

## PROMISES SUPPORT FOR EXTENSION OF THE BREAKWATER

Hon. F. B. McCurdy, federal minister of public works, paid St. John an unheralded visit when he arrived from Halifax yesterday morning. He returned to that city last night in his private car attached to train No. 10.

While in the city, the minister was entertained to lunch at the Union Club by Mayor Schofield. This was followed by a tour of inspection around the harbor. The party, which embarked on Messrs. Nagle and Wignmore's tug, the Murray A. Stewart, included, besides the minister, Mayor Schofield, Commissioners Bullock and Jones, R. E. Armstrong, secretary of the board of trade, Thomas Nagle, Mr. LaPlante, engineer of the public works department, and A. J. Gray, resident engineer.

Hon. Mr. McCurdy was first shown the berths on the west side and how the current, coming in past the Negro Point breakwater, affected these berths. The party then went down the harbor and through the west channel, rounding Partridge Island, and came back through the east channel. They also went part way up Courtney bay to observe the effect of the currents there. The day was a suitable one to demonstrate the currents in the harbor as the tail-end of yesterday's gale kicked up quite a sea.

Later Hon. Mr. McCurdy called on the mayor and said that he was impressed with the need of the extension of the Negro Point breakwater and would certainly use his influence to have it extended.

In conversation with a reporter last evening, Hon. Mr. McCurdy said that he came here at the request of Hon. Mr. Wignmore. He was well acquainted with St. John generally, but wished to make a good inspection of the harbor and get to touch with conditions there. He was much impressed, he said, with the amount of shipping now in this port, and was strongly in favor of Canadian

## MONTH OLD BABY HAD SKIN TROUBLE

On Face and Hands. Itched and Burned. Cuticura Heals.

"My baby was only a month old when her face and hands started to get red and scaly. The eczema started in the form of water blisters and itched and burned. She was so cross and fretful she could not sleep."

"This lasted nine months when I tried Cuticura Soap and Ointment, and used three cakes of Soap with two boxes of Ointment when she was healed." (Signed) Mrs. Oscar Pilon, Amherstburg, Ontario, May 7, 1918.

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Cuticura Soap shaves without lather.

trade being carried on through Canadian ports. He also said he was impressed with the need of extending the Negro Point breakwater.

**KILLED ON RAIL**

St. Leonard's, Dec. 15.—Word has been received here of the death of Dennis R. Cyr, who was killed by a Bangor & Aroostook train near Millisnoet. Cyr was taking several cars of potatoes to Boston and slipped beneath the wheels. He was well known here and a brother-in-law of W. F. Paradis, a leading business man of Van Buren.

**WILSON NAMES MEDIATOR**

Washington, Dec. 15.—Henry Morgenthau of New York, formerly United States Ambassador to Turkey, has been selected by President Wilson to act as a mediator between the Armenians and the Turkish Nationalists.

**THE CAUSE OF Heart Trouble**

Faulty digestion causes the general weakness in the stomach which inflates and presses down on the heart and interferes with its normal action, causing faintness and pain. 15 to 30 drop of Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup after meals sets digestion right, which allows the heart to beat full and regular.

**HANNA SAYS M. P. S. MUST RESIGN SOON**

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—Only on condition that the employees of the Canadian National Railway resign their seats in the Manitoba legislature immediately on the opening of the house will President D. B. Hanna consider their reinstatement as employees of the road. In a letter to the co-operative committee of men and women who are endeavoring to get Hanna to accept the recent delegation to Toronto, Mr. Hanna lays down this condition.

The committee replied that it could not countenance any such suggestion on behalf of George Palmer, M.P.P. for Dauphin and A. E. Moore, M.P.P. for Springfield.

**MRS. SMITH MAY ENTER CABINET**

Victoria, Dec. 15.—A local paper says it is reported Mrs. Ralph Smith, Vancouver's woman member of the legislature, who led the polls in the recent election, may be given cabinet rank in the next Liberal administration. By adding the new department of public health, it is said, Hon. J. D. MacLean, minister of education, might be able to resign his post, and Mrs. Smith will succeed him.

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The Pure Balsamic Essences of Catarrh—Afford Surest and Quickest Cure.

Catarrh is certain to cure because its healing vapor is carried with the breath direct to the seat of the chest, nose or throat trouble. Being composed of the purest balsams and pine-sap, it immediately dissolves mucus, facilitates the action of mucous, soothes and stimulates the lungs and bronchial tubes. The marvel of the age in curing nose, throat and bronchial troubles, that's what thousands say about Catarrh.

There is nothing so sure to cure as those for that changeable weather—those who easily catch cold—those who work among long-chilling surroundings, or where dust, impure air, fog, or damp can affect them—let them try Catarrh and use it several times daily—it will cure every case.

Large size Catarrh, sufficient for two months' use, guaranteed, price \$1.00; smaller size, 50c; sample size, 25c, sold everywhere.

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Phosferine is made in liquid and Tablets, each sold in two sizes. The Tablet form is particularly convenient for business men and women, all outdoor workers, travellers, etc. It can be used any time, anywhere, in accurate doses, as no water is required. The No. 2 tube is small enough to carry in the pocket and contains 90 doses. Anyone affected by unhealthy localities or climatic conditions will be the better for Phosferine—always put a tube of Tablets in your outfit.

