

JAPS MAROONED IN MID-PACIFIC

ATE SEA BIRDS FOR
THREE MONTHS; ONE DIES

Plumage Hunters, Rescued by
Cable Ship, Tell Pa-
thetic Tale.

Midway Island, Pacific Ocean, Dec. 19.—Stress of weather which compelled the Commercial Pacific Cable Company's schooner *Flaurence Ward* to deviate from her course from Honolulu to the cable station here and run for the lee of Hermes Island for shelter, was the means of bringing about the rescue of three marooned Japanese plumage hunters from further torture and probably from death, from disease or starvation. Originally there were four men in the party, but one of them died. The schooner which landed the men on the island and was to have returned for them is supposed to have been lost.

The *Flaurence Ward*, commanded by Capt. Piltz, was bringing supplies here from Honolulu when a heavy gale broke and she was compelled to seek shelter near the lee of Hermes Island, 50 miles southeast of Midway. Distress signals were observed on shore and Capt. Piltz sent a small boat to investigate. Three Japanese sailors were found. Two of them were suffering from starvation. The other man also was in bad shape.

The Japanese were immediately taken aboard the *Flaurence Ward*, where they were given food and fresh clothing. Through an interpreter one of the Japanese told a pathetic tale of their trials on the island. He said that for three months they had been without any food except fish and the flesh of seabirds. No fresh water was obtainable, and they were compelled to drink crudely distilled sea water. When a fire was needed they were compelled to light it by concentrating the rays of the sun upon small pieces of timber through the crystal of their watches.

According to the story of the Japanese the schooner *Kioho Maru*, of Shinagawa, the Okio, Capt. Sugawara, put into Hermes about July and landed four men. From what could be learned the task of the men presumably was to collect the plumage of seabirds. The *Kioho Maru* departed a few days later, leaving one month's provisions for the men on the island, intending shortly to return and take them off. She never did.

Shortly after the departure of the schooner a terrific storm broke, and huge seas swept over the island, carrying away with them most of the supplies and effects of the marooned men. On what was left they subsisted as long as it lasted, and then were compelled to live on fish and seabirds. Fukumatsu Sugiyama, one of the men, succumbed as the result of exposure and lack of proper food, and the other three men could not long have survived. The men who were taken off by the *Flaurence Ward* are being cared for at the cable station here, and in a few days will be taken to Honolulu by the schooner.

Hermes Island is practically a bare reef lying some 600 miles northwest of the Sandwich Islands. It is known on maps as Pearl and Hermes reef, and is swept by terrific storms, and is seldom visited by vessels. Its practicability is in all respects as a point of vantage for capturing wild sea fowl, the plumage of which fetch high prices in London and Paris.

EARNINGS OF C. P. R.
Montreal, Que., Dec. 19.—The earnings of the C. P. R. for the second week of December shown an increase of \$104,000.

BORDEN AND SUFFRAGETTES.
Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The Ottawa Women Suffrage Association decided to ask R. L. Borden to declare his views on woman suffrage.

**EIGHT-HOUR DAY IN
BRITISH COAL MINES**

Measure, With Some Amend-
ments, Passes House of
Lords.

London, Dec. 19.—The bill providing for an eight-hour day in coal mines, which in the process of amendment became actually a measure, a day of 9 hours was finally adopted by the House of Lords this morning. It goes into effect July 1, 1910. The bill originally contemplated eight hours from pit to surface, but its opponents eliminated the time occupied in descending to, and ascending from the workings, and calculated half an hour's time each way. The result is that eight full hours must be spent in actual labor below the ground.

MONTREAL DETECTIVE RESIGNS.
Montreal, Que., Dec. 18.—A. C. Lacey, superintendent of the Montreal branch of the Canadian detective bureau, has resigned that office to become chief of police at Edmonton. He will leave for the West next week.

DEFUNCT SUGAR COMPANY.
Toronto, Dec. 19.—Chief Justice Falconbridge yesterday gave judgment for the immediate sale of the property of the Ontario Sugar Company, for the benefit of the creditors. Up to last March the company showed assets of \$226,653, representing a surplus of \$23,778 over the debenture liabilities of \$200,000 and the subscribed capital of \$400,000.

WILL SHUT C. P. R. OUT OF EDMONTON

G. N. R. TO ACQUIRE
LINE TO CALGARY

Road Now Only Held Under
Lease, Which Expires
in 1910.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 19.—The Canadian Pacific railway will lose the Calgary and Edmonton line as its lease expires on January 1, 1910, when it will be taken over by the Canadian Northern railway. The Canadian Pacific will thus be shut out of Edmonton by the Northern line.

