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Directors Recommend Fleet Be Reduced To Thirty-Seven Ships.

SELL 27 OTHERS

Government Officials Declare That Loss Was To Be Expected.

Ottawa, May 1. — The Canadian government merchant marine had a deficit last year of \$9,649,498 after all charges, including depreciation and interest, had been met. This is shown by the annual report of directors of the C. G. M. M. tabled in the House this afternoon. The loss on operation alone for 1922 was \$2,384,189.

The directors recommend: (1) That the fleet be kept in operation but reduced to a total complement of 37 vessels (balance 27 vessels) to be disposed of. (Announcement has already been made of the intention to sell 27 vessels.) (2) That the capital cost of the vessels be reduced to what may be considered present replacement value. "Inquiries made in various shipbuilding centres indicate," the report continues under the latter heading, "that construction cost of vessels of the types which make up your fleet is now in the neighborhood of fifty dollars per dead weight ton and this value would, in our opinion, constitute a fair replacement value."

Confine Operations. The report continues: "On account of the great value to the Canadian National Railways of the operation of vessels on recognized trade routes, your directors would be much opposed to withdrawing altogether from such services, but desire to confine operations to vessels suitable for these services and capable of making an economic performance. "It would seem desirable to have further consideration given to the recommendation made in our report that interest due the government be payable for each year only if earned, after allowing for depreciation, and remission of interest to be applicable for a period of five years."

Generally, shipowners people look more optimistically than they did upon the two preceding years. To certain ports trade is quite active and the ships are doing fairly well, on other routes conditions have not improved, and it is on such routes that our losses are being sustained. The deficit for the previous year was \$9,649,498, making a total deficit as at December 31, 1922, of \$18,791,284.90.

The fleet in 1922 consisted of 64 vessels. Accounts showed a gross revenue from closed voyages of \$9,705,876.97, as against operating expenses for closed voyages of \$12,089,733.44, making a deficit from operation of \$2,384,189. The rest of this year's deficit is made up of: Interest accrued on notes to government, \$4,623,274; reserve for depreciation, \$2,382,130.14; reserve for outstanding liabilities, \$40,000; reserve for doubtful debts and claims, \$36,122.22; on government advances, \$118,759.67.

Loss Anticipated. The board submits that the loss in operation was to have been anticipated. It was admitted by shipping authorities, says the report, that for the past year was the worst in recent shipping annals. Tonnage offerings increased, but commodities were of lower value and earnings fell considerably. Outward tonnage was well maintained, but inward business, particularly from the United Kingdom, Orient, and the West Indies, fell away to such an extent that it was at times impossible to obtain return cargoes. On this account many of the voyages were unprofitable.

The operations of the company, while showing a loss during 1922, have proved to be a decided advantage to the Canadian National Railways, the report states. "Shipments turned over to the railway for the 11 months ending November 1922, amounted to 725,775 tons, to which should be added 29,449 tons of import freight handled over the government dock at Vancouver from December 1, 1922, to November 1, 1922. The revenue accruing to the railways from this business of this nature would undoubtedly have been handled through other channels and by other railways had the company's vessels not been in operation."

The report states further that while no new services were established in 1922, a number of new services were required for special charters to assist Canadian trade development and in special trades. In the late fall, to assist in the grain movement and the purpose of providing lake port storage, ten of the smaller vessels were operated on the Great Lakes where they loaded full cargoes of grain at the lake head and transported them to bay ports where the vessels were tied up for winter storage.

Service Unprofitable. Vessels of the fleet were also used to carry coal from British ports, a total tonnage of 108,129 tons being thus imported. These activities, it is stated, prevented the management from retiring from service during the year as many vessels as it was expected could have been laid up when the 1921 report was made. However, an additional nine vessels were laid up.

The board reports that the combined passenger and freight steamship service operated to the Bahamas, Jamaica and British Honduras has been unprofitable from a revenue standpoint and in an effort to reduce losses, Hamilton, Bermuda, was made an additional port of call. This had been very satisfactory.

