing the position of the Church of England held as a medium between the Roman Catholics on the one hand and the Protestant churches on the other.

At the close of the meeting, which was interspersed with music and songs, Bishop Farthing rose from his place in the audience and made a short address endorsing what had been said during the evening, and saying that the highest duty of a churchman was to conduct his private life in the way the Church demanded.

LASKER CHAMPION.

New Yorker Retains Chess Title in Match at Berlin.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—Dr. Emanuel Lasker, of New York, yesterday retained the world's chess championship by defeating the challenger, D. Janowski, of Paris, with a score of eight games to one. Three games were drawn.

CENTRAL W. C. T. U.

The regular monthly meeting of the Central W.C.T.U. was held on Monday afternoon, Mrs. Walter Paul, president, in the chair. After the devotional meeting, the report of work in the evangelistic department was given by Mrs. John Murphy and Miss Brown, the city missionary. Mrs. Alfred H. Thomson reported progress in the work of getting supplies ready for the lumber camps. Donations of good reading matter, with toys, garments, etc., for the children should be sent to the annex of Dominion Square Methodist Church, not later than Dec. 15th.

Mrs. T. G. Williams, who had been one of the delegates to the World's W.C.T.U. convention at Glasgow, gave a racy review of that great gathering.

HARDWARE MEN'S OFFICERS.

The Montreal Metal & Hardware Association of the Board of Trade held its annual meeting yesterday afternoon, when its president, Mr. William Starke, presened his report of the business transacted during the past year, which was considered satisfactory and was unanimously adopted. The election of officers for the ensuing years resulted as follows:

President, William Starke; vice-president, H. J. Fuller; treasurer, J. H. Hanson; directors, H. W. Dorken, C. H. Godfrey, W. J. Hayes, T. Esmond Peck.

The president, Mr. William Starke, was unanimously chosen as the association's nominee for election to the council of the Board of Trade.

BURGLARS INTERRUPTED.

An unsuccessful attempt to break into and steal from the dry goods store of Power & Co., 199 St. Viateur street, happened last night. Constable Simard found the door open; but when the proprietor examined the store he found all undisturbed, the burglars evidently having to make a hasty retreat.

NEW ROLLING STOCK.

The Canadian Car & Foundry Co. recently delivered to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company 200 refrigerator cars, 282 box cars, 138 flat cars, three dining cars, besides 245 box cars for the Grand Trunk System.

BLAMED HER HUSBAND.

In a row in a house in Eleanor street Mrs. Michael Cushing sustained a painful scalp wound. She said her husband had thrown her against a door. When the police arrived he [illegible] found. The woman was attended at the General Hospital.

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The Premier on the Reasons for Dissolving Parliament.

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The Lord Chancellor's Defence of the Government.

The Heavens in December.

Side Lessons from the Women's Suffrage Movement.

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DOMESTICS COMING.

On the SS. 'Dominion,' of the White Star-Dominion line, which sailed from Liverpool for Halifax yesterday, are twenty domestics coming to Canada to better themselves, under the auspices of a society which has agreed to place them in good positions in 'his [illegible] are altogether 137 cabin and 150 third class passengers on board.

BRAKEMAN ARRESTED.

Acting upon a telegram received from Chief of Police of Belleville yesterday, Detective O'Donnell arrested James Neville, a railway brakeman, 24 years of age, who is wanted in Belleville on a charge of theft of clothing. An officer with a warrant for his arrest will take him back for trial today.

The John Murphy Company Limited

We have openings right now for Salesladies. Also for girls of 16 years of age or over, of good ability.
Apply at the employment office between 8 and 10 a.m.

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Never Put Off Till Christmas The Shopping You Can Do To=day

Fine Table Linen

A very fine linen tablecloth and one dozen napkins, tied up in a pretty box; cloths 2 x 2, 2 x 2½ and 2 x 3, prices from $4.75 to $12.75.

Guest Towelling

Some people like to make their own gifts; we have guest towelling by the yard in a good choice of patterns—stripes or floral designs; price per yard, .25, .30 and .35

Guest towels ready made; hemstitched or scalloped; fine huckaback or diaper; per pair from .50 to $2.00.

Cushion Forms

A good range of sizes in cushion forms; filled with vegetable down; prices from .35 to .85

Also a nice lot of real down cushion forms at various prices.

LADIES' REALLY GOOD BOOTS, $1.98

Not only good, but absolutely new in many cases — button and Blucher—tan, patent leather, velour and gunmetal—$3.50 styles in the case of all the new ones; none worth less than $3.00 in the case of the others; all sizes 1 to 7, not in all styles, but in some one or more of them.

8 O'CLOCK SPECIAL

To the first hundred girls who come to our shoe department between 8 and 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, we will offer a pair of Dongola kid Blucher boots with patent tip, worth $1.25; for, per pair.. .. .. .49

Sizes 8 to 10½ only.

(First Floor.)

Murphy's For Christmas Handkerchiefs

Count the number of threads in every inch of our linen handkerchiefs if you are interested in making comparisons as to quality. That is one method, and a sure one, of settling linen handkerchief values. Our buyer will be pleased, we are sure, to furnish a magnifying glass.

We make this suggestion because we are specializing on linen handkerchiefs for this Christmas—initial linen handkerchiefs particularly.

To tell you in detail about all our Christmas handkerchief purchases would mean going back to last January and coming down to a week ago——an outlay of perhaps $15,000—every kind of handkerchief for woman, child and man ranging in prices from 2½ cents to $25.00 each—with initial linen handkerchiefs as the outstanding feature of the whole.

LADIES'

Initialled plain linen handkerchiefs.. .. ..6 for $1.00
Another with hemstitched wreath and initial.. ..6 for $1.20
Crossbar linen initial handkerchiefs.... .. .. ..6 for $1.20
Initial with woven border.. .. ..6 for $1.25
A line with very dainty wreath... .. ..6 for $1.50
Very sheer line initialled.. .. ..6 for $2.00

CHILDREN'S

Initialled linen handkerchiefs.. .. ..6 for .75

MEN'S

Initialled linen handkerchiefs at.. .. ..6 for $1.25
6 for $1.50, 6 for $2.00, and .50 each.

2000 *HANDKERCHIEFS*, .10 *EACH*

All perfectly new, delightfully dainty, handsomely embroidered Swiss Muslin handkerchiefs, and if they were quite perfect the prices would be from .25 to .50 each; but in some there is the slightest imperfection and for that reason we are selling them each.. .. .. .10

PURE LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS

Fine and soft, ½ inch hemstitched edge; corner beautifully embroidered; some in grey, some in blue; prices .15, .20, .25 and .35 each.

FANCY HANDKERCHIEFS

Colored handkerchiefs for fancy work; pretty colorings; good assortment of designs; price each.. .. .. .10
Better quality colored handkerchiefs, 2 for .. .. .25
(Ground Floor.)

Beautiful Scarfs

As suggestions for Christmas:

Heavy Liberty silk scarfs in all the pastel shades; price.. .. ..$8.50

Crepe de Chine scarfs with deep knotted fringe; beautiful colors; price.. .. .. 7.50

Scarfs for harder wear, good and serviceable; suitable for motoring or rough weather—

One of a good crepe de chine; price.. .. .. 2.50

The other of double Ninon with wide hemstitched border; made to wear and very pretty; good assortment of colors; price.. .. 6.00

(Ground Floor.)

NECKWEAR

Pretty fancy net collars with jabot attached, trimmed with a touch of color, neatly boxed; price.. .. .. .25

Fancy stock collars with side jabot attached, trimmed with small fancy bow and tiny satin buttons; cream, white, pink or mauve; neatly boxed; price.. .. .. .50

Stock collar with long pleated jabot edged with fine Guipure lace; collar finished with folds of silk; assorted colors; neatly boxed; special at.. .. .. .65

Bradley Mufflers for ladies, children and men; all sizes and all colors; price, each.. .. .. .50

(Ground Floor.)

HOUSE WRAPPERS

BY WAY OF SUGGESTION

Women's house wrappers in nice dark colors, and in good sizes; each.. .. ..$1.50

Housemaids' Dresses, good washing print; light and dark colors; price.. .. ..$1.35

$1.25 Flannelette Waists Saturday, .89

Pretty styles, seasonable goods, very much in demand and specially priced for Saturday, these waists are of fine, soft quality flannelette; stripes, checks or dots; greens, browns, black and white, navy and red; all buttoned in front; long sleeves; very useful as morning waists; sizes 32 to 44; value $1.25;
Saturday.. .. .. .89

Oddments of Little Girls' Coats

Just a few $8.25 ones for girls 8, 9 and 10 years of age at, each.. .. ..$3.95

A few caracul ones in brown and grey, left over from our $2.75, $3.75 and $4.25 lines at, each.. .. .. 1.95

A few Alice Blue cloth ones, lined and interlined (for girls 3 to 5 years), marked at $2.75, for, each.. .. .. 1.95

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On sale Saturday, 39 trimmed Fall and Winter Hats, marked at $10.00, $12.50, $14.00, $16.00 and $18.50, for, each.. .. ..$7.75

—Beavers, velvet and French felts with most handsome mounts—no black, but mostly all good colors for the earlier purchasers.

(Second Floor Up.)

Is Your Wife Different from Other Women?

If she is, don't you think she would be apt to appreciate a Handbag different from those other women carry?—Not because of any extravagant price, but simply because it is different.

We have some such bags on exhibit now waiting for the lucky few who are willing to come for them promptly.

—Genuine Hornback Alligator Bags at $5 00, and extremely fine ones, too, ranging up to $35 00.

Some with novelty side pocket at $14.00.

Travelling Bags, fitted, at $5 00 and up to $37 50.

And an immensely large Auto Bag, fitted elaborately and made on novel frame from very fine saffian patent leather — a bag that one in ten thousand women does not possess.

Price - - - - - - - - - $50.00

In bags priced at any figure between $12.50 and $30.00 we have a collection unequalled in Montreal. — It's these bags we wish you to know us by.

Ladies' Splendid Sweaters

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To $1.49 for Saturday.

All in pull-over style in splendid soft wool—some all white, some all one color, some white with colored borders—some fancy knit, some plain, all in perfect condition, but we want to encourage you to shop early in the mornings during this holiday season, and for that reason these sweaters are reduced for Saturday from $2.50, $3.00, $3.50, $4.00 and $4.50 to..$1.49

(Second Floor Up.)

Aprons for Saturday.

We have just received a shipment of aprons of very exceptional value. They are made large and full, and we guarantee the material, the cut, the fit, and every stitch of sewing in them.

Made in the Princess style of fine linen; pockets; wide plain bib; shoulder straps; worth .75; special at.. .. .. .50

OVERALLS

Fine heavy prints; light or dark patterns; made form fitting or Japanese style; worth .95; price .65 and .75

CHINA'S NEW PARLIAMENT

Imperial Senate Has Shown Unexpected Independence.

THRONE HAS COMPROMISED.

Absolute Regime Will End in January—Prince Ching to Resign.

Pekin, Dec. 9.—It seems likely now that the ancient absolute regime in China will exist only historically after the Chinese New Year, in January, 1911. It is stated that the throne has decided to accede to the resolution of the Imperial Senate praying for immediate creation of a constitutional cabinet. Political events in China have moved with a rapidity that appears almost revolutionary since the provincial assemblies were in augurated in October, 1909.

The first Imperial Senate met on October 3 last and demanded the immediate convocation of a general parliament, which had been promised for 1915. The throne and grand council yielded to the extent of advancing the date for the inauguration of Parliament to 1913.

It was at first thought that the Senate, one-half of the membership of which was appointed by the throne, would be subservient, but early in its existence it developed a striking independence and exhibited a spirit that was almost rebellious. At a series of secret sessions it was decided by the provincial senators that they would not further tolerate a grand council, which was not responsible to the Imperial Senate, and would not execute that assembly's resolutions.

Briefly stated, the Senate resolved to relieve Prince Chunn, the regent, of absolute power and make the country a constitutional empire forthwith.

The reported compliance of the throne is regarded as a compromise. The Senate will not press for an immediate Parliament, but proposes to conduct the government on a single chamber basis until 1913.

It is understood that the venerable Prince Ching, the present power behind the throne, will retire and that Duke Tsai Tse will become Prime Minister.

YOUTHFUL BURGLAR.

Brockville, Ont., Dec. 9.—Gordon Burke, seventeen years of age, was lodged in jail here yesterday before being removed to Kingston to begin a sentence of two and a half years in the penitentiary. Burke was sentenced by Police Magistrate W. B. Carroll, of Gananoque, upon being found guilty of two charges of burglary. He broke into the offices of the Ontario Wheel Company and McLennan & Sharman, getting money in both places. Burke was given two and a half years on each charge, the sentences to run concurrently. The prisoner has served a term in the penitentiary.

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This charming gown was made by combining two extremely effective designs in semi-princess style. The simple waist with square yoke outline and deep shoulder tucks is very becoming and the slender lines of the skirt, with its shaped front panel and stylish back, will appeal to women who like stylish simplicity. Broadcloth, serge, satin, or similar fabrics may be used with braid embroidered bands or braiding for decoration. The waist pattern is cut in 6 sizes: 32, 34, 6, 38, 40, 42 inches bust measure. The skirt pattern is cut in 6 sizes: 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 inches waist measure. It requires 6 1-2 yards of 36-inch material for the medium size. This illustration calls for two separate patterns, mailed to any address upon receipt of 10c for each, silver or stamps.

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The 'Witness' Daily Fashion Hint.

CHRISTMAS CANDY MAKING.

The basis of a variety of bonbons is plain fondant, which can be made up several days before using, and kept covered with wax paper. Fondant is not difficult to make, if precautions are taken against granulation. Use a porcelain lined saucepan, with straight sides, and do not stir the syrup while boiling. With a wet cloth keep the sides of the pan wiped clean from granules of the boiling sugar. The ingredients are in the proportion of a pound and a half of granulated sugar to a cup of water. A pinch of cream of tartan may be added to take off the flat sweetness. To test, drop a little of the syrup into ice-cold water; if it forms a soft ball, it has cooked enough. Turn out of the saucepan, without scraping, on to a flat dish. When the mass cools, beat with a wooden spatula until it is like stiff cream, then put it on a bread board dusted with powdered sugar, and knead it into a smooth lump. The following recipes have the fondant for basis:

Nut Creams.—Mould into fancy shapes fondant flavored according to taste, and place a piece of walnut meat or a blanched almond on top of each piece.

Cocoanut Creams.—While the fondant is hot add a small package of shredded cocoanut. Stir until the mixture becomes thick and creamy. Pack in a lightly buttered pan and mark off in squares.

Chocolate Bars.—Make fondant with vanilla or any flavor desired, and put a layer about three-quarters of an inch deep in a pan. Mark off in oblong bars after a day or two and dip one side in melted chocolate. A nut or piece of candied fruit may be placed on top if desired.

Grape Creams.—Choose fresh white grapes, and with scissors clip them from the bunch, leaving a short stem on each. Melt vanilla flavored or plain fondant and dip the grapes in it, being careful not to loosen the stems, because if the juice escapes, it will soften the fondant and spoil the appearance and flavor of the candy, making it sticky and shapeless. To melt fondant place in a dish, set in another dish of hot water on the stove. Do not let a drop of water get in.

