COUNTERFEIT ALARM WAS GROUNDLESS

Dominion Police Investigate Report of Large Number of American Bogus Notes in Circulation.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—The Dominion police authorities discredit the alarmist reports which have been current to the effect that a considerable number of counterfeit United States notes had recently been put into circulation in the province of Quebec.

Certain bills have been forwarded to the office of Col. A. P. Sherwood, commissioner of Dominion police, as being under suspicion, attention having been drawn to the fact that in one or two cases two notes bore identical numbers. Those who impugned the authenticity of the notes overlooked the fact that the check letters differed and the notes have left the court without a stain upon their character.

There seems no reason to suspect the existence of any considerable quantity of counterfeit money in Canada, the recent capture near Montreal of five counterfeiters having frustrated the most dangerous attempt at counterfeiting recently made. This announcement will no doubt make United States notes a more popular currency than they have been for some time past in Montreal, since doubts were first thrown on their genuineness following the apprehension of the Joilette counterfeiters.

"MONA LISA" IS AT MILAN NOW

On Exhibit at Brera Gallery — Medal to Commemorate the Event—Great Throngs View Masterpiece.

Milan, Italy, Dec. 29—The 'Mona Lisa' which was yesterday handed over to the keeping of the French ambassador at Rome, reached here in safety today, and was placed on exhibition in the Brora Gallery. Great crowds gathered to view the masterpiece, which was first inspected by the Count of Turin and the civic authorities.

A special medal has been coined to commemorate the event. It bears the head of Leonardo Da Vinci and the inscription:

'May her divine smile ever shine.'

So great was the pressure of the crowds around the gallery that about two hundred police officials and carabineers had difficulty in preserving order. Late in the afternoon the painting was removed to a larger hall where it was on exhibition until midnight.

ACQUITTED ON CHARGE OF SELLING MILITARY SECRETS TO AUSTRALIA

Count Rocco, Whose Arrest Caused a Sensation Last July, is Cleared of the Charge.

Ravenna, Italy, Dec. 29.—Count Morozzo Rocca, of the Italian war office, who was arrested last July and charged with selling military secrets to Austria, was acquitted today.

The arrest of Count Rocca, which caused a great sensation in military and social circles, followed disclosures in the inquiry into the suicide a few months before of Col. Alfred Redl chief of the general staff of the Eighth Army Corps of the Austrian army. Redl killed himself when it was discovered he had been selling Austrian military secrets to Russia. According to the Italian authorities Morozzo Rocca was involved in the spy system. A long inquiry into the charges has failed to substantiate them.

DIED.

WITHERS—In this city on December 28, Jane C., widow of William S. Withers, aged 77 years, leaving five sons and one daughter to mourn. Funeral Tuesday. Service at 103 Hazen street at 2.30 o'clock.

JONES—In this city, on the evening of the 28th inst., William J. Jones, aged 72 years, of Otter Lake, N. B., leaving five sons, one daughter, two brothers and one sister to mourn. Funeral service at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. L. J. Crockett, 41 Exmouth street, on Tuesday the 30th inst., at 12.30 o'clock. Funeral will leave at one o'clock for Loch Lomond for interment.

SMITH.—In this city, on December 27th, after a brief illness, James Smith, aged 92 years, leaving three sons and two daughters to mourn. Funeral from his late residence 211 King Street East, on Tuesday afternoon, December 30th, at 3 o'clock. Service at 2.30.

SWEENEY—At his residence, Lakewood, on 29th inst., Jeremiah Sweeney, leaving his wife, four daughters and two sons to mourn. Funeral from his late residence Lakewood, on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Coaches leave head of King street at 1.15 o'clock. Friends invited to attend.

HON. J. D. HAZEN ADDRESSES A ROUSING NORTH END MEETING

Citizens Register Unqualified Approval of Borden Government in no Uncertain Manner, at Meeting in Temple Building, Last Evening—Speakers Tell of Good Work Done.

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Senator Daniel.

"It is the very best augury of the interest and spirit taken in political affairs," said Senator Daniel, "when so many voters of this city will assemble at this holiday season in order to listen to our representative in the government of this country. It has been said that no interest could be aroused in political matters unless there was an election pending, but this meeting shows differently.

"Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden has made a reputation for himself as one of the ablest men in the country. He has established a reputation for honesty that is undisputable. He made a platform and then when elected on it he stood upon it and did not scramble down as some of his opponents have done. His selection of a cabinet has brought him honor, for his associates, which he has called around him, are the ablest men in the country, and the result of the change from the work of the Liberal government has been the cause of great satisfaction to the people of Canada.

Rural Routes.

"Every department of the government has felt the thrust of the gentlemen whom Mr. Borden selected for its head. Mr. Pelletier, at the head of the post office department, has enlarged that public service and made it more effective and useful for the people. He has enlarged the number of rural deliveries and post offices, and in a short time will inaugurate a parcel post system that will be of great benefit to the country.

The rural delivery was established by the Liberal government, but it was only because it was forced to by the members of the opposition who demanded time after time that these routes be established. Mr. Armstrong, M. P., introduced the necessary bills time after time until finally the Liberals saw that they must establish rural delivery.

"Take the public works department under the direction of Hon. Mr. Rogers, who was here recently. All over the country public works have been carried on and a great deal of development work has been accomplished. St. John has benefitted by it and so have many other parts of the country. The administration has a large revenue and it is being used wholly for the development of the country. It has not been wasted as under the Liberal administration, when such transactions as the building of the Transcontinental Railway were put through.

Marine and Fisheries.

"In that important department over which Hon. J. D. Hazen presides, great strides have been made and the general tendency has been to bring the different works of this department up to date in every respect. You have only to read the statements in the Globe of Saturday to see just what has been done in the way of aid to navigation during the last few years. Since the Conservative government has been in power and Mr. Hazen has been at the head of the Marine and Fisheries Department more has been accomplished than during the whole fifteen years in which the Liberals directed affairs. Mr. Hazen should be proud of his record, for we are proud of it. His department has to do with the protection of the fisheries and the fishermen and it is to this department that we may look for a way to reduce the cost of living by keeping supplied with healthful foods from the waters that wash our shores. Fish food is healthful and there is a saying in Ontario that the maritime members of the House of Commons are better than the others for the reason that they have such a fine supply of fish foods. We want cheap food and Mr. Hazen is helping to give it to us by protecting the fisheries.

"The Agricultural Department has also done well and has been a real force in the life of the Dominion. Money has been voted for the encouragement of agriculture. We in New Brunswick have benefitted by this. We see by the newspapers that many abandoned farms have been taken up recently and New Brunswick is sure to come into her own as an agricultural province. We have here the best fruit producing lands in Canada.

Good Roads.

"The government has also interested itself in good roads and an appropriation was passed at the last session of parliament for the benefit of roads but I am ashamed to say that this bill was thrown out by the Senate in order to help, as it thought, a disgruntled party. The people of Canada know why the bill was thrown out and they have placed the blame on the right party.

The power of the Conservative party has been shown by the recent by-elections and will be shown again when Hon. H. F. McLeod will be elected by acclamation in York within the next few days."

Senator Daniel then told of the canvas that had been made by the Liberals in several of the constituencies where elections had taken place, and he characterized the work of the Liberals in South Bruce as contemptable.

Senator Thorne.

The next speaker was Senator W. H. Thorne. He spoke of local affairs. He believed that no man in Canada had done as much for New Brunswick as Hon. J. D. Hazen, and St. John had benefitted, as never before, since Hon. Mr. Hazen has been its representative in the government. Mr. Hazen had been one of the inaugurators of the winter port business in St. John about twenty-three years ago. The people of St. John must remember, however, that their representative was also representative of all the people of Canada, and that his department was carrying on work from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Mail Steamers.

"We have had some agitation here recently in regard to mail steamers," continued Senator Thorne, "But we now have four mail steamers from St. John direct to England, for the first time in our history. This mail business has created jealosy between St. John and Halifax. I, myself, believe there is no cause for jealousy between the two cities, for there will be enough for both. Development of harbors west and east is taken place and millions of dollars are being spent in the seaports of Canada. This is not for local benefit, but for the good of the whole country, but I feel sure that the work at St. John during the next year will be greater than for the last ten years. We should not be mindful of the question of whether mails go to Halifax or St. John at present, but we should do all in our power to have the facilities here developed."

