LAURIER BALKS AT ATTACHE

Canada. So that the position while it would have good in it would also have some very serious difficulties. If we had any cause of complaint in our present relations or if our interests were not receiving justice we might have to take some new steps and try to improve those relations; but so long as they are what they are at present I think my honorable friend will agree with me that it is best to leave well alone and not try to improve when there is no cause of grievance."

So Mr. Lewis dropped his resolution.

The Preston Deal Again.

The discussion on the North Atlantic Trading Company was renewed by Mr. D. Monk. Mr. Monk moved for copies of all papers bearing upon the suit now being pressed by the company against the government for damages for the cancellation of the contract.

"I fear we will be haunted by this company," said Mr. Monk, "until a new government comes into office. It must be a Rutherian or Scandinavian ghost. It cannot be exorcised by bell, book and candle."

Wants $70,000 More.

He reviewed the history of the company, recalled the refusal of the Government to compel the production of the names of the company promoters, and pointed out that one claim made in the suit was that the Jersey company to whom payments were made, was not the real concern. The real concern was a commercial association in Amsterdam. The Government had paid the N. A. T. Company $342,901 in all, the last payment of $36,901 being said to be in final settlement. Now we had a suit for over $70,000 for damages for breach of contract and he presumed that the Government will not have given a fiat to sue the crown unless the minister of justice had believed that a prima facie case had been made out.

The Minister's Reply.

The Minister of Justice replied for the Government. He asserted that Mr. Monk had moved his motion not for information, which was available in open court, but to discuss the old issue. As for that he had no interest in the names of the men in this company and he was sure that the country had no interest either; that was shown in the last election. The company was a new legal entity and its members today might not be the same as when the charter was in operation. The present action was for "unascertained damages" for cancellation of contract. The application for a fiat had come before him in course of routine. He believed the Government had a right to cancel the contract, but he asked, was he to take it on himself to settle the question and refuse the fiat?

This Fiat Easily Granted.

The fiat therefore had been granted and the company had presented its claim in the exchequor court. The Government had replied, and apparently this reply was considered formidable for the rejoinder was made that the suit was not entered for the Jersey company but for a syndicate of coadventurers in Amsterdam. The Government to this had responded that only the company would have any rights under the contract or under the fiat. Since then the litigation was at a standstill. In his view the syndicate plea was "a desperate effort" on the part of the company's legal advisors to better their position. He still believed that the Government had acted within its righs in cancelling the contract. He reiterated that the fiat had been issued without any thought as to who the members of the company might be. On behalf of the Government he consented to the production of the papers wanted.

A Case Of Collusion.

Mr. S. Barker rebuked the Minister of Justice for his carelessness in this case. W. T. R. Preston and Deputy Minister Smart (who has since left the Government service for the service of the N. A. T. Company) had conducted the negotiations with this company. The public, he said, would be surprised if it did not turn out that there was collusion between the Department of the Interior and the company.

The Minister Corrected.

Mr. R. L. Borden pointed out an inaccuracy in the statement of the case by Mr. Aylesworth. The company did not, he said, dispute the claim of the Government to cancel the contract on notice, but did claim that the notice was not bona fide because the Government had at the time no information to justify the notice. In other words, the reason given by the Government was false to the knowledge of the Government, and was therefore null and void.

Special Treatment.

Mr. Borden ridiculed the statement of the minister of justice that the N. A. T. Company was an ordinary company. The contract was signed before the company had a legal existence, and though payments of $300,000 a year were provided for in the contract, the company had only $243 of paid up capital. Nor was the procedure of the department of justice in granting this fiat, its regular procedure. He himself knew of a number of cases in which the reverse policy had been followed. Fiats had been refused to mail carriers for breach of contract in similar cases except that the mail contracts were ordinary in character. No, there was special treatment for the N. A. T. Company and to this the records of parliament bore witness.

Careless Mr. Oliver.

To the minister of the interior this debate appeared to be a waste of time. However if it pleased the opposition it did not hurt the government.

Mr. R. L. Borden—"That's because you pay the damages out of the public treasury."

Mr. Oliver—"The hon. gentleman had better wait until the damages are paid before he makes that remark."

After a discussion lasting nearly three hours, the resolution was passed without opposition.

Unhappy Ross Rifle.