Chocolate Creams.—Work into the plain fondant some vanilla extract. Cut off small pieces and mould them with the fingers into small cones. Dipping increases the size, so that they will not need to be as large before dipping as you wish them to be when finished. Let them get quite hard. Melt two squares of chocolate in a shallow dish set in hot water, and leave the dish containing the chocolate in the hot water while dipping the cones. Drop a fondant ball into the melted chocolate, move about until it is well covered with chocolate, slide a knife under the flat side, lift the chocolate cream out, and place it carefully on waxed paper. Either sweet chocolate or plain may be used, as desired. Do not leave the balls in the hot chocolate any longer than is necessary to give them a complete coating, as they soften easily and lose shape. Dip only one at a time.

Fruit Balls.—Candied fruits may be moulded into the centre of balls of fondant, and then dipped in chocolate if desired.

SIGNS OF BEING NAGGED AT.

A child that is nagged at never holds itself well, says a physical director, writing in the 'Times.' The attitude of the body discloses in a marvellous way that of the mind, and many parents would be astonished to learn that the bearing of their children reflected their home influences in a very unflattering light.

The most affectionate parents are often the worst sinners in this respect, their anxiety for their children's welfare often takes the form of continuous reproof, indicating a lack of wisdom rather than of love.

'How often have I hold you' to do, or not do so and so, is a constantly reiterated phrase, and constant reiteration is perhaps the most painful form of "nagging." What is the use of telling the same thing in the same way so many times? If the nineteenth time of telling has had no lasting effect, why should the twentieth?

The only sound course is to find some other method of bringing about the desired result. The most potent weapon is the power of an idea. Endless nagging will never do more than weary the child and make it obstinate or sulky; and an obstinate or sulky child becomes round-shouldered, just as a shy self-conscious child will always poke her head forward. Self-confidence and self-esteem come hard to a little girl who is conscious that other people have a poor opinion of her. So it is useless to tell a girl to hold herself up, and at once follow the admonition by querulous criticism and unfavorable comparison with others.

There should be in the carriage something beyond the correct position of bones and limbs, something more than an erect spine, flat shoulder-blades, and a head held high; something subtle and striking, potent and attractive, and dependent entirely on the attitude of the mind. The self-reliant deportment of the confident woman who knows that she is capable of taking care of herself; the joyous happy gait of the young girl to whom the world is always in blossom; the quiet masterful air of power and dignity of the person who holds a position of responsibility—all bespeak a very different mental attitude from that represented by the apologetic, conciliatory, sulky, or semi-defiant bearing of those who live perpetually in an atmosphere of reproachful criticism.

Give your children, therefore, encouragement rather than criticism, sympathy rather than reproof, and while they are in the awkward age at least, do not add to their self-consciousness by constantly drawing attention to their faults.

GOLD SATIN AND FUR SET.

A little collarette and a huge muff are included in this set, made from gold-braided satin of a dull gold tone. Skunk fur is combined with this gold-en fabric, and trimming and heavy gold cord add a rich touch. A shirring of gold net on the brim of the hat softens the effect of the stiff turban shape.

CARE OF THE FACE IN WINTER

While our climate is the best in the world in some respects, it has not the best possible effect on our complexions, which suffer in one way in the heat of summer, and in another way in the cold of winter. However, a good deal can be done to safeguard the skin against the winter weather.

Precautions to observe are: not to wash the face or hands for some considerable time before going out or after coming in; to dry the skin thoroughly after washing; if possible to avoid the use of hard water for bathing the face. When the water is too hard, it is better to use the little bran or oatmeal bags than to soften it with borax, as the latter has a drying effect on the skin, and this is particularly undesirable in cold weather. The skin loses much of its natural moisture in the heated atmosphere of the house, and from the winds out of doors.

Before going out into the frosty air, protect the face by rubbing into the skin some cold cream. This is made on a vegetable oil basis—usually almond oil—and it prevents the skin from getting dry and hardened from the weather. Take a little on the tips of the fingers and rub it gently into the skin; wipe off any surplus not absorbed, then dust over with your usual powder, and smooth into invisibility.

Use hot or very warm water for the cleansing of the skin at night, but only cold water to bathe the face in the morning. Hot water can be used without disadvantage on the skin, during cold weather, only when one is sure of not going out of doors.

As inquiries for a formula for cold cream sometimes reach the editor, one is given here. It is the simplest formula. Buy the ingredients from a reliable chemist, so as to be sure they will be pure. There are a number of quite satisfactory cold creams on the market, but some women prefer to make their own. The ingredients of this one are: sweet almond oil, 4 ounces; spermaceti, 1 ounce; white wax, 1 ounce; rose water, 4 ounces; also a few drops of tincture of benzoin. Orange flower water or elder flower water can be substituted for the rose water. Blend the almond oil, wax, and spermaceti together in a procelain lined cup set in the top of a vessel of hot water; when melted beat it smooth, adding the rose water a little at a time, and just a few drops of the benzoin. It is rather difficult to get the cream smooth and of the right consistency, so it is better to attempt only a small quantity the first time. Keep in small jars with close covers.

EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

'You pratise what you preach,' said a business woman to a friend, whom she met out shopping at twenty minutes to nine the other morning. Are we all doing that, for most of us preach the advisability of early Christmas shopping? We may not all be able to get out before nine o'clock, but with a little management, changing the ordinary household routine if necessary, many women can shop in the fore part of the day, thus lessening the afternoon crowds.

Quite a number of women, 'practising what they preach,' have already got a great part of their Christmas shopping done; others are just beginning, and some haven't even started yet. If you notice, it is the woman that leaves almost everything for the last few days who complains of Christmas as a great bother. Selecting articles for gifts under pressure is not a promoter of cordial feelings and good will. It is the last day crowds that make the girls behind the counters wish that Christmas custom would go out altogether. Self interest—the advantage of having the first fresh stocks to select from; space to move about in comfort, instead of pushing through a crowd and waiting for a chance to be served; humanity, the consciousness that one has no right to let her procrastination or indecision help to ron some one else of her ability to share Christmas pleasures—all these urge one on to do her shopping at the earliest possible time.

AN OBJECT LESSON BABY.

A High School for Girls, at Scarborough (England), leads in the teaching of the domestic arts. A subject has been added to the curriculum, which may be classed as, 'Mothering, practical and theoretical.' The idea that a mother will know instinctively what she ought to know, is losing adherents. However, this is the first school heard from to have a practical class in the care of babyhood, for its students. Girls must be seventeen or over to enter the class.

A unique feature is that a real live baby, a little girl a few weeks old, has been engaged as a 'subject,' while a trained nurse from a London hospital gives instruction.

Each girl takes her turn in looking after the baby. The class is taught by the nurse the following subjects: How to bathe baby; how to cut out and make clothes for her; how to mix foods; scientific feeding and hygiene; how to detect baby's illnesses. The students have already learnt this valuable 'tip' in the art of mothering: How to tell, by the way baby cries, why it cries and where the trouble is. To distinguish the 'teething' cry from the 'stomach' cry, the 'pin' cry, etc.

The object lesson baby runs no risks. Miss Student is not allowed to try experiments. She may not see how Baby Margery will thrive upon a diet of chocolate and Turkish delight; she may not dip it in the bath until the temperature has been tested, nor can she work off any enthusiastic ideas on the helpless and unoffending chick. The young ladies have to play the game according to the strictest rules. Diet, the bath, exercise, hours of sleep, fresh air, ailments, dress and so forth must be practised on the most scientific lines, and that the game of little mothers is played according to the rules is proved by the fact that Baby Margery is thriving exceedingly in spite of the oceans of love expended upon her.

These daughters of Yorkshire squires, vicars, and so forth have been so reasonable in their treatment of a few weeks' old baby that two slightly older infants are about to be introduced to Highcliffe. These lucky mites are now aged ten and eighteen months respectively, and they will be remarkably well looked after.

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WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Franc ise Bill to be Introduced in Ontario Legislature.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—The prospects at present are that the legislature will convene on March 9, 1911, and that it will be unusualy busy, although no official announcement has been made regarding the date or the plans of the government.

Preparations for the announcement, however, are under way, and during the past few days the Hon. Thomas Crawford, Speaker, has spent much time at the Parliament Buildings. Because of the delay in the reconstruction of the burned western wing of the buildings, special accommodation must be procured for the members, and for the committee, but it is not thought that this will interfere with the progress of he work. . . . . .

Already a flood of applications for private legislation is pouring in upon the clerk of the House. A majority of these prospective feasures are of a routine character and have to do with local and municipal problem. The Toronto hospital for sick children, and the Church of the Disciples at St. Thomas, have applied for legislation to amend their acts of incorporation to enable them to hold lands bequeathed to them in unlimited form. The trustees of the public and separate schools of Sturgeon Falls are to seek legislation to arrange for the financial conduct of their institutions.

Other prospective legislation includes a bill for woman suffrage in the province, an amendment to the companies act, to do away with wildcat speculation, provision for the establishment of a provincial license commission, places for the further development of Northern Ontario, provision for floating a loan to meet capital expenditures, and provision for the regulation of the milk supply.

SPEAKS OF IMPERIALISM.

'I am a Canadian,' Doesn't Please the Rev. R. E. Knowles.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—The Rev. Dr. Robert E. Knowles, the novelist, of Galt, struck a high note of imperialism today in an address before the Empire Club. Dr. Knowles's theme was 'The Imperial and National Position of Canada,' and he left no doubt in the minds of his hearers that Canada's destiny was imperial; that her fortune was bound up with that of the Mother Country through good and through evil.

Dr. Knowles declared that the English and Irish and the Scotch were going to evolve in Canada into the finest race civilization had ever known. He did not believe, however, that the people of the Dominion should be content to be known as Canadian citizens, as they were of the Empire. 'I am a Canadian,' was the usual answer to a query as to a man's nationality. 'It always grates upon me,' he remarked.

.DEBTS OF QUEEN MARIA PIA..

Treasurer of Portuguese Minister of Finance Arrested for Paying Them.

Lisbon, Dec. 9.—The treasurer of the ministry of finance has been arrested, charged with paying the debts of Queen Maria Pia, grandmother of King Manuel.

WOMEN'S CANADIAN CLUB.

The Montreal Women's Canadian Club will hold their third meeting of the season on Monday, Dec. 12, in the Royal Victoria College. After luncheon, Dr. George R. Parkin, C.M.G., will address the club upon 'Cecil Rhodes: His Ideas and Ideals.'

Dr. Parkin has recently been lecturing in South Africa, the home of the Rhodes Scholarship Trust, of which he is the organizing representative.

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TARIFF DELEGATION.

Maritime Provinces on Their Way to Ottawa.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 9.—Delegates of the Maritime Province farmers were in the city yesterday en route to Ottawa, where they will join farmers' delegates from all over Canada to meet the government to discuss proposed changes in the tariff for the purpose of increasing our trade in agricultural products. The discussion among the New Brunswick farmers strongly indicates that they are in favor of a reduction of the duty on agricultural implements of all kinds, and they believe that if this is to be granted by Canada the Dominion Government should insist that the United States lowers its duties on farm products from Canada.

A TYPOTHETA FOR MONTREAL.

The Montreal Printers' Board of Trade held a meeting at the Chambre de Commerce Wednesday to listen to Messrs. Wilson H. Lee and Franklin W. Health, president of the United Typotheta of America, who gave a demonstration, illustrated with charts, of the forms and methods of the simplified cost system, a smaller variety of the International system, as used by the U. T. A. These gentlemen had desired to give their demonstration to the printers of Montrea., and they propose to pay similar visits to cities throughout the Dominion.

There were fifty printers present on Wednesday night, and Mr. Heath gave an explanation of the cost system. The practical outcome of the meeting was that the Printers' Board is serious considering the establishment of a local typotheta in Montreal.

SLAIN IN STRIKE.

Supposed Imported Workman Victim of Express Dispute—Five Arrests.

New York, Dec. 9.—'There's a skunk in the restaurant over here with a gun; come get him.'

The 'skunk' was John C. Warner, a young engineer of Highwood, Conn., and somebody did kill him, for one night during the recent express riots Warner was stabbed in the back and died of his wounds three days later. Last night the police arrested Alfred Mule, 20 years old, on suspicion of being the murderer.

The testimony accusing him comes from James F. Mulligan, one of four prisoners arrested by the police charged with being accessory to the crime. Mulligan, the police declare, said that he and others were at a meeting of strikers, when the 'skunk' message came over the telephone from a picket and an 'entertainment committee' was sent out.

The committee found Warner, mistook him for a strike-breaker, picked a quarrel with him, and left him dying.

TO DIPLOMATIC SERVICE.

Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., Advises Course for Young Men.

Toronto, Dec. 9. — Courses in the diplomatic service for Canadian young men were advocated by Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., in an address before St. George's Chapter of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire yesterday afternoon.

Courses, he said, could be established in the schools and colleges of the country to give an educational training for the service, and the graduates could go through the routine of office to equip themselves for the higher fields of the calling. He knew of no greater service in the world. It produced men like Milner and Curzon, who, after serving abroad, went back to England with all their rich experience to aid their country in their declining years. In this way openings could be provided for one or two hundred Canadian young men, who might come back in twenty years and be of great influence in the councils of their country in giving advice and in maintaining the ties of Empire.

PROCEEDS OF ROBBERY.

Cheques for $60,000 Recovertd and Youths Arrested.

Manchester, N.H., Dec. 9.—The officials of the Merchants' National Bank congratulated themselves yesterday upon the outcome of the robbery of $60,000 worth of collateral which occurred last Sunday morning. On Sunday the bank's post-office box, which had probably been left unlocked, was robbed of cheques and drafts. The post-office inspectors suspected Arthur Gagnon, a youth of eighteen, and when he was questioned yesterday he said that he and Ernest Harnois, aged sixteen, had taken the contents of the box. The drafts and cheques, with the exception of an $18 cheque, were found in Harnois's room.

PARIS WORLD'S FAIR.

Paris, Dec. 9.—The Government yesterday opened an official inquiry among the local chambers of commerce upon the advisability of holding another international exposition at Paris in 1920.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The superintendent of the Mackay Institution for Protestant Deaf and Blind, thankfully acknowledges the following donations:—Mrs. Morrice, 14 Baskets Grapes, Thanksgiving Tea Party, 1 Pail Candy, 49½ Yards Flannel, 120¾ Yards Flannelette, Magazines, 6 Tickets for Entertainment; Mr. Morrice, $10 worth of Clothing from Industrial Rooms; Mrs. Mackay, 15 Bags Apples, 4 Tickets for Concert; Mr. Kingman, Girl's Bicycle; Mrs. Kingman, Clothing, etc.; Mr. D. W. Ross, Tickets to Concert, and to Sousa's Band, with Car Fare, 100 Lantern Slides; The Misses Raynes, 12 Pairs Mittens and Clothing; Miss Polly Raynes, 20 Quarts Plum Jam; Miss Dow, Tickets to Boys' Sunshine Bazaar, Car Tickets, Ice Cream and Cake; Mr. W. Northy, Tickets to Horse Show; Mr. Pepper, Ice Cream and Cake; Miss Frances Kellert, 6 Baskets of Grapes and Candy; Mrs. E. B. Black, Clothing; Mrs. Munn, Fruit for Blind Pupils; Miss Elliot, 4 Baskets Plums and 2 Baskets Pears; Mrs. Craven, Magazines; Mrs. J. T. Stanger, Books and Magazines; Miss Mina Macdonald, Tickets to Bazaar.

