

THE EVENING TIMES AND STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B., THURSDAY, JULY 15, 1920

A total of 12,294 votes was cast in the prohibition plebiscite in St. John city and county on Saturday last and only 328 ballots were rejected from the polls. In giving the official returns yesterday, High Sheriff Amos A. Wilson, returning officer for the county, said that the rejected ballots were about equally divided among those who showed partiality for prohibition and those who were opposed to the act. Some of the spoiled ballots were marked with four Xs in the section which showed the voter to be in favor of light wines and some showed an "X" in all four sections; some marked out the sections they did not like and some showed the name of the candidate for prohibition. Rejected ballots showed the voter was in favor of prohibition and also in favor of the sale of light wines and beer. In referring to these, Sheriff Wilson said that he would have credited these votes, as it was a perfectly legitimate ballot. In all, the city and county gave a majority of 1,851 for the prohibition act, and 1,018 against the sale of light wines and beer under government control. In the city 11,622 votes were cast by the electorate of more than 28,000, and 3,012 in the county. The county, from a list of more than 7,000 qualified voters, gave 1,851 for prohibition and 1,018 against it.

These are the official returns made public by High Sheriff Wilson yesterday afternoon.

# ORIGINAL LEASE TO BENEDICT ARNOLD

While H. E. Wardroppe, the common clerk, was making out a new deed to the property in Queens ward, recently sold to McAvoy's son, the date of the deed from the city to the first lessees, drawn up in 1800, contained the name of the city through the files, however, Mr. Wardroppe produced the grandfather of all the deeds, which was first delivered in August 8, 1786, whereby the city of St. John leased a lot of land in the city of St. John to the governor of Rhode Island, and a prominent figure in the Revolutionary War. The lease was signed by Bartholomew Crannell, the first holder of the office of common clerk, and by Thomas Lawton, his successor.

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the members of the respective provincial legislatures will be debared from franking their letters. The members of the assembly are in recess, a privilege which they have hitherto enjoyed. Ordinarily they are permitted to frank their letters from the Ottawa post office and in future franked letters will be treated as mail not scientifically stamped.

This order also applies to matter printed by the order of the various provincial bodies, such as sessions papers and reports.

The marriage of Miss Florence McKiel and Elton O. Brewer will take place this afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McKiel, Fredrickton.

Yukon to take on 2,700 Czechs-Slovaks on the steamer "Albatross" from Hamburg. The Atlantic Transport liner "Minnehaha" is due to arrive here on Monday morning. The 2,700 Czechs and Slovaks these troops will embark on, on.

So far as is known these troops are being sent to the front in 1000's and are being ported here in special trains just in time to embark on the steamers.

A letter has been received in the city from Major Banagis Sepukos, an officer in the Lithuanian army, who has been captured Russia. The letter was written in Smyrna about two months ago by a soldier who had been captured by the Russians in hostilities for six years and its tone is very optimistic. He prophesied that the Lithuanian Christians would be free from the Turks.

BUT, JOE, I THE JOCKEY, AND THE JESTER'S A FREAK! I FIXED THE ASHCAN, CAN'T LOSE.

BUT, YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT GAMBLING ON HORSES. I NEVER SAW A HORSE RACE IN MY LIFE.

JACK, MY FRIEND, MR. SPOONER WANTS TO PLACE FIVE BETS ON ONE ASHCAN TO COP.

NOW, SIR, I'LL BET ONLY A DOLLAR. I WORK FOR MY COIN.

PHIL WITTE

Today is St. Swithin's Day and, according to an old legend, it will rain for forty days if there is rain today.

Hon. R. W. Wigmore took over his office in Ottawa yesterday and became acquainted with his staff. Before actively leading the customs and inland revenue department, it is expected that Hon. Mr. Wigmore will take a holiday.

Samuel H. Mildram, public accountant and consulting engineer who has been employed as an expert by the New Brunswick Board of Commissioners of Public Utilities in the investigation of the telephone situation in the province, left for his home in Boston last evening.

Strawberries are still coming down the river in fairly large quantities, and about 200 crates were brought down by the steamer Majestic yesterday afternoon. The berries sold for from eighteen to twenty cents a box. The steamer Champlain brought down fifty crates, which sold for twenty cents a box. Six crates of new potatoes were brought down by the Majestic and three crates by the Champlain. The potatoes sold for \$5 a bushel.

## Need of Canadian Branch Bank There, Commissioner Says.

Ottawa, July 16—Canada's exports to Italy in 1919 were more than thirty times greater in value than in the year before the war, according to a statement on Canada's trade with that country issued today by the Department of Trade and Commerce. The value of Canada's exports to Italy during the eleven months, January to November, 1919, was valued at \$2,530,428 for the eleven-month period. Canada stood twelfth in the list of exporters to Italy. In 1919 she was fourth among the United States, Great Britain, France and the United States and France. Canada's exports to Italy in 1919 included wheat, wheat flour, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned meats, automobiles, locomotives, brass rods, sheets and tubing, hardware, metals, asbestos and mineral wax. The Canadian Trade Commission in Italy is now in the process of phasing the need of a Canadian bank opening a branch in that country.

In view of recent investigations into the conditions of potato districts competing with the maritime provinces, it

would appear that spraying potatoes will  
 this year be more profitable than usual.  
 Those who have potatoes planted are  
 fortunate and now that they have spent  
 from \$100 to \$150 per acre that will  
 without spraying turn 150 bushels of  
 potatoes, they should consider investing  
 another \$20 in labor and material to  
 spray five times and thus insure from  
 200 to 200 more bushels of potatoes and  
 also make certain that the whole crop  
 will be sound.  
 The spray calendar for potatoes is:

The government yacht Hochelaga was in the port of Newcastle yesterday with Their Excellencies the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire and party. Colonel Hen-

While bathing near Ritchie's mills at Newcastle, on Tuesday evening, George Carroll got beyond his depth and, before his friends could reach him, he was dead.

'The corner stone of the Halifax synagogue was laid by Governor Grant yesterday afternoon. Service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Abramowitz of Montreal.

It is announced in Montreal that Sir Lomer Gouin will soon be placed on the directorate of the La Presse of Montreal, a prominent French newspaper.

Judge S. A. Chesley was seriously injured in Lunenburg. N. S. yesterday when he fell down an open hatchway in the building of the Lunenburg Outfitting Company.

The Most Rev. C. Khouri, archbishop of Tyre, and vice-patriarch of the east left yesterday by the Digby boat, for Yarmouth, where he will visit the Syrian

residents here. He was accompanied by Rev. Francis Wakim, of New York, who is acting secretary during his tour of Canada and the United States. Shortly before the boat sailed, N. J. Lahoud, on behalf of the Syrian residents of St. John, presented to the archbishop a sealed envelope, which contained a substantial sum of money. He briefly thanked the vice-patriarch for his visit to Canada and for making his first call at St. John. The archbishop profusely thanked the committee for their generous gift as well as for the many courtesies extended during his most enjoyable stay in St. John.

inent officials of the Dominion Steel Corporation arrived here last night for a special meeting of the shareholders today to consider the agreement entered into by the directors and the British Empire Steel Corporation.

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