This service, the board states, was established at the request of the government as a result of the Canada West Indies trade agreement and, against any loss chargeable to the government, may be applied any subsidy collected by it from the West Indies government as provided for in the agreement.

The loss in operation on this account for 1922 amounted to \$255,326.96, including depreciation on the vessels, \$372,959.82.

Rev. J. E. Mitchell Asks Delegates At Brantford To Support Prohibition.

REPORTS FAVORABLE

Paris Class Defeats Brantford In Epworth League Debate.

Special to The Advertiser. Brantford, May 1. — Referring to dance halls and cabarets as breeding places of the drug habit, Rev. J. E. Mitchell, B.A. of Teversville, delivered a scathing address on several problems, which, he claimed, stood in the way of Christian citizenship at the afternoon session of the Brantford district convention of the Epworth League here yesterday.

He asserted other questions that must be dealt with are gambling and the possibility of the repeal of prohibition legislation. Referring to the latter problem, the speaker stated that he had misgivings as to the responsibility of the individual as to whether or not to elect any candidate unless he was prohibitionist. He mentioned in Manitoba and provinces where a referendum will be taken as evidence of the fact that to many people absolute prohibition was not a thing to be desired. He asked the people not to elect any candidate unless he was prohibitionist.

Reports Favorable. Rev. C. R. Albright gave a short talk on "Bible study," followed by one on the "summer school" to be held in Simcoe by Rev. H. Cotton. Reports from the various leagues in the district were received and favorable comment was made on the work done during the past year. An address on China, historical and geographical, was given by Rev. George Hartwell, returned missionary, and departmental conferences were then taken up by the various committees. At a evening session, the major portion of the time was devoted to the final debate of the district leagues, Parish and Elm Avenue Methodist Church of this city being the contestants. The negative, handled by the Paris delegates, was awarded the decision. The subject was, "Resolved, that the temperance of the British Empire have been a greater power for good than the religious leaders." Miss M. Holmes and Ernest Edgington were the successful debaters and their opponents were Miss Mary Cummin and Jack Edmonson.

Present Certificates. Certificates were presented to 48 young people for obtaining more than 30 per cent in the bible study conducted by the league. The officers elected were: Hon. president, M. F. Wootton; president, S. L. Pratt; first vice-president, P. Pickett; second vice-president, Thomas Linscott; Miss Grace Lake; third vice-president, W. Kern; fourth vice-president, Miss P. Chambers; Miss E. Legett; fifth vice-president, Hanford Bonham; sixth vice-president, Miss M. Baker; secretary, Miss M. Baker; assistant secretary, Miss J. Arnold; treasurer, Miss E. Lamb.

EXPECT TOLMIE WILL BE LIBERAL'S CHOICE

Utmost Enthusiasm Prevails In Ranks of North Essex Reformers.

