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### BANTAMS MEET FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Joe Lynch and Midget Smith Tonight

Fifteen Rounds in New York—Toronto Baseball Club Gets George Maisel of the Chicago Nationals—Late Sport News.

(Canadian Press)  
New York, Dec. 22.—Joe Lynch and Midget Smith will battle for the world's bantamweight championship in a 15-round bout here tonight. Lynch, the present champion, is one of the former ring stars who ever regained a lost title. After losing the crown to Peter Herman in July 1921, Lynch recovered it last summer by defeating Johnny Buff, Herman's conqueror.

The articles call for both men to weigh in at 115 pounds, the bantamweight limit, at 8 p.m.

This will be the third meeting between Lynch and Smith. The former gained the decision in one engagement and the other ended in a draw.

### Toronto Gets Maisel

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Bud Taylor of Terre Haute, Ind., and Pal Moore of Memphis, Tenn., will meet in a ten-round bout here tonight.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—With the acceptance of terms last night by George Maisel, the Toronto baseball club's outfielder is practically "set" for the season of 1923. Maisel comes from the center field, so manager Howley announced last night.

### U. S. Navy Dates

Annapolis, Md., Dec. 22.—The athletic board of the U. S. Naval Academy announced today the schedule for 1923 in five branches of sport—rowing, swimming, boating, wrestling and gymnastics. The feature event of the year will be a triangular race between Harvard, Princeton and the navy at Princeton on May 8. The boating team will meet a Canadian crew composed of students from Toronto, McGill and Queens universities, here on March 8.

### NEW MEMBERS OF N. S. CABINET ARE SWORN IN

Three By-elections Pending, Expected to Produce Keen Contests—Early Voting Anticipated.

(By Canadian Press)  
Halifax, N. S., Dec. 22.—Hon. William Chisholm of Antigonish, minister without portfolio in the Nova Scotia Government, was sworn in yesterday by Lieutenant Governor McCallum. Mr. Chisholm succeeds the late Hon. H. H. Wickwire of Kentville, who died recently. Mr. O'Hearn, representative from Annapolis, whose resignation on account of ill-health was announced last night, will be replaced by Mr. O'Hearn's son, Mr. O'Hearn, who is pending for the local House of Assembly, namely, for Antigonish, where Mr. O'Hearn is scheduled to run for the seat vacated through the resignation of Hon. R. E. Finn, who was elected to the Federal House of Commons, where Hon. Mr. Chisholm will seek endorsement of his appointment, and for King's, to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Wickwire's death. Popular rumors look for early elections, probably in January. There appears every assurance that the three seats will be opposed by the Provincial Liberal-Conservative party which has been carrying on considerable organization work during the past months. Hard-fought campaigns are generally predicted.

### STANDARD OIL CO. LOST ITS CASE

Case Yesterday in Edinburgh was Appeal from Verdict of £97,692, and Judgment was Reversed.

London, Dec. 22.—A Central News despatch from Edinburgh says that the Clan Line Steamship Company, as recorded in the Standard Oil Company, as reported yesterday, was the successful party in an action decided in the Court of Sessions in that city. The steamship company appealed from a preliminary decree which had awarded the Standard Oil Company a judgment of £97,692 and costs, representing the value of a cargo shipped on the steamer Clan Gordon, which sank on her way from New York to China. The action in the Court of Sessions yesterday reversed this decision and found in favor of the Clan Line.

## City Schools Close For Christmas Holidays

### Scholars Now Free Until the Week After New Year's

Today marked the closing of the Christmas holidays in the city schools. Programmes appropriate to the occasion were carried out in all schools and the children were given a special treat. Classes will resume again on January 8.

High School Closing

The closing of the St. John High School for the Christmas holidays was attended by nearly 200 visitors, a great many of them being old graduates of the school returned to witness the scenes in which they once had taken part. Chief Justice H. A. McKewen, chairman of the Board of School Trustees, presided, and with him on the platform were Dr. Murray MacLaren, M. P., Mayor Fisher, Hon. J. G. Forbes, Lieut.-Col. R. C. Weyman, Rev. Canon B. A. Armstrong, Rev. Neil MacLellan, Rev. R. Moorhead, Legate, Rev. Hugh Miller, Miss Edith Trivelpiece, Mrs. George Carville, W. J. S. Clarke, principal of the school.

