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ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

Postmaster General Receives a Christmas Card from England.

Civil Service Men Who Commuted Superannuation Pay.

Grand Trunk Telegraphers Meet Supt. McGuigan—Conservatives Win a Seat in Quebec.

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—The customs department today issued additional regulations regarding the return of packages, bags, barrels, baskets, boxes, cases, crates, cylinders and other coverings which have been used in the transportation of goods to and from Canada, when again returned to Canada within three years, without allowance of drawback and without having been advanced in value or improved in condition by any process of manufacture or other means, may be entered free of duty, if identified to the satisfaction of custom officers upon the oath of the importer or his agent. The collectors are instructed to take special precautions for the identification of returned packages admitted free under this regulation, insisting as far as possible upon articles being marked for identification when exported, and observing that the coverings for which entry is claimed have been used and are not new. The collectors may require proof by affidavit or in other form identifying to their satisfaction the packages covering returned free as aforesaid.

The government organs say that the high commissioners, that Lord Stratford, will continue to hold the office.

Hon. Mr. Foster returned tonight before the Lindsay Collegiate institute on the Canada outlook.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—The November trade returns are not very encouraging, although the government organs will doubtless go into statistics over them. The exports for the five months show a decrease of two and a half million, and although nominally there is an increase in the month of half a million, there is actually a decrease of a million and a half in the exports of Canadian produce. The imports were valued at \$1,359,515 showing an increase of \$1,250,000. More than half the total imports were free goods.

The Canadian Gazette yesterday contained the names of those who were successful at the November civil service examinations. They are: Charles N. Clarke, Robert Clark, William T. G. Cosman, John Jenkins, John Kerr, Frederick H. Mahony. Those who passed the qualifying examinations are: George Gray, John Kerr, John L. McDonald and George B. Withers.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—The grievance committee of the Grand Trunk telegraphers had a conference with General Manager Hays on Saturday. It was expected that this meeting would decide whether or not the men would go on strike, but it did not, the result being an adjournment until Monday morning at eleven o'clock, when it is understood Mr. Hays will have an answer ready for the committee. The matter has not come down to a straight proposition as to whether the company will recognize the Order of Railway Telegraphers or not. Mr. Hays so far has refused to do so, and it is said that the adjournment until Monday was simply to give him a chance of changing his mind. Mr. Powell, grand chief of the Telegraphers' Order, says that Mr. Hays has got to do something on Monday or he will have a chance of finding out how strong the order is among the telegraphers in the employ of his road. Present appearances are that there will be a strike, and if there is the telegraphers will do all in their power to draw in the trainmen, firemen's and conductors' orders, with which the telegraphers are federated.

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—The postmaster general today received a beautiful calendar from Mrs. Eleanor Fellows of London, Eng., inscribed as follows: "From the daughter of the English Rowland Hill to the Canadian Rowland Hill, with hearty good wishes for Christmas and New Years, and a long and prosperous career in the service of his country."

The late A. McNeil of the Indian department was the first civil servant to commute his superannuation pay. As a result his family received \$1,900 before he died. Col. Panet died the same. Before he died his family was receiving \$3,000. Civil servants only have until the first of January to elect to come under the act of last session.

The governor general has decided to ask all the leading newspapers of Canada to open a subscription list immediately in aid of the Gordon College, Khartoum.

The government proposes to make a

special Klondike exhibition at the Paris exhibition.

Hiram Maxim, of Maxim gun reputation, is here on behalf of British capitalists who propose to establish pulp and paper mills in this district.

For Montreal this afternoon, to be present at the opening of the new McGill chemistry building tomorrow.

D. C. Fraser's here on his way home from Skagway. He is enthusiastic over the prospect of the White Pass railway.

MONTREAL, Dec. 19.—The Grand Trunk telegraphers' committee met Superintendent McGuigan this afternoon and discussed matters with him for four hours. At the end of that time it was stated little progress was made in discussing the regulations, to which the telegraphers objected, but the hours and wages were not touched upon. The conference will be resumed tomorrow morning.

Four provincial by-elections were held today in four seats previously held by the government. The conservatives succeeded in capturing one seat, Beauport, where Plante was elected by 55 majority. In Levis, Langlois, liberal, was elected, defeating Bourassa, government candidate, and Gelly, conservative, by 160 plurality. In Missisquoi county, Collin, liberal, was elected, defeating Comeau by 49 majority. In the general election, McCorhill, liberal, had a majority of 405. In Vercheres, Blanche, liberal, was re-elected, increasing his majority.