The Goose Lake line is being rushed from Saskatoon to Calgary by the C. N. R. Only leased by C. P. R. Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The local C. N. R. officials will neither affirm or deny the story which comes from Alberta to the effect that the Canadian Northern will take over by purchase the Calgary to Edmonton line. This road was leased by the C. P. R. only last year. It is said that the C. N. R. has beaten out the Canadian Pacific and secured an option on it. The C. N. R. already has a big area in Calgary for terminal purposes.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR WRECK.
Bowmanville, Ont., Dec. 19.—Brake-man Rend, accused of throwing a switch open and causing the wreck at Sandbank on November 23rd, resulting in the death of three railway employees, was committed for trial yesterday at the next assizes. He was released on \$2,000 bail.

**GOVERNMENT CONTROL
FOR STEEL CORPORATION**

Suggestion Made by Chairman
Gary—Effects of Protec-
tive Tariff.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—"If you protect our competitors, you leave us without protection, and I believe that the United States Steel corporation should make public its affairs and submit to government control," was the remarkable declaration of Judge E. H. Gary, chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel corporation at the tariff hearing before the House ways and means committee yesterday. "This is radical," he added, "but remember that I am not speaking for the steel corporation in saying this." Judge Gary, like Chas. M. Schwab, who appeared before the committee on Tuesday, was an admirable witness, giving much information, and submitting to a severe cross-examination. His testimony in substance showed that the tariff needed more as a protection for the independent steel manufacturers than for the steel corporation.

Like Mr. Schwab, Mr. Gary declared that the reduction of the duty on certain steel products would compel the steel companies to reduce the cost of labor. He said that the competitors of the steel corporation need protection, but that the corporation could take care of itself. "Suppose this committee were to wipe out the steel duty entirely, would the United States steel corporation still survive?" inquired Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri. "I cannot say," replied Judge Gary, "but I am of the impression that if we did we would have a monopoly of the market in this country. I do not think we could make a reasonable and fair profit if the tariff is put on that basis."

**ANOTHER INQUIRY INTO
KAMLOOPS FATALITY**

Coroner's Jury Which Investi-
gates Death of W. Somers
Unable to Agree.

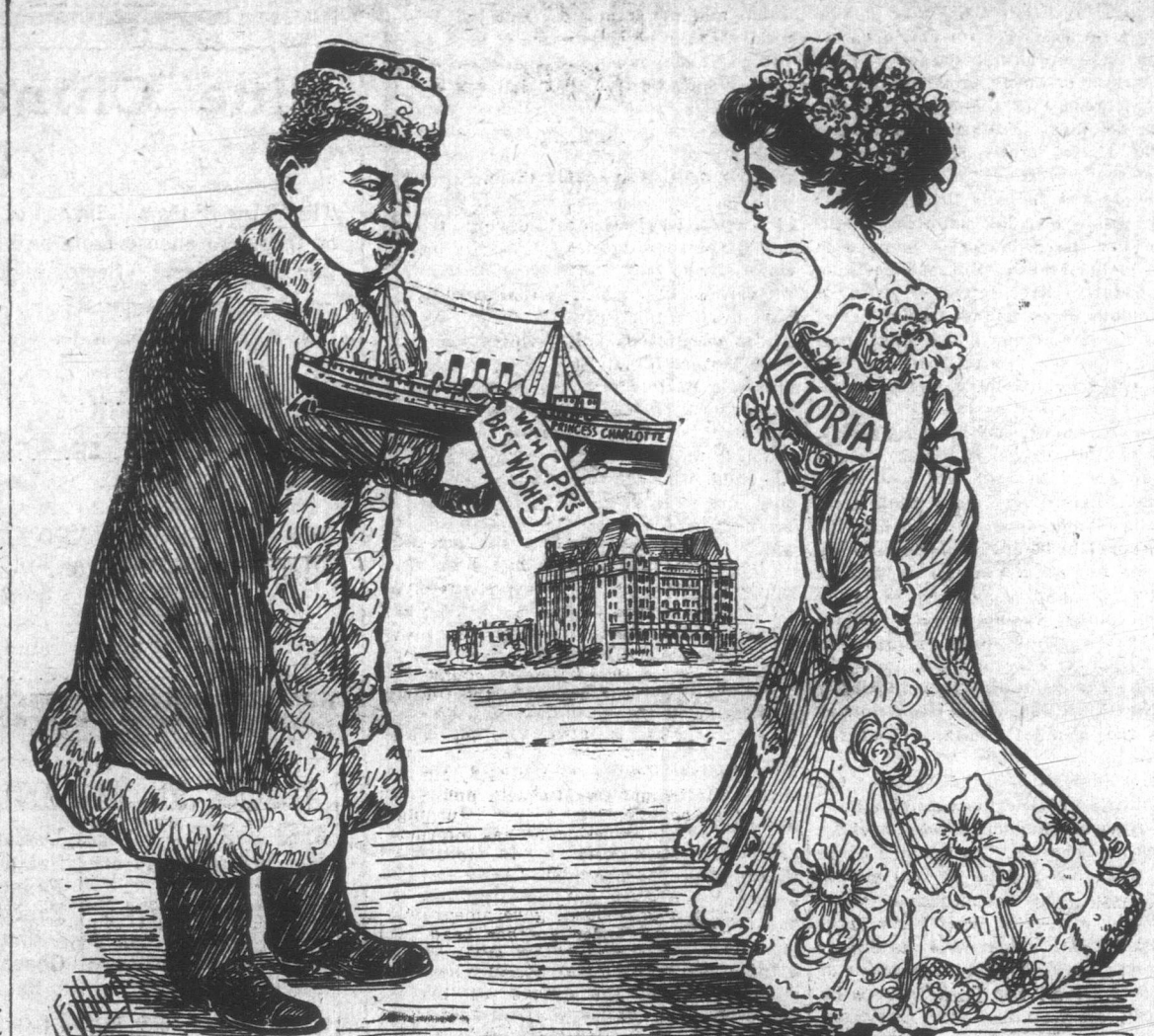
Kamloops, Dec. 18.—The attorney-general notified Chief Constable Peltier on Monday that the first inquest on Wm. Somers, killed on the railway track some two or three weeks ago, had been quashed by Chief Justice Hunter and ordered a new inquest to be held. Dr. Clarke, coroner, accordingly held a sitting for that purpose.

