

VAST INCREASE HERE IN STEAMSHIP BUSINESS

Must Be Decision Now for Practical Policy Embracing Greatly Enlarged Facilities

Speakers at Luncheon on C. P. R. Steamer Empress of Britain See Tremendous Advance at This Port—Unanimity of Opinion for Nationalization, But A. dermen Are Meanwhile Urged to Go on Providing Wharves—C. P. R. Comes in for Words of Warm Commendation.

That St. John is on the threshold of vast enlargement of its steamship business and that the time has arrived for a practical decision of policy for very great enlargement of its facilities for handling the export and import business of the country, was shown in decisive way at a very enjoyable luncheon given on the new C. P. R. steamer Empress of Britain Wednesday afternoon.

It was also noteworthy that in the gathering there seemed the unanimous opinion that the federal government should take over the port, provide needed wharves and repay the city what it has expended in building up the winter port business here. Through the speakers a strong strain of praise for the C. P. R. for what it has done here and all over in connection with its transportation work, and speakers were not slow to express their kindly feelings to General Superintendent Wm. Downie and then appreciation of his work as head of the C. P. R. on the Atlantic division.

Steamers to which the big Empress of Britain will prove but a big beetle were told of for the future, and not only in size but in numbers it was predicted that the next ten years would see such development here that the people of today might marvel.

The Gathering.

The luncheon was given at 1 o'clock by the Canadian Pacific Company. The guests found a hearty welcome from General Superintendent Wm. Downie, Mr. Piers, manager of the C. P. R. steamship line, who came here especially for the luncheon; Captain Walsh, the company's shore captain, and Captain Murray, of the Empress of Britain. The luncheon was held in the dining saloon, and the guests were seated at tables in the dining saloon. The guests were seated at tables in the dining saloon. The guests were seated at tables in the dining saloon.

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When the toast list was reached, the King was proposed and the national anthem was sung. General Superintendent Downie then proposed The City of St. John. He was very happy to see St. John a very nice city with good citizens. He had lived three years here, and so found them. Some people said they had not gone ahead as fast as they might. The time, in Mr. Downie's opinion has arrived when the government should take hold and provide facilities. St. John had done all that could be expected in this line, but he believed all should get together now and give upon the government the necessary of the dominion taking charge and providing what was necessary here. Mayor Sears, in replying, said it was always his pleasure to do any and anything he could in favor of this local city. The interview had become broadened by her-

fair return on the city's investment. The money went to the laboring man, whose work he had done as an asset. Besides the city had its docks as an asset. W. E. Foster, responding for the board of trade, said he believed the questions could be better dealt with by others than by him. Mr. Foster spoke briefly and called upon Mr. Fisher. Mr. Fisher congratulated Mr. Foster on his first public representation of the board of trade. Mr. Fisher referred to the late Governor and his interest and work, and spoke of matters which led up to the present winter port business. Mr. Fisher spoke of the practical nature of the Capt. Walsh's remarks, and added that the efforts of the common council and board of trade to forward the winter port business were being made elsewhere for prospective trade but that the city was looking after its own doors and we were justified in calling on the government. Mr. Fisher spoke of the magnificent work of the C. P. R. He referred to the legislature's work and to the common council and board of trade. He expressed his view in favor of nationalization and paid a high compliment to the C. P. R. and the men at the head of it. It was only necessary for us to have confidence in ourselves and he would not have the aldermen hold back their hands and withhold the necessary funds, knowledge and the time is not far distant when the port will be nationalized and the money spent by the city will be returned.

The Legislature. The provincial legislature being toasted, Robert Maxwell, M. P. P., replied. This was the first time since the C. P. R. came through Canadian ports. The facilities here were needed from a national standpoint and it was Canada's duty to provide for that trade and to look after its own doors and we were justified in calling on the government. Mr. Fisher spoke of the magnificent work of the C. P. R. He referred to the legislature's work and to the common council and board of trade. He expressed his view in favor of nationalization and paid a high compliment to the C. P. R. and the men at the head of it. It was only necessary for us to have confidence in ourselves and he would not have the aldermen hold back their hands and withhold the necessary funds, knowledge and the time is not far distant when the port will be nationalized and the money spent by the city will be returned.