Sir Frederick Borden was very angry with Col. Worthington for saying rude things about the Ross rifle. The Colonel had a question which suggested that arming cadets with the Ross rifle mark 1 might give a serious set back to the cadet movement. The question further asked: "In view of its defects, and the fact that it is widely considered unsafe for use does not the government consider that it would be sound policy to scrap the issue and write it off the books entirely?"

Sir Frederick Borden denied that serious defects had been discovered in mark 1 rifle, and that the only set back likely to occur to the cadet movement would be from "The unfair and persistent attacks" on the rifle of which questions of this kind were an example. To the second question he replied that the "slight defects" in the rifle had been remedied and that there was no foundation in fact for "the persistent effort of the hon. members to discredit the rifle."

A Question of Propriety.

Mr. Monk took issue holding that the minister's language had been so personal that his reply should be expunged.

"Then the question should be expunged," said Sir Frederick Borden, who added that he "was answering a fool according to his folly."

Mr. Monk retorted that even if the question was out of order, that did not warrant the minister in violating the rules. Col. Worthington had a retort. The minister had described the mark II double star as an evolution from mark I. How could the mark II double star have been converted from previous makes when the barrel was longer?

Mr. Monk pressed for a ruling and Mr. Speaker Marcil (Bonaventure: $125 per head) declined to rule off hand.

How about the answer? asked Mr. Monk.

"If the question is out of order, so will the answer be," replied the Speaker.

Captain Tom Wallace introduced his bill to regulate horse racing by stopping the gambling tracks by limiting meets to 15 days, no track to have more than two meets in the year.

NARROW ESCAPE OF GEORGE D. SPEAR FROM ASPHYXIATION

Fisherman From P. E. Island Found Insensible From Escaping Gas — Recovered Consciousness Last Night.

George D. Spear, a P. E. Island fisherman, on his way to Boston stopped off in St. John Tuesday night and taking rooms in George A. Whittaker's boarding house, 43 Mill street for the night, in some inexplicable manner allowed the gas to escape, the result being that he narrowly escaped being asphyxiated.

He was discovered by Mr. Whittaker's daughter at 6 o'clock yesterday morning and she called her father, who went into the room. Spear was lying on the bed apparently lifeless and Dr. J. A. McIntyre was at once summoned. The man was still breathing and the physician made every effort to revive him, for three hours before he considerd it safe to remove him to the hospital.

During the day he improved slightly and at midnight was able to talk to some extent. He gave his place of residence as New London, P. E. I., and said he was going to Boston to work. He was still delirious and could not give a clear account of the mishap with the gas. He had in his pockets a Boston paper with some addresses of people in Chelsea, besides the address of Mrs. George D. Spear, French River, New London, P. E. I., presumably his wife.

Spear is about 40 years of age and stands six feet in height. He will be able to proceed on his journey in a day or two. A bag with his name on the label is at the baggage room in the depot and was examined by Detective Killen who thus became aware of the man's identity before he himself disclosed it in the hospital.

SUGAR CONCERN OWNS UP TO SHARE IN FRAUDS

Arbuckle Brothers' Offers And Treasury Department Of United States Accepts Payment Of $695,573.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Arbuckle Brothers, generally credited with being the largest independent rivals of the American Sugar Refinery Company, have acknowledged that from 1898 to 1907 that company benefitted to the extent of thousands of dollars by reason of short weight on imported sugar.

In settlement of all civil claims against them, the Arbuckles have offered, and the treasury department has accepted, payment of $695,573; with the concurrence of the attorney general. But criminal prosecution of those responsible will in no wise be hampered or conditioned by this acceptance.

The government is now in receipt of the following voluntary restitutions and fines from importers of raw sugars:

The American Sugar Refining Company (voluntary) $2,000,000.

The American Sugar Refining Company (fine imposed by the court) $135,000.

Arbuckle Bros., (voluntary) $695,573.

Total recovered, $2,830,573.

Today's announcement of new sugar frauds, ramifying into quarters never suspected by the public, was made during a recess in the criminal trial now nearing its close, of six employes of the American Sugar Refining Company.

"The matter is now pending before the grand jury," was the only reply which was vouchsafed to all inquiries.

In the trial of James F. Bendernagel, Thomas Kehoe and four other employess of the American Sugar Refining Company for their alleged share in similar frauds, both prosecution and defense rested their cases today. The jury was excused until tomorrow when the summing-up will begin.

MUCH INTEREST IN PRETTY WEDDING SOLEMNIZED HERE

Frank H. McNaught Of Woodstock Wedded To Mrs. Helen Brown, of Chatham—Principals Are Very Popular.