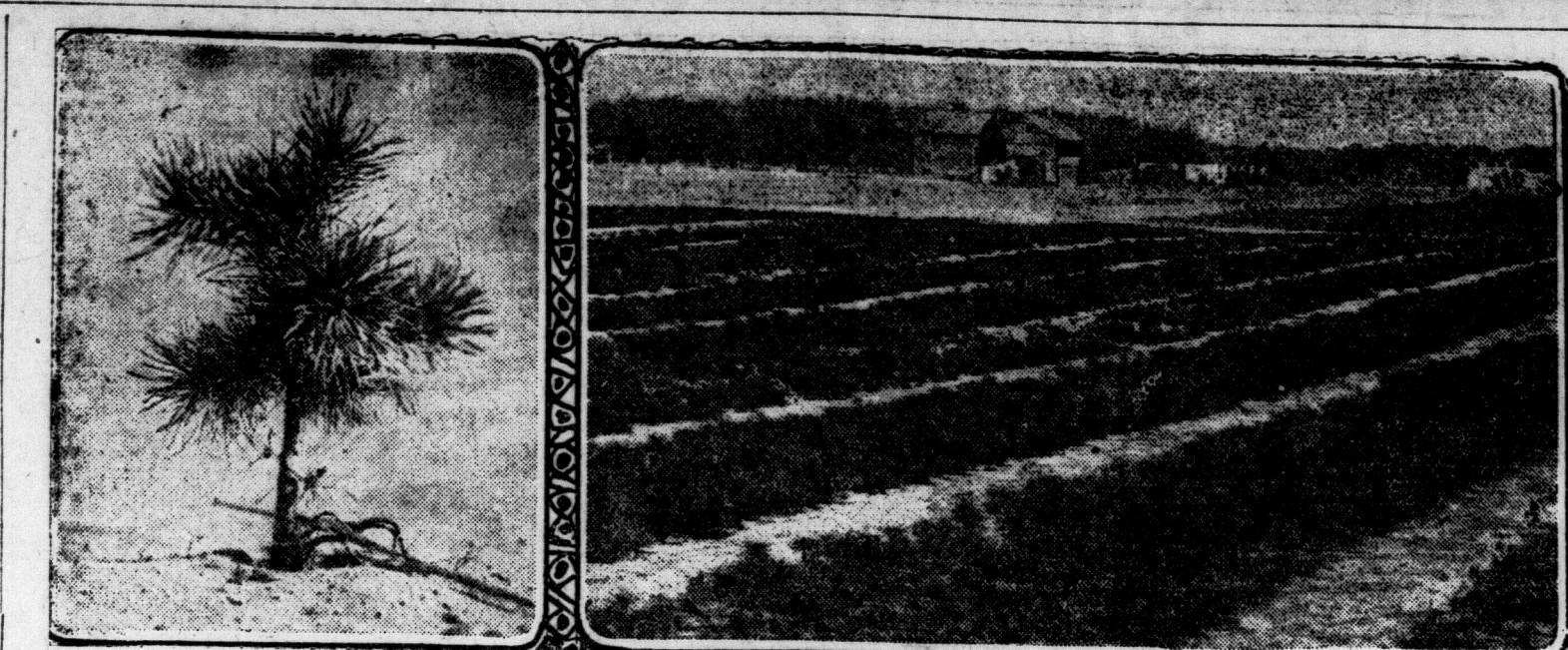
Special to The Advertiser. Windsor, May 1. — Enthusiasm of the most optimistic variety is manifest in the local ranks, and confidence is being expressed on all sides that a Liberal standard-bearer will again be victorious at the provincial election to be held in June. The border cities campaign will commence in earnest Tuesday evening, May 1st, when the Windsor Liberal Association will hold a convention in the Old Fellow's Hall, the prime motive of which is to place a candidate in the field. Wellington, Ont., Liberal leader in the provincial legislature, A. F. Healy, M.P., Windsor, are among the outstanding speakers who will address the gathering.

It is generally conceded that Major Tolmie will be chosen once more to represent the Windsor Liberals. From information gathered by The Advertiser tonight it is quite unlikely that he will be opposed. In discussing the situation with The Advertiser, Major Tolmie waxed enthusiastic over the Liberal prospects in the coming election and stated that he was prepared to take the field again if tendered the nomination.

Opposition was the only thing that might arise in his present decision, he added, but nothing of this sort is anticipated by the association members, and unless developments ensue within the next 24 hours the choice of a candidate will be made with little difficulty. Liberal followers are looking forward to May. They are reviewing the past year's record of the government and giving specific details of the Liberal policy should the party gain the upper hand in the June election.

STRIKE WATER IN TEST FOR THAMES PARK WELL

Water has been struck at a depth of 80 feet in a test which was conducted at Thames Park. Drilling Company at the request of the public utilities commission, which is seeking the most suitable spot for a large 12-inch water main, and a smaller one which would replace the test was conducted on the river bank close to Ridout street, which the hole was sunk in being prepared and if it is found suitable drilling operations for the well will be started at once.