FREDERICTON. Meeting of the Harri Boot and Shoe Co.—A Burglar Let Go.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 19.—The first shareholders' meeting of the Harri Boot and Shoe company was held this afternoon at City hall for the purpose of organizing the company. Twenty-five shareholders were present. The meeting was called by Hon. Mr. G. Gregory, who acted as chairman. He read the certificate granted by the government incorporating the company with a capital stock of \$100,000.

The following were elected directors for the ensuing year: John Kilburn, Willard Kitchen, John Palmer, Edward Moore and Odun M. Hart. The provisional directors through John Palmer reported they had arranged for a lease of four lots near the C. P. R. depot on York street, and that the basement of the factory had been erected and the first floor laid. The principal portion of the lumber and brick and also been purchased. The total expenditure to date was approximately \$4,000. The meeting confirmed the action taken by the provisional directors as the act of the company, and directed that the accounts be audited and paid.

The person who perpetrated the burglary at Carvell's laundry on Saturday night gave himself up today, but upon return of the money and Mr. Carvell not caring to prosecute he was dismissed.

SPORTING MATTERS. Kid McCoy Gets the Decision Over Joe Goddard.

THE RING. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 19.—Four thousand persons crowded the arena to witness the boxing contest between Kid McCoy, the heroic champion, and Joe Goddard, the lesser opponent for heavy weight honors. McCoy won the bout by a knock out, after he had Goddard all but knocked out.

Goddard had an advantage of weight by fully fifteen pounds, and as soon as the bell rang he essayed to use his weight in forcing the "kid" to mix things up. McCoy took it coolly, and met each rush with a left hand to the face or body, and before the third round he invariably landed a right hand upon the head of his opponent. The round closed with McCoy giving Goddard a regular boxing lesson.

The second round was a slow one. Goddard was distressed and was weary of indulging in too much rushing. McCoy took things easy and was creative, using his left hand in a vigorous manner whenever crowded into a corner or forced to keep Goddard outside of arm's length. Goddard remained his rubber in the third round, but he was seemingly full of strategy and cleverly met each onslaught. His upper-cutting with his right hand was very vicious, and seemed to dislocate the conqueror of Peter Mahar, and the round closed with McCoy giving Goddard a regular boxing lesson.

The fourth was a lively round. Each observed the rules by hitting in order, but the exchanges were so rapid that the violations could have been easily overlooked. The round closed with McCoy punning Goddard with both hands in the latter's corner. McCoy went after Goddard as a first rounder and used his left and right to great advantage. Once Goddard tried to run in and clinch with McCoy, but he was quickly repulsed by the quarter champion, and a moment later McCoy invested him by falling to lead with his left hand, and whirling his right hand across, caught Goddard on the jaw. The latter was down in seconds and gaining the feet in a half dazed condition, McCoy caught McCoy around the hips and endeavored to throw the latter to the stage.

Referee Schlichter promptly sent men to their corners and awarded McCoy the contest on a foul.

The Harri Boot and Shoe Co. Exhibition. Last evening Harry and Littlejohn, who are to spar ten rounds in the institute on the afternoon of Dec. 20th, met and selected Billy Keele referee. The bout will commence about three o'clock.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Inspector of the Telephone Killed by Falling from a Pole.

Hon. Mr. Blair Made a Speech After Inspecting the Terminal Facilities.

The Heirs-at-Law in the Estate in the Estate of the Late Senator Macfarlane.—For Stealing Whiskey.

WOLFEVILLE, N. S., Dec. 17.—The annual dinner of the Kings Co. Agricultural society took place last evening at the Royal hotel, when about 100 members and guests sat down to a very enjoyable repast. There were speeches by Dr. Chipman, of Grand Pré, B. W. Chipman, secretary of agriculture, Halifax; Peter James of Colbrook, J. W. Bigelow of Wolfeville, P. M. Logan, manager of the Acadia Dairy Co.; Wm. Chipman, Wm. N. Young, and Prof. Kluge, president of the school of agriculture from Truro to Wolfeville. It was after one a. m. when the gathering dispersed.

The Wolfeville Art association will hold their next meeting at the house of Mrs. H. B. Hatch. The programme will be devoted to some of Raphael's paintings.

