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# ST. JOHN HARBOUR IMPROVEMENTS ASSURED

## SCOTS HONOR THE DEPARTURE OF ST. ANDREW

Caledonians Assemble in Royal Hotel Where Annual Banquet is Held—Most Enjoyable Function.

## NAMES OF THOSE PRESENT.

Meeting was Held Before the Banquet When Officers were Elected for the Ensuing Year.

Walter Scott wrote a song about Caledonia, stern and wild, but that was not exactly the note of the banquet at the Royal Hotel last evening in celebration of St. Andrew's Day. Scotland may be a stern country, but the translated Scott is a man of good humor; at least the Scotchmen who attended the banquet last evening were in high good humor, and determined to enjoy themselves and make their guests share in the enjoyment.

The banquet, which was given by the St. Andrew's society, was attended by about 100 members and guests, and was, no doubt, one of the most enjoyable functions ever held in the city of the Leith. The dining room of the Royal Hotel was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the walls were hung with the banner of old Scotland—the lion rampant upon a field of gold. On the right of the president of St. Andrew's society was Sir Andrew Fraser, who, as one of the speakers remarked, came to Canada in the service of the King of Kings, Judge Ritchie, president of St. Patrick's society, and Rev. J. J. McNeill, who responded to the toast "The Day and the Whistle" and on the toast of St. George's society, J. J. McCaskill, the orator of the evening, made an interesting speech, dealing with the significance of St. Andrew's Day and referring to the characteristics of Scotchmen. Sir Andrew Fraser, who responded to the toast of "Auld Scotia," made a hit with the gathering, as with an affection of humility he boasted of the virtues of the Scot. Interesting addresses were delivered by Mayor Frink, Judge Ritchie, Judge Forbes, and others.

The committee in charge of the arrangements was as follows:—James Mack, convener; R. B. Patterson, Alex. Macaulay, J. Roy Campbell, Dr. J. R. McIntosh, Alex. McMillan, Fred W. Fraser.

Before the banquet was served, a meeting of the St. Andrew's society was held in one of the rooms of the Royal Hotel, and officers for the ensuing year were installed as follows:—President—R. B. Patterson; Vice-Presidents—James Mack and Alex. Macaulay; Chaplain—Gordon Dickie; Historian—Alex. Wilson; Treasurer—John White; Secretary—F. W. Fraser; Committee of charity—Dr. R. P. Inches, Andrew Malcolm, Alex. McMillan; Marshals—Chas. W. Bell and F. P. Burpee.

The Toasts.  
P. B. Patterson proposed the Pious Memory of St. Andrew, and after the toast was drunk, the pipers played "The Flowers of the Forest."

James Mack the vice-president, proposed the Governor General, and the Lieutenant-Governor, and the toast was responded to by singing "My Own Canadian Home," and giving three cheers for His Royal Highness.

Greetings From Outside.  
The secretary, F. W. Fraser then read the greetings from sister societies in various cities of Canada and the United States as follows:

Vancouver.  
May harrappes firs, strathspeys and reels,  
Put mirth and merriment in your heels,  
This braw Saint Andrew's night,  
ALEX. MORRISON,  
Pres. St. Andrew's Society.

Fredericton.  
A health to brither Scots with gold cheer,  
A. STIRLING McFARLANE,  
Pres. St. Andrew's Society.

Toronto.  
St. Andrew's Day, the day we bide o' horn,  
Cordial greetings from this society,  
J. McK. ALENDER,  
Pres. St. Andrew's Society.

Ottawa.  
Officers and members of St. Andrew's Society of Ottawa, send greetings and good wishes for a joyous anniversary of Scotia's Day.  
W. G. GUTHRIE, Pres.

Windsor, Ont.  
St. Andrew's Day brings back those scenes, that are only a memory now in dreams.  
Signed, ROBT. BARR, GEO. McDONALD, G. R. CRUIKSHANK.  
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## CONFERENCE TO CONSIDER OPIUM TRAFFIC

Twelve Nations Will Be Represented at the Hague Sessions Which Open Today—Drug Question.

