

ST. GEORGE'S DAY WELL OBSERVED

Annual Dinner of St. George's Society a Brilliant Function. Hon. J. D. Hazen, Speaker of Evening, in Strong Patriotic Address, Advocates Closer Imperial Union and a Council of Empire.

Though the feast of St. George fell on Sunday the event was royally celebrated by St. George's Society last evening. The banquet given by the St. George's Society was held in the Dufferin hotel and surpassed all previous functions of a like nature in honor of the feast of England's patron saint.

About 100 members of the society and their guests sat down to the sumptuous dinner prepared. His Worship Mayor Prink, as president of the St. George's Society, acted as chairman. On the right of the chairman were Lieut. Gov. Tweedie and Hon. J. D. Hazen, and on his left, B. R. Macaulay, president of St. Andrew's Society.

The spacious dining hall presented a most brilliant appearance. At the head of the table the banner of the society was draped. The walls were hung with shields and flags, and the whole color scheme was red and white. The table was covered with a white cloth and decorated with red and white roses and potted plants.

A fine menu. The following elaborate menu was served: Oysters on the Half Shell, Queen Olives, Sliced Tomatoes, Mock Turtle Soup, Purced Artichokes, Fillet of Halibut, King's Sauce, Pommes de terre.

Cutlets of Chicken, sauce Royal, petite poie. Roast Beef of Old England, Yorkshire pudding, Roast Turkey, cranberry sauce, Creamed Potatoes, French Peas, String Beans, St. George's Punch, Roast Newfoundland ptarmigan, sportsman's sauce, currant jelly, Old English Plum Pudding, Dragon sauce, Red Cross Pudding, Charlotte Russe, Celery, Cheese, Coffee, Dessert.

During the banquet Wallace and Holder's orchestra of six pieces discoursed a choice programme of music. The toast list was a lengthy and varied one, and the several toasts proposed elicited interesting and eloquent remarks by the speakers.

The toast to the King, which was the initial toast of the evening, was received with musical honors. H. A. Fowler, in well chosen words proposed the toast to the Governor General and Lieut. Governor, and paid high tribute to Lieut. Governor I. J. Tweedie whose name he coupled with the toast.

Lieutenant Governor Tweedie. In arising to reply, Lieut. Governor Tweedie expressed his thanks for the honor accorded him by the society, and declared that it was an easy task to respond to this particular toast. Though we have been fortunate in our Governor General, said the speaker, the present one, Earl Grey, has been the most popular, and when he leaves Canada he will carry away with him the heartiest of best wishes of Canadians.

The speaker referred at length to the loyalty of the people of New Brunswick who have inherited the love of liberty of their forefathers, and their sense of justice. He also touched upon the great resources of Canada and of this province, and declared that before long our young men who are going West will return to their own province in full realization of its wealth.

The toast to the United States was to have been replied to by the American Consul, but as he was unable to attend, his representative, Mr. Curigan, did the honors for the neighboring republic.

Premier Hazen's Eloquent Speech. The orator of the evening was Hon. J. D. Hazen, who replied to the toast of "The Day we Celebrate." Hon. Mr. Hazen said in part: "The feast we are celebrating is most undoubtedly an important one. Not only in our fair Dominion, but all through the possessions of the British Empire, the feast of England's patron saint is honored.

"Tonight, St. George's Society celebrates its one hundred and tenth anniversary. The society has kept alive the flame of love for the grand old institutions of England; the society stands for a concrete idea, a closer union.

"The England of today has changed vastly from the Merry England of the days of St. George, the speaker declared. "In the days of St. George the English people lived a pastoral life, and depended on the soil for their livelihood. Today, manufacturers have sprung up throughout the land; the people are an industrial and commercial people and must look across

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HOOCUS POCUS TRICKS TRIED IN THE HOUSE

Deliberate Attempt On Part of Liberals To Entrap Conservative Members—Pugsley Worsted By Dr. Sproule.

Ottawa, Ont., April 24.—The House spent some time this evening over an afterglow of Mr. Sealey's laborious effort on Saturday morning, to vote for and against reciprocity at the same time. The opposition brought up and condemned a singularly childish and dishonest attempt which appeared in the Toronto Globe to make it appear that certain Conservatives voted to approve the agreement.

Mr. Sealey moved his amendment. He read it. It was as follows: "That schedule A, thereto be amended by striking out in lines seven and eight thereof the words 'onions, cabbage and all other vegetables in their natural state,' and in lines nine and ten thereof the words 'pears, peaches, grapes, berries, and all other edible fruits in their natural state' and in lines eleven and twelve thereof the words 'peaches, pears and apricots, dried, desiccated or evaporated.'"

This is the amendment which appears in the official record of the House. It is the amendment for which the Conservatives voted. But there was some hoocus pocus. As it now appears, at the bottom of the sheet, following the typewritten words created above, were certain words, first, a paragraph including hog products in the proposal to preserve present conditions and secondly, some further observations, apparently intended as a shaft of his speech.