The news has been received of the death of Dr. Richmond Barris. Her death was a specialist in diseases of the eye, and held a position in an hospital at Malden, Mass. He was a nephew of J. W. Barris of Wolfeville, and his wife was Miss Anne Giddens of Windsor.

HALIFAX, Dec. 19.—Inspector Thomas Thompson of the Nova Scotia Telephone company was killed this afternoon on Water street by falling from a pole. Death was instant.

The deceased had stepped on the first cross tree on the huge pole and while in the act of stringing a wire he lost his balance, falling to the concrete pavement below, a distance of about 100 feet. He struck on his head, crushing in the side of his skull. Mr. Thompson had complained of being unwell before he ascended the pole.

The civil taxation of Halifax this year is valued at which is \$100,000 more than last year. The total amount are to be \$3,000, about \$4,000 more than last year.

Minister Blair addressed the winter joint committee today after a tour of inspection of the terminal facilities of the P. & N. S. R. Co. He spoke highly of the P. & N. S. R. Co. connection, and lauded the freight producers and managers for their cooperation in the extension of the P. & N. S. R. Co. into Halifax and St. John. He was accompanied by Hon. Mr. Blair. Both ministers went to Truro.

AMHERST, Dec. 19.—Letters of administration were today applied for in the estate of the late Hon. Senator Macfarlane of Wallace by Hon. A. R. Deasy and A. D. Macfarlane. The estate is valued at one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, comprising one hundred thousand dollars personal and twenty-five thousand real estate. No will was left by the deceased, and in the application of Archibald Macfarlane of Amherst, at law; Mrs. Macfarlane, surviving widow; David M. Kerr, commercial traveller, of Montreal; Mrs. John Hanney and children of Chicago; Mrs. J. N. B. Kerr, sister of deceased; Robert Fris of Grayson, England; and Mrs. Catherine Fris, sister of deceased; and the following children of the late John Macfarlane, brother of deceased: Jesse, widow of the late P. B. Robb; Amnerst; Margaret, wife of Mr. Justice Tompkins; Halifax; Ian; Frank Macfarlane, Boston; Alex. D. and Frank Macfarlane, Wallace.

For stealing a case of whiskey valued at ten dollars from the I. C. R. at Exford, George McMillan, James Gallant, George McMillan and Charles Hannan were today each fined fifteen dollars and costs and ordered to pay the cost of the whiskey.

Percy McMillan aged 21 years, son of the late George McMillan, died today after some weeks' illness from typhoid fever. He was employed in the Robb Engineering Co's works. His remains were taken to Advocate for interment.

FATAL FIRE. A Blaze at Fort Adams Causes Much Damage and the Loss of One Soldier.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 19.—A fire which broke out tonight at Fort Adams, in the stables of the light battery, F. Fourth Artillery, not only destroyed the stables but communicated to a neighboring gun shed containing some powder, and the explosion which followed killed Private Sullivan of Battery A, 7th Artillery; seriously injured Private L. T. Street, Battery H; Corporal R. L. Bryan, Battery A; Private John Kerwin, Battery F, all of the 7th Artillery; while Privates S. Well, Battery A; S. G. Batters, Battery A; H. Clay, Battery H, also of the 7th Artillery, received painful burns.

The fire was caused by the explosion of a lamp in the southwest corner of the stables, about half-past 5 o'clock, the flames igniting some straw, and spread with great rapidity. One of the sentries saw the fire and gave the alarm by firing his rifle, and in a few minutes the entire garrison was fighting the flames. Captain H. C. Taylor and his official directing the work.

There were one hundred and fifty horses in the stables when the fire broke out, but by well directed work all were taken out.

While the soldiers were doing their utmost to get the horses out and stop the further extension of the fire, a gunshot some distance back of the stables caught fire and almost without warning blew up, and the force of it hurled a number of the soldiers high in the air, besides throwing others to the ground, where they were almost immediately covered with burning timbers. Their comrades succeeded in hauling the unfortunate men out of the burning pile, but Sullivan was found to be dead, his body being horribly burned and mangled. The explosion also hurled burning brands into the roof of the stables, including the officers' quarters on the hills above the stables, but these small fires were extinguished except in the case of a barn belonging to battery H, which was destroyed. A portion of the fire department from the city went to the assistance of the soldiers, and a detail from the training station also responded to a call for help.