Mr. Maxwell referred in eulogistic terms to General Superintendent Downie and his persistence in advancing the interests of his company. He pointed out that he believed for the advancement, not only of the C. P. R., but of the city of St. John as the winter port for the United States and Europe. He believed that the C. P. R. was the only one who could succeed. Mr. Maxwell spoke of the C. P. R. facility of getting the best possible men for the branches of its work, and referred to the greatness of the British Empire and the making of the seas to be connecting links between the nations, as they had been. In closing, Mr. Maxwell said that the C. P. R. was the only one who could succeed.

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The Mayor, in proposing the toast to the Canadian Pacific Railway, said all credit should be given those connected with the founding of the railway, its expansion and its growth. He believed that a hotel would also be built in St. John in the near future. Mr. Thorne rose to supplement the remarks of the mayor. He referred to the conference in Montreal, of which Mr. Thorne had spoken, and the speech of Sir John A. Macdonald. He believed that the C. P. R. was the only one who could succeed.

Mr. Piers said that for the last sixteen years the C. P. R. had been shipowners. They had the Empress steamers on the coast and had been building steamships for the last sixteen years. He believed that the C. P. R. was the only one who could succeed.

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HEARST LAYS SCANDAL AT SECRETARY ROOT'S DOOR

INTERVENTION IN CONGO ATROCITIES STOPPED BY CONCESSION TO THOMAS F. RYAN

King Leopold Had a Paid Lobby at Washington and Senator Morgan's Secretary Was in the Ring—The Storers Both Converted by Archbishop Ireland—Three New York Newspaper Men Arrested for Contempt in Gillette Murder Case—Other Breezy News of Gotham.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) New York, Dec. 12.—While Wm. R. Hearst is following his custom of not using the seat to which he is entitled in congress, he is doing his best through his newspaper to stir up an international scandal which may reflect upon the administration. This time his text is the situation in the Congo, and he has undertaken to show by documentary evidence that King Leopold has maintained a lobby at Washington for the purpose of preventing any intervention by the United States in the matter of the misadministration of the Congo Free State by the Belgian monarch.

From this he proceeds more or less by inference, and more or less directly, to charge that the recent great Congo concession granted by Leopold to Thomas F. Ryan and his associates was along the same line as maintaining the lobby at Washington, namely, to influence the administration of the United States. To do this, he points to the former business relations between Ryan and Elsin Root, now secretary of state. There seems to be no doubt that the Belgians kept a lobby at Washington, and that the lobby was active in granting the concession of a rubber-forest to Ryan and his associates. Ryan and his associates were along the same line as maintaining the lobby at Washington, namely, to influence the administration of the United States. To do this, he points to the former business relations between Ryan and Elsin Root, now secretary of state.

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Hearst's "Expose."

Hearst is publishing his "expose" in statements. He winds up today by saying: "Kowalsky's campaign for the suppression of the memorial of the missionaries was a complete success. Undoubtedly he owed something to Garrett for his constant watchfulness and for his valiant work in holding back the memorialists on the occasion when they threatened to storm the committee room, according to the column's description to King Leopold, but the chief influence which prevented action by the senate was the hostile attitude which Secretary Root took towards intervention."

Root Against Intervention.

The Press says editorially today: "Intervention by the United States in the Congo domain which is being exploited by the sovereign denominated by Mark Twain as the 'leading murderer of the world,' has been condemned by Secretary Root. While Mr. Root may be correct in his conclusion that we have no technical right to concern ourselves with this phase of international morality, it is to be regretted that until a short time ago the secretary of state had one of his biggest clients the man who now allied with King Leopold in the Congo business was Thomas F. Ryan. If it is the fact that this nation is powerless to take up the cause of humanity on behalf of the mutilated natives, who have fallen into the hands of the most unscrupulous of monarchs, the people would prefer to hear that by manly action pronounced by Theodore Roosevelt."