The programme as published yesterday was given and there was added the presentation of a prize by the Port-Nightly Club of a set of books for the highest marks in literature for Grade 12, won by Miss Roberta Smith.

The Grade 9 girls were grouped on the platform as a chorus and rendered very fine carols and songs. The High School orchestra earned a great deal of well-merited applause for their unusually good playing of some popular pieces. Those in the orchestra were Benjamin Goldstein, David Legate, William Yansman and Benjamin Guss, assisted by Bruce Holder, a well known local violinist.

At the King Edward School the closing exercises were carried out in the auditorium of the school. The exercises were second to none in the city, but he had marvelled at the seriousness and studiousness of the scholars as they had left the school.

At Bentley Street

In the Bentley street school programme was carried out in school of the class rooms. Songs and recitations were given by the pupils all of which were approved by the Christmas season. The black-board throughout the building were artistically decorated and presented an attractive appearance.

At St. Joseph's

The different rooms in St. Joseph's school were prettily decorated this morning for the closing of the Christmas season. The programmes consisted of readings, songs, dialogues and choruses. There was a good attendance of visitors and all were highly pleased with the performance of the pupils.

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At St. Peter's

In the St. Peter's girls' school individual programmes were carried out in the class rooms. Christmas carols were sung and recitations were given. The school rooms were prettily decorated with the Christmas season. Many visitors attended the exercises in the rooms.

At St. Thomas School

In St. Thomas primary school each room had an appropriate programme. The closing exercises were carried out in the class rooms. Christmas carols were sung and recitations were given. The school rooms were prettily decorated with the Christmas season. Many visitors attended the exercises in the rooms.

## GERMANY'S DEFICIT FOR 1923 ESTIMATED AT 721 BILLION MARKS

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The federal council yesterday adopted the provisional budget for the Reich for 1923. The ordinary budget balances at 732 billion marks. The estimated receipts include the extraordinary budget shows an estimated expenditure of 84,500,000,000 marks, with revenue of 18,700,000,000 marks. This leaves a deficit of 65,800,000,000 marks to which must be added for general administration purposes 449,000,000,000 for the execution of the peace treaty and 206,400,000,000 for various other items.

The total deficit for 1923 therefore is 721,000,000,000 marks to offset which only 99,000,000,000 are expected to be available from the proceeds of the compulsory loan.

## CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK IN UNIVERSITY FEDERATION

Representatives of Dalhousie, Kings and Mt. Allison Meet Carnegie Corporation—Nothing Given Out Yet.

New York, Dec. 22.—(Canadian Press)—President A. S. MacKenzie, of Dalhousie University, Halifax; Rev. T. Stannard Boye, King's College, Windsor, and Rev. C. Borden, Mount Allison University, Sackville, today concluded a conference with officials of the Carnegie Corporation concerning the proposed federation of the universities and colleges of the Canadian maritime provinces. They planned to leave New York today for their homes.

## JAIL SPEEDERS' PROPOSAL OF CHICAGO JUDGE

Chicago, Dec. 22.—A law to permit jailing speeders, a card indexing and fingerprinting of all reckless drivers and the curbing of "hitching" of violators were three plans proposed today by Chief Justice Olen and Judge Adams of the speeders' court to stop killing of an average of two persons a day in Chicago by automobiles.

## ORDINATIONS IN ST. JAMES'

About 100 to Receive Major and Minor Orders Tomorrow in Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—About one hundred ecclesiastics will be received into minor and major orders, and one will be made a priest at the ceremony of the Christmas ordinations to be held Saturday morning in St. James' Cathedral here under the presidency of Monsignor Georges Gauthier, apostolic administrator. The list includes fifty-five names for the first minor orders, eighteen for the last minor orders, thirteen for sub-deacons, twelve for deacons and one for the priesthood.

## REDUCTION OF REIMBURSEMENT IS PROPOSED

Modification of Agreement Between French Government and Bank of France Presented.

Paris, Dec. 22.—Finance Minister Lesterye appeared before the finance committee of the Chamber of Deputies yesterday to present a proposed modification of the agreement between the government and the Bank of France under which the government was to reimburse the bank to the extent of two billion francs during 1923 for money advanced.