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.

DICK — At Havergal, on Dec. 5, 1910, to Mrs. John R. Dick, a daughter.

MARSHALL — On Dec. 1, 1910, to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Marshall, 600 Chaussé street, a daughter.

MARRIED.

DUCLOS — MELDRUM — On Dec. 7, 1910, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. Dr. Clarke, Chas. A. Duclos, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Duclos, of St. Hyacinthe, to Alberta R. Meldrum, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Meldrum, 558 Lansdowne avenue, Westmount.

FERGUSON — FERGUSON — At the Manse, Avonmore, Ont., on Nov. 30, 1910, by the Rev. S. D. McPhee, George D. Ferguson, Strathmore, to Lottie M. Ferguson, of Gravel Hill.

DIED.

CORNER — Charles Stuart, died Dec. 8, 1910.
Funeral from his late residence, No. 2 May avenue, Verdun, at 2 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 10, to Grace Church, thence to Mount Royal Cemetery.

HOGG — In this city, on Dec. 8, 1910, Walter Hogg, a native of Selkirk, Scotland, aged 74 years.
Funeral private.

McMULLEN — (Louisa Gertrude), after a long illness borne with Christian fortitude, Louisa Gertrude, aged 16 years and 23 days, eldest daughter of the late William James McMullen.
Funeral from her mother's residence, No. 270A Delorimier avenue, on Saturday at 2.30 p.m., thence to Mount Royal Cemetery.
Michigan and Seattle, Wash., papers please copy.

MURPHY—At St. Catherine, Que., on Dec. 3, 1910, Bridget A. Conway, beloved wife of Philip Murphy.

WYLIE—At Plantagenet, Ont., on Nov. 10, 1910, David Wylie, in the 80th year of his age, a native of Magherafelt, County Derry, Ireland.
Magherafelt papers please copy.

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 notice will be promptly mailed. For addresses in foreign countries three cents will be required.

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PORTUGUESE FLOODS.

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SAFE WITH $15,000 STOLEN.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 9.—Mystery surrounds the disappearance of a small safe said to have contained $15,000 and valuable merchandise, from the office of the Adams Express Company here yesterday.

The safe was delivered at the office Wednesday night by one of the company's drivers. Some time after midnight it disappeared.

BERLIN'S POPULATION.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—Berlin's population on Dec. 1, 1910, was officially announced last night at 2,180,000, compared with 2,040,148 in 1905. The increase is thus 6.8 percent.

Including the several adjoining independent municipalities, the population is a fraction over 3,000,000.

Could Not Rest at Night.

Back Was So Weak.

Weak, lame and aching backs are the primary cause of kidney trouble. When the back aches or becomes weak it is a warning from the kidneys that everything is not right with them.

Heed the warning: cure the weak, lame, aching back and dispose of any chances of further trouble.

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NOT PHILANTHROPY

Liquor Dealer's Motive in Giving Free Soup and Sausages.

The secretary of the Dominion Alliance, Mr. John H. Roberts, issued the following statement to the press this morning, regarding the 'free soup' controversy:—

'It would appear on the face of it that saloonkeepers are performing a real philanthropic service in the giving away of free soup, frankfurters, sausages, etc. Without being unkind, and I do not want to treat any liquor dealer unkindly or unfairly, the motive behind the 'free soup' idea is not philanthropy, but business. The liquor dealer who indulges in this practice appeals especially to a class of laborers far from too well paid. These poor fellows have a certain small amount of money to spend in buying a dinner. It cannot be a great sum. The wages and the heavy home claims upon them will not permit that.

The liquor dealer's problem is: how to separate these men from their dinner money. Hence the free soup idea. Mr. License-holder knows that the average laboring man has too much self-respect to take 'free soup' (so-called) as charity, and will spend his dinner money on beer or whisky, so that he may not be ranked among the spongers. The result of this are threefold, and I commend them to consideration of employers of labor. First, the customer gets an insufficient meal, enough beer to make him heavy and sluggish (there is probably not 5 percent of nutriment in the best beer on earth), and, consequently, impaired vitality; second, the employer of labor gets less efficient service after dinner than before (the accident assurance companies, be it noted, report more accidents in the afternoon than in the morning), and, third, the liquor dealer gets the dinner money. In reality the employer of labor and the man's family pay for the drink. In the last resort impaired vitality means less productive power and brings about a breakdown of health, hence, employers and loved ones have to suffer. We cannot get steam and power out of an engine if we put no fuel in the fire-box. The laborer cannot get health, strength and vitality out of problematical soup (ninety percent of which is water). Neither will a solitary 'hot dog,' the contents of which are more or less a mystery, plus a couple of pints of beer, add much to his muscular power.

'I shall be greatly surprised and vastly disappointed if the License Commissioners do not put the free lunch practice under the ban. It is self-evidently an insidious inducement to drink, and it is a pernicious violation of the spirit of the license law, if not of its letter.

'The License Commissioners seem sincerely anxious to protect the public from the cupidity of the liquor dealers. One cannot imagine their being consenting parties to this grab-all game, now that the practice has been brought to their notice. Nor can one understand the better elements in the liquor trade, and it has its better elements, giving their endorsement and approval to a practice so discreditable to the whole liquor business.'

DUKE TO PAY DEBTS.

Lisbon, Dec. 9.—The ministry of finance will issue a decree on Dec. 15 calling for the payment of one-third of all custom duties in gold. The Duke of Oporto publishes the announcement that he intends to pay all of his debts in Portugal. It is believed that King Victor Emmanuel of Italy is advancing the necessary funds to the Duke in order to avoid a scandal.

The Man and the Dragon

By ALEXANDER OTIS
Author of "Hearts are Trumps."

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SUMMARY OF THE PRECEDING CHAPTER.

John Price, editor and manager-in-chief of the Carthage 'News' at the age of twenty-nine, holds his position with the grim energy and forcefulness that has carried him to it from the place of the boy of all work in its composing room. Hard-headed and practical, he is nevertheless in love with Vivian Everett, and determined to win her. The girl herself remembers him with amusement and a little contrition as a friend and conquest of the previous summer, which she had spent with a girl friend, Electa Chalmers, when Archie Dean, Vivian's acknowledged 'chum', had been also of the party. Through the influence of Tom Evans Price had succeeded to his precarious position on the 'News.' Evans, in practical control of Carthage political affairs, had given him this chance in order to crush a political opponent, Bleeker, the head of the town street railway, the new franchise of which Price energetically opposed, but Price was determined in other things to maintain his honor and independence. Mr. Everett, connected with Bleeker, notes Price's growing importance, and Vivian, who dreads lest Price shall claim his earlier acquaintance with her, begs Archie Dean to give him a hint to keep away.

CHAPTER VI.

A GRAIN OF SALT.

The members of the Pegasus Club were finishing their fortnightly dinner at the Rev. Dr. Buford's. Several were already through, while others were sipping the last of their coffee. The talk was running quietly on, concerning the affairs of the day, public and private, when all were rather startled by an explosive statement from Mr. Robert Bleeker, who enforced his remark by slapping his hand on the table with a force to make the dishes rattle.

'I call it rank socialism,' he declared. 'Here are capital and enterprise invested in this railroad, and its stock and bonds have always been regarded as gilt-edged securities. If the franchise is not renewed it will mean financial ruin to many innocent people. The council was willing to grant the extension and everything was running smoothly, when this impudent demagogue, Price, gets hold of the 'News,' a paper which no one at this table ever sees or reads, and begins such a crusade against the renewal of the franchise that the credit of the company is already seriously impaired, and it begins to look as though there might be some doubt about the ultimate result.'

'I can hardly believe the situation so serious,' interposed Archie Dean, 'but you are mistaken in saying none of us reads the 'News.''

'It's a yellow sheet, even if it is your uncle's paper,' retorted Bleeker.

'Oh, come,' protested Dean, 'whatever we may think of its opinions, the fact remains that this fight has doubled its circulation for the time being. Price is doing well, making lots of money, and we will get the franchise just the same. I saw the editorial tonight that seems to have offended you, and you must admit that it was full of ginger.' Dean rather enjoyed 'stirring up the animals' and starting off a lively debate.

'Full of dynamite,' snorted the disgusted Bleeker.

'Read it, if you have it with you, Archie,' suggested another diner.

'I think I have a copy in my overcoat,' said Dean, and went to look for it.

'How does it happen that the franchise is about to expire?' queried one of the party.

'It was originally granted for forty years,' explained Bleeker. 'It could have been granted for a hundred or a thousand, just as well as not, and I wish it had been with all my heart. The franchise expires at Christmas and we want it renewed for a hundred years or given in perpetuity. Young Price demands that the city hold the franchise itself, and operate the trolley lines, or, in the alternative, lease them to us at a ruinous rental which would practically drive us out of business and compel the city to step in and run the road in the end. You see, gentlemen, how rapidly socialism is making inroads upon us.'

'There is a widow in my congregation who has every cent invested in Carthage Electric stock. I hope nothing will go wrong with the company,' said Buford, anxiously.

At this point Archie Dean returned from his excursion into the cloak room with a copy of the 'News' in his hand.

'Let's hear the editorial, Archie,' urged several of the diners in chorus. Archie read:

A MONSTROUS STEAL.

If the Common Council of the City of Carthage proposed to make a present of between $15,000,000 and $20,000,000 to any person or corporation, the people of Carthage would hang every man Jack who voted for it; they would ride every prospective donee out of town on a rail; they would appeal to the courts and take every step necessary to stop the rascality and robbery.

It is proposed to give away rights and property to the Carthage Electric Company worth just about such a sum, and it is said that the council favors the job and that it is likely to go through if something isn't done.

Do the aldermen fancy that this wholesale robbery can be committed with impunity? There are a few men left in Carthage who can't be bought, and it will prove the political death of every politician who ventures to 'support the job.' If the company won't pay a fair price for a limited lease of the trolley lines the city should solve the problem by operating them herself. If either case, and in any event, this bold steal must be prevented.

The Trades Assembly will hold a mass meeting this evening to protest against the steal; and meetings will soon be called in every workingman's ward and district. The 'News' is in this fight to stay, and the people are behind it.

'Somewhat fervid in his rhetoric,' remarked one of the party. 'I think Mr. Bleeker is right when he says that it smacks of dynamite.'

'And yet,' said Dr. Buford, 'he seems a very earnest young man. Some of the European cities own their own tramways.'

'But Europe is not America,' declared Nathan Everett, who had hitherto listened in silence. 'Things have been reduced to a system over there. Young men of education and position are put into places of trust, while here we have to take care of the ward heeler.'

'Fudge,' said Colonel Bliss. 'I do not wish to be rude, Everett, but if everything is done so much better on the other side of the water, why doesn't the tide of immigration set the other way?'

'Because everything is better on this side of the water,—except municipal politics.'

'You will soon mend that, Everett,' rejoined Colonel Bliss, whereat there was a general smile, for Everett was understood to be on the very verge of forming an alliance with Thomas Evans and all that was questionable in Carthage politics.

'How does it happen that Congressman Parkerson permits this sort of thing in the "News"?' was asked.

Archie Dean explained that his uncle, the Congressman, was tired of the paper, especially as he was about to retire from public life, and had sold it out to Price on an option contract.

'That accounts for it,' commented Professor DuBois.

'Accounts for what?' asked Bleeker. 'For the fellow's manly independence. His style is crude, his energy untempered by conservatism. I do not agree with his opinions; there is dynamite in them, if you will; but he is his own master, and that is more than can be said for any other editor in Carthage. Many are able and scholarly, but name one who does not write with one eye fixed on the counting-room. Is there one of them who would dare incur the enmity of a great moneyed interest, as young Price is doing?' It was 'give and take' at the Pegasus Club, where the same 'great moneyed interest' was largely represented. Most of the capitalists present took the jibe good-humoredly. Not so Bleeker, however, who, as president of the Carthage Electric, had to bear the brunt of the controversy.

'It's mighty lucky they can't,' he rejoined indignantly. 'The papers are reckless and unscrupulous enough as it is. What would happen if they were all in the hands of socialists like Price?'

'I did not say that it would be a good thing,' said DuBois, in a mollifying tone. 'I merely intimated that there was a manly ring in that editorial that pleased me.'

Bleeker was about to make an angry retort, but Everett plucked him by the sleeve. 'Go it easy,' he whispered, 'do not let every one see how hard we are hit.' Whereupon Bleeker choked down his wrath and hurried from the room.

This was the general signal for departure. Amid the general shuffle of chairs that followed, Everett lingered, whispering to Dean, 'Cable at once to your uncle, Parkerson, and ask what he will take for the "News" stock, provided we can manage to get rid of the option.'

'Better see what you can do with Price before you go to that expense,' urged Dean. 'He is doing well with the paper, and aside from this confounded franchise fight is a very decent sort of chap. Ask him up to dinner and be clever with him. It is cheaper to give a man a dinner than to buy a newspaper.''

'I'll think of it. The suggestion has the merit of economy, at all events. Will you come too and help things along? We shall need all the help we can get in this matter.'

'Oh, yes, I'll come, I always come, you know,' said Archie, somewhat disconsolately. He had done a generous act in helping his rival to an entrée at the Everetts', but he didn't have that warm glow of an approving conscience which should have cheered him; on the contrary, he felt blue.

Everett noticed the tone, though he But he had long set his heart on having lacked the clew to its significance. Archie Dean for his son-in-law. 'Anything gone wrong?' he asked anxiously.

'Nothing more than usual. It is of no use, Mr. Everett, as I have often told you.'

'You give up too easily,' persisted Everett.

'You mistake me, I know the sex. It's all part and parcel of the desire to be incomprehensible.'

'I never thought you would degenerate into a woman-hater, Archie.'

'Nonsense; the trouble is I see through them, and they do not like it. Why, I can give you three cardinal principles upon which any woman can be understood as easily as A. B. C.'

'Let's have them,' said Everett, falling into the younger man's whimsical humor, without attempting to press him more closely upon a delicate subject, though rightly surmising that matters were not progressing as satisfactorily as he could wish.

'First,' said Dean, putting his foot on a chair, and leaning his elbow upon his knee, 'a woman should be taken seriously; second, a woman should be taken sympathetically; third,' shaking a salt cellar, 'a woman should be taken with a little grain of salt.'

Everett laughed and the pair went to find Dr. Duford; but Dean's suggestion about Price gave the banker food for reflection. Matters had reached a point where the Carthage Electric Company must do one of two things: make terms with Thomas Evans, or win over, or silence, John Price. The politician's conditions were hard, unconscionably humiliating and ranacious. It seemed easier to deal with the young editor, who was intrenched less securely and should be less exacting.

So reasoned Everett, who did not have the insight of Evans into men and things; but he was quite as uncrupulous though moving in a higher walk of life. The Trust Company of which he was president, had offices across the street from the Evans retail hat store. Everett lived in a mansion on Chester Avenue and Evans on an unfashionable street; Everett had been more or less of a 'reformer' in politics, and Evans himself was the whole machine; moreover, Mrs. Everett didn't know there was such a person as Mrs. Evans, yet both rejoiced in loving and devoted husbands.

All this afforded excellent reason why Nathan Everett should prefer any course rather than to beseech Thomas Evans for favors or meet his rapacious demands. The young editor's social prospects were, therefore, in the ascendant.

