

### CHALLENGE AGAIN? SURE, SAYS LIPTON

If Not Next Year, in 1924 for Certain

After a severe cold forced him to postpone his departure on three occasions, Sir Thomas Lipton sailed from New York on Saturday for Southampton on the White Star liner Homerli, a little hoarse but confident he would challenge for the cup next year or 1924 at the latest.

"There is nothing definite about the challenge," Sir Thomas said, "but it is likely it will be arranged for next year. If not you can count upon a challenge in 1924 for certain. So long as I am alive I shall not give up the hope of lifting the America's Cup, which has been my ambition for more than a quarter of a century. Everything comes to him who waits.

"During the voyage I shall send instructions by radio to my manager in London to prepare 100,000 parcels of a value not less than five shillings each, to distribute among the unemployed at Christmas through the various labor organizations.

"I have been delayed in leaving by my cold, the first real one I have ever had, which is a marvellous record when one thinks of the English climate.

### Montreal Brokerage House Goes Into Liquidation

Montreal, Dec. 7.—The brokerage house of Bryant Bros. Limited, 86 St. Francois Xavier street, went into liquidation this afternoon. A notice to this effect was posted on the door of the establishment stating that the firm had assigned in favor of E. H. Merrill, Norris P. Bryant is the president of the defunct concern.

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### Birds And Animals Share Christmas

Christmas is not merely a festival celebrated by and for man alone. Among the folk lore of other countries are several quaint stories in which animals and birds give evidence of their adoration. A well-known Bosnian legend offers a version of world adoration—they claim that on the holy day "the sun in the east bowed down, the stars stood still; the mountains and forests shook and touched the earth with their summits, and the green pine trees bent; the grass was bowflowered incense sweet by myrrh pervaded upland and forest; birds sang on the mountain tops and all gave thanks to the great God."

In Bosnia on Christmas day a sheaf of rye is put into birds' nests and bird houses for the bird's Christmas. A stranger, stranded in a Michigan town was once startled to see a sheaf of rye in a bird box. He knew immediately that one of his kind lived there and was keeping Christmas in the old way.

An old Indian legend tells us that on Christmas night all the deer in the forest kneel in adoration before the Great Spirit. Woe to him, however, who tries to spy on them. He is punished with perpetual stiffening of the knees.

Many people of the old world claim that on Christmas night animals are gifted with speech, but none must trespass or eavesdrop.

### BUILT TOWER AT ESCUMINAC

William Skidd of Skidd Bros., Chatham, has finished a steel tower at Escuminac, built under contract for the federal government, for use by the meteorological department.

The tower is 46 feet high and has been electrically wired for the instruments which are under Mr. K. R. McLennan's charge at that point.

### SITUATION HAS GROWN BETTER

Paris, Dec. 15.—Premier Poincare told the Chamber of Deputies to-day that the general situation had recently grown better instead of worse, and he expressed surprise at the feeling of fear and anxiety he had found when he returned from the London conference of premiers. He asserted he had followed faithfully the programme he laid down for the government when he took office.

Premier Poincare after sketching briefly and optimistically the progress of the reparations and Turkish peace negotiations, said he was ready to withdraw "graciously" if the chamber thought it had ready another cabinet better qualified than his to work for France.

### TELLS OF VAST N.B. LUMBER SUPPLY

Fredericton, Dec. 7.—Speaking before members of the Fredericton City Club on the Forest Resources of New Brunswick, G. H. Prince, chief forester of the crown land department, said that while the average Canadian passing through the province by rail, road, or the tourist by automobile, this province would appear as chiefly an agricultural province, due to the fact that the main lines of transportation followed through agricultural districts. New Brunswick is essentially a forest province.

This fact is practically well known to lumbermen, guides and sportsmen, who penetrate the forest depths of the province, he said, while the presence of 415 up-to-date saw mills and five pulp mills is an indication of the immense resources required to maintain a perpetual supply of raw material. Over 70 per cent. of the total province area is composed of forest land, said Mr. Prince, with an average of 32 acres of forest land per capita, while over half of the forest area are crown lands, the property of the people of New Brunswick.

Speaking of the increased interest shown in forest resources during recent years, Mr. Prince pointed out that over seven and a half million acres, the greater portion of which is located in the northern and central counties on the Restigouche, Nepisigut, the Miramichi and Salmon Rivers, comprises the crown lands of the province.

This, he said, represented a vast resource, a money value totalling over a hundred million dollars, a capital investment which, under properly regulated management may produce through growth and utilization an annual interest without reduction of the principal. Efforts for further conservation are at present being confined to two main channels, said Mr. Prince organized effort to secure accurate information regarding crown lands through accurate mapping and the creation of a permanent organization to carry out the present cutting regulations, the scaling of the annual log harvest and protection from fire.

The problems of vital importance today are the losses, mostly of fire, the question of the relation of the annual growth to annual cut and the matter of fire protection.

### DESIRES TO HAVE AGREEMENT MADE

Belfast, Dec. 15.—Hope for a speedy meeting between the representatives of Ulster and of the Irish Free State to reach an agreement on the questions affecting both sections was expressed by the Duke of Abercorn, the new governor of Northern Ireland, in his first speech to the Ulster parliament recently.

"I desire," he said, "to express the earnest hope that the time may not be far distant when the executive of the Irish Free State and the executive of Northern Ireland may meet to settle in amicable fashion those questions outstanding which affect both areas."



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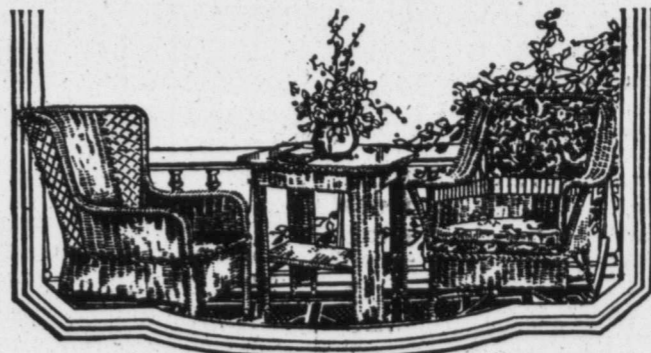
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