A wedding ceremony of much interest to provincial people was performed by Rev. David Lang at his residence yesterday afternoon when Mr. Frank Hedley McNaught, manager of the plant of the Alex. Dunbar Manufacturing Company at Woodstock, N. B., was united in marriage to Mrs. Helen Louise Brown, of Chatham, N. B.

The groom was for many years connected with the James Miller Foundry at Chatham and was one of the most popular young men in that town. He removed to Woodstock last spring and has already made many warm friends who will now welcome him back with his bride. Mrs. Brown was formerly Miss Benson and her departure from Chatham will be regretted by a large circle of friends.

The wedding was a quiet one, only a few intimate friends being present. There were no attendants.

Mr. and Mrs. McNaught left on the Montreal express last evening for a short honeymoon trip through the Upper Provinces, after which they will take up their residence in Woodstock.

REV. M. J. FALLON FOR BISHOP OF LONDON

Definite Announcement Received From Rome Of Ottawa Priest's Elevation — Choice Popular One.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 15.—His Grace Archbishop McEvay received a cablegram this morning from Rome, announcing officially the appointment of Rev. M. J. Fallon as Bishop of London. Rt. Rev. Michael James Fallon was born at Kingston on May 17, 1867. Educated there and at the University of Ottawa he pursued his theological studies at the Georgian University, Rome, where he received the degree of D. D. and was ordained a priest in 1894. Returning to Canada he was appointed professor of English literature at Ottawa University.

The new Bishop elect was preceded in London by Bishop Walsh, Bishop O'Connor and Bishop McEvay, all of whom subsequently became head of the arch diocese of Toronto.

Father Fallon was very popular in Ottawa and was considered one of the most genial, broad-minded and scholarly priests in Canada. He was considered an authority on athletics and had a great deal to do with the success of Ottawa college athletics.

CHILD CRUSHED TO DEATH BY TRAIN

13-Year-Old Daughter Of Richard Barritt Of Amherst Has Life Crushed Out Attempting To Crawl Under Train.

Special to The Standard.

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 15.—A sad fatality occurred at the I. C. R. station here this afternoon by which the 13 year old daughter of Richard George Barrett lost her life. The little one was, so far as can be ascertained, crossing the railway track on which the west bound freight was standing. She undertook to crawl under one of the cars when the train started crushing her in a terrible manner. The train was immediately stopped and the brakeman removed the body. Deceased was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barrett and an exceptionally bright child, she being their only daughter. A brother aged 17 years died about a year ago. Mr. Barrett has charge of the repair department of the Amherst Boot and Shoe Co., retail. Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved parents and the two brothers. An inquest will be held tomorrow.

FIRST ARREST IN STEERAGE EXPOSURE

Captain Of Northwestern Transportation Company's Steamer Arrested Yesterday In New York.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 15.—William J. Fielding, captain of the steamship Neapolitan Prince of the Northwestern Transportation Company, which arrived here on Saturday last from Rotterdam, was arrested today on a warrant charging that unsanitary conditions existed in the steerage of his vessel. This is the first arrest of its kind since the report of the United States immigration commission was made public, setting forth the alleged horrors to which the steerage passengers are subjected in coming to this country.

Captain Fielding was held in $500 bail for examination tomorrow.

The Late Mr. Douglas McGaragle.

The funeral service of Mr. Douglas McGaragle were held last evening at the home of his mother, Mrs. Mary A. McGaragle, 235 Main street. Rev. R. P. McKim officiated. The body will be taken to Petersville this morning for interment.

LAKE MICHIGAN MAKES 8 OCEAN STEAMERS IN PORT

C. P. R. Liner Arrived Yesterday Afternoon—Incidents Of The Voyage—Busy Time For Seamen's Institute.

With the arrival of the C. P. R. steamer Lake Michigan yesterday afternoon the number of ocean steamers in port was brought up to eight and the berths on the West Side are now all taken up, while two steamers are at Long Wharf.

The Lake Michigan passed Brier Island yesterday morning and docked at No. 2 berth at 4 o'clock in the afternoon after the port physician had given the steerage passengers a clean bill of health.

The steamer was fourteen days out from Antwerp and had a tempestuous voyage being a day later than was expected. She brought a large general cargo and 210 immigrants, the greater majority of whom were Russians.