The explosion in the gunshed was entirely unlooked for, as no powder was known to have been there. The property loss will not be very great.

THE LOST PORTLAND.

A Break in Anglo-American Cable on Day of Storm.

Furnishes a Possible Clue to the Whereabouts of the Hull of the Ill-Fated Steamer.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The breaking of the Anglo-American cable during the forenoon of Nov. 27th, the day of the great storm, which break has since been located seven miles off Peaked Hill Bar, Cape Cod, is regarded as another clue to the location of the wreck of the ill-fated steamer Portland.

The cable some miles picked up the off-shore end of the break this afternoon, and after buoying it, left the work of getting the inshore end of the cable and splicing the two ends of it tomorrow. It will not, therefore, be surprising when the steamer develops her wreck these days some developments as to the whereabouts of the Cape of the remains of the much sought for steamer.

The point where the off-shore end of the break in the cable is buoyed is seven miles east-northeast of Peaked Hill Bar, a point at which the majority of the life savers and the old sea captains on the Cape seem to agree that the Portland foundered.

The water here is between 25 and 40 fathoms in depth, and the oblique runs out about one knot faster than the flood tide comes in.

The final report of the Minnie is awaited with considerable interest, for although she will keep strictly to her work of recovering and splicing the cable, she will nevertheless, with her dredge, go over the ground fully as carefully as would any expedition sent out for traces of the wreck. The Minnie is expected to reach Boston harbor late tomorrow afternoon.

The break in the cable was undoubtedly the work of some vessel. It must have been broken by the sharp bow of some heavy body, such as the ponderous machinery of the Portland, although it is hardly probable that the machinery at that time was in motion.

The above theory of the wreck, therefore, leads to the belief that the steamer's propellers were swept clear of her water as was a considerable distance off the end of the Cape, and the rest of the hull, after being battered by the gale, at length plunged beneath the waves, seven miles east-northeast of Peaked Hill Bar, between 8 and 10 o'clock, Saturday morning, and in striking the bottom but the cable and broke it.

The winter port.

Manchester Enterprise at Halifax, Bound for This Port—Furness Liner London City Coming Direct.

(From Saturday's Daily Sun.) The Allan mail steamer Portland, from this port for Liverpool, passed Mobile yesterday afternoon. She will sail from Liverpool on Thursday next.

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WOODSTOCK.

Death of C. A. Saunders at El Paso, California.

A Great Deal of Illness in Town—Cold Weather and Excellent Sleighting.

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 19.—J. L. Saunders of Florenceville has just received a telegram announcing the death in El Paso, California, of his only child, Clarence A. Saunders, who had gone to that country in search of health, but in spite of all he was cut off at the early age of thirty-seven years. He was married, but had no children. Mr. Saunders was a graduate of Kings College, Windsor, N. S., with honors, and after getting through with his college career he intended to study for orders in the Church of England, and was for two years lay reader under the tutelage of Canon Neales. Later on he gave up this intention and accepted a professorship in an American university. The remains will be brought to Florenceville for burial.

There is a good deal of illness in town. John Stewart, C. P. R. freight collector, is laid up with pneumonia. He is reported to be doing fairly well. Chas. McLean, correspondent of the Telegraph, has passed through a serious illness, but is reported to be better this morning.

Miss Mary Cliff, an old resident, died on Friday and was buried today. Her brother, Richard Cliff, formerly of Woodstock, but now of Lewiston, N. B., came here to attend the funeral. After an intermission of one full day yesterday, the severe cold snap is again on. The sleighing is all that can be desired, and the town was full of teams on Saturday.

THE FOREIGN POLICY.

Of the British Government, Discussed by the Under-Secretary for the Colonies.

READING, England, Dec. 19.—At the opening of the Wellington Club here today the Earl of Selborne, under secretary for the colonies, discussed at length the foreign policy of the government. In so doing he maintained that the Marquis of Salisbury's management of the relations between Great Britain and the United States alone entitled him to the absolute confidence of the country. The under secretary pointed out the changes which had taken place from three years back, when both countries were discussing the possibilities of war, which change would not have been possible except for the cool, firm, far-seeing way in which the premier had dealt with the Venezuelan difficulty. Continuing, the Earl of Selborne remarked: "A very simple but very great thing has happened. An understanding has been reached. The people of the United States had not intended to arrive at a speedy compromise before the Atlantic had proposed to use Great Britain for their purpose. Where our interests are identical we may hope for co-operation. When one country has an interest and the other has none, we may hope that the country not interested will do what it can to support its friend. Where their interests may unhappily tend to diverge they should hasten by mutual consultation to an understanding, so as to arrive at a speedy compromise before there is any chance of a breach of their friendship." (Loud cheers.)