Married in the States.

The following marriage announcements have been received. Rev. A. D. McKinnon in each case being the officiating clergyman. At 122 W. Concord street, Boston, Nov. 28, Leon K. Tumblety, of Boston, and Minnie Campbell, of from Mines (C. B.). At 122 W. Concord street, Boston, Nov. 28, John D. MacLellan, of Cape Breton, and Lettie Banham, of P. E. Island. At 32 Memorial street, East Boston, Nov. 28, Marion A. MacKinnon, of Queensville (C. B.), and William D. MacKay, of Scotsville (C. B.). In Dorchester, Mass., Dec. 5, John P. MacKinnon, cousin of the officiating clergyman, and Minnie Homeyer, of Boston.

SEA-SICKNESS, NAUSEA

A Gold Coast paper, announcing the death of a society woman, asserts that "she was buried next day with the amateur brass band."

WOLFVILLE NEWS

George W. Dill of St. John Buys a Valley Fruit Farm—Other Matters of Interest.

Wolfville, N. S., Dec. 12.—Mayor Roscoe, Kenilworth, is at Ottawa, where he is arguing a case before the supreme court. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Easton, Parryboro, spent last week the guests of Mrs. Easton's aunt, Mrs. George Woodworth, Kenilworth. Geo. E. Corbit, Annapolis Royal, has organized the Torbrook Building Company, whose purpose it is to acquire lands at Torbrook and build thereon a large number of houses. Mr. Corbit was one of the participants in the Annapolis Iron Company which lately sold the 10,000-acre tract to the Dominion Lands Dept.

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FREDERICTON NEWS

Nannary and Rennie Settle Actors' Claims—Masonic Grand Lodge Officials Visit Hiram Lodge.

Fredericton, Dec. 13.—Grand Master Edwin J. Everett, accompanied by Senator J. A. McNeill, Hon. J. H. King, F. H. Hart, and J. T. W. Hart, Grand Lodge officials, came up from St. John this evening and paid official visit to Hiram Lodge, F. and M. Lodge, No. 1, which is the headquarters of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. The officials were entertained to luncheon at the close of the visit.

The members of the cathedral met at 8 o'clock for the evening service. The Rev. J. H. King, F. H. Hart, and J. T. W. Hart, Grand Lodge officials, came up from St. John this evening and paid official visit to Hiram Lodge, F. and M. Lodge, No. 1, which is the headquarters of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. The officials were entertained to luncheon at the close of the visit.

MORE SETTLERS FOR THE MARITIME PROVINCES

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CHIEF FIGURES IN THE ROOSEVELT STORER INCIDENT

(Continued from page 1.) of or known other of these facts when I advocated Bellamy's going to Italy. As soon as I made up the effect, both the Canadian and the United States, I found what the facts were. In no other case would the question of Catholicism cause such serious trouble. The army's auspices, half of whom will settle in the provinces. The remainder, mostly women and children, will go forward to join relatives in the west.

SEVEN SHEDIAH SCOTT ACT CONVICTIONS

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 13.—Six Scotch act violators were yesterday sentenced to fines of \$50, with the option of spending eighty days in jail, by Minister MacQueen, of the Scotch, creating quite a stir in the Scotch town. The convicted ones were the Weldon, Royal and Terrace hotels, Thibault, Boudreau, A. P. Gould and A. McLean.

Restigouche By-Election Dec. 2; Nomination Dec. 26

Dalhousie, N. B., Dec. 12.—The writ for the Restigouche by-election has been issued. Nomination day, Dec. 26, and polling day, Jan. 2.