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## SLEEPLESS NIGHTS OVERCOME BY SAFE METHOD

Suggestions Given Whereby Insomnia Can Be Safely and Quickly Cured.

Worry, overwork, overstudy and indigestion cause insomnia. Healthy, restful sleep can't be produced by drugs.

First, the blood circulation must be improved. Congestion of blood in the head must be removed. Irritation in the brain must be relieved.

It's because Ferrozene equalizes circulation, because it soothes the irritation, because it removes congestion that it does cure insomnia.

For building blood and nerve, for instilling force and life into over-worked organs, for establishing strength and vitality, where can you find anything so efficient as Ferrozene?

Remember, sleep is just as important as food.

You must sleep, or break down, but if you'll use Ferrozene and thereby remove the conditions which now keep you from sleep, you'll get well quickly.

Ferrozene is not a narcotic, not a dope; it is a health-giving tonic that any child or delicate woman can use.

Take it for a month, take it for a year—no harm, but immeasurable good will result.

To sleep well, look well, feel well, to be free from depression, nervousness or blues—use Ferrozene. It's a food tonic, a healer to the weak and wretched, a boon to the sleepless—sold in 50c boxes, six for \$2.50, at all dealers, or direct from The Catarhose Co., Kingston, Ont.

**TEN MONTHS FOR SALE OF ESSENCE**

Sentence Imposed on Oxford, N. S., Merchant.

(Amherst News.)

When Stipendiary Johnson pronounced his decision in the Oxford "essence" case, a few days ago, he sealed the fate of not only George Hills, the accused, but also of a host of other merchants, both wholesale and retail, all over the county, including Amherst, who deal in such things as lemon extract, Jamaica ginger, and other common liquid flavoring essences.

The stipendiary's decision was "guilty," and his sentence was \$300 or five months in the first count, and ten months in jail for the second count, which he regarded in the light of a second offence, and sentenced according to the latitude of the law. This case was in the nature of a test case, and now having been decided against the accused, whose offence was disposing of lemon extract and Jamaica ginger to his ordinary retail trade, it opens all other merchants who deal in this line of goods, to the same charges, and a corresponding punishment.

Although it is not generally appreciated, but this selling, the merchant opens himself to the above fate. The law directly states that these essences shall not be handled by ordinary merchandising methods, but that they shall be sold by licensed druggists and any merchant who violates the law opens himself to a fine not exceeding \$800 for the first offence, and a jail sentence for the second.

**MUCH WHEAT YET AT HEAD OF LAKES**

Port William, Dec. 15.—There are still about 11,000,000 bushels of wheat held in store at the public terminals here, as against a little over 3,000,000 on the same date last year. This, in spite of the fact that over 8,000,000 of wheat were moved forward by water during the week, 6,500,000 having been received.

The fleet of boats at the head of the lakes has been very large during the past week, which has been reinforced by some of the big ore carriers from the other side, which take out from three to four hundred thousand bushels of one cargo. Of all grains, the total stocks today are 16,395,234, while a year ago the stocks of all grains totalled only 5,079,331.

Flax and barley show a very slight increase over a week ago, while other grains have diminished in quantity held in the above terminals.

A noteworthy feature of this year's crop of wheat has been the uniform high grade, 85 per cent. of the whole wheat crop falling under the four highest grades, one hard and the three northern grades. The movement during the past week has been especially heavy 20 cents per box. Get a box today and to American ports, Tiffin and Buffalo.

**HEALTH OFFICIALS WARN THE PUBLIC**

With the memory of the epidemics which have swept the continent the past three years, health officials are everywhere advising the public to treat any case of cold, however slight, promptly. They point out that neglect, even of a simple cold, is liable to lead to dangerous forms of disease, many of which are considered contagious.

Bear this warning in mind and keep a box of Grip-Fix in the house. As soon as the first signs of a cold appear start taking the remedy. It works quickly and, if taken promptly, will relieve even a bad cold in a single night.

Grip-Fix contains in capsule form just the drugs your physician might prescribe—Aspirin, Phenacetin, Quinine, Salol, Caffein Citrate, Camphor and Camphor Monobromate. Nothing is known to the medical profession which will break up colds or grippe quicker. It is sold in capsule form for convenience in taking and also to give prompt action.

Grip-Fix is sold by all druggists and kept in handy around the house.

## IMPROVEMENT IN RUSSIAN RAILWAYS

Director Sverdloff Had Experience in America—Rolling Stock Repairs Only Temporary.

Reval, Esthonia, Nov. 24.—(Associated Press Correspondence.)—Since Trotsky, the Bolshevik minister, took over the Russian railroads and put them under the personal direction of Sverdloff there has been a marked improvement in transportation conditions. Sverdloff lived for several years in America and had the advantage of association with the Stevens railway experts in Russia. He is not a politician, but an economist and executive who has been identified with the Bolsheviks since the Russian Civil War.