The first witness called was Ah Tom, who told his story of seeing a man pushing another off a flat car on the evening in question. Section Foreman Victor Vittala stated that he had been walking up the track with Ah Tom, and met the train about 200 yards nearer town. He stood aside on the same side of the track as Ah Tom and saw no one on the cars.

The train crew were each examined, and denied any knowledge of the affair. No one was put off the cars, nor did they see any one on them. The jury disagreed and the coroner, following the regular procedure, bound them over to appear at the next court of assize, when they will be charged by the presiding judge, and if they then fail to agree they will be discharged.

RISK OF INCREASED ARMAMENTS

London, Dec. 19.—There is no truth in the report from Buenos Ayres that Great Britain has tendered her good offices to compose the differences between the Argentina and Brazil, arising in part from the rivalry of each country in increasing its naval power. It is, however, a fact that in informal conversations with the diplomatic representatives here of the two powers, the foreign office pointed out the risks attending increases of armaments.



SIR T. SHAUGHNESSY AS SANTA CLAUS.

CANADA'S WHEAT CROP 115,000,000 BUSHELS

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 19.—The Grain Exchange announced yesterday that the total amount of wheat handled by the railways of western Canada this season, previous to the close of navigation on the lakes, was sixty-one million bushels. Twenty million bushels will be exported next spring, leaving a balance of this year's western Canada crop of thirty-five million bushels for seed and for the consumption by the mills of the country.

SASKATCHEWAN URGING CLAIM TO PORTFOLIO

Still Unknown if B. C. Will Con-
tinue to Have Cabinet
Representation.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—With reference to the situation arising out of the fact that British Columbia's representative in the government has now no seat in the Commons, a proposal is being discussed in some quarters here that the portfolio, now held by Mr. Templeman, should go to one of the prairie provinces, while one of the two Liberal members from British Columbia might then become a member of the cabinet without a portfolio. It is understood that pressure is being brought to bear on the Premier by some of the members for Manitoba and Saskatchewan for larger cabinet representation for the prairie provinces, and the suggestion is made that the portfolio of Mines and Inland Revenue should go to Saskatchewan. Such an arrangement would, however, leave British Columbia without any administrative members of the government and would therefore not be very acceptable to that province.