SIMCOE BEGINS REFORESTATION. County of Simcoe is the first to take up the Ontario government's reforestation scheme. At the left is shown a young pine, 1,210 of which are being planted to the acre. At the right a general view of the nursery beds, where a million and a half young pines are being grown.

PROHIBIT USE OF RED IN MAY DAY PARADES

Japanese Police Officials Will Endeavor To Prevent Any Riotous Scenes.

Special Cable to The London Advertiser and The Philadelphia Public Ledger. Osaka, Japan, May 1. — Members of the Kansai Federation of Labor, a large organization of workmen, with headquarters here, are meeting with puzzling obstacles in their efforts to plan laborer's demonstrations on May Day. The original instructions sent out to the federation members provided for numerous parades through the streets of this city, the distribution of thousands of pamphlets setting forth the injustices which Japanese laboring classes are now suffering, and the hoisting of a red flag over the home of every member to show sympathy for downtrodden brothers everywhere.

The red flag naturally aroused the suspicion and opposition of the police, with whom all demonstrations must be carefully planned and agreed upon beforehand, and an order prohibiting the use of the flag was issued. In an effort to evade the police order, it was declared secretly that each member would hang out, as if to dry on a clothes line, in front of the house, the brilliant-red under kimono which all women in this country possess. News of the ruse, however, reached the police, who now have warned the federation of labor against any attempt to introduce red into the color scheme for May Day celebration.

MAKE FINAL APPEAL ON HANGING WOMAN

Prime Minister Is Approached by Prisoners' Welfare Association.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, May 1. — A final appeal for clemency in the case of Mrs. Florence Lassandra, condemned to be hanged next Wednesday for the murder of Constable Lawson at Coleman, Alberta, has been received by the prime minister from the Canadian Prisoners' Welfare Association. The basis of the appeal is that the hanging of a woman, an event which has not taken place in Canada for many years past, would be a revolting spectacle and should not be permitted. The appeal will be brought before the privy council.

HOLD PITTSBURG MAN IN MONTREAL MURDER

Suspected of Having Slain Taxicab Driver Saturday Night.

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, April 30. — Suspected of being the murderer of Charles Barclay, taxicab driver, who was beaten to death with an iron bar on Saturday night by his wife, a 21-year-old man who claims to be from Pittsburgh, Pa., is being held in a Montreal police station. His name was not divulged.

He is said by L. A. Lepage, chief of detectives, to answer the description of the man seen leaving the murdered man's taxi. Several witnesses will be called in an attempt to identify the man.

FIND RUNAWAY HORSE.

Special to The Advertiser.

Windsor, May 1. — The horse and buggy, which was found Sunday night by the Ford police, were claimed yesterday by a Sandwich Bay farmer. The horse ran away while the farmer and his wife were visiting friends.

Will Plant Maple Trees On Battlefields In France

Quebec Minister of Lands and Forests Will Forward Saplings to Europe in Fall as Gift of the Province.

1923 Like 1916 When Winter Became Summer Overnight

Manitoba Deputy Minister of Agriculture Says There Is No Need To Be Pessimistic Over Late Seeding Operations.

Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, May 1. — Because the commencement of seeding operations is a few days later than the average time when seeding commences in this province, affords no reason for the slightest pessimism. P. H. Evans, deputy minister of agriculture, declared today. This year, he said, bore a very marked resemblance to 1916, when the winter changed into summer almost overnight. In that year, the deputy minister pointed out, the late spring was followed by an almost phenomenal growing season.

BAN LIQUOR UNDER SEAL FROM AMERICAN PORTS

Supreme Court Interprets 'Bone Dry' Ruling of Attorney-General.

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, May 1. — Foreign and U. S. steamships are prohibited from bringing into United States ports intoxicating liquor under seal intended for the use of passengers on outward voyages, the supreme court held today in cases involving the "bone dry" ruling of Attorney-General Daugherty.