However, the improvements made in rolling stock have been temporary rather than permanent. By forced labor and the stripping of disabled locomotives and cars to repair others an excellent showing has been made. This enabled the Russian forces to drive against Poland, but even the Bolsheviks do not claim the improvement was effected by manufacturing repairs.

Many Engines Under Repair.

A statement of transportation conditions published by the Russian Economic Life shows that, according to Bolshevik figures, 6,077 locomotives were operating on Russian railroads in September, and 6,885 were in repair shops. The attempt to have locomotives repaired in private shops was an acknowledged failure. Efforts to have repairs done in Esthonia also failed to bring desired results, and the contract with the Vulcan Repair Works in Germany was not a success.

The premium system in Soviet shops speeded up repairs, but was not without its faults, as it encouraged too hasty work, and locomotives were frequently turned out in such condition that they broke down in short time.

This situation makes it clear why all the Soviet commercial agents talk constantly about the need of rolling stock repairs and hold out promises of immense contracts to the United States.

England, the two countries which could supply rolling stock in the immense quantities Russia will require.



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"NOT so very long ago I was in the same ill health as yourself. Long and busy hours, the responsibility of filling drug prescriptions and other duties of the day's work proved a strain. I took a couple of boxes of Milburn's Heart & Nerve Pills and can honestly thank them for my present splendid condition."

This little incident from everyday life fits your case in one way or another. In these days of strenuous living it is only natural for the heart to get below normal, thus affecting the nervous system.

Many people ignore the symptoms of heart and nerve trouble. Every day people drop dead, simply because of ignoring them. You cannot afford to do this. Ask yourself, "Have I any of the following complaints?"

Dizziness, Headaches, Palpitation, Breath Shortness, Brain Fog, Loss of Flesh, Depression, Sleeplessness, Anemia, Tobacco Heart, Loss of Appetite

These are some of the sensations which are experienced. They are a warning of vital importance. If you would be well and strong, just ask your druggist to-day for a box of Milburn's Heart & Nerve Pills.

YOU WILL BE SIMPLY ASTONISHED at the fast recovery you will make on taking them. Remember, they have been on the market for over 25 years, and you are using a preparation recommended by prominent people the country over.

All busy druggists sell Milburn's Heart & Nerve Pills at 50c. a box, or they will be mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ontario.

## CONGRESS OF THE UNIVERSITIES OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

London, Nov. 29.—(By Mail, Canadian Associated Press.)—The first congress of universities of the empire was held in London in 1912, when 11, to the number of fifty-three, were represented, in most cases by their executive heads, together with several members of their professoriate. The universities bureau was an outcome of this congress. To it was entrusted the summoning of future congresses at intervals of five years. In 1917 this intention was frustrated by the war. Transport difficulties rendered it undesirable to attempt to carry it into effect during the present year. It has now been arranged that the second congress shall be held next summer.

Dr. Alex Hill, who took over the organization of the first congress after the death of Dr. R. D. Roberts, who laid its foundations, and has acted as secretary to the bureau since its institution, is engaged in its promotion. The number of universities in the empire has now increased to fifty-eight, and all, it is anticipated, will make point of sending delegates to this great council of higher education.

With great generosity the University of Oxford has invited all members of the congress to be its guests from July 6 to July 8. The Chancellor of the university, Earl Curzon will preside over the morning session on July 5, and the afternoon session on July 6.

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**ELECTION AMENITIES**

The Westerners Congratulate Women Winners on Victory.

Vancouver, Dec. 15.—The recent provincial election in British Columbia brought about many comical situations, at the head of which must be placed an unhealed "kissing bee," with Vancouver's lady member as the central figure. Mrs. Mary Ellen Smith, by heading the poll of the six elected candidates from the field of twenty-eight, became the heroine of the hour, and in their exuberant jollification the Liberals literally fell upon her neck and kissed her. Mayor Gale, who is still young enough to know better, was the first man to salute "Mary Ellen," but the real "snack" was given by Premier Oliver, who in private life is a burly farmer. Oliver's kiss could be heard for blocks, and the three thousand persons who witnessed the occasion are ready to swear that it was the heartiest salute ever given in the west.

One excited Liberal publicly proposed marriage to Mrs. Smith, who is a mild blue-eyed widow. He produced a roll of \$8,000 to prove that he could support her properly.

**RHEUMATIC PAIN**

Caused When He Used "5-Drops"

Recommends it to Anyone Who Suffers From Rheumatism

E. Schwerin, Wheeling, W. Va., writes: "I have been a great sufferer from rheumatism and have doctored and tried almost every remedy. Recently I came across your '5-Drops' and bought a bottle at a drug store. I used it and can say that I have no more pains and sleep well. I have told several parties about '5-Drops' and am thankful that, at last, I have found such a remedy. I recommend the same to anyone who suffers from rheumatism."

"5-Drops" has proven its value for many years past and the testimony of those who have used it and found relief from the torture and agonizing pains caused by rheumatic conditions is the best evidence of its remarkable power.

If you are suffering from rheumatism, get a bottle today. It may be just exactly what you need. Thousands of other sufferers have found it to be. "5-Drops" is now sold by the leading druggists in every part of the United States and Canada.

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