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SCHOOL BURNED IN GLACE BAY

Aberdeen School Building Destroyed By Fire Yesterday Several Hundred Children Marched Quietly To Safety.

Sydney, April 24.—One of the most disastrous fires that has occurred in Glace Bay for some time, destroyed the New Aberdeen public school today. Apart from the loss of the building there were no serious mishaps attending the fire. The children, of whom there were several hundred in the building at the time, being marched out quietly by their teachers. There were five departments in the building, all of which originated in the basement near the foundation, though the exact cause is still unknown, the building was badly burned, being almost entirely gutted inside and only the walls remain standing. The loss will not be heavy, the building being worth about \$9,000, on which there was \$5,000 insurance.

RECIPROCITY BILL BEFORE U. S. SENATE

Cannot be Taken up Until Finance Committee, to which it is Referred, is Organized.

Washington, D. C., April 24.—The Canadian reciprocity bill was conveyed from the house to the senate today and without comment was referred to the committee on finance. It cannot be taken up until the organization of the committee is completed.

The announcement of the senate committee before the close of the present week was promised in the senate today. Moving for an adjournment until Thursday, Senator Gallinger, chairman of the re-organizing committee, stated that the committee probably would be able to report on that day. Mr. Gallinger's motion prevailed, and the senate concluded its session today with forty minutes.

STEAMER ASIA A TOTAL WRECK

Shanghai, April 24.—The American gunboat Helena and another vessel left here today to assist the Asia, wrecked on a rock about 200 miles south of Shanghai. The latest report received here says that no lives were lost, but that the vessel is a total wreck and is unable to use her wireless.

KEEP WHITE ENSIGN AT MASTHEAD

Speakers At St. George's Society Dinner in Halifax Oppose Any Plan To Change The Naval Ensign.

Halifax, April 24.—Notable utterances were made by Rear-Admiral Kingsmill, Col. Dennison of the Royal Canadian Regiment, and Capt. Macdonald, of H. M. C. S. Niobe at the dinner of St. George's Society tonight in reference to the flag, as they believed should be flown by the ships of the Canadian navy.

There has been talk of a change in the white ensign of the Canadian navy but these officers are hot against any change. They all spoke in favor of retaining the white ensign of England and against any change, emblem, or mutilation in it whatever.

"Today we have in the harbor," said Admiral Kingsmill, "the Niobe, flying the white ensign. I hope it will always remain so flying."

It did not seem creditable to him, he said, that the flag should ever be done away with or in any manner changed if we are to have a great navy or be a part of the British navy. He did not know if anything of the kind was being considered by the authorities here or in Britain, but he believed it had been considered in Australia. He sincerely hoped it would not be in Canada.

"If such a change was to become effective, it would be the end of our navy," Col. Dennison dwelt particularly on the fact that our navy and army as expressed on the toast list were Imperial, not local or auxiliary.

Captain Macdonald, the commander of the Niobe, said he was pleased that his ship was filled with men who are a credit to any nation; many of them were French-Canadians, and none of them did themselves or their nationality more honor as sailors than they. He hoped the white ensign would never be mutilated by any addition above, were certain words, first, a paragraph including hog products in the proposal to preserve present conditions and secondly, some further observations, apparently intended as a shaft of his speech.

AVIATOR WINS A \$4000 PRIZE

French Bird Man Flies More Than 500 Miles in Less Than Seven Hours and Wins Prize.

Pau, France, April 24.—Pierre Vedrine, who left Paris in his monoplane Saturday arrived here today, having covered the circuitous course of 500 miles in six hours and fifty-five minutes actual flying time. He thus wins prize of \$4,000 offered by the Aero Club of France for the fastest flight between the two cities. Vedrine made several long stops en route. Recently he flew from Poitiers to Issy-les-Moulineaux, a distance of 208 miles in 132 minutes. Later he covered the 212 miles between Issy and Pau at a speed of 77 miles an hour.

OTTAWA MUSEUM SETTLING

Ottawa, April 24.—Official measurements have established the fact that the now famous fissure in the Victoria museum has been widening at the rate of 100 inches per day. It is believed, however, that the building will not settle further and that there is no danger of a collapse.

BURIED UNDER TONS OF DEBRIS IN COAL MINE

Twenty-two Miners Entombed In Virginia Mine—Slight Hope Held Out For Rescue Of Any.

Elk Garden, W. Va., April 24.—Twenty-two miners are entombed in Ot mine No. 2, of the Davis Coal and Coke Company, here, the result of an explosion early today, and little chance is held out for the rescue of any the alive, because of the tons of debris, that has thus far impeded the progress of rescuers. It cannot be learned yet whether the explosion was caused by dust or gas.