WILL GO TO KHARTOUM.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail says he learns that the Duke of Connaught will go to Khartoum, as the representative of the Queen, lay the foundation stone of the Gordon Memorial College to be erected there under the direction of Gen. Lord Kitchener for the instruction of Sudanese youth.

"FAMILIARITY BREEDS CONTEMPT." It is a sad reflection, yet it cannot be successfully denied, that the great enemy of friendship is companionship.—Judge.

THE CANADIAN COMMISSION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The Canadian joint commission adjourned until January 5, after which it is expected they will reassemble in Washington for a session during which they will sign any final peace treaty between the United States and Canada they may be able to agree upon.

MARCHAND RETIRES.

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 19.—Major Marchand and his party evacuated Fashoda during the morning of Dec. 11 when the French flag was hoisted and the British and Egyptian flags were hoisted. The French detachment started for the Sobat River,

and 125 standards of death. At Fashoda she will take 10,000 barrels of supplies, 11 cargoes of bacon and 120 tons of portable goods. The passengers already booked to go over in her are 8 cabin, 13 intermediate and 24 steerage.

Str. Manchester Enterprise, from Manchester via Greenboro for this port, arrived at Halifax yesterday morning. The ship left Manchester on Nov. 24th, and when only two days out met with an accident, which compelled her to return to Queenstown in tow. One of the deck tanks started to leak and the hold was flooded. After reaching a harbor she was beached and put in shape to continue her voyage. She left Queenstown on the 28th, and made the run in eleven days. The weather had been very heavy and had winds were encountered. The Manchester Enterprise will take in at Halifax 1,000 tons of pulp and some apparel, and will then come here to fill up with general cargo. There is an immense quantity of cargo for her. She will take on board 500 head of cattle. It is expected she will reach St. John tomorrow. Her inward cargo is in the vicinity of 100 tons.

The following Halifax dispatch was received by the Sun last night. The Dominion liner Sootman arrived in port at 5 o'clock this afternoon, in command of Capt. Shrimshaw, about seven hours after the Calla. From the Scotsman, west Liverpool three hours after calling at Morville. Exactly, therefore, they made the voyage in an equal length of time. First Officer Roberts told your correspondent that in most of the voyage, which had been rather a rough one, there had been strong winds and heavy head seas. On the first day out from Morville the Scotsman shipped considerable water. Cape Race was passed at 1.45 yesterday morning. Today strong northwest and west winds and clear, frosty weather was the steamer's experience. The steamer brought 41 saloon passengers, 32 passengers and 23 steerage. Who's on board the steamer, all left by mail train. Her cargo consists of 220 tons, of which 20 tons, mostly tinplate and carthenware, were landed at Halifax. The cargo for St. John consists of general merchandise. The Scotsman sailed for St. John about midnight.

VEGETARIAN TWO WARS.

Talbot Bouslog of Boston would like to fight Asia for England. (Boston News.)

Edwin Powell, a Boston tailor in Kendall block in Boston, has a very remarkable history. It is Mr. Bouslog's proud boast that he fought through two wars.

His first campaign began in 1863, when he and his fellow vegetarians combined to fight the subject of slavery.

His second campaign began in 1864, when he and his fellow vegetarians combined to fight the subject of slavery.

His third campaign began in 1865, when he and his fellow vegetarians combined to fight the subject of slavery.

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His eighth campaign began in 1870, when he and his fellow vegetarians combined to fight the subject of slavery.

His ninth campaign began in 1871, when he and his fellow vegetarians combined to fight the subject of slavery.

His tenth campaign began in 1872, when he and his fellow vegetarians combined to fight the subject of slavery.

His eleventh campaign began in 1873, when he and his fellow vegetarians combined to fight the subject of slavery.

His twelfth campaign began in 1874, when he and his fellow vegetarians combined to fight the subject of slavery.

His thirteenth campaign began in 1875, when he and his fellow vegetarians combined to fight the subject of slavery.

His fourteenth campaign began in 1876, when he and his fellow vegetarians combined to fight the subject of slavery.