

Interviews With a Number Bring Opinions That This Port Will Benefit, and That it is Due to St. John That Government Should Aid in the Matter of Facilities Here—Four Main Atlantic Ports First—Whole Scheme Means \$100,000,000 Cost.

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He said he thought it would be hardly feasible for the government to nationalize the ports of the Atlantic coast. He would be best to act as the growth of the country and extent of business would warrant. He believed that the four Atlantic ports—Montreal, Quebec, St. John and Halifax, ought to be nationalized first.

Mr. Purdy, M. P., P., said he was strongly in favor of what the commission recommended. It would stimulate business here and give the fullest possible scope for development. About the I. C. R. he had been extended to Dept Harbor here but had not time to say.

"I am a commission man," he said, "that such an extension would be a good thing for this port, then I am in favor of it. I am a believer in anything that promises to be of benefit to our city."

In convention here that arrangements are progressing preliminary to a meeting of the anthracite miners' representatives at the Pennsylvania State House, it is believed will be held at the conference within the next month, or immediately following the present convention.

President Mitchell today read the statement made to the Associated Press by E. H. Thomas, president of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, in which Mr. Thomas said the big anthracite operators had agreed to meet Mr. Mitchell as the representative of the operators at the conference. In reading the statement, Mr. Mitchell smiled and said:

"I am in the same boat as I was before. I can neither affirm nor deny that report."

Portland, Me., Jan. 16.—The second trial of Edward F. Cole for the murder of his cousin John F. Steeves, in Falmouth woods last April will begin in the superior court next Monday afternoon. In September the jury disagreed.

Promotion for Capt. Stewart.

Montreal Jan. 17.—(Special).—Capt. Wm. Stewart, of the Lake Champlain, has been appointed to command the new C. P. R. Atlantic liner Empress of Britain.

Afterwards Drove to Sister's Home and Committed Suicide
--Two Human Trunks Taken from Smoking Ruins,
Others Missing--Victims Were Wife, Mother-in-Law and
Five Little Children--Tragedy Occurred at Nine O'Clock
Yesterday Morning.

to a shed and barn. Most of the abjected men who live in that section are absent from home during the day time, and as the time of the fire there was no one at the farm houses near the scene except old and infirm men and women and children. Two or three of the old men went to the fire, but when they reached the scene they found that the fire was too heavy that no one could enter the house or make an attempt to rescue those

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