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As criminality among minors has increased in the last few years, the Italian Government appointed a royal commission to study the causes of juvenile delinquency. According to criminal returns for 1908 the proportion of minors convicted of crimes and offences was 22 percent. of the total number of convictions in the Kingdom, and in 71,327 convictions the age of the prisoners varied between 21 and 18 years, in 35,023 between 18 and 14, and in 30,758 between 14 and 9.

Fully 70 percent of these convictions were for serious crimes and not trivial offences. Several special laws have been proposed by the royal commission to diminish juvenile delinquency. It is hoped that the most effective measures will be those adopted in connection with immigration.

According to a new bill which will shortly be brought before Parliament no person under the age of 16 will leave the country unless accompanied by parents, and in the case of orphans unless a special authority is granted by a magistrate. Besides the bill absolutely prohibits children under 16 and boys under 14 to pose as artists' models, take part in theatrical performances of any kind, or be engaged in any capacity in public or private places of amusement.

JUVENILE CRIMINALS.

(New York 'Sun.')

THE ADVENTURES OF PHYLLIS

By BESSIE MARCHANT

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SUMMARY OF THE PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

A sudden reversa. of fortune through the father's rash speculation plunges Mr. Talbot family, living in Buenos Ayres, into the dilemma of how to make a living. Mr. Talbot announces his acceptance of a position in Jamaica, the two boys decide to farm, and of the three girls Grace is about to be married, May takes a position as companion and Phyllis, after much hunting, secures a position as governess in a little hill station at the home of a Mr. Maurice. Arriving alone at the lonely station, she was driven to her destination by a deaf old man, to find that the only persons at the estanica at which she is finally left are an angry old Spanish woman and a sick man. The woman declares she is Mrs. Maurice, but is only surprised at the arrival of Phyllis and the girl miserably decides she has been sent for to nurse the sick man. Without money and in a strange place she can only remain. After attending her patient one week, almost all the good she can do him being undone by the old woman when she goes on duty, on the return of the old woman's two ruffianly sons Phyllis learns she is at the Moritz estancia, not Mr. Maurice's home. She is much perplexed as the two Moritz men try to prevent her going to the Maurice's, so while they are away from the house she harnesses the horse and drives off with the sick man. Not far from where Phyllis is stranded is a little posthouse where two sisters are mourning the loss of their brother Jack, believed to have been killed in a landslide as he was carrying a valuable mail. The elder sister, Janet, is questioned by Greg Torrance as to the character of her brother, as there is a suspicion that he has merely disappeared with the mail, but it is only when she discovers the missing mail in his room that she has any fear of such a suspicion. Her first impulse is to burn it, but she resists this, and as an attempt is made that night to steal it, she returns it at once to the authorities, knowing miserably that her find makes her brother's honesty further suspected. Greg Torrance, unaware of all this, is still investigating Jack Lyster's disappearance and the two sisters and their old grandfather go into their new home. They are barely settled when Phyllis reaches their little home with her patient. He proves to be Jack Lyster, and Phyllis and Lillias are told by Janet about the suspicions against him in order that he may be hidden until his safety is assured, so horse and waggon are returned and all agree to say nothing. Meanwhile, Phyllis' sister Grace returns from her honeymoon with her husband, Mr. Ap. Morgan, and looks for news of Phyllis.

CHAPTER XXII.

A Tardy Search.

Mr. Ap Morgan was as good as his word; and, when morning came, he took Grace with him to Buenos Ayres to hunt for information concerning Phyllis's whereabouts.

The worst of it was, despite their efforts, they seemed to make no headway in their search.

First of all they drove straight to the Kestertons' town house, which had been vacated in such a hurry the day after Grace's marriage with Mr. Ap Morgan.

But the big outer doors were closed and remained so in spite of their knocking.

'Doesn't look much as if a caretaker had been left in charge,' muttered Mr. Ap Morgan, who was beginning to regret all the time he was being forced to waste, though for the sake of his wife he refrained from putting his feelings into words.

'Couldn't we break in or something?' demanded Grace, whose usually serene face wore a thoroughly scared look, and Phyllis absent was making a far more powerful appeal to her love and tenderness than Phyllis present had ever been able to do.

'Does it look like a place that would be easily broken into?' asked her husband, displaying what for him was certainly most commendable patience. 'Besides, even if the door were actually open, do you suppose I would permit you to enter with that thing still in evidence?' As he spoke he pointed to a yellow rag which swayed in the slight breeze from a small shuttered window over the big doors.

It was the quarantine flag; and Grace shuddered as she looked at it, for well she knew its sinister import.

'What shall we do?' Oh, what shall we do?' she cried shrinking closer to her husband, and farther away from the big doors that had such a grim and desolate look about them.

'We will drive round to my office and see if Kesterton has left his address there' said Mr. Ap Morgan. 'It was stupid of me not to make sure of it yesterday, but it never occurred to me that we might need it.'

'Oh, he would be sure to leave it there, for of course there would be letters and things to send on,' said Grace, with returning hopefulness; and then they got into the waiting cab, and drove away to Mr. Ap Morgan's office.

Grace was very silent on the way. She was planning those telegrams—one to the Kestertons for news of Phyllis, and one to Phyllis herself—and she told herself that it was good to have a rich husband, since now she had no need to worry herself about the cost of wiring on the extensive scale which alone would suit her mood today.

At the office fresh disappointment awaited them. Mr. Kesterton had not left his address, and no one knew where he was to be found. The clerks were interviewed singly and in groups, even the door porter came in for a share of the cross-examination, but all to no purpose, though the black errand boy distinctly remembered having taken parcels to the depot, directed to Mrs. Kesterton at some place near to Chilvoy. As, however, he could not remember what the place was, and as Chilvoy was a centre for four or five big districts, his information left much to be desired.

Mr. Ap Morgan, already up to the ears in the day's correspondence, suggested leaving things as they were until the next day, in the hope that there might be a letter from Mr. Kesterton in the morning's mail, or even from Phyllis herself.

But Grace was thoroughly roused now and would not hear of delay. She must do something, she said, or she would go off her head with worry.

It was then that Mr. Ap Morgan suggested her going to the post-office, or so much because he thought that she would find information there as that it should give her occupation, and so enable her to work the worry off somewhat.

Away went Grace in a regular whirl of perturbation, and in three-quarters of an hour she was back again if possible more excited than when she went out.

'Was anything ever so exasperating!' she exclaimed as she came hurrying back into her husband's office. 'I have discovered that the Kestertons have had their letters left in a box at the office ever since the town house was been shut up, and there is no end of stuff in it, letters, papers, telegrams, everything in fact that has come, yet they won't let me have even a peep at it without a permit from Mr. Kesterton.'

'Of course not. Nobody would unless they were heavily bribed, that is,' retorted Mr. Ap Morgan with a frown, wondering if his wife would insist upon his flinging away money in this fashion.

'I tried bribing, but it was of no use,' replied Grace in a plaintive tone. 'Whoever would have believed that we had post-office servants so incorruptibly honest here in Buenos Ayres! It would be quite reassuring if it were not so extremely exasperating.'

'You say that Kesterton has a box at the post-office, but why didn't he go and collect his mails, or have them sent here?' asked Mr. Ap Morgan.

'Oh, I expect it is everything that was directed to the town house, and that is so far away from here, you see,' she answered quickly 'I expect, too, it is chiefly Mrs. Kesterton's correspondence, dressmaker's bills, circulars, invitation cards, and that sort of thing; and if the poor man was so worried about his wife's sickness, he probably never even gave the post-office a thought. A man is not like a woman, you know.'

'What are you going to do now?' asked Mr. Ap Morgan, for there was that in his wife's expression which denoted a course of action already decided upon.

'I am going out to Chilvoy to hunt up the Kestertons, and when I have found them I shall make Mr. Kesterton come back with me and overhaul that box in my presence,' she said in a determined tone, looking at her husband with quite a new vigor in her eyes.

He nodded approvingly. 'I thought you would go. I'm sorry I can't leave to go with you, but it is entirely out of the question to-day. You'll want some money—a good lot, too, for he may be staying in camp a long way out of Chilvoy, and hiring is expensive in those out-of-the-way places,' he remarked, and turning to his safe he took a roll of notes therefrom, which he handed to his wife.

A little sob caught Grace in the throat as she turned away. Her husband's quickness in supplying her with moneys for possible needs had emphasised, more plainly than anything else, his apprehensive fears for Phyllis. Mr. Ap Morgan was not fond of parting with his money unless he thought he was going to get a bargain; hence Grace found her own fears about her sister intensified, because of his readiness to help her in her quest.

She was just in time to board the stopping train which, barring delays, should reach Chilvoy at four o'clock in the afternoon. As a matter of fact it did not get there until five-thirty. Then, after exhaustive inquiries at the depot and the post-office, Grace found to her dismay that the Kestertons were staying at Gunnery, a place twenty-five miles out.

Could anything be more exasperating? She nearly cried with tiredness and vexation when she went to wire to her husband after having routed out a carriage and horses to take her to Gunnery.

Then came a long, long drive over monotonous country as flat as a pancake, behind horses which had plainly done a day's work before they started on this new journey.

Night cam down dark and drear. Grace's nerves, already over-strained, seemed to have taken on a raw edge, and she could have shrieked with fear and terror as the slow miles slipped by. Then she saw lights in the distance, and clumps of trees. Presently a sheet of water gleamed under the night sky, and she guessed that it must be the famous Gunnery Lake, about which she had heard so much in Chilvoy during her hunt to find out the whereabouts of Mr. and Mrs. Kesterton.

Grand Hotel, Gunnery, had been the address given to her at the Chilvoy post-office, so that when the carriage stopped before a homely cluster of buildings arranged like the cow sheds round an English farmyard, she naturally supposed a mistake had been made, and, thrusting her head from the window, reminded the man that it was the Grand Hotel at which she wished to stop.

'This is the Grand Hotel, senora; the Lake Hotel is on the other side of the water, a mile away,' answered the driver, turning round to peer at his fare.

Grace groaned inwardly, but putting the best possible face on the matter, got down from the carriage, and waited on the doorstep, while the driver, who had also descended, pulled and tugged at the bell, which exercise he accompanied by beating on the door.

They kept early hours in Gunnery apparently, for everyone appeared to be not merely in bed but firmly asleep, though it was only just past ten o'clock. And it took near ten minutes of active knocking and ringing before a very sleepy Italian porter opened the door, to ask what was wanted.

'Are Mr. and Mrs. Kesterton staying here?' demanded Grace with an hysterical gasp. The man's appearance was grotesque enough to make her want to laugh—for he seemed to be clad merely in a dressing gown and a shooting jacket, with, of course, an enormous hat—but the long, fatiguing day had brought her so near to physical exhaustion that it was all she coud do to keep from crying like a baby.

'Yes, senora, they are here,' the porter answered.

'I must see them immediately,' Grace said, stepping over the threshold with the air of the man in possession.

(To be continued.)

"BED-TIME STORIES"

THE LAZY WINDMILL.

Once upon a time there was a big old windmill. It belonged to the farmer.

It had worked hard for many, many years, and the farmer, when speaking of it, used to call it 'Old Faithful.'

But one day the windmill had stopped working.

The wheel stood perfectly still. A strong wind passed by. It said to the windmill, 'Come, come! Why are you not at work? Let me help you turn your wheel.'

'No, no!' said the windmill. 'I do not wish for your help. I shall rest all day to-day. I am so tired!'

'Oh, but we must always work before we rest,' said the wind. 'Come, I shall be glad to help you.' The wind blew upon the wheel. The wheel would not turn.

'I will try again,' said the wind. So it blew long and hard.

'I do not have to mind you!' said the windmill. 'I tell you I am tired, and I shall rest to-day. Go away, old wind!'

So the wind sighed and went away.

'Oh, how fine it is to rest!' said the windmill.

All day long it remained still.

It grew late and the tired horses came home. They had worked hard all day in the hot sun.

They were so thirsty.

When they saw the windmill they started into a little trot, in their haste to reach the water tank.

Poor, tired horses! It was empty.

'Is the windmill broken?' asked the farmer.

'No, it is all right.'

'Why hasn't it worked to-day? The wind blew hard, to. I can't understand this!' he said.

The cows came for a drink. The sheep came for a drink. The chickens came for a drink. The dog came for a drink. The birds came for a drink. There was no water.

'Oh, why didn't I work?' said the windmill.

'There is no water for the horses and cows!

'There is no water for the sheep and chickens!

'There is no water for the dog and the birds!

'Oh, I am so sorry I didn't work!' And the windmill began to creak and groan in sorrow.

'Oh, I wish the wind would blow!

'I would work so hard that the tank would soon be full!'

A gentle wind came.

It tried to turn the wheel, but it was too weak; so it called its friends.

The friends came. They all pushed and pushed! Suddenly the wheel stopped creaking and groaning, and as it whirled merrily around, it sang this song:

'With the wind to help me,
Round and round I'll go;
Then the sparkling water
To my tank will flow.'

Soon the tank was full of clear, cold, sparkling water, and as the animals eagerly drank their fill, the wheel busily turned round and round, humming contentedly to itself.—Kathlyne J. Libby, in 'School Education.'

WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURE?

December 9.

To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?—Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.—To love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbor as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.

Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgment, and wait on thy God continually.—Many . . . sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. One thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

It is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

Pro. xxi., 3. Mic. vi., 8. I. Sam. xv., 22. Mark xii., 33. Hos. xii., 6. Luke x., 39, 42. Phil. ii., 13.

FORESTRY CONVENTION.

Preparations for Quebec Sessions on January 18-20.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Preparations for the Dominion Forestry convention, called by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to meet in the city of Quebec January 18-20, are now rapidly going forward. Secretary James Lawlor has returned to Ottawa from Quebec, where the members of the Government, under Sir Lomer Gouin, are forwarding the plans; the Hon. Jules Allard, minister of lands and forests, is personally taking part in the work. A strong local committee has been formed, with Mr. Herbert M. Price, chairman, and Mr. Avila Bedard, of the Quebec Forest service, secretary. In Ottawa the Hon. W. C. Edwards, the president, is dealing with the main lines of the meeting.

The commission of conservation, under the Hon. Clifford Sifton, will hold its annual meeting on January 17, in Quebec. The Legislature of Quebec will then be in session.

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Dated at the office of the Secretary of State of Canada, this 1st day of December, 1910.

THOMAS MULVEY,
Under-Secretary of State.
SMITH, MARKEY, SKINNER, PUGSLEY & HYDE,
Solicitors for Applicants.

LIBERAL CANDIDATE.

A. W. Roebuck Chosen For Temiskaming Provincial Seat.

Cobalt, Dec. 9.—One hundred and twenty-five delegates at a convention here yesterday elected, by a large majority, A. W. Roebuck, editor of the Temiskaming 'Herald,' and formerly of Toronto, to be Liberal candidate for the provincial house in the Temiskaming riding. His only adversary for nomination was Mr. Taylor, a pipe merchant, of Cobalt

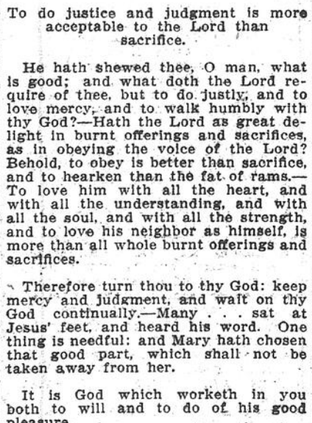
MELBOURNE'S REQUEST.