The only untoward incident of the voyage was the death of a nine months old child on the tenth day. One of the stewards scratched his arm slightly and blood poisoning developing he was kept from work for a week.

Among the passengers were two former Englishmen, Messrs. Cox and McDonald, now non-commissioned officers in the Royal Canadian Dragoons, stationed at St. Johns, Que., who had spent their furlough on the continent and were returning to report for duty.

The presence in the city of so many sailors means a busy time at the Seaman's Institute and many of the seamen are availing themselves of the opportunity to write letters home for Christmas. As many as 200 letters were handed to Mr. Gorbell, the manager, for mailing last evening and the greater number contained money. Some of the enclosures were as much as $20 although $2 seemed the favorite amount.

LUDLOW STRIKERS TO RETURN TO WORK

Pending Arbitration By State Board, 1,800 Men Engaged In Labor War, Will Return To Work On Old Basis.

Ludlow, Mass., Dec. 15.—Pending arbitration by the state board of conciliation and arbitration the 1800 strikers at the bagging mills of the Ludlow Manufacturing Associates, today voted to return to work tomorrow. The strikers will temporarily receive 20 cents per roll, the rate over which the strike has been fought. Formerly the company paid 24 cents and before 29 cents. The strikers maintain that the 20 cent rate is not a living wage.

The company agreed to give the strikers, many of whom left town after being evicted from their homes, which were owned by the company, one week in which to return to work.

TORONTO FIRE LOSS REACHES $150,000

Special to The Standard.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 15.—Five hours after the firemen as they supposed, had extinguished the fire which badly damaged the fruit and produce warehouse of White and Company, at the corner of Church and Front streets, early this morning, the flames burst out anew, this time in the top story of the building. The firemen were on hand promptly but before the fire was under control the White building had been practically destroyed together with the premises of McWilliam and Everist, fruit and commission merchants adjoining on Church street and the premises of the Club Coffee Company on Front street. Read Halliday and Company, Ltd., makers of aniline dyes and chemicals occupied the second story of the White building the third story being occupied as a messroom by the Queen's Own Rifles Bugle Band. The total loss by the two fires is about $150,000 on which there is $84,000 insurance.

MONCTON YOUTHS ARE CHARGED WITH THEFT

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 15.—Two boys, Alfred Leblanc and Lorne Chapman, were arrested tonight on the charge of entering the club house of the Athletic Association some time ago, and stealing a sweater, punching bag, and gym shoes. The stolen sweater was found on one of the boys when arrested. They come before the magistrate in the morning.

Charlie Leaman and Walter Grey, who confessed to breaking into the city market and stealing money from one Matthews were today committed for trial.

MORE TROUBLE FOR PHOENIX INSURANCE CO.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 15.—The Atlanta office of the Phoenix (Fire) Insurance Company of Brooklyn, is short approximately $50,000 and has been since January 1, 1907, according to a statement issued tonight by the state department of insurance. This adds further complexities to the affairs of the company whose deposed president, George P. Sheldon is now under indictment charged with grand larceny.

The company's representatives hold certain property turned over by Mr. Stockwell, the general agent, but such property is not thought to be enough to balance the shortage.

FARM OF PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL IS PROVING A BIG MONEY SAVER

Products This Year Valued At $11,447 — Institution Consumed All But $819 Of Total Output.

The land along the sea coast in the vicinity of St. John is not generally considered to be a very good farming country. In the spring warm weather commences two weeks later than it does inland. The cool thick fogs that blow in from the sea are generally believed to be detrimental to successful farming. Yet on the farm of the Provincial Hospital situated just out of Fairville on the southern side of the Manawagonish road there was an output this year of nearly $11,500.

Dr. J. V. Anglin, the superintendent of the hospital, has general charge of the farm and is assisted by a competent foreman. Much of the work is voluntarily done by patients at the institution.

The four chief products of the farm last year were, 45,920 quarts of milk valued at $2,525.60; 175 tons of hay valued at $2,100; 1,105 barrels of potatoes valued at $1,215.50, and 1,690 bushels of oats valued at $845. All the products were consumed at the hospital with the exception of about $819 worth, consisting of pigs, etc., which were sold.

The Products in Detail.