LEGAL TO SELL LIQUOR OUTSIDE 3-MILE LIMIT

U. S. Supreme Court Returns Important Finding On Prohibition Measure.

Washington, May 1. — Intoxicating liquors, even under seal, cannot lawfully be brought into the United States or by foreign ships within three miles off the shores of the United States, the supreme court held today in a decision, which declared, however, that outside the three-mile limit United States vessels can legally sell intoxicating liquors to passengers. The court's finding was a reversal of the long-standing policy of foreign ships to do so had not been questioned.

BURY LORD CARNARVON ON TOP OF BEACON HILL

Discoverer of Tomb of Tutankhamen Laid to Rest Yesterday.

Special Cable to The Advertiser. London, May 1. — On the barren, wind-swept summit of Beacon Hill, the body of Lord Carnarvon, discoverer of the Tomb of Tutankhamen, was buried yesterday.

CORNELIUS DE LANEY DIES AT BEECHWOOD RESIDENCE

Special to The Advertiser. Dublin, May 1. — Cornelius De Laney, an aged and highly respected pioneer resident of McKillop township, passed away Thursday last in his 95th year. He leaves eight children. Two sons, Joseph and Peter, and a daughter, Mrs. Hanna O'Connor, reside in Eureka, Cal. Two other sons, John and James live in McKillop, and two daughters are nuns, Sister Bridget, Ursuline Order, Chateau, and Sister Cornelius of Loreto Abbey, Toronto. Mrs. John Gallagher is a daughter.

ELECT OFFICERS.

Special to The Advertiser. Wheatley, May 1. — The election of officers of the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist Church, held at the parsonage Wednesday afternoon, resulted as follows: President, Mrs. I. Hodgins; secretary, Mrs. Allan Coulter; treasurer, Mrs. W. Martin. Refreshments were served and a social time enjoyed after the business was transacted.

WILL PLANT MAPLE TREES ON OWEN SOUND STREETS

Canadian Press Despatch. Owen Sound, May 1. — The board of trade and the parks commission are co-operating in providing maple trees for transplanting to all applicants without charge. An effort is being made to have all residential streets lined on both sides with these trees. Four or five hundred trees will be planted on Arbor Day.

PARTY CONVENTION, MAY 5.

Canadian Press Despatch. Owen Sound, April 30. — Two parties, the Conservatives and U. E. O. Labor, will hold conventions on the same day, Saturday, May 5, in Owen Sound. The Liberals will hold their convention a week later.

THOUSANDS CROWD PALAIS IN PARIS FOR ART REVIEW

Princesses Rub Elbows With Shopgirls In Admiring Portraits.

HEIR APPARENT POSES

Picture of the Prince of Wales Draws Throngs of Enthusiasts.

Special Cable to The London Advertiser and The Philadelphia Public Ledger. Paris, May 1. — Thousands of people yesterday flocked past the miles of pictures which adorned the walls of 60 galleries in the Grand Palais where the spring salon is being held. Sable capes, worn by princesses, crushed against the trim-tadored jackets of models when the wearers tried to see how they appeared framed. Everyone who sat for pictures exhibited in this great art show worshipped at his or her own particular shrine, their number being augmented by their own circle of friends and those of the artist even.

However, there were two portraits which everyone apparently came with the intention of seeing, one being of the Prince of Wales and the other of the Duchess de Vendome, sister of King Albert of Belgium and a leader in French society. Both of them took home the artist's award. A white satin gown, enhanced by ropes of pearls and a diamond and pearl tiara and holds a Russian wolfhound by a chain. The "popular" prince, running time to form, wore polo togs and a debutante flourish. But royalty has rivals in popularity. A gorgeous line of portrait of a young woman in a black evening gown had a throng of worshippers before it. It was an anonymous subject to the extent that only the initials of the original were visible. "What beauty! What insolence! What chic!" murmured the crowd. Unconsciously they guessed the qualifications of the artist even better than they knew. The original is a mannequin of the most famous subject to the extent that only the initials of the original were visible. "What beauty! What insolence! What chic!" murmured the crowd.

KENT CONSERVATIVES CALL MASS MEETING

Plan To Oppose Doherty In Coming Provincial Election.

