

THE PROPOSED STEEL MERGER

Four Firms in the City Will
Likely Be Included.

At a meeting of the directors of the Maritime Steel Corporation, Ltd., yesterday it was decided to recommend the plans of a merger as a member of the British Empire Steel Corporation to the stockholders for acceptance. If the consolidation takes place four concerns in St. John will be included, the Maritime, James Pender & Co., Ltd., Dominion Steel Corporation, Ltd., and the Canada Steamship Lines, Ltd. The likelihood is that S. E. Ekin, M. P., will be in control of the St. John end of the organization.

A meeting of the directors of the Dominion Steel Corporation, the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co., and the Canada S. S. Lines, Ltd., held in Montreal yesterday decided to recommend acceptance of the terms of the merger to their shareholders.

Colonel Morden said that the initial share capital issue of the new corporation will be \$20,000,000, but declined to say into what amounts of first, second and third preferred and common stocks it would be divided. Formal and official announcement of these details would, he said, be given in the near future.

PLAYLET ENJOYED.
Under the direction of Mrs. Cecil Mercereau last evening the Epworth League of Queen Square Methodist church gave a successful playlet "The Minister's Wife's New Bonnet." At the close of the performance Mrs. A. B. Gilmour and Mrs. R. D. Smith served refreshments to the performers. A committee under Miss Margaret Gilmour sold candy. Those taking part in the

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play were Leslie Berwick, Mrs. Wm. Welsford, Helen Snadlie, Marguerite Home, Winnie Dunlop, Esther Welsford, Grace Robertson, Elsie Wilson, Eleanor Cline, H. Worrell, William Welsford, Percy Lowndes and Ralph Stephenson.

LOCAL NEWS

The pulp workers' union met last evening and transacted routine business.

It is said that many of the milk dealers in the city intend reducing the retail price of milk from fifteen cents to thirteen cents tomorrow.

The executive of the G. W. V. A. met last night with N. Y. McLeod in the chair, and arrangements were made for a concert of high class artists to be given in the near future.

Murray Coulson was rescued from the water below the trestle near the Atlantic Sugar Refinery yesterday by Joseph Mehan. They were endeavoring to open the drawbridge linking the refinery yards with the city proper when Coulson fell from the dory in which they were at work.

The Teamsters' and Chauffeurs' Union held a meeting last evening in Odd Fellows' Hall, with the president, Robert Winchester, in the chair. The meeting was addressed by Peter Sharkey and several new members were initiated. Other routine business was transacted.

The Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc., steamer Galvin Austin, for several years on the Boston-St. John route, is laid up for repairs at Boston as the result of an accident near the Cape Cod Canal. While bound for New York her rudder became disabled and she went back to Boston with about 150 passengers.

Harold C. Scott, aged seventeen, a party, of this city, was arrested at the Windsor hotel, Moncton, yesterday on a charge of stealing \$80 from the company. When arrested he had \$85.86 on him. Sergeant Detective Power left last night for Moncton to convey the lad to this city.

The work of the pensions office in future is to be controlled from Halifax. The other offices in the maritime provinces are to be closed. The local staff numbers thirteen, including the two medical examiners. A traveling medical board will be appointed and will hold examinations in different centres at appointed dates.

The Electric Club met last night at the residence of Mrs. Frederick Foster and a delightful programme, arranged by His Honor Judge Forbes, was carried out, including papers by Rev. Canon R. A. Armstrong, Mrs. Alfred Morley, R. J. Hooper, Mrs. Malcolm Mackay, Miss Louise Anderson and A. C. Skelton.

Hon. P. J. Veniot, minister of public works, was in the city yesterday and announced that he was arranging tenders for paving several roads including St. John to St. Stephen, Chatham to Loggieville, St. John to W. W. Smith and from New River to Pennfield. He is also planning considerable repair work, including the Spruce Lake road.

Members of the Enterprise and Progressive clubs called at the home of their president, Charles H. Stevens, last night and on their behalf Commissioner John Thornton presented to him a gold mounted fountain pen. Refreshments were served and a pleasant time enjoyed. Mr. Stevens is honorary president of the clubs.

An enjoyable concert was given at the Old Ladies' Home last evening by members of the Lend a Hand Circle of the King's Daughters, under the direction of Mrs. Harry Black and Mrs. Edith Stevens. The following took part in the programme: Miss McGinley, Mrs. Hillis, Mrs. George Horton, Mrs. Waters and Miss Verta Roberts.

The concluding lecture of the series of the special course given by the Art Club was delivered last evening by Miss Lillian Hazen in which she described her trip to Oberammergau in 1910. T. H. Estabrooks was in the chair. Miss Valde Fenton rendered several vocal selections with Miss McGinley as accompanist. W. F. Hatheway and Mrs. O'Brien told of pleasant trips to Europe. Mr. Hatheway urged that every member take a more active interest in the club, showing the great interest which is being taken in the work in Halifax. Miss Hazen's lecture was illustrated with lantern slides, under the supervision of C. H. Flewelling and Miss Holly.

JUDGMENT IN CANCER CASE

(Halifax Echo.)
Mr. Justice Longley this morning gave judgment in Walsh vs. McKay. Walsh, the plaintiff, about fifty-eight years of age, had been troubled for a year or two with cancer and was induced in January, 1919, to go to Mr. McKay, living about thirteen miles out of Halifax. It appeared by his evidence that he was noted for dealing with cancer cases, and he claimed to have cured 600 cases in his lifetime. Walsh said he went to defendant who examined him carefully and

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stated he would take \$50 and cure the whole disease. He paid him \$45 cash and McKay went to work plastering and bandaging him, which caused him to suffer excruciating pain. He was there for a fortnight and the cancer got worse than ever and Walsh had gone down

steadily ever since and was now in a serious condition. His lordship did not think McKay had the right to undertake to make cures, and defendant betrayed considerable ignorance in regard to treating secondary symptoms. He declared he made his

cure conditional upon there being no secondary symptoms, but His Lordship was inclined to believe plaintiff in this regard, and gave judgment for \$45, the amount defendant received from plaintiff. The damages, His Lordship remarked, were not easy to assess. One

scarcely knew how far plaintiff had been subjected to a shortening of his life or being placed in a worse condition than he was before. He suffered, however, and His Lordship gave judgment for a total of \$145, including \$100 for damages.

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