Mr. Sloan, who is still in Ottawa, is strongly opposed to any surrender of the province's portfolio as suggested. Ralph Smith left for home on Thursday night. The Premier himself would like to be able to make arrangements to provide a seat for Mr. Templeman during the coming session, thus preserving the cabinet representation for British Columbia, but the difficulty of finding a seat is yet unsolved.

LEADS GRAND MARCH THOUGH 113 YEARS OLD

Captain Diamond's Partner at
Dance is His Junior by a
Century.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 19.—At a benefit dance tendered him last night in this city, 113-year old, Capt. Goddard E. Diamond led the grand march with Miss Mary Monteth, who is 100 years his junior. Capt. Diamond was born in Plymouth, Mass., and in his youth was connected with the building of the first railroad in the country. He is a vegetarian and has written a book on the subject of longevity.

BRITISH STEAMER SINKS.
Daghestan in Collision With Catalone Outside New York—No Lives Lost.

New York, Dec. 19.—That the steamer Catalone escaped serious injury when she collided and sank the British steamer Daghestan outside of the Bay last night, became known when the Catalone reached quarantine. She was damaged slightly about the bows. All the members of the crew of the Daghestan were on board the Catalone.

RAPID PROGRESS MADE ON G. T. P.

THREE THOUSAND MILES
UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Men Working Night and Day on
Road—Company Acquir-
ing Stock.

(Special to the Times.)
Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 19.—At present work is in progress on three thousand miles of the Grand Trunk Pacific between Prince Rupert and Montreal. The railway has spent twenty million dollars and the government forty millions to date on the enterprise. Men are working night and day on the rock sections of the McArthur contract, east of here. By September 1st twelve hundred miles will be ready for transporting freight from the west of Edmonton to Port William. The line is not now under construction in the entire route is between Wolfe Creek, east of the Rockies, and the Prince Rupert section, six hundred miles through Yellowhead Pass and the mountainous country east and west. Steel is laid on the Transcontinental a hundred miles east of this city, 75 miles on the La Tuque section north of Three Rivers, and small strips aggregating two hundred miles. The line is in operation from Port William to Superior Junction, a distance of two hundred miles, and from Winnipeg to Wainwright, a distance of 260 miles. The G. T. P. is securing rolling stock. It has on hand six thousand freight cars, fourteen hundred flat cars, seventy passenger cars and fifty engines.

CZAR EXTENDS HIS ROYAL CLEMENCY

St. Petersburg, Dec. 19.—Emperor Nicholas to-day pardoned ten of the participants in the Bialystok massacre of 1905 whose sentences were not expired. He denied the petition of the League of Russian people, to commute the sentences of two who were convicted of actual murder. Eleven Christians and seventy-three Jews were killed and over a hundred persons wounded in the Bialystok massacre.

LIQUOR LICENSE FEES.
Westminster Commissioners Discuss Question of Increase, But No Action Is Taken.

New Westminster, Dec. 19.—At the quarterly meeting of the license commissioners the whole of the licenses for hotels and saloons, numbering fifteen in all, and also the whole wholesale liquor license, were renewed, with the certain necessary repairs should be carried out forthwith. The report of License Inspector J. W. McIntosh was most satisfactory, showing, as it did, that the whole of the licensed premises are conducted in accordance with the law.

The question of increased license fees was discussed, also the licensing of both the brewery and the distillery, and the matter of club licenses, but no action was taken. Mayor Keary, chairman of the meeting, reported that at the meeting of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities to be held next January, the question of regulating licenses would be taken up, and he inferred that action might be looked for at that occasion tending towards the regulation of licenses in a manner to meet general approval. A recommendation was passed on to the city council that it should consider the question of exacting a license fee from the brewery and distillery.

A ready speaker will utter 7,500 words in an hour.

LONDON'S COMMENT ON ROOSEVELT

(Special to the Times.)
London, Dec. 19.—The London press is alive with Roosevelt comment. It is generally agreed that the president is wrong in giving way to what one paper calls, "A study in vituperation." Several alienists write, hinting he is "mad." He is called the American people's "Kaiser."

LADEN WITH XMAS GIFTS, SHE MEETS HER DEATH

Teacher's Happy Farewell to
Her Pupils Cut Short by
Express Train.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 19.—While a bevy of her school children whom she had just dismissed for the Christmas vacation, waved loving farewells to Miss Mabel Candal, a teacher at Meyer's road, the young woman stepped in front of an express train on an electric line and was instantly killed. One arm held a bundle of Xmas gifts made by her charges. The other was upraised in a gesture of affection to the little group and a laughing admonition to them to "be good" was on her lips as the car struck her. The happy farewell was never finished and the young woman died without a cry.