Deputation Wants It as Port of Call in Vancouver Service.

(Canadian Associated Press.)

Melbourne, Dec. 9.—A deputation representing the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce, waited upon Mr. W. M. Hughes, the acting Premier, yesterday, and urged the advisability of stipulating that Melbourne should be a port of call for the Vancouver mail service.

Mr. Hughes replied that the government was in favor of the idea, but the appearance of New Zealand in the negotiations had raised a new factor. The Commonwealth ministry, he added, was whole-hearted in favor of reciprocity with Canada, and, doubtless, an understanding wherein legislation may be drafted, will be arrived at when Mr. Andrew Fisher, the Premier, meets Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the Imperial Conference in London next year.



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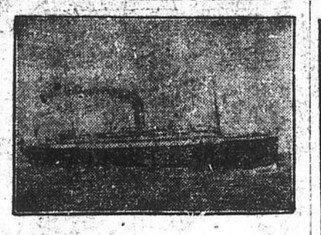

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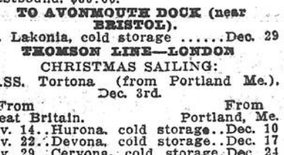

Synopsis of Canadian North-West Land Regulations.

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.

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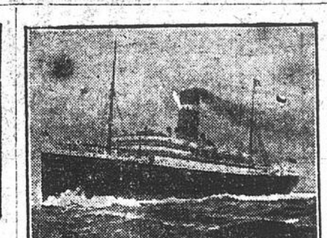
Montreal, November 10, 1910.
SMITH, MARKEY, SKINNER, PUGSLEY & HYDE,
Attorneys for Applicants.
179 St. James street, Montreal.

NOTICE

is hereby given that the Town of Montreal West will, at the next session of the Legislature of the Province of Quebec, apply for an Act to revise and consolidate its Charter, to make the same subject to the provisions of The Cities & Towns Act, to ratify certain of its by-laws, and containing other provisions appertaining to the foregoing.

Montreal, November 24th, 1910.
DAVIDSON & WAINWRIGHT,
Attorneys for the Town of Montreal West.



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Some good bowling took place last evening. Results are:—Montreal A.A.A. No. 1 team, Westmount A.A.A., Champetre No. 1 and Colonials were the winners in the four matches of Class A of Montreal.

Champetre had an easy thing on with M.A.A.A. No. 3 three times on the Palace Alleys.

The home team at the M.A.A.A. looked very workmanlike last evening, and they certainly were, making the highest score of the season. 2603.

Ruper Darling made the highest single string score of the evening, rolling up 249, in the third game of the match with the Crescent team.

Crescent had the highest score for one game in 913.

Westmount are going strong, and defeated the Standards.

Results are appended:—

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Beavers	3	0	1,000
Champetre No. 1	3	0	1,000
Westmount	4	2	.667
Champetre No. 2	2	1	.667
Colonials	2	1	.667
R.R.Y.M.C.A.	3	3	.500
M.A.A.A. No. 1	3	3	.500
Crescents	2	4	.333
M.A.A.A. No. 2	2	2	.333
Standards	1	5	.167
M.A.A.A. No. 3	0	3	.000
Nationals	0	2	.000

The scores in last night's play follow:—

ON M.A.A.A. ALLEYS.

Crescents.

R. J. Walker	161	156	218
L. Brown	142	171	157
J. Stewart	181	130	150
A. E. Surgeon	160	138	208
W. Bryson	169	165	180
Totals	813	820	913

Team total, 2,546.
Team average, 509.

M.A.A.A. No. 1.

F. H. Gardner	165	179	166
J. A. Hollingren	168	155	162
C. Hagar	187	189	141
M. Armstrong	197	137	175
A. G. R. Wasting	144	189	249
Totals	861	849	893

Team total, 2,603.
Team average, 521.
M.A.A.A. won match, taking first and second games.

ON WESTMOUNT ALLEYS.

Standards.

Decarie	175	162	167
Dionne	179	149	159
Gauthier	153	140	150
Quinn	165	156	157
Copeman	154	160	150
Totals	826	767	783

Team total, 2,376.
Team average, 475.

Westmount.

R. Ahern	181	164	155
A. Parker	141	170	157
A. Simpson	165	146	147
N. Brown	187	180	203
H. Moir	145	167	181
Totals	819	827	843

Team total, 2,489.
Team average, 498.
Westmount won match, taking second and third games.

ON PALACE ALLEYS.

R.R.Y.M.C.A.

Black	123	115	149
Brighten	167	150	151
N. Carmichael	144	148	168
Biddison	159	175	171
J. Carmichael	190	146	185
Totals	793	734	824

Team total, 2,351.
Team average, 470.

Colonials.

Bessner	144	150	142
Baudrett	190	154	166
Viau	137	148	148
Griffiths	153	20	1164
Sutherland	198	200	164
Totals	832	863	784

Team total, 2,480.
Team average, 494.
Colonials won match, taking first and second games.

ON PALACE ALLEYS.

M.A.A.A., No. 3.

L. Viau	183	139	136
Walsh	156	119	176
Gough	146	218	188
Leduc	110	155	187
H. Viau	133	118	184
Totals	728	729	871

Team total, 2,328.
Team average, 466.

Champetre No. 1.

Gagnon	176	171	155
Boullianne	167	151	202
J. Pelletier	172	164	172
E. Pelletier	185	192	175
Labelle	171	185	169
Totals	871	863	873

Team total, 2,597.
Team average, 519.
Champetre won all three games.

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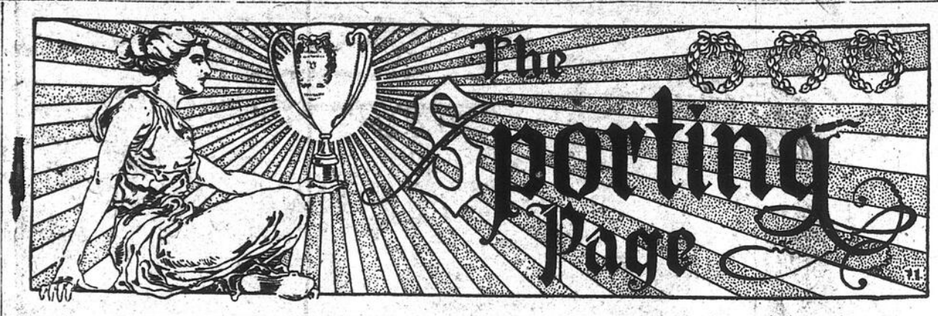

WANDERERS SIGNING UP. HAVE FULL TEAM BY TO-MORROW

Hockey Practice Will Start Next Week—Players May Receive Considerations Outside Limit Clause.

MAY GET McGILL CRACK.

Ottawa Will Waive Claim—Roberts Will be Great Acquisition to Forward Line of Champions—Expected to Sign Any Day.

The Wanderers expect to have their team for the season practically signed up by to-morrow or Monday at the latest.

They have stuck grimly to the salary limit, and have never wavered for a moment, knowing full well the extent to which they could go, and in any case have argued from the correct standpoint that as they pay the piper they have a right to call the tune.

Some arrangement may be come to whereby the players may participate in exhibition games at the end of the season, which might be arranged at New York or anywhere else, and cut up the receipts.

This would in no way be an infringement of the salary clause limit.

Practice will start up next week, by which time there will be a clearing of the air all round.

The situation is clearing up exactly as predicted day after day in this column.

Jack Laviolette had a narrow squeak from being drowned this week, whilst skating on the canal at Valleyfield. He went through the ice and was helped out by some friends, who were close at hand. It is generally understood that he will sign up for the Canadians as soon as Geo. Kennedy returns from Chicago.

Ottawa have waived their claim against Roberts, who is at McGill, and will, it is understood, sign up for the Wanderers. Roberts will be a distinct acquisition to the forward line of the champions.

Mr. Champlain Provencher, organizer of the Spalding Commercial Baseball League, has been approached by a number of clubs to arrange the necessary details for the purpose of forming at hockey league, on similar lines to the Commercial Baseball League, which has proved to be so great a success. A meeting will be called shortly to organize for the season. Three clubs have already expressed a desire to enter. These are: Ames-Holden, Redmond Co. and Beauchemin Co. Any eligible clubs who can secure the necessary rink accommodation for playing their games are asked to make written application to be included in the league, to Mr. C. Provencher, 443 St. James street, at as early a date as possible. This is essential in order that some idea may be gathered before the meeting as to the probable size of the league. It is hoped that all the business pertaining to the new league, including the playing schedule, will be transacted at the one meeting, which will be held in the beginning of next week.

A meeting of the Spalding Juvenile Hockey League will be held at 443 St. James street to-morrow afternoon at 3.30 p.m. Mr. C. Provencher, the president, states that this league consists of four clubs, and that if any other clubs wish to be included they may send two delegates each to this meeting. The entrance fee is $5. The schedule will be drawn up at the meeting.

The first hockey game of the season will be played at Viauville's new covered rink to-night, between 10 and 11, after skating hours, between teams picked from the City and District League.

A big crowd will be in attendance to pick up pointers as to the strength of the players, due to play in the local league games.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—The Ottawa Hockey Club has thrown dow nthe gauntlet before the hold-out players who refuse to sign to play under the $5000 salary limit rule. Yes, and the Ottawa officers have also jumped upon it, waving open defiance in the faces of the obstinate puck-chasers, who would continue salaries at the rate they were remunerated last ssason.

Refusing to submit to any dictation from the puck-chasers, the Ottawas at yesterday's meeting passed a unanimous resolution favoring a continuation of the salary limit clause and instructing the team committee to inform the players that they must either accept the terms submitted last week by Mr. Dave Mulligan or give up all hope of wearing the red, white and black during the coming season. The Ottawas, in other words, challenge the organization of an outlaw league, President McGee and his officers being firm in their belief that suc horganization would soon founder on the rocks of bankruptcy.

Early in the week it looked as though there would be a compromise. It was suggested that the salary limit be raised to $8000, which would apparently satisfy the players' demands. It developed on Wednesday, however, that the Renfrew magnates were not all favorable to such. They finally decided at the conference in the Windsor that they would adhere to the salary limit clause. No further peace negotiations were received, and although several propositions, having in view a satisfactory settlement, were advanced, the Ottawas finally fell in line with the Renfrew and Wanderer clubs, deciding that the constitution of the National Hockey Association must be maintained, and agreeing to fight the players to a finish. Rather than desert the National Association, in fact, the Ottawas will get out of hockey altogether. They believe that the players are most unreasonable in their demands, also,as previously pointed out, that the clubs must cut down salaries, and reduce hockey to a business basis at once if the game is to survive in Canada.

The situation was discussed at length after which it was stated by Mr. Butler that a satisfactory team would otherwise be available. Mr. Butler mentioned a number of names, and it was decided to make offers to the new men, allowing Messrs Stuart, Lake, Shore, Walsh, Kerr, and others of the hold-out brigade to proceed on their own hook. The Ottawas, in fact, really emulated the example set by Wanderers, and refuse to negotiate with the rebellious puck-chasers until the combine has been broken.

The pendulum is swinging towards the clubs again, and there are few who doubt that the firm stand of the Ottawa, Renfrew, Wanderer and Quebec Clubs will result in the survival of the National Association. The Ottawa season tickets will go on sale on Dec. 31.

Bruce Stuart, when informed of the outcome of the Ottawa meeting, declared that the new outlaw league would be started at once. The Haileybury Club has applied for membership, and five clubs may be included. In the event of a new league failing to materialize, Ottawa players will request release from the club. Amongst the men counted on by the Ottawas are Smith, Currie, Bawlf, Ronan, Gilmour and Lesueur.

GUN CLUB SHOOT.

Twentieth Annual Tournament Opened Yesterday.

Clinton, Ont., Dec. 9.—The twentieth annual tournament of the Clinton Gun Club opened yesterday under unfavorable weather conditions for trap shooting, with the thermometer not far from the zero mark and a gale of wind which was the cause of the shooting not being up to the usual mark. Among the participants were the cream of Canada at live bird shooting. The trade was well represented. The following firms were represented: Dupont Powder Co., by Mr. E. G. White; Dominion Cartridge Co., by Mr. G. M. Dunk; Union Metallic Cartridge Co., by C. Thompson; Canada Fish & Game, by Alf. Hewitt. The high average was won by Mr. H. D. Bates, Ridgetown; second by Phil. Wakefield, Toronto; third by Mr. J. T. Hovey, Clinton, and F. Kerr, Crediton.

The scores were as follows:

First event, fifteen live birds, H. Marlott, 8; J. H. Hill, 9; H. C. Thompson, 6; Geo. Robbins, 9; T. Stephenson, 4; F. Kerr, 12; J. T. McDuff, 9; A. T. McRitchie, 10; G. M. Dunk, 13; P. Wakefield, 13; A. M. Crawford, 9. H. D. Bates, 13; C. Thompson, 7; J. T. Hovey, 11; J. Tribner, 10; D. Hartbib, 7; Geo. Robbins, jr., 4; S. A. Roch, 5.

Second event, ten live birds—Marlott, 5; Hill, 10; Chapman, 9; Robbins, sr., 9; Stephenson, 6; Kerr, 9; McRitchie, 9; McDuff, 9; Rich, 7; Dunk, 8; Wakefield, 8; Crawford, 7. Bates, 9; Thompson, 9; Hovey, 8; Tribner, 7; Hartbib, 8; Mitchell, 7; Robins, jr., 5; Gould, 4; miss and out event divided on seventh bird by Bales, Hartbib, Wakefield and Hill.

The shooting will be concluded tomorrow at targets.

WORLD'S WALKING RECORDS.

Englishman Walks Some at Milan.

New York, Dec. 8.—News of the establishment of a series of new world's walking records, made a few days ago in Milan, Italy, has just reached this city. The new title holder is H. V. L. Ross, an Englishman, who was entered as scratch man in a twenty-kilometre walking handicap. This distance in statute measure is twelve miles 752 yards, and Ross won in 1.35.16 1-5, a new world's record for the distance.

In the course of the walk he also set up new world's records for ten, eleven and twelve miles. His figures for these distances were as follows:—

Ten miles—1.15.55.
Eleven miles—1.23.53.
Twelve miles—1.31.56.

Some of the old records had stood for more than twelve years.

FOOTBALL FINANCE.

$30,000 Lost During Disastrous Season.

Philadelphia, Dec. 8.—At the meeting of the directors of the University of Pensylvania Athletic Association, Treasurer Gilpin announced that football receipts this fall had run far behind the average, and that the loss for the season probably would reach $30,000.

The members did not think that the decrease in receipts was due to any dissatisfaction over the new rules, but rather to a series of counter attractions which have never been equalled before in this city. In the first place the excitement over the winning of the world's championship by the Athletics carried baseball interest far into the realm usually occupied by football.

On one Saturday there was the big automobile race, and on the day that Penn played Michigan, Princeton was struggling with Yale only a few miles away, and local attendance suffered. Finally, on the day of the Cornell game, the aviation meet was in full progress and thousands who would ordinarily have gone to the game went to see Drexel and Grahame-White instead.