Special to The Advertiser. Thameville, May 1. — That Hon. Manning Doherty, minister of agriculture, and the present member for East Kent in the Provincial Legislature, will have opposition in the coming election was decided at a meeting of Conservatives at Lanford's Hall in Kent Bridge yesterday afternoon.

SEND ETHEL HARRISON FOR MANSLAUGHTER TRIAL

Milton, Ont., May 1.—Ethel Harrison, mother of the female child found dead at the Guelph radial station at Georgetown, Ont., Saturday, April 21, was yesterday morning committed by Police Magistrate Moore for trial at the fall assizes.

The accused appeared this morning in police court on a charge of manslaughter. The original charge was one of abandoning the child, charged to the graver indictment as a result of the verdict brought in by the jury at the inquest held here on Saturday, April 28, under Dr. McColl, coroner for Milton.

NEW BRUNSWICK IS ISOLATED BY SPRING FLOODS

Damage From Water Is Estimated Over Million Dollars.

RAILWAYS BLOCKED

Tracks Completely Under Water For Over Mile In Section.

Canadian Press Despatch. Fredericton, N. B., May 1. — New Brunswick is in the grip of spring freshets and subsequent flood conditions today, which have already equalled the worst known in recent years and are fast approaching the unprecedented conditions of the floods of 1887, with the damage already estimated at over a million dollars, although conditions in some districts are still to be heard from. Hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property along the St. John River and its tributaries have been destroyed, while railroad traffic is practically at a standstill all over the province.

Flood conditions affecting the lines of the Canadian Pacific Railway in New Brunswick revealed a complete tie-up today. The largest single washout reported was located two miles west of Wolford, and extending for about a mile, with the track completely under water. Two miles east of Wolford another washout extending over a fifth of a mile occasioned the second largest difficulty to be met today. These two points are said to be the source of the greatest trouble, both being entirely impassable, and having been blocked throughout the night.

No morning trains left either St. John or Fredericton today, and C. P. officials were unable to say when traffic would be resumed, although it is announced that no trains are to be moved for some time. A trainload of passengers from the St. Marlow was tied up at Vanceboro on account of the condition of lines farther west, while the regular Montreal train was held at Rockland and a westbound train from the docks at St. John was held up at Wolford.

FIND WHEELSMAN DIED THROUGH NEGLIGENCE

Sarnia Jury Blames Exterminator Company In Death of W. Lavis.

Special to The Advertiser. Sarnia, May 1. — Wallace Frederick Lavis, wheelman on the steamer Huronic, came to his death through negligence on Sunday when he was asphyxiated by fumes of hydrocyanic acid used in fumigating the vessel Sunday morning, according to the verdict of a coroner's jury impaneled at Point Edward Monday afternoon. The jury was two hours in reaching a verdict which found that Lavis had not been warned of the hour of fumigation, though he had been told of its purpose and that he was consequently asleep in his cabin at the time fumigation was done.

The Knox Extermination Company of Chatham, blamed for not making a thorough search of the cabin before the preparation was placed in the room. A number of witnesses testified that Lavis had been advised that fumigation was to be done, warned of its dangers and advised to remove all of his clothes and clothing from their cabins.

Three of the ship's crew said they had seen Lavis in his cabin at 7 a.m. and that he had been calm and advised Lavis of the dangers of fumigation at 6 a.m. Lavis apparently went to bed after coming off watch at 6 o'clock.

MITCHELL FARMERS ASK RETURN OF DRURY

Draft Resolution of Confidence In Present Provincial Administration.

Special to The Advertiser. Mitchell, May 1. — A convention of the Farmers' Political Association of South Perth, of which Hon. Peter Smith, the provincial treasurer, has been the member for the last four years, will be held in the town hall, Mitchell, Wednesday afternoon to draft a resolution of confidence in the present provincial government.