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TRAPPED BY A FOREST FIRE

Man And Boy Burned To Death While Fighting Fire In Massachusetts Woods—Two Others Narrowly Escaped.

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STEAMER TURNED BACK WITH FIRE IN HOLD.

Queenstown, April 24.—The fire in the hold of the British steamer Mobile which put in here Saturday, has been extinguished. The Mobile will discharge her cargo and will be docked for repairs.

The Mobile sailed from Antwerp for Baltimore on April 14. When 600 miles westward of the Irish coast, fire was discovered in the fore hold, and the Mobile was turned back for this port.

COBALT MINE BROKERS ARE SHY ON CASH

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AUTOISTS START FOR OTTAWA.

Washington, April 24.—The path-finding car of the Glidden "Reciprocity" started from here today for Ottawa to lay out the route for the annual automobile tour. President Taft was to have given the signal from the White House, but press of business prevented.

FRIDAY'S BIG MEETING.

Much interest is being manifested in the meeting to be held in St. Andrew's rink on Friday evening, when H. B. Ames, M. P. for St. Antoine Division, Montreal, and Prof. Stephen Leacock of McGill University, will speak on the reciprocity question. Both speakers have made a special study of the question and their views should carry weight. Ladies will be welcomed.

ST. JOHN BARK MADE A VERY FAST TRIP

Troop & Sons' Bark Hector Made Run From St. John To New York in Sixty-eight Hours.

New York, April 24.—The bark Hector, Captain McDonald, arrived here today, having made the trip from St. John, N. B. in the remarkably fast time of 68 hours. The Hector is owned by Troop & Sons, of St. John, N. B., and brought a cargo of laths to the Windsor Lumber Co.

STRIKE AND LOCKOUT IN PRUSSIAN SHIPYARD

Danzig, Prussia, April 24.—A strike and lockout has stopped all work at the Schichau shipyard delaying the completion of the battleships Oldenburg and Agir. Two weeks ago 900 workers struck and the 1,300 men remaining at work refused to assume the duties of those who were out. Accordingly the directors of the company decided to lock out the whole force.

HOUSE TO HEAR LANCTOT CASE

Further Airing of the Affairs of Liberal M. P. for Richelieu. Honest Liberals Disgusted at Action of Elections and Privileges Committee, will not Vote for Whitewash Resolution—Hot Debate Promised

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, April 24.—The government has at last decided to bring the discussion of the Lanctot case on in the house, and Thursday is the day fixed for the motion that the majority report of the Privileges and Elections committee, which exonerated the member for Richelieu, and even censured his accuser, Mr. Blondin, of Champlain, be concurred in.

It has taken some time for Sir Wilfrid Laurier to make up his mind to bring the subject formally before parliament. The report of the committee was received on April 1, and it is customary in cases of reports of such bodies that the motion that they be concurred in is made without delay. The chief reason, which is stated to be the cause of the reluctance of the Premier to have the whole matter ventilated, is that there is a pretty strong tide of feeling in the rank and file of the party, but in the country against the white-washing of Mr. Lanctot by a parliamentary committee, the majority of which were strong partisans.

It is known that several Liberal members have expressed their intention of not taking part in the division on Thursday next, and thus by not being paired bring the normal majority down to a point where the domination of Mr. Lanctot's action would really seem condemnation.

The facts of the case which were brought out in the privileges and elections committee showed that Mr. Lanctot, last summer, without securing the authority of the director of the Soviet shipyard, engaged with a subordinate to supply him with painters and materials from the shops to decorate his house which he was to decorate in that town. The work which took him months, was done and in December last year, after the session had opened, Mr. Lanctot sent a cheque for \$275 to Mr. Papineau, the director, which was the first that gentleman had heard of the transaction.

Early in March last Mr. Blondin, M. P. for Champlain, from his seat in the House, openly charged Mr. Lanctot with breach of the independence of Parliament and a cheque was sent to the committee and after an inquiry which was shown from the first would have but one ending, the whitewashing of Mr. Lanctot as an act of conspiracy on the evidence taken as an assering of Mr. Lanctot of independence of parliament act had been amply proved.

The majority report was adopted by 19 to 10, and Hon. L. P. Brodeur turned to the recommendation of the minority members that the services of counsel employed in the case, be paid out of the parliamentary vote for such purposes. Mr. Brodeur declined to recommend this.

The Opposition have determined to press home the need of a general inquiry into the affairs of the marine and fisheries department and the ensuing debate promises to be one of the most engaging of the session.

FORMER POLICE HEAD TAKES ENGINEER'S JOB

New York, April 24.—Brigadier General Theodore A. Bingham, a summer resident of Nova Scotia, former police commissioner of New York, today accepted an appointment as head of the bureau of highways of the borough of Manhattan as chief engineer, at a salary of \$4,000.



WILLIE FIELDING — "Uncle Sammy only wants what the length of the rope will allow."