After gloomily perusing Treasurer Gilpin's report for some time, the directors awarded the letters to the varsity, scrub and football teams of the past season. The list of varsity letters awarded numbered twenty, an unusually large quota. The men so honored were Jourdet, Marks, Kaufman, Rogers, Morris, Dillon, Wolferth, Craemer, Patterson, Cozens, Scott, Ramsdell, Mercer, Sommer, Young, Keough, Thayer, Hough, Harrington and Kennedy.

SKATING NOTES.

The splendid sheet of ice usually found at the Arena will be available for skaters this evening. The ice is in good condition. Hockey practices will start the middle of next week.

The Coliseum on Guy street continues to be well patronized, large numbers of ladies and children taking advantage of the morning and afternoon sessions.

A feature of this rink is that free skating lessons are available for beginners. A band is in attendance every night and on Saturday afternoons.

The M.A.A.A. rink will be open early next week, having been prepared and flooded. It only requires the finishing touches, which will be completed on Monday or Tuesday. Tickets are now on sale at the club house, Peel street.

CURLING NOTES.

A deal of discussion on the M.A.A.A.Trophy has taken place among curlers, and a prominent member of the sport expressed himself to the 'Witness' as follows:

'The fact is, there are so 'many trophies to be competed 'for that it makes the season short. Again, is some scheme 'could be introduced whereby 'the general members of rinks 'could have a look in, that 'would cover the ideas of the 'trophy as expressed by the 'M. A. A. A. authorities themselves. As at present the same 'teams of good players are invariably selected, to the exclusion of the general rank and file of playing members who hardly ever get a chance 'to have a cut in at trophy playing, and who are in consequence deprived of many 'games they would otherwise get and enjoy. Now the M. A. A. A. have decided to leave the matter in the hands of the 'curling branch, but I very 'much doubt their ability to 'devise a scheme which will 'be generally successful.'

DINNA FORGET.
The Thistles' opening to-morrow at 1.30. Lunch will precede the labor of the afternoon.

CUP RACE IN 1912

Matters Being Arranged Between U.S. and Canadian Yacht Clubs.

Detroit, Dec. 7.—There is a possibility that matters may be so arranged between the Rochester Yacht Club and the Royal Canadian Yacht Club that a race for the Canada Cup may be pulled off in 1912.

Owing to the fact that the Canadians demand that only boats regularly owned on fresh waters shall be allowed to compete in the races for the cup, and that the Rochester people insist that any boat complying with the building restrictions, whether a Great Lakes' boat or not, and sailing under the colors of the participating clubs is eligible, it has been impossible for the clubs to come together and arrange a race.

Neither side has shown the slightest inclination to give way.

Yesterday, at the annual meeting of the Yacht Racing Union of the Great Lakes, which body embraces the Lake Michigan, Interlake, and Lake Yachting Asssociation, a plan was decided on for presenting the matter to the Rochester Club in a new light. Though there is no possibility of a race in 1911, as it is past the date at which a challenge may be sent, the Lake Union expect to see an international race in 1912.

'CON' AT TORONTO

One Ambitiou in Life to Get Winning Team.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—Con Jones, president of the Vancouver Lacrosse Club, and one of the most successful business men in the West, is in Toronto with his wife and two boys. The Jones family have been on a transcontinental pleasure trip for the past two months and expect to be home by the 20th.

Mr. Jones's one sporting ambition in life is to get a lacrosse team in Vancouver that will beat New Westminster and capture the Minto cup, but up to date his quest has been unsuccessful. Harry Griffith, Harry Pickering and Archie Adamson, of the Tecumsehs, who went to the coast last year, are all doing well in a business way, and played good lacrosse last season. Archie married and has a Government position.

The Vancouver Club spent $12,000 in salaries last season, and though the gate receipts were $20,000, lost $740 on the season. Mr. Jones is hopeful that the experience his team gained last season against New Westminster will help them sufficiently to lift the cup next year. He is on a pleasure trip to Toronto and not looking for players to take to the West. He says that some of the reports last year of offers to Eastern players, especially Ottawans, were mirthful to him, being manufactured out of whole cloth.

WESTMOUNT BASKETBALL.

Opening League Games Decided To-night.

The opening league games of the Westmount A.A.A. Basketball League will be decided this evening.

Mr. H. H. M. Andrews, the president of the W.A.A.A., will officially open the season by throwing the first ball.

Art Brophy's 'would-be' champions will play 'Dug' Sutherland's 'dark horses' at 8 p.m.

Geo. Trenholme's 'come-backs' will play 'Jim' Brown's 'Fade-aways' at the finish of the first game.

A good attendance is anticipated at both games.

C. I. R. U.

Present Rules Cause Contentious Persons to Argue.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—The annual meeting of the Canadian Intercollegiate Rugby Union will be held at the King Edward Hotel on Saturday afternoon. The formal congratulations of the union will be tendered to the champion teams of the union, as follows:

Senior—University of Toronto. Intermediate, Royal Military College, of Kingson. Junior, University of Toronto.

The union will express pleasure in the fact that their senior and intermediate champion teams also won the Canadian championships, indicating clearly that the best Rugby was played in the College Union. The most important suggestion to be made is that the College Union play under the rules of the Canadian Rugby Union, which are those governing all games in the O.R.F.U., the Interprovincial and the Uuebec Unions. If this decision is reached the rules will be uniform in all the unions, such as has been the desire of all concerned in the welfare of the game for some time past. The difference in the rules at present existing are of a minor character only, but enough to cause argument at time from contentious persons.

BASEBALL MAGNATES MEET

Will Most Likely Develop Status of 'Third Degree' Baseball Movement.

FLETCHER'S INEFFECTUAL EFFORT.

Meeting Will Take Place at New York Next Week, When Matter Will be Discussed.

New York, Dec. 9.—The gathering of the big baseball magnates for their annual meetings here next week is believed likely to develop the status of the 'third league' baseball movement. From what can be learned in advance there seems to be less worry among the club presidents than there was a few weeks ago regarding the moves of D. A. Fletcher, promoter of the proposed rival organization. If the reports of ground lost by Fletcher in his efforts to corral star players and secure other support for the so-called outlaw circuit are confirmed when the magnates get together, there is said to be little likelihood of official cognizance being taken of the third league proposition.

AIRMAN'S SPEED RECORD

Over 16 Miles in 10 Mins. 55 Secs. on Bleriot Machine.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 7.—Rene Barrier, a French aviator, established a world's record this afternoon, when he flew a distance in excess of sixteen miles in ten minutes 55 1-5 seconds, thereby winning a prize of $5,000 offered by the Memphis 'Commercial Appeal' for the flight. He outwinged J. Moisant, who blazed the way over the course, by nearly eight minutes. Both used Bleriot monoplanes.

The flights of Barrier and Moisant were over a course by shortest calculation of sixteen miles. It lay from the aviation field at the old Montgomery Park race course to a point several miles north of Memphis, known as Hen and Chickens Island; thence along the Mississippi river to President's Island, four miles to the south, and back to the starting point.

Barrier made a remarkable flight. He held to the prescribed course almost to a dot, and in this had the advantage over Moisant,-who, in his turn, described wide semi-circles at a height of 7000 feet. His time was 18 minutes 16 2-5 seconds, part of which was lost in aerial gyrations for the benefit of onlookers, who crowded housetops and other points of vantage.

Barrier travelled at an average rate of 87.89 miles an hour. The previous record over a closed course was established by Leon Morane at Rheims last August. In his flight a speed of 67 miles was attained.

While the cross-city flight was the feature, it did not furnish all the thrills to the afternoon's programme. Charles K. Hamilton, in his heavier biplane, missed death by a hairs-breadth, and in his effort performed a spectacular feat of airmanship. In an exhibition flight he had reached a height of 200 feet when his motor went dead. Then he started to glide, eventually striking the earth with a thump, his machine a wreck, but his bones whole. Painful cuts and bruises about his face and body, however, he retained as a memento.

M.A.A.A. NOTES.

The basketball team leave for a two-days' trip to-day, playing against the St. Lawrence University team of Canton this evening, and against the Normal school team of Potsdam to-morrow.

The team will consist of the following players: A. Scott, P. Cameron. B. Thompson, Alex. Cameron, J. Leonard, and W. Hurd or G. Kearns.

Mr. Roland Gomery will accompany the team.

The junior basketball players of the association will hold a practice on Monday in the club gym. from 7 to 8 o'clock.

SIX FEET HIGH.

Solman Lacrosse Trophy on View at Princess.

The magnificent trophy presented by Mr. Lol Solman to the National Lacrosse Union may be seen in the entrance way to the Princess Theatre.

The cost of the trophy is said to have been $4,000, and is most likely one of the finest ever given to sport in Canada.

Standing six feet high, it is a splendid specimen of the silversmith's art, being beautifully chased. It will be presented to the Nationals at a banquet to be held at the Queen's Hotel to-morrow evening.

CHAMPETRE TERPISCHOREANS.

600 Attend Successful Ball at Stanley Hall.

No less than 600 people attended the annual euchre and ball given by Club Champetre, at Stanley Hall, last evening.

Distribution of prizes was conducted by Mr. Geo. Gauvreau, honorary president, attended by Mr. G. N. Petch, of Holly, and Alex. Bergevin, of St. Jacques clubs.

The winners of the ladies' prizes were:—Mrs. H. Perrault, Miss Alice Delage, Mrs. Jos. Flamand, Mrs. K. Bertrand, Miss E. Larin, Miss Jeannette Dauphinais, Miss Adrienne Millaire, Miss N. Beaupre.

The men's prizes were won by the following:—1, J. A. Gareau; 2, J. Leo Bernier; 3, Art. Bonin; 4, Aime De Montigny; 5, R. Turcotte.

Consolation prize—Ladies, Mrs. I. Rice; gentlemen, Mr. A. Fleury.

Dancing to music of an excellent orchestra went on until the small hours of the morning.

OFFICIAL COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL GUIDE FOR 1910.

Spalding's Official Collegiate Basketball Guide for 1910, has just been published. It is No. 323 of Spalding's Library Series. This book has been anxiously awaited by the college players throughout the United States. It is edited by Harry A. Fisher, and contains the basketball rules revised and recommended by the Rules Committee of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States.

The Guide is profusely illustrated with fine half-tone pictures of the leading authorities and teams. The captains, managers and coaches of college teams given in the book will be of material aid to all those who wish to communicate with others teams. It will be sent to any address in the United States or Canada by the American Sports Publishing Company, 21 Warren street, New York City, on receipt of 10 cents.

H. T. STERLING RESIGNS.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—The resignation of H. J. Sterling, of Paris, from the executive of the O.H.A. was received yesterday. Mr. Sterling has been moved by his bank to Winnipeg, and leaves to-day for the West. His successor will be appointed at the meeting of the executive slated to be held next Wednesday, when all preparations for the season will be made.

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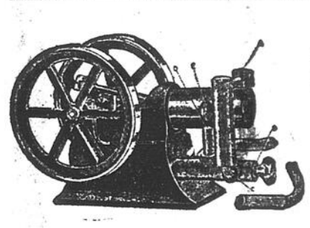

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Y. M. C. A. BASKETBALL.

Fast and Interesting Contests.

Basketball players took possession of the Y.M.C.A. gymnasium last evening, when three matches were negotiated. There was a fair attendance of spectators to watch the play, but the numbers were doubtless affected by the Camp dinner, which was being held in another part of the building. Those who were present, however, had very little to cavil at in the two hours' exhibition-which was presented them, and, on the whole, a very good evening's entertainment was vouchsafed.

The first game was between Maples and Junior Business Men. This proved an exciting contest, and the excellent defence of the Maples was a special feature of it. To their defence and the scoring proclivities of A. A. Griffin, was mainly attributable the victory of the Maples.

At half-time the score stood thus: — Maples, 16 points; Business Men, 3 points.

Result:—Maples, 24 points; Business Men, 8 points.

line up:—

Maples.	Position.	Jr. Business Men.
J. Rowe	Right	C. R. Norman
A. A. Griffin	Left	F. Opzoomer
C. Mageane	Centre	C. Stanley
D. H. Johnson	Right G.	F. Holland
S. Goodfellow	Left G.	C. M.Baker

Referee, Mr. J. Forbes. Umpire, Mr. F. Liffeton. Timekeeper, Mr. F. Hopkins. Scorer, Mr. S. Darche.

Cubs and Senior Business Men were the contestants in the second match. The Cubs were without the services of W. Donaldson, who was on the sick-list; his absence, however, did not interfere with the Cubs winning, and in very handsom fashion, too. Zimmerman, the champion Canadian swimmer and diver, was in the ranks of the Business Men, and he did some good work.

Some really excellent combination was shown by both teams at times. The Cubs appeared to have a more accurate knowledge of the exact direction and positions of the baskets than their opponents, and were also quicker at making the most of the slightest opportunity which opened up. F. Leach put the ball into the basket for the Cubs once with a great shot. H. Copeland and D. Speck were prolific scorers for the winners.

Half time score: Cubs, 32 points; Business Men, 12 points.

Result: Cubs, 45 points; Business Men, 13 points.

Cubs.	Position.	Sr. Business Men.
D. Speck	Right	Zimmerman
H. Liffeton	Left	Joslin
H. Copeland	Centre	Youill
G. Forbes	Right G.	Anderson
F. Leach	Left G.	Paton

Referee, Mr. J. Forbes. Timekeeper, Mr. H. Hopkins. Scorer, Mr. Darche.

Swallows vs. Mercury. This game was very fast and strenuously contsted; in fact, the inclination was to be overstrenuous at times,and the referee had to be firm to keep the men in hand. As the score would denote the Mercurys were the better side, and deserved their win,L. Smith being their principal scorer.

Half time score: Mercurys, 21 points; Swallows, 4 points.

Result: Mercurys, 34 points; Swallows, 14 points.

Swallows.	Position.	Mercurys.
A. Gammell	Right	F. Peet
A. Cushing	Left	L. Smith
K. Barwick	Centre	J. Pratt
G. Batt	Right G.	Esseman
K. Forbes	Left G.	W. Pascoe

Referee, Mr. J. Forbes. Scorer, Mr. S. Darche. Timekeeper, Mr. H. Hopkins.

CORNSTALKS WANT BARNEY.

Oldfield Goes to Australia in New Year.

Los Angeles, Dec. 8.—Barney Oldfield, who will race at Ascot Park on Saturday afternoon, will go to Australia after Jan. 1. He announced last night that in addition to his wife he would be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. James Jeffries and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chance and Arch. Hoxsey, the aviator. Oldfield received an offer from Australia some time ago.

AIRSHIP PASSENGERS.

Johannisthal, Germany, Dec. 9.—Aviator Brunsuber circled the field here twice yesterday, carrying four passengers with him, in a Farman bi-plane.

THE WEEK'S CYCLE GRIND

More Sprinting in Race Yesterday

New York, Dec. 8. — Although the monotony of the grind around the saucer track was relieved by several spirited sprints, there was no parallel in the early hours to-day for the exciting moments of yesterday when the big shake-up occurred among the six-day bicycle riders. The ten teams left in the garden contest contented themselves for the most part in a slow pace that resulted in the far fall from previous records. The teams this morning were fifty miles behind the best figure for previous contests. The easy-going was evidently helping to keep the men in trim, and also as far as could be observed, nearly all of them were in excellent condition. The only exception was Walker, of the Pye-Walker team, who fell and sprained his ankle during the night. He came out at intervals this morning to relieve his partner,and was shown consideration by the other cyclists, under Moran's leadership, several of them taking turns in helping him around the track, when he seemed to need assistance in keeping up.