The products of the farm at the current market prices for the past year follow:

Apples, 30 barrels, at $1.50	$ 45
Beans, Green, 35 bushels at $1.00	35
Beets, 195 barrels at $1.00	195
Cabbage, 7,800 heads at 3c	234
Buckwheat, 85 bushels at 75c	63.75
Carrots, 454 barrels at $1.00	454
Celery, 2,000 heads at 5c	100
Eggs, 293 dozen at 25c	73.25
Green Fodder, 21 tons at $9.00	189
Hay, 175 tons, at $12	2,100
Ice, hauled and stored, 80 tons at $2.00	160
Lard, 230 lbs, at 13c	29.90
Lettuce, 35 bushels at $1.00	35
Mangels, 225 barrels at 60c	135
Marrows, Vegetable, 130 at 10c	13
Milk, 45,920 quarts at 5 1-2c	2,525.60
Oats, 1690 bushels at 50c	845
Parsnips, 155 barrels at $1.50	232.50
Pigs, etc., sold	819.90
Pork, consumed, 6,340 lbs, at 9c	570.60
Potatoes, 1105 barrels at $1.10	1,215.50
Pumpkins, 100 at 10c	10
Radishes, 10 bushels at $1.00	10
Rhubarb, 100 bushels at 50c	50
Squash, 2,000 lbs, at 1c	20
Straw, 75 tons, at $8.00	600
Turnips, 1060 barrels at 60c	636
Sundries	50
Total value of product	$11,447.00

STEAMER WHITEFIELD IS BADLY DAMAGED

Boston, Mass., Dec. 15.—Not in years has a trans-Atlantic steamer entered this port so badly damaged by storms as was the British freighter Whitefield, which literally limped in from Hamburg and Shields late today, after a three weeks trip from the latter port. Her great funnel was gone; the ventilators had been demolished, and one of her boats was missing. Over all the deck were fragments of fittings. The damage was sustained in two storms, the first on December 3rd, and another on December 8.

WEDDINGS.

Snodgrass-Branscombe.

A quiet wedding took place last evening at 8 o'clock in the parsonage, Victoria street, when Mr. John N. Snodgrass, of Young's Cove, Queens county, was united in marriage to Miss Ethel M. Branscombe, of The Range, Queens county. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. H. Nobles. The young couple were unattended. Mr. and Mrs. Snodgrass will leave on the train this morning for Young's Cove where they will make their future home.

Homes For New Settlers.

Mr. A. B. Wilmot, superintendent of immigration, yesterday found positions for four men and three Scotch domestic who came out on the Athenia of the Donaldson Line. One of the girls was sent to Fredericton and the other two were placed in the city.

Will Have to Use Carpet Sweepers.

As the result of the failure of the corn crop in the American southwest the price of brooms has been advanced from 25 to 50 per cent. The price list issued on Dec. 13, by the firm of T. S. Simms Co., Ltd., of the city shows an advance of 25 per cent.

Clydesdales Shipped Yesterday.

All but two of the sixty-four Clydesdale fillies purchased at the sale on Tuesday were shipped to their destination yesterday. The majority of the horses went via C. P. R. and were placed on board the cars on the west side in the morning. The horses that went via I. C. R. were shipped from the east side in the afternoon. The two horses that were not shipped were not handed over to their owners on account of their failing to put up the money in the manner required. One of these horses had been bid in by a resident from York county, the other by a man from Nova Scotia. The general opinion expressed yesterday was that the horses were a fine lot of animals.

ATTEMPT TO BREAK RIVER RECORD TO BE MADE TODAY

Party On Tug Winnie Will Sail For John O. Vanwart's—River Is Reported To Be Clear Of Ice.

Although a thin coating of ice formed on the river during the cold snap of last week, the recent soft weather has broken it up and the river is free from ice as it was in August. Encouraged by these conditions, a party of local men will leave on the tug Winnie at 9.30 o'clock this morning and will go up as far as John O. Vanwart's where they will have dinner. If the weather is mild they may even go as far as Gogetown. A telephone message from Vanwart's yesterday stated that the river was entirely clear of ice and there was no immediate prospect of it freezing soon.

If the Winnie succeeds in the attempt today she will have broken the record for late navigation on the river. A few years ago a party made a trip in the tug Lord Kitchener in January, but this was after the ice had formed and had been broken up by a long period of mild weather.

The party who will go up on the Winnie include the following:—Ald. J. W. Vanwart, D. J. Purdy, N. C. Scot, B. Vanwart, A. M. Rowan, Ald. E. C. Elkin, Dr. A. B. Smith, John Walker, G. W. Slocum, A. W. Baird, Fred McMulkin, Capt. Harvey Weston, C. W. Colwell, Geo. R. Vincent and John Russell, Jr.