Hon. J. D. Hazen was greeted with ringing cheers when he arose to speak and the enthusiasm showed that Hon. Mr. Hazen has the confidence of the constituents to the last degree.

Hon. J. D. Hazen.

"I see before me in this audience," said the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, "men who have been in all the fights in which I have been engaged during my political career in New Brunswick. There are also several of my old friends from the country and many young men who are ready to take up the fight when it is laid down by their elders.

"I regret my inability to show my appreciation for the kind and hearty reception you have given me tonight. I feel quite sure that with the active support of the Conservative party has always received in the North End of this city, and with the workers ready, that we will have no fear to meet the enemy in the gates when necessary.

"About two years ago the people of Canada decided that the party of Sir Wilfrid Laurier had been long enough in power and elected Hon. Mr. Borden and his party in its stead. Mr. Borden asked me, without solicitation on my part, to become a member of his cabinet. I accepted with hesitation, but whether my work has been successful or not I will say that I never worked harder in my life and I have worked to forward the interests of the people of the whole of Canada.

"It has seemed to be the opinion of the Liberals since the election of September, 1911, that they would go back to power if another election took place, but there have been several elections since and the Conservatives have been almost wholly victorious. In Nova Scotia, it is generally admitted that, if the people were given a chance the present government would be overthrown and a government more in sympathy with the policy of Hon. Mr. Borden selected."

Hon. Mr. Hazen then reviewed the different elections that have taken place since the election of 1911. In many cases the Liberals were too discouraged even to put a candidate in the field in opposition to the Conservatives, and many men went in by acclamation. Where there was opposition the Conservative candidates usually went in with large majorities. He referred particularly to South Lanark, where only seventy votes were registeed against the naval policy of Mr. Borden.

Mr. Hazen spoke particularly of the situation in York county where Hon. H. F. McLeod will be the Conservative candidate. Nomination day will be on Wednesday, and there is very little chance of there being any opposition.

Liberal Methods Shown Up.

"For months," said Hon. Mr. Hazen, "the Liberal papers have been talking of the lack of harmony among the Conservatives of York county, but at the convention the best of harmony prevailed, and the men who were said to be opposed to the nomination of Mr. McLeod, had been the persons to nominate him as the candidate and spoke in his favor.

"Speaking in all sincerity of the political situation in New Brunswick, I desire to say that if a general election took place tomorrow not more than two Liberals would be returned in the whole province.

"The people of Canada are satisfied with the present administration and the prospects are bright for the continuation of good honest administration of the affairs of the country.

"During the reciprocity campaign, and even after the election defeating the measure, the Liberals kept up the talk of reciprocity, and the party newspapers made rueful statements in regard to its rejection. We of the Conservative party, however, pointed out to the people of this country that it was not in their interests that protection should be taken away and the industries of the country thrown open to competition. We further pointed out that the ultimate result of reciprocity would be to cut us off from the Motherland, and for this we were called flag flappers."

Mr. Hazen then spoke of the letters sent by the President of the United States to Col. Roosevelt in regard to Canada and its relations to the United States.

"It would be a bold man and a bold party that would run an election on reciprocity," said Mr. Hazen.

Scores Liberals

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Hamilton recently adopted a free food platform. He said little regarding the naval question, however. He advised that we take the protection off foods, but where there is such a demand for our produce in the United States, there would be little benefit derived from that. This is only a catch phrase. The Liberals were in power fifteen years and they did not do anything to make food cheaper. Food has not become dear in a night. Nor since the Conservatives came into power can they point to any legislation that tended to increase the prices of foods. The high cost of living is practically universal. But as one man has said it is the cost of high living rather than the high cost of living that is the trouble.

"Relatively there are not as many people on the land as was the case twenty years ago, and the prices of food have necessarily advanced. This is the state of affairs the world over. The government of Canada is trying to solve the problem and experts have been secured and their report will be presented to the government soon, but whether it will be a benefit or not remains to be seen. Tariff conditions, however, have little to do with these conditions. The free food policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier is only a catch and by the time it has been discussed in parliament Sir Wilfrid will find that he will have to adopt another policy."

Naval Policy.