There were no changes in the relative standing during the night and early morning riding, 8 a.m. finding the scores as follows:

Hehler and Goulet, Pye and Walker, Fogler and Binks, Root and Moran, Mitten and Thomas, Cameron and Halstead, Collins and Drobach, 1526 miles 8 laps; MacFarland and Clarke, West and Demara, 1526 miles, 2 laps; Rutt and Stol, 1526 miles 6 laps.

The record is 1575 miles 7 laps, made by MacFarland and Clarke in 1909.

New York, Dec. 8.—At 2 o'clock, the 86th hour, the six leading teams were still tied with 1631 miles covered, the teams with 1630 miles 9 laps, and Rutt and Stol with 1630 miles 8 laps.

The record is 1681 miles 5 laps, made by Lawson and Demara last year.

New York, Dec. 8.—The opening of the next to the last day of the six day bicycle race in Madison Square Garden found eight teams left in the race—five of them tied for first honors, two others a lap behind and one team in a lap trail in the rear. This last was the new combination of Rutt and Clarke formed late yesterday, after MacFarland and Stol had retired. Cameron and Halstead had been displaced from their run with the leaders by losing a lap in a sprint. H. Copeland and D. Speck were prolific scorers for the winners.

The pace this morning was slow, the leaders contenting themselves with dragging along, preserving their places and keeping in as good condition as possible for the final struggles. They were 102 miles behind the record for the 104th hour at 8 o'clock this morning, when the score stood: — Root-Moran, 1931.1; Mitten-Thomas, 1931.1; Fogler-Hill, 1931.1; Collins-Drobach, 1931.1; Hehir-Goulet, 1931.1; Cameron-Halstead, 1931; West-Demara, 1931; Rutt-Clarke, 1930.9.

The record is 2033 miles and 2 laps, made by Miller and Waller in 1899.

LANGUISHING LACROSSE.

Columbia Captain's Retirement the Cause.

Toronto, Dec. 8.—Charlie Querrie's little trip to New York to coach the Columbia University lacrosse team may not materialize after all. Advices from Gotham are to the effect that the University Athletic Association has decided that unless more interest in the sport is manifested by the students the game will be dropped and the money laid aside for expenses returned to the treasury. The resignation of the captain of the Columbia team is said to be the reason for the apathy existing at the college.

MONTREAL CITY HOCKEY.

Official Schedule Published First Games December 19.

The official printed schedule of the Montreal City Hockey League, is to hand, the first games in the series being Dec. 19, at the Jubilee rink, when all games of the league are played, between Cercle St. Jacques and Ascot, to 9; Baillargeon Express and National 9 to 10, and Stars and Comets, 10 to 11.

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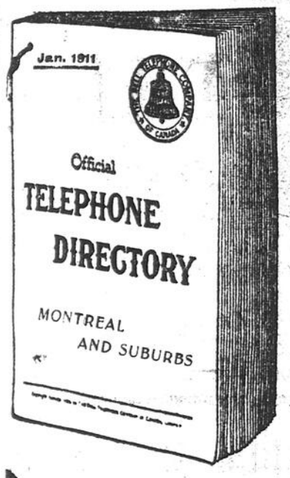

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INTERPROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT NEWS

SMITH'S FALLS

Smith's Falls, Dec. 9.—At a meeting of the town council a large delegation was appointed to go to Ottawa to join in the protest to the Government against closing the Rideau Canal at Ottawa, and also to ask that some steps be taken to conserve the water in Rideau Lake.

Mr. Charlie Edwards, of Smith's Falls, met with a painful accident in Ottawa. He was hurrying to catch the evening train for home, and when near the station platform fell over a box, with the result that his knee cap was dislocated. He was assisted to the car and brought home.

It is rumored that the C.P.R. will put on a passenger train after Jan. 1st between Smith's Falls and North Bay to take the place of the Imperial Limited, Nos. 1 and 2, which are to be withdrawn after that date. The new train would connect with trains to and from Ottawa at Carleton Place, and with trains to and from Montreal and Toronto at Smith's Falls, thus giving a good passenger and mail service to the Ottawa Valley towns, which would otherwise suffer by the withdrawal of the Imperial Limited.

Mr. Wm. Hyndman has been appointed license inspector for South Lanark to succeed Mr. S. M. Barnes, resigned. Mr. Hyndman is a well known merchant of Smith's Falls, and is particularly well qualified for the position.

Mr. Ben H. Spence, general secretary of the Dominion Alliance, will give two addresses here on Sunday next in the interests of local option. In the afternoon he will speak to a meeting of men, and in the evening he will give an address at a public meeting in the town hall.

BROCKVILLE

Brockville, Ont., Dec. 9.—The police are rounding up the vagrants and undesirables and acting on instructions received from the Attorney-General's Department the police magistrate is sending the unfortunates down for six months to the Central Prison. The latest to answer the roll call is Wm. Turner.

Five members of the Gananoque Public School teaching staff have resigned because the Board refused to grant them an increase in salaries.

Acting on the recommendation of the Boards of Water and Light Commissions the Town Council will submit a by-law to the ratepayers at the next municipal election in January, providing for the amalgamation of the Boards. Owing to the lapse of time, even if the by-law passes, it will not become operative until January, 1912. The amalgamated board will consist of four elective members and the mayor.

Dr. S. Gowan, of this town, has received a contract from the Dominion Government of constructing a wharf at Lakeport, near Port Colborne. The work of laying material on the ground has started.

Miss Elizabeth Steacy, a member of one of the first families in Brockville, died at the family residence here after a long illness. She was a daughter of the late John Steacy, contractor.

H. K. Yates, of St. Alban's School, Brockville, is one of the successful candidates in the recent competitive examination for admission to the new Halifax Naval College. Mr. Yates' home is in Montreal.

The Town Council has officially expressed its acceptance of the suggestion of the Light, Heat & Power Department of Kingston to hold a conference here on the 14th inst., regarding hydro-electric energy for Eastern Ontario towns and cities. A large number of municipalities are expected to be represented, and an engineer from the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission will be present to explain the situation. The municipalities feel that only by united effort can results be achieved.

George Taylor ventured on newly formed ice on Newboro Lake, with the result that he broke through and had a miraculous escape from drowning. After a hard struggle, although encumbered with a heavy overcoat, he managed to beat his way to ice sufficiently strong to hold his weight. There he lay exhausted until rescued. Taylor will recover.

HUNTINGDON

Huntingdon, Que., Dec. 9. — The Presbyterian congregations in this neighborhood are moving toward the adoption of the weekly envelope system of raising funds for church purposes.

The ladies of the Methodist Church held a bazaar on Tuesday afternoon and evening, at which $113 was realized from the sale of useful and fancy articles.

Whooping cough is epidemic in town, and one case of typhoid fever exists. The source of infection in the latter case is unknown.

Drs. Walsh and Clouston, School Commissioners, visited the Academy on Tuesday afternoon and presented a silver medal to James B. McMillan. The medal is the gift of the Eastern Townships Bank, and goes to the pupil attaining the highest number of marks in grade No. 2, academy, at the June examinations.

George McCartney, from Dawson City, with his wife and two boys, are visiting relatives in Godmanchester. Mr. McCartney has spent thirteen years in the North-west, seven of them being in Dawson City, in the employ of the famous Guggenheims. Wages, he states, are now $4 a day, and board. They were formerly $5. He speaks highly of Dawson as a place of residence.

MARTINTOWN RESIDENT DEAD

Mrs. H. S. Christie Passed Away at Burlington.

Cornwall, Dec. 9—Mrs. Christie, wife of Mr. H. S. Christie, of Martintown, died at Burlington, N.D., aged 67 years. Mrs. Christie left in June to visit her sons in the West, and had enjoyed spending the summer among them, as well as with a sister at Neepawa, Man. She had almost finished her visit and intended returning home early in December, but about two weeks ago contracted a cold which developed into pneumonia, and in spite of everything that loving friends and medical care could do, it resulted fatally, after only eight days' illness, at the home of her son, Dr. F. John Christie, of Burlington, N.D. The remains were accompanied by her son Fred to Apple Hill, where they were met by many sorrowing friends on Sunday morning.

In the death of Mrs. Christie the community loses one who was a friend to all, especially to those who needed a kind word, and many a heavy heart has her cheerful smile brightened. The sympathy of the whole community goes out to the sorrowing husband and family, as well as to her brothers and sisters and other relatives in the sore bereavement of losing a devoted wife, a loving mother, and a kind friend to all.

Mrs. Christie's maiden name was Annie MacIntosh, and she was a daughter of the late Mr. Finlay MacIntosh, of Glen Falloch. She was married to Mr. Christie at Martintown on Jan. 22, 1874, and is survived by her husband and six sons: Simeon Christie, on the homestead. Dr. John Christie, Burlington, N.D.; Dr. Herbert Christie, Esterhazy, Sask.; David E. Christie, Calgary, Alta., and Kenneth and Fred Christie, Butte, Mont. The funeral took place on Nov. 29 from her late residence, Line Road, to St. Andrew's Cemetery at Martintown. The Rev. J. B. MacLeod officiated. The pall-bearers were Messrs. J. A. McCallum, P. H. McDermid, A. J. McIntosh and Wesley Farlinger, of Martintown, and J. C. Stewart and Thos. McIntosh, of Lancaster. A beautiful wreath from her six sons was laid on the casket. There was a very large attendance at the funeral.

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THE OLD TIMES GONE

Controllers Want Positions to Seek the Men Rather Than the Reverse.

A few days ago it became known that additions to the staffs of certain civic departments requiring professional men were contemplated. The news got into the press in the ordinary way. The result was annoying in the extreme to the Controllers, and they did not hesitate to say so. Several applicants appeared on the scene promptly, without waiting to be sent for. They intercepted the Controllers on the street, in the corridors, and even visited them in their homes. This was going too far for the long-suffering Controllers, and they said things that left the impression that this was the right way to go about 'not' getting a job. The Controllers would have it understood that they do not wish to be 'approached,' holding to the theory that it is best for the office to seek the man.

THE UNION REVIVAL.

'Christ's Message to the Laboring People,' Dr. Elliott's Theme Last Night.

The special service held as a token of respect to the aged in the Fairmount Avenue Methodist Church, yesterday afternoon, was a splendid success. Nearly four hundred elderly people were gathered for the occasion. The automobiles and sleighs kindly provided by friends were kept busy bringing the very aged, who in some cases reached 94 years. Dr. Elliott preached an appropriate sermon on the subject, 'Life's autumn days.' At the close of the meeting a social half-hour was spent among the old people, when refreshments were served. During the service solos were sung by Mrs. W. H. Creed and Mr. Maltzger.

On the platform at the evening service, in addition to Dr. Elliott, were the Rev. Dr. Sparling, of St. James Methodist Church; the Rev. Mr. Potter, of MacVicar Memorial Church; the Rev. C. S. Laidman, of the All People's Mission; the Rev. W. G. Bradford, the Rev. Dr. Tucker, and the Rev. G. I. Campbell.

Dr. Sparling offered the opening prayer, and immediately at the close Mr. Naftzger's solo, 'No burdens yonder,' which he sang with great effect, Dr. Elliott announced his subject, Christ's message to laboring people,' based on the text in Matt. xi., 28, 'Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.'

This is our Lord's message to laboring people, said the evangelist. Jesus knew and sympathized with those who labored, either with their hands or with their brain. Thank God for the secret that Jesus came to bring to those who were weary and heavy laden—the secret of the rest that will last throughout eternity. Jesus knew how to help when he said, 'Come unto me.' That is the secret of living, a successful Christian life—living in close communion with their Divine Master. Dr. Elliott drew a vivid picture of two homes—one where discomfort was perpetual, and one where love and happiness reigned. What was the cause of the difference? Jesus Christ was completely shut out of one home, but in the other he filled it with his love and glory.

Just as surely as God lives, continued Dr. Elliott, there is no one in this wide world who can still the voice of conscience. Sin will invariably trouble the sinner. What is the reason of the crowded playhouses in our cities every night? The people are there largely to forget—their lives are heavy and depressed with the knowledge of a heavy heart caused by wrongs committed. Better a thousand times to confess your sin direct to God and he will lift the burden and cheer the heavy heart. God says that if you come to him he will in no wise cast you out. It is not necessary to await some special feeling or experience in the process of accepting Christ. It is not a matter of feeling, it is a matter of fact. 'Come unto me,' he says, 'and I will give you rest.' Salvation is a gift. 'By grace are ye saved through faith; it is the gift of God.'

And so we must come back to the fact of trusting, not trying him,' concluded the speaker, 'for when we trust him we place our burden in his hands. You may be a member of the church, but is there a burden of sin resting upon you? Confess it, and he will not cast you out.'

At the close of the sermon, in response to Dr. Elliott's appeal, scores in the audience manifested their desire for the prayers of God's people that they might be strengthened and built up in the Christian faith.

Dr. Elliott will speak to-night on 'Criticisms answered.'

DEMOCRACY

Address by Prof. Adam Shortt to St. James Literary Society.

Professor Adam Shortt, of Queen's University, and a member of the Industrial Commission, spoke to the St. James Literary Society on 'Democracy' last evening. The speaker delivered a most academic address, treating the subject in a wider sense than is usual, and going into its connection with all our social relations.

At the outset he defined democracy in the words of the people of the United States, 'Government of the people, by the people, for the people.' This form of democracy has never existed, however, and it is unattainable. It is a delightful lure, a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow, and it would be, in view of human nature as undesirable as it was unattainable.

Democracy was essentially a product of the western hemisphere, according to the speaker. In its most practicable form it originated here. Now it has been adopted in parts of Europe, in modified forms and even the Oriental mind was waking up and inquiring into it. Democracy found its most characteristic expression in the Anglo-Saxon mind. The most fundamental principle of democracy is not a system of government but an attitude of mind made evident by the claim for freedom of thought on the part of an individual.

It was this freedom of thought which had been behind the great reformations and advancements of Europe. Since the time of the Stuarts it had flourished in England, and now that country, in a large sense is more truly democratic than either the United States or Canada.

The speaker drew a line of demarcation between the state and society, which in earlier times he pointed out were practically interchangeable. Since that day, however, society has become much more complex and the state has become restricted in area, though it has grown in importance and power within this restricted area. In the ancient states of Greece and Rome, a citizen who disagreed on any of the great social or political problems, was a rebel, and there remained for him, only ostracism. In the modern state he is tolerated and allowed every freedom of thoufght.

It was submitted that the state does not rest on force, as has long been the conviction of the people. Since those days when any freedom of thought was not tolerated, there has been great development, until now force was only an external element, no force being wielded by the state that might not react in public opinion.

'If responsible government is not given by the people, it is only held on suffrance,' said the speaker, and then went into the question of the relations between the federal and provincial parliaments and powers, and why the larger body, must be careful, for its own sake to treat the smaller with prudence.

Having touched upon the principle of sovereignty and the relations of church and state, the professor entered pretty minutely into the difficulties attending the right adjustment and poise of inter-relations between the conflicting sectional and individual interests under a democratic regime, suggesting en passant the utility of the workingman's efforts in the direction of trades unionism to raise his status as against verbal dissertations and exhortations.