ORANGEMEN TO CELEBRATE 12TH JULY AT CHATHAM

Special to The Advertiser. Chatham, May 1. — The "glorious twelfth" will be celebrated in Chatham this year by about fifteen thousand members of the Orange Order and members of Western Ontario and Michigan. Plans under preparation by committees of local Orangemen indicate that the event will be the biggest ever held in this part of Ontario. The general managing committee for the big day sent a delegation to wait upon the city council this evening to ask for a grant to assist the general fund for the celebration.

TAXI COMPANY BILLS POLICE DEPARTMENT, \$19

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, May 1. — A local taxi company has billed the police department \$19 for dead runs. The claim is that in response to three calls, three of the company's taxis went to a Gevard's house, where the drivers were asked to "buy a crack." They refused and were told that they were not needed. Later a fourth driver arrived and purchased the bottle. He was arrested and the company's bill was found on him. The bill was later prosecuted, and the company thinks the police department should pay for the other calls.

SMILING SAILOR GOES TO DEATH AS SHIP IS LOST

Quartermaster Clings to Wheel of Doomed Vessel in a Raging Sea.

DESPERATE BATTLE

Lifeboats Torn Away—Crew of Seacomett Reaches Land After Terrible Experience.

Special to The Advertiser. New Bedford, May 1. — A tale of heroism of sea and of a quartermaster who went smiling down with his ship, frozen to the bridge, was told yesterday, when survivors of the ill-fated Seacomett, which sank almost without trace in a 70 mile hurricane, Sunday, were brought here in a light ship tender.

The Seacomett, a collier out of Norfolk, Boston bound, was plying north just before dawn in a sea lashed to fury by a gale, the crew, for which the keel was laid in record time during its construction for the shipping board, was unable to stand the wracking and sprang a leak.

Then began a desperate battle with the pumps against death "that came down with each additional inch of water. Working in relays, the vessel's crew lost slowly but steadily in their efforts to keep the ship afloat.

Heavy with the coal in her bunkers and hold, the collier settled into the raging trough of the sea, and the crew were ordered to the boats, of which there were but three.

One of these was washed away by a comb, and a second skidded down a smoke-stack guy wire into the boiling sea when the ship listed to starboard slowly.

Waves began breaking with irresistible force over the deck, carrying one after another of the crew overboard until at one time thirteen struggled in the waves. Some were sucked up and hurled back on board, others were washed overboard and lowered safely and another righted.

On the bridge, as the Seacomett settled, stood Captain Dan Miller, John Santiago, the quartermaster, and a second skidded down a smoke-stack guy wire into the boiling sea when the ship listed to starboard slowly.

HEAVING CONVULSIVELY.

The Seacomett by this time was heaving convulsively, like a human in death agony. The shriek of the wind in the rigging, the groaning of the vessel's straining seams, drowned any means of communication save the signs.

In less than thirty minutes after the first leak was sprung the Seacomett took its death plunge. Captain Miller motioning to Santiago to follow, leaped ahead up part of the Seacomett's crew.

SIX MISSING.

Six others were missing, but a lifebuoy containing the captain and 22 survivors, once the ship reached a light ashore, and later they were brought ashore. They heard then for the first time that the collier Seacomett had reported having picked up part of the Seacomett's crew.

WOODSTOCK LIBERALS TO SELECT CANDIDATE

Committee of Executive Interviews Several Possible Nominees.

Special to The Advertiser. Woodstock, May 1. — With the Liberal mass meeting to select a candidate only a few days off, there is considerable activity in the nomination party in the coming provincial election. When the executive met today a committee was appointed and secured a number of prospects and decided on one that might finally represent the party.

So far the committee has been unable to arrive at a definite conclusion as the men interviewed are not yet prepared to give a definite answer. Four names have been before this committee: Dr. Atkinson of Embury, Geo. Mahon, Woodstock; A. T. MacNeil, Woodstock, and Hugh Allan of Blenheim.

It is thought the committee will meet the men mentioned as possible candidates tonight, so that it is altogether likely something definite will be known tomorrow. It is just possible that from this meeting will come the name of the man who will be given the party nomination Saturday.