"The naval policy was next discussed. The speaker pointed out that the people of Canada should contribute towards the support of a navy, which was engaged in the protection of its commerce and that this support should be extended to all parts of the Dominion. He spoke of the conference in London between representatives from the colonies and the admiralty and the necessity of support from the colonies. He pointed out that matters had been discussed that could not be made public but the people of the Motherland were anxious for the colonies to do their share.

"The policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was not consistant. He had one policy for Quebec, and another for the rest of Canada. He was a man facing both ways. At the time of the South African war Sir Wilfrid had said that it would be unconstitutional for troops to be sent from Canada to help the Motherland and he had gone away to Chicago, but when he returned he found an aroused people and he was forced to reverse his ideas and troops were sent to the help of England.

The naval policy of the Liberals had been a half-hearted affair. It was true that such powerful war engines as the Niobe and the Rainbow had been secured and tenders received for the construction of several cruisers but these tenders had rested in the pidgeon holes at Ottawa and nothing done for five months. This had been done perhaps so that the different members of the Liberal government could assure their constituents that ships would be built at St. John, Halifax, Sydney or any other place where it would help to secure votes. The ships which were spoken of would be out of date before they could be built.

Mr. Borden's policy was according to the ideas of the British Admiralty and the $35,000,000 should have been given at once. Had Sir Wilfrid Laurier fallen in with the ideas as advanced by Mr. Borden, he would have gone down in history as the greatest man of his time. All the Liberals, however, had opposed the naval policy of Mr. Borden, and only one, Mr. McLean, was man enough to stand to his party and support the popular policy.

Mr. Hazen referred to the closure measures, that were necessary to have order restored in parliament and give the majority a chance to rule. With the old rules the minority held the power. The naval bill was passed in the House, but was thrown out by that irresponsible body, the Senate.

"The government," said the Minister of Marine, "has not changed its policy, and the question will again come up."

Mr. Hazen then referred to the development work that has been done by the present federal government. He spoke particularly of the Bank Act, the rural mail deliveries, and the development of harbors.

Through the efforts of Mr. Hazen the new observatory has been erected in Douglas Avenue, the marine department depot has been constructed, and contracts for millions of dollars worth of harbor improvements have been aranged. The Valley Railway when completed would be a monument to the local administration.

An Industry Saved

Recently it had been brought to his notice that the Portland Rolling Mills were likely to be closed down on account of the lack of work. This would mean that many men in the north end would be out of employment. He had got in touch with the minister of railways and yesterday afternoon received a telegram which said that the Intercolonial Railway would place a large order for iron and steel work with the local mills.

The meeting closed with the singing of God Save the King, and cheers for Hon. Mr. Hazen and the Conservative party.

QUARTER MILLION DOLLAR FIRE ADDS TO TROUBLE

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Some of the laundries in the north and west districts are not inconvenienced to the same account, while one the Globe Laundry Company, on St. Dominique street, has actually been supplying some of its customers with water. Its supply comes from the Montreal Water and Power Company. The St. Lawrence Laundry, on Notre Dame street, west, is obtaining its water from the Lachine Canal by means of pumps, while the Troy Laundry Company, situated on the banks of the St. Lawrence, is pumping water from the river.

The result, however, has been that although some of the laundries are closed altogether and others are sending their work to those companies in the west and north, the citizens are suffering a serious inconvenience which may become much worse should the supply of water not be resumed today.

A QUIET NEW YEAR'S EVE IN NEW YORK

Tooting of Horns Prohibited in Vicinity of Churches Where Services are to be Held.

New York, Dec. 29—Orders intended to keep the chimes of historic Trinity church welcoming the New Year from being drowned in a general tooting of horns as usual, were issued by Mayor Kline today. The mayor directed Police Commissioner Waldo to instruct the police to suppress horn blowing on New Years, especially in the vicinity of Trinity church and other places where special services are planned, including Madison Square, where one of the two municipal Christmas trees stands.

FREDERICTON BOARD OF TRADE CAMPAIGN

Membership Increased by Hundred Yesterday—Premier to Tender Banquet to Members of Civil Service.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Dec. 29.—The citizens of Fredericton evidently are very optimistic over the bright future in store for this city.

The citizens as a whole showed their interest in the development of the city when today they responded to the call of the Board of Trade for new members, and during the course of a personal campaign this afternoon the membership of the board was actually doubled. The canvass was conducted by about forty active members of the board and everywhere they met with a hearty response.