Strong as were the conflicts between capital and labor and similar rival interests, yet in the opinion of the speaker they were not so strong as might be expected in a democratic state of society in which conflicting interests seemed to clash at every turn. It was in the harmonizing of these conflicting interests that lay the chief function of a government, and the more a government burdened itself with extraneous business by which it became involved with the conflicting parties, the weaker it must be in carrying out its real and proper functions.

In conclusion, Professor Shortt described the development of the politician, and then going on to the ideas, at present prevalent on the subject of municipal ownership, he stated that many of these ideas and propositions had arisen to a great extent from a confusion between the need of legislating to control the actions of the corporations now operating, and the operation of a business by the people.

THREATS WITH REVOLVER.

Stelos Bekatz, a Greek, 30 years of age, residing in City Hall ave., was arrested early this morning in St. Lawrence Boulevard by Constable Desmarteau. Bekatz is charged with having threatened to use the weapon on several people, though he denied this charge. As he was unable to give any reason why he carried the revolver, the constable took him in charge.

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ZIONIST SOCIETIES

Eleventh Annual Convention of Canadian Societies at Toronto.

The eleventh annual convention of the Federation of the Canadian Zionist societies, is to be held here December 25 and 26. The coming convention promises to be the most successful ever held by the Canadian Federation. All the various Jewish societies here are at present arranging the affairs slated to take place in connection with the convention. At a recent meeting of the Toronto City Council a substantial sum was voted towards the expense of entertaining the delegates. During the past year contributions towards the various funds of the movement show a large increase. From all parts of the Dominion most encouraging reports have been received of the activity of the members of the movement. There are Zionist societies from the Atlantic to the Pacific in every province and city of both the West and the East. Wherever a Jewish community is established there is no doubt but that a Zionist Society will shortly spring into existence. Fourteen years have now rolled by since Dr. Theodor Herzl first sounded the clarion call, which re-awakened the slumbering national consciousness of the Jewish people, and since that day wonderful changes have taken place. Jerusalem has been regenerated, and Jewish arts and sciences are to the fore in Palestine. Schools, technical institutes, rabbinical seminaries, and agricultural experiment stations have sprung up. Already there are plans afoot to found a Jewish university at Jerusalem. This last topic and many other important matters dealing with Palestinian affairs will be discussed in Toronto by Jews representing all sections of the Dominion.

MRS. EDDY LEAVES $1,500,000.

Whole Estate is Bequeathed to Christian Science Church.

Boston, Dec. 9.—According to the 'Post' this morning, the will of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, which will be made public in a few days, leaves practically the whole of the $1,500,000 estate to the Christian Science Church. The board of directors of the church is to have the final decision as to the form the bequest will take, it is said. Former Congressman Henry M. Baker, of Bow, N.H., a relative, is named as administrator.

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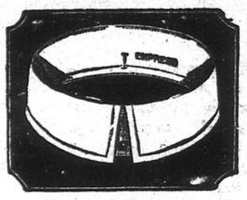

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CIVIC CONTEST FOR REFORM

Winnipeg Mayoralty Campaign is Being Waged With Vigor.

WOMEN AND CLERGY ASSIST.

Disclosure of Segregation Conditions Rouses Citizens to Action.

Winnipeg, Dec. 9.—The civic election campaign is warming up to the bitterest fight in recent years. Mayor Evans, who is running for a third term, is very popular, but has to bear the brunt of the police commission's responsibility in establishing the segregated social vice district. Hotel men and civic organizations are backing up Evans. The civic organization here is a big political machine, as Winnipeg is a great employer of labor, being the leading city in municipal owned works on the continent, and the city foremen control thousands of votes. Evans, however, is being hotly opposed by Ed. Martin, brother of Joseph Martin, British M.P., and who is a splendid campaigner. He is a former alderman and ex-president of the Board of Trade, as well as a leader in all uplifting movements.

All of the clergymen will devote their Sunday sermons to his interests. Women are also a big factor in the election, as there are four thousand women on the voters' list. They are canvassing and working in large numbers. The election takes place on Tuesday, and its result may mean the abolition of the vice area.

INVESTMENT INCIDENT

Correspondence in Preston—Fitzpatrick Matter May be Tabled in Commons

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Nothing new bearing on the Fitzpatrick-Preston matter is likely to be known here till the correspondence is tabled in the House. The correspondence, which was moved for by Mr Monk, and which the government agreed to produce, will show on what ground Mr. Preston bases his assertion that advice given by the Chief Justice lead to the cancellation of the plans of the Netherlands Loan Company to invest money in Canada.

Meanwhile parliament has accepted the denial made by Sir Charles Fitzpatrick and pending the production of the correspondence nothing more will be heard of the matter in the House. It will be recalled that when Mr. Monk dropped his demand for the naming of a select committee of the House to inquire into the matter he made the reservation that he might make a move for a committee again at a later date. His future action will doubtless depend on what the correspondence reveals.

OFFICERS CONCERT.

The officers of the Second Heavy Brigade of Artillery are giving a concert this evening in their armory at the Drill Hall for the men of the regiment, and have issued invitations to all the members and their ladies. This is a new departure, and is held instead of a smoking concert. If it proves a success it will probably be repeated during the winter.

THE TINGWICK TROUBLE

Presbytery Considers Session's Dispute With the Rev. A. G. McKay.

Sherbrooke, Dec. 9.—At this week's meeting of the Presbytery of Quebec, the Rev. E. McQueen spoke for over four hours replying to the charges brought against the session of Tingwick for having placed on its records statements which reflected on Mr. Angus G. McKay, the Rev. W. D. Reid, and the Presbytery of Quebec.

A short time ago a committee was appointed to examine the minutes of the session of Tingwick in reference to trouble between Mr. A. G. McKay and the session. This report, which contained over 7,000 words, was read on Tuesday. It reported that the entries on the records misrepresented the presbytery to the session. The report also stated that all references to Mr. Angus G. McKay on the record were not constitutional, inasmuch as the session had not passed judgment.

After a discussion, the presbytery passed the following resolutions:

'1. That all minutes reflecting injuriously on the character of Mr. A. G. McKay be deleted from the records of the session of Tingwick.

'2. That all minutes reflecting injuriously on the presbytery be deleted.

'3. That all minutes reflecting on the Rev. W. D. Reid and others without trial be deleted.

'4. That the Rev. Mr. McQueen and the session of Tingwick be put on trial before the presbytery for disobedience of the orders of a higher court of the Church.

'5. That a committee be appointed to review the record and decide what minutes should be deleted.'

POLICEMEN NEGLIGENT

Smith's Falls Consequently Decides to Seek New Chief and Constable.

Smith's Falls, Dec. 9.—A special meeting of the Town Council was held last night. The committee appointed to inquire into the way the town's police officers have been carrying out their duties reported that they had found the policemen had been very negligent in performing their duties, and they thought the town's interests would be best served by a complete change in the force. They accordingly recommended that G. A. Phillips, of Smith's Falls, be appointed police constable, to replace R. A. Wilson, and that a new chief be advertised for to succeed Charles Edwards, the present holder of that office. The report was adopted.

MAYOR GEARY'S VIEW.

States Railway Company Aggravated Toronto Citizens.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—Mayor Geary has expressed regret at Wednesday night's mob demonstration against the railway company, and he asserts that it would not do the citizens' cause as against the company any good. He indignantly repudiated a suggestion that his words at the meeting about 'the people being docile or there would have been breaches of the peace,' had at all influenced the crowd to go out and smash street car windows. As a matter of fact he was informed the rioting started before the meeting was over. He still thought, however, that if the people of this city had not been doing their best to obey the principles of law and order they would have resisted the treatment time and time again.

'The Toronto Railway Company has aggravated the people, every man of them, for the last week,' declared the Mayor.

CITY IS NOT LIABLE FOR DAMAGE.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—City Solicitor Johnston stated yesterday afternoon that the city could not be held liable for windows smashed and damage done by the rioters last night. He said a number of common law cases had established this precedent. Damage done by students on the rampage was an instance.

BIBLE ON BALLOTS.

Unique Methods Used in Local Option Election—Declared Illegal.

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 9.—Because the 'drys' of Powell County, Ky., used the Bible as an emblem on their ballots in a recent local option election, and carried the county, the State Court of Appeals yesterday declared the election void. On each ballot was the picture of an open book, with the words 'Holy Bible' under it. The 'wets' for an emblem used the picture of a whiskey bottle and a glass out of which protruded the head of a snake.

At the first trial witnesses testified that they were told that if they wanted to go to heaven they should make their mark under the Bible. One said he wanted to vote 'wet,' but feared if he did not heed the sign of the Bible that the Almighty would wreak vengeance upon him. In the opinion handed down yesterday it is said a statute prohibits the use of the Bible as an election emblem on ballots.

WAS PIONEER CHICAGOAN.

Woman Who Raised Vegetables on City Hall Property Dead.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Harriet S. Adcock, who opened the first millinery shop in Chicago, died here yesterday, at the age of 95. When Mrs. Adcock came to Chicago in 1830, she raised vegetables on land where the City Hall now stands.

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Women's French Kid Gloves, pique sewn, 2 dome pearl fasteners, with braided backs and fancy stitchings; most attractive shades. Price $2.00.

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Blouse Lengths in Crepon of superior quality in a variety of pretty stripe and spot patterns and plain colorings, guaranteed not to shrink or lose color. Price 75c per length.

Maids' Aprons, made with round bib of dainty embroidery and hemstitched frill, similarly embroidered and stitched on skirt. Price $1.00.

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Hand Bags made from Buffalo Calf, lined with Moire silk, shirred inside pocket and gilt German Silver Frame inlaid with Ivory or Mother o' Pearl. The most attractive colorings are shown. Price $10.00.

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Women's Purses made in Seal, Alligator, Crocodile, Morocco, and Levant can be obtained in all the newest styles. Prices 75c to $6.00.

Women's Card Cases made in Seal, are shown in either black or colors. Price 60c to $5.00.

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Travelling Toilet Sets for men or women in Ebony, neatly packed in leather cases, silk or leather lined. Price $4.00 to $25.00.

Toilet Sets in Ebony, beautifully inlaid with Gilt German Silver, consisting of Brush, Comb and Mirror in leather case lined with green silk. Price $8.00.

Manicure and Toilet Sets combined, in Ebony mounted in sterling silver, neatly arranged in satin, lined leather case. Price $10.00.

Manicure Sets in Ebony, plain or mounted in sterling silver, leather cases, silk lined. Prices $4.50 to $8.00.

Solid Silver Tea Set, heavy weight, consisting of three pieces. Price $30.00.

Dresden China Chocolate Set, beautifully designed, consisting of Pot and six Cups and Saucers. Price $25.00.

Desk Set in Brass, hand etched, complete with desk pad. Price $13.00.

Electric Portable Cut Glass Lamps, exceptionally handsome design 15 inches in height, 7-inch globe. Special Price $20.00.

Papeteries containing Cranes Linen Paper. The finest produced. Price $2.25.

Souvenir Calendars, all artistic photographs of beauty spots on the St. Lawrence and Island of Montreal beautifully mounted and tied with ribbon. Price 25c.

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PINE BEACH

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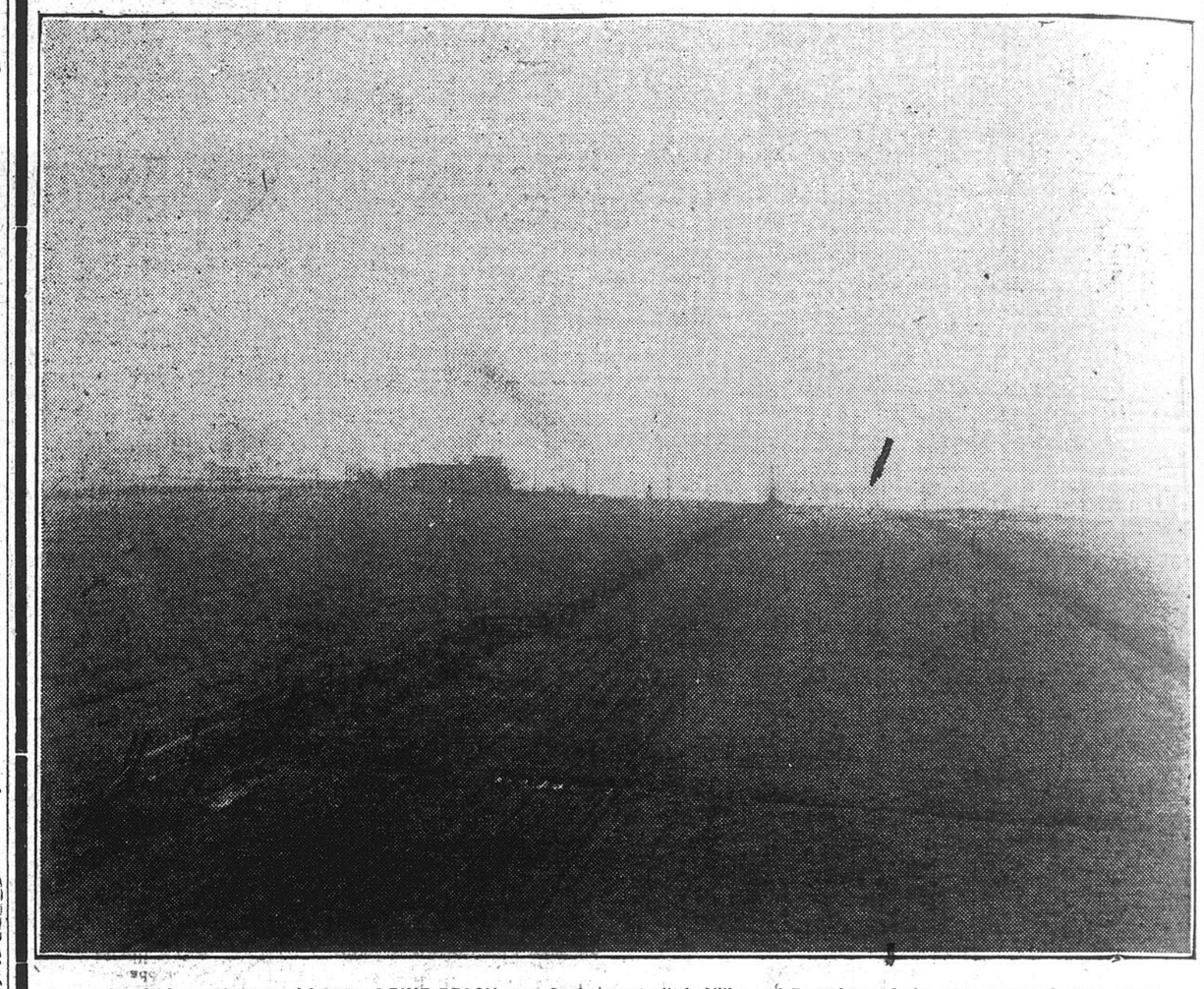

In addition to the natural beauty of PINE BEACH, next Spring pretty little Villas and Bungalows of the most approved and modern type will be erected, and will greatly enhance the attractiveness of this lovely spot. Sketches of the Villas will be seen in next week's advertisement.

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We expected that lots in this resort would sell very fast, but we did not anticipate such a wholesale rush on the part of the public to secure choice lots in PINE BEACH at this season of the year. You also want a good lot for a summer home, therefore, act at once. CALL, 'PHONE or WRITE.

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