BROKER SHOT.
New York, Dec. 19.—H. B. Spudam, a curb market broker, has been shot and probably mortally wounded at 33 Broad street. It is said that the shot was fired by A. L. Lumson after the two men had been engaged in a heated argument. Lumson claims the shot was fired in self-defense.

SENATOR COX TO MARRY.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 19.—It is understood a marriage has been arranged between Senator George A. Cox and Miss Irene Sterling, daughter of Walter Sterling, and that it will take place in March.

PHILANDER C. KNOX U. S. SECRETARY OF STATE

Senator Accepts Appointment
in Taft Cabinet—E. Root
to Go Out.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 19.—W. H. Taft, president of the United States, last night announced the appointment of United States Senator Philander C. Knox as secretary of state in his cabinet. The announcement followed the receipt by Mr. Taft of a telegram, conveying the information from Mr. Knox that he would accept the secretaryship in the Taft cabinet. Mr. Taft, without delay, made the announcement that the matter was settled. In giving the details of the negotiations, he said that the offer was made to Mr. Knox last Sunday morning in New York, that since the offer he had not heard from Mr. Knox, until the telegram he had just received.

SUCCESSORS OF RHODES SCHOLARS

London, Dec. 19.—The Canadian Rhodes scholars gained the following distinctions at Oxford during the year: J. G. Archibald, Montreal, fellowship at All Souls' college; C. B. Martin, Belt prize for colonial history, 550, and Brassey studentship in colonial history; H. J. Rose, Winnipeg, the Passmore Edwards scholarship, and £30 for classical English literature.

WARRIOR PRINCE OF MONTENEGRO

WAR, UNLESS CONQUERED
PROVINCES ARE CEDED

Will Die Fighting for Glorious
Independence, Five Cen-
turies Old.

London, Dec. 19.—The Daily Mail's Cetinje correspondent telegraphs an interview with Prince Nicholas, the ruler of Montenegro, who is described as a picturesque figure in native dress and with a pistol in his belt, looking like a warrior and talking like a statesman or a poet.

Prince Nicholas spoke bitterly of the dashing of the Montenegrans' hopes, and said that one day the Slavs' ambition would be realized and the provinces they had conquered would be restored to them. He declared that only the cession of this territory would satisfy his people's needs. He had undertaken to restrain his people until the international congress determined their fate, but with this last hope had faded, he said, "I must resign myself to their wishes."

"I know the expense we would have in war, but we would rather end 500 years of glorious independence in battle than die a miserable lingering death."

Moscow's Protest.
Moscow, Dec. 19.—A boycott against Austria's goods was formally organized here to-day by the Czechs and Panslavists as a protest against the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the disorder at Prague three weeks ago.

SURGICAL DISCOVERY 12500 OF GREAT IMPORT

Applied Medicines by Means of
Vermiform Appendix Hith-
erto Considered Useless.

New York, Dec. 19.—A London dispatch to the Times says: The vermiform appendix which has been looked upon hitherto as a useless and even a dangerous organ, has at last justified its existence according to a statement made by the surgeon of a London hospital, where the appendix has been shown to be a great help in treating the diseases of lower intestines.

"One of the greatest difficulties of medicine," said the surgeon, "is to apply medicines to the lower intestines. The appendix has now been made use of as a short cut by which we can gain ready access to this part of the digestive tract. The new operation is cut down to the appendix just as in an ordinary appendix operation, but instead of cutting out this organ, it is threaded through the various layers of muscles in the abdominal wall and attached to the skin. It is then opened and by a tube passed through its lumen passage, any necessary medicine may be applied direct to the mucous membrane of the lower intestine. The appendix may with safety remain open in this position, for the muscles of the abdominal wall act as an efficient guard. This is a matter of importance since owing to the ulcerative conditions of the intestines, it is necessary to continue medication for weeks or months. This makes use of the appendix does not lessen its danger as a favorite focus for ulceration, but it removes some of the stigma which has hitherto been attached to it by the profession."

**TRAM LINES TO BE
BUILT TO HASTINGS**

Work on Extension From Van-
couver Will Start Early
in New Year.

Vancouver, Dec. 18.—Tram lines from the city to the eastern boundaries of Hastings township and through district lot 301 are assured next year by an agreement entered into between the provincial government and the B. C. Electric Railway Company. The agreement will enable the residents of these districts to reach any part of the city on a five cent fare.