Publicity Commissioner Walter R. Clarke said this evening that the membership was raised from one hundred to over two hundred and a good many were yet expected to join. It is understood that at least two new mills are to be built at Fredericton in the early spring and it is also understood that several of its industries contemplate greatly enlarging their plants during the coming summer.

In the police court three first offence Scott Act cases aganist local hotels were acknowledged and fines of $50 and costs paid. A second offence case against another hotel, resulting from a recent seizure, will come up tomorrow.

Premier Flemming arrived from Woodstock this evening and announced that the next meeting of the provincial government will be held at St. John, opening on Monday evening, January 5th, and continuing the following day.

The premier will remain over here until Thursday and will on Wednesday be joined by Mrs. Flemming and that evening they will be the hosts at a banquet to be tendered the members of the civil service of the province at the Barker House. Covers will be laid for upward of sixty persons and it promises to be as brilliant an affair as it will be unique.

A LABORATORY TO TEST GRAIN

Will Be Established at Winnipeg in Charge of Dr. F. J. Birchard—Benefit to All in Trade.

Ottawa, Dec. 29—Special—The establishment of a chemical research laboratory at Winnipeg as an incidental feature of the administration of the Grain Act is announced, together with the appointment of Dr. F. J. Birchard, a Canadian, to be director of the establishment. Dr. Birchard for some years has been employed in the laboratory at Washington in the United States department of agriculture.

The general purpose of the laboratory is the testing of grains as to moisture, contents, milling and baking values and conditions developed in storage and transportation. It is impossible to say just what results may come from the investigation, but it is the desire of the minister to make it thorough and lay a foundation for determining quality and distributing grain to its proper grades. In recent years Canada has lost heavily because of the great percentage of moisture in its grain, lessening its value and adding to the difficulty of grading. Tough, damp and wet grain has a tendency to increase from a percentage of moisture that may be allowed. The laboratory will also conduct tests as to milling and baking values and have scientific analyses to determine the effects of moisture.

Another series of tests will establish the effect of transportation and storage on different grades of grain. The laboratory, it is believed, will be of great benefit primarily to the producers and consequently to those who carry on market transport and milling transactions.

EMBARGO ON CARLETON COUNTY CROP RAISED SOON

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been moved already and he doesn't look for any serious difficulty in disposing of the balance of the crop, particularly in view of the fact that the United States embargo will probably soon be lifted from the Carleton county district, and because European potatoes are bared from Canada. He also said that from reports which had come to hand from Ontario and Quebec, it was evident that big Upper Canadian markets would soon be requiring more potatoes from New Brunswick and that there was every indication of profitable late season prices in Upper Canada.

"The embargo which has been placed on potatoes is a blessing in disguise," Mr. Daggett told the Shippers' Association. The whole world has gone potato mad, he said, and there is an over production of potatoes, not only in Canada, but almost every where else there is a shortage in almost every other product of the farm.

BR. SCHOONER LORD OF AVON LOST IN STORM

Was Registred at St. John — Wrecked in Gulf of Mexico —Crew all Rescued.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 29—Loss of the British schooner Lord of Avon, during a storm in the Gulf of Mexico last Friday, was learned of here today, when the schooner George F. Scannel arrived in port, bringing the Avon's crew. At first it had been believed the ship wrecked crew was from the Cheslie, a British schooner reported waterlogged. The Lord of Avon was bound from Pensacola to Cuba with lumber. She was built at Hantsport, N. S., in 1901, and her port of registry is St. John, N. B.

TASMAN A TOTAL WRECK?

Melbourne, Dec. 29.—A wireless message received at noon today from the steamer Tasman, ashore in the Gulf of Papua, reported fifteen feet of water in the hold and gaining rapidly. At that hour the steamers which had been despatched to the assistance of the Tasman had not arrived. It is considered possible that the Tasman will be a total wreck.

New York, Dec. 29.—George W. Young, husband of Madame Lillian Nordica, a passenger on the Dutch steamship Tasman which was reported ashore yesterday in the Gulf of Papua, North of Australia, received the following message today:

"Steamship Tasman, Thursday, just struck reef, Torres strait, no danger so far. Will keep you posted. Lillian."

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