## Basilica In Ruins; Loss Is Million

Presbytery Also Destroyed; Cardinal's Palace and Seminary Saved—Incidendi Threat in Letter—Pawtucket Church Burned—Other Serious Fires Elsewhere.

Quebec, Dec. 22.—(Canadian Press)—A nest of smoking ruins amidst scorched walls was all that was left this morning of the fine old Basilica which has been the pride of this district because of its age and the beauty of its interior. Fire, which broke out early this morning in the roof, defied all the efforts of the firemen to control it and destroyed the church in a few hours.

The damage done is estimated by Mgr. Laflamme, cure of the Basilica at \$1,000,000, though the contents of the church, which dates back to 1874, including many fine pictures, cannot be valued in money and are irreplaceable.

Incendiarism is believed to have been responsible for the outbreak, as Daniel Lorrain, chief of the provincial police force, received a letter telling him the Basilica was to be burned on the 28th of this month.

The firemen had a hard task to prevent the flames from jumping across the narrow thoroughfare to the row of buildings in Basile street which include the offices of the two English newspapers, the Quebec Telegraph and the Chronicle. This was successfully accomplished but some damage was done by smoke and falling debris.

## NAVIGATION CLOSED OFFICIALLY LAST NIGHT, BUT SOME SHIPS CAUGHT—A TRIBUTE TO SAILORS.

So, Ont., Dec. 22.—The 1922 navigation season officially closed here last night, the steamer Empress, for which one of the locks had been held open, was the last to pass through the locks last night.

## WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The general distribution of pressure has changed very little since yesterday and the weather continues comparatively mild over the Dominion with light local snowfalls from Ontario eastward.

Stations	8 a.m. Yesterday	8 a.m. Today
Prince Rupert	44	48
Victoria	44	48
Kamloops	40	44
Calgary	32	36
Edmonton	32	36
Winnipeg	24	28
White River	24	28
Sault Ste Marie	24	28
Quebec	20	24
St. John, N. B.	24	28
Halifax	36	40
St. John's, Nfld.	28	32
Detroit	28	32
New York	32	36

## TWO FOR TORONTO

### MAGUIRE'S CHAIR

Maguire and Fleming Nominated Yesterday

(Canadian Press)  
Toronto, Dec. 22.—There was no shortage of candidates for municipal hours when the hour came for the recording of nominations yesterday. A total of 121 candidates were proposed for the various offices to be filled by the electors on New Year's day.

Only two, Mayor Maguire and ex-Mayor R. J. Fleming are after the mayor's chair for 1923, but eight will fight for the four seats on the board of control, sixty-six will contest for the 24 aldermanic seats, thirty-two desire the sixteen seats on the board of education, and thirteen are out for the eight seats on the separate school board.

It has been engendered into the campaign by the hydro radial issue and all candidates, outside of those for the board of education, are lined up for or against the proposal to give the provincial hydro commission a track right of way on Toronto harbor property for a distance of several miles for an entrance for the proposed radials.

## SEND V. O. TO WIN NEWCASTLE EAST

Conservatives Making a Strong Bid for Commons Seat Vacated by Labor Man's Death.

London, Dec. 22.—(Canadian Press)—The Conservatives are making a strong bid for the Newcastle East seat in the House of Commons vacated yesterday by the death of J. N. Bell, Labor, a year ago. The Conservatives have nominated Major H. Barnes, who held the seat in the last parliament. Apparently the difference between the two groups of the Liberal party have not yet been bridged because the Liberal party has nominated Gilbert Stone, who was their candidate in the November general election.

## NEW CHANCELLOR FOR WINCHESTER

Dr. H. P. Whidden, Nov. Scotia Native, Succeeds Dr. McCrimmon—Graduate of Acadia.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—The Senate and Board of Governors of McMaster University have selected Dr. Howard P. Whidden, B.A.L.L.D., for the last ten years the president of Brandon College, Brandon, Man., to fill the vacancy in the chancellorship of the university due to the resignation some months ago of Dr. McCrimmon.

Whidden is a well known Canadian. By birth he is a Nova Scotian, a graduate in arts of Acadia University in 1884, after taking his course in theology at McMaster University. For a year or two, while holding an Ontario pastorate he was a special lecturer in McMaster University. For nine years he was the minister of one of the strongest Baptist churches in the United States, at Dayton, Ohio.

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