The first line to be constructed is that along Hastings street east, on which construction will be started directly after the new year.

In addition to the Hastings street east line the company has also agreed to construct another line through the portion of Hastings township near the inlet waterfront. This line will really be a continuation of the Powell street line, the city extension of this branch being continued to the eastern limits of Hastings township. The company's estimate of conditions will also figure in the final location.

HOP BILL WITHDRAWN.

London, Dec. 19.—The bill introduced by Mr. Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer, prohibiting the use of hop substitutes in the manufacture of beer, has been withdrawn from the House of Commons. This step was a result of the opposition of the ultra free trade Liberals to what they considered the protective character of the measure.

RAISING U. S. FLAG AT ST. PIERRE

INCIDENT COMES UP
IN FRENCH SENATE

Warship Will Remain to Quell
Disturbances—Governor
Given Instructions.

Paris, Dec. 19.—There was an animated incident in the senate this morning during the session on the colonial budget, regarding the recent rioting by the people of St. Pierre, Miquelon, over the question of free schools. St. Pierre, Miquelon, is a French island off the coast of Newfoundland and one feature of the demonstration was the raising of the American flag.

M. Milles Le Croix, minister of the colonies, explained that owing to the clearly defined separatist movement at St. Pierre he had given the local governor instructions to be firm but at the same time conciliatory. Senator Delahaye protested with energy against the aspersions, thus cast upon the patriotism of the inhabitants of the island and charged that the manifestations were an outgrowth of the persecution of the "Free Schools."

M. Delahaye was interrupted by a senator, who called attention to the fact that the people of St. Pierre had raised the American flag, to which he replied that this had been done because the American flag was the "symbol of liberty."

"No such incident has ever occurred in the older colonies," declared Senator Cléon of Guadeloupe. "The reason is," Senator Delahaye answered, "that these colonies are inhabited only by negroes."

Amid a storm of protestation, Senator Linteilhac said: "We should think of the color of the flag and not that of the colonist."

A motion to increase the St. Pierre, Miquelon, appropriation by \$4,000 finally was adopted by the senate.

DEMORALIZING PRESS.

Plea For Purity is Made by Council of
Jewish Women in New York.

New York, Dec. 19.—The council of Jewish women, through Dr. Cornelia H. Kahn, chairman of the committee on the purity of the press, has issued an appeal to newspapers for the elimination of indecent details in the published evidence at murder and divorce trials. The appeal states that many prominent individuals and society people support the movement. A special request is made for conservative dealing with the present Hains murder trial, "in order to safeguard our homes and our children from the demoralizing influences of purulent details."

ANTI-LICENSE DEMONSTRATION.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—The Sunday school workers of Toronto have decided upon a unique plan in order to influence the vote in favor of license reduction on Wednesday, December 30th. It is proposed to have a mass demonstration of Sunday school scholars. The scholars will wear badges, on which will be printed: "Vote for me." "The Boy or the Bar," "Vote for License Reduction."

HATTYEN CABINET.

Port au Prince, Dec. 19.—General Simon, the newly-elected president of Hayti, to-day announced his new cabinet as follows:

Minister of the Interior, General Hyppolite; foreign minister, M. Claude; finance minister, M. Hecar; minister of war, General Marius; minister of public works, M. Canal.

**PROVINCE IS REFUSED
LEAVE TO APPEAL**

Court Does Not Agree With
Points Raised in Fish-
eries Case.

Vancouver, Dec. 19.—After another lively argument, in which Robert Cassidy, K. C., as counsel for the province, renewed his contentions of Thursday and added new ones, the full court refused the province leave to appeal to the Privy Council in fisheries case of North vs. Kendall.

Mr. Cassidy met the argument of W. J. Whitehead that the case involved but \$10, by declaring that that was merely a question of punishment, and that the real question, the right to fish, involved more than three hundred pounds sterling, if that rule applied, and he contended that it did not, the full court having given leave to appeal in two somewhat similar cases, which he cited.

The court did not agree with Mr. Cassidy upon any of the points raised. Then he offered to pay the costs that would be incurred by Kendall, but the court could not entertain the offer. There is still the privilege of renewing the request before the Privy Council.

CLEARING HOUSE STATEMENT.

New York, Dec. 19.—The statement of clearing house banks for the week shows that the banks hold \$10,000,000 more than the requirements of the 25 per cent. reserve rule. This is a decrease of \$6,889,885 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week.