The New York Herald and Canada.

The interest taken in Canadian affairs by the New York Herald in establishing a news bureau in Ottawa is still further in evidence by the visit of Mr. Hamilton Peltz, of the Herald staff, to St. John. Mr. Peltz, who arrived here yesterday, is travelling through Canada to ascertain public opinion on matters of continental interest and following the plan pursued in other cities will place on record the news of the St. John press as regards relations with the United States.

MONDAY EVENING SKATING CLUB IS REVIVED AGAIN

Reorganization Completed And Officers Elected Last Evening—Limited To 150 Members—Queen's Rink Secured

The Monday Evening Skating Club which ceased to exist as an active social organization about eight years ago, received a new lease of life last night when at an enthusiastic meeting held in the St. Andrew's Curling Club rooms competent officers were elected and arrangements were made for carrying out an enjoyable winter season.

Mr. H. Russel Sturdee, former president of the club, and one of the moving spirits in its reorganization, was re-elected president and Mr. Colin MacKay secretary-treasurer.

The executive consists of Mrs. H. C. Schofield, Mrs. Percy W. Thomson, Mrs. Simeon A. Jones, Messrs. C. F. Inches, J. G. Harrison and G. B. Burpee.

It was decided to accept the offer made by Mr. R. J. Armstrong for the Queen's rink which will be reserved for the exclusive use of the club every Monday evening after the ice forms.

The membership of the club will be limited to about one hundred and fifty ladies and gentlemen. Already about a hundred names have been handed in for membership. It was decided to serve tea at the regular meetings during the winter.

St. John Valley Booklet in Second Edition.

Mr. A. B. Wilmot, superintendent of immigration, yesterday received a telegram from Mr. Geo. H. Ham, stating that the C. P. R. intended to have published at once a second edition of their booklet on the St. John Valley and asking Mr. Wilmot to revise the pamphlet. The new books are wanted immediately by Mr. Bowder the recently appointed New Brunswick agent in England for distribution. In his telegram Mr. Ham states that he is ill in bed, but hopes to be able to be about again in a few days.

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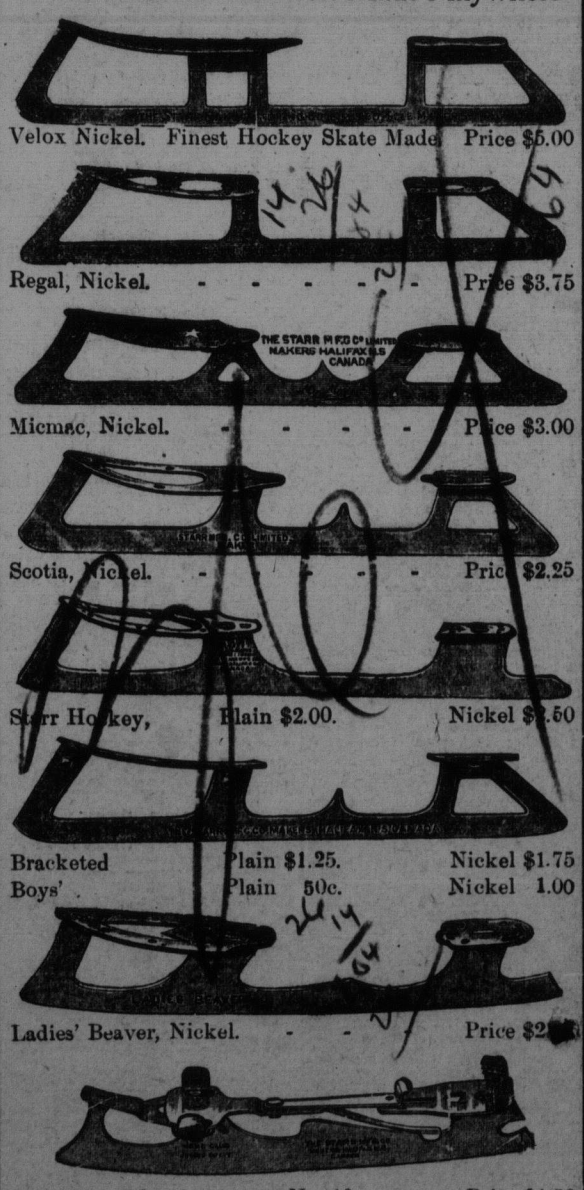

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