## ATTITUDE OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Will Open Discussion on Necessity of Investigating Use of Morphine and Cocaine—Other Nations Represented.

The Hague, Nov. 30.—Twelve nations will be represented by delegates at the international opium conference which meets here tomorrow, Dec. 1. These are the United States, Great Britain, China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Persia, Portugal, Russia and Spain.

Bishop Charles H. Brent, of the Episcopal church in the Philippine Islands, will preside over the discussion. Great Britain will initiate a discussion on the necessity of a thorough consideration of the use of morphine and cocaine which are tending to supplant the use of opium in the Far East.

## LADY MEETS WITH SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Mrs. Andrew Jack Struck by Runaway Which Collided With Car and Was Seriously Injured.

There was a great deal of excitement on the corner of Mill and Pond streets yesterday afternoon about 5:40 o'clock when a bad runaway accident occurred in which Mrs. Andrew Jack, wife of the Prince William street banker, whose residence is on Garden street, had a narrow escape from being killed and many others narrowly escaped injury.

Mrs. James V. Anglin, wife of the superintendent of the Provincial Hospital, with her mother and Mrs. John Travers, wife of the assistant superintendent of the Provincial Hospital, were being driven along Pond street in a double seated carriage when the horse became frightened by the blowing of a locomotive whistle. The horse bolted and one of the rings in the bridle broke. The carriage struck the corner of the building which ran away. At the time there was a large number of people crossing between the Grand Union Hotel corner and the railway tracks, and many were unaware of the runaway.

Policeman McNamara was dashed against a woman and four children across the crossing and was closely followed by Mrs. Jack and her daughter.

Persons who saw the runaway cried out a warning, but it was too late. The carriage wheels caught Mrs. Jack. She was caught between the front and the rear wheel of the carriage and torn away from the side of her daughter, and in an instant the horse and carriage was dashed against a street car that was moving along Mill street. There was a general mix up and the lights went out in the car. Policeman McNamara and other willing hands rushed to the assistance of Mrs. Jack who was screaming loudly. The injured woman was found partly under the fender of the street car and the carriage wheel had to be lifted so that the injured lady could be lifted clear.

She was carried into the office of the Grand Union Hotel and a hurry call was sent out for doctors, but one could be immediately secured. Chief of Police Clark arrived on the scene about the time the accident happened, and he lost no time in calling the ambulance, which quickly arrived and Chief Clark accompanied the injured Mrs. Jack to the General Public Hospital.

Mrs. Jack's condition was found to be critical. Besides severe bodily injuries including several broken bones, she sustained a fracture at the base of the skull which will inevitably prove serious and possibly fatal. Reports from the hospital at an early hour this morning showed no improvement in Mrs. Jack's condition, but The Standard was informed that Mrs. Jack was resting as comfortably as could be expected.

70,000 LOCKED OUT.  
Berlin, Nov. 30.—A lockout of 70,000 workers in the metal industry will become effective tonight ensuing their refusal to accept an agreement drawn up by a joint committee of employers and trade unionists. The lockout is the outcome of the failure to settle a strike started in October last by 4,000 metal workers.

## GOVERNMENT WILL CARRY OUT DEVELOPMENT OF PORT

Hon. F. D. Monk Replied to Enquiries of Late Minister of Public Works Last Evening.

## GRAND TRUNK IS BOUND TO COME.

And Increased Facilities in Harbor Will Be Necessary—The Government is Mindful of This Port.

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, Nov. 30.—Statements recently made in certain responsible quarters indicating that the defeat of the late administration spell doom to St. John's chances of further development of her shipping facilities, will be effected, stirred by the events which transpired in tonight's session of the House. Hon. F. D. Monk, Minister of Public Works, in reply to an inquiry from Hon. Wm. Pugsley, frankly stated that the Grand Trunk would come to St. John and that terminal facilities at Courtenay Bay would have to be provided.

The House tonight voted some forty millions of estimates in support of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, having been drafted by the late government. The Borden government is admitting these.

When the vote of \$54,168,656 for St. John harbor improvements, being the amount voted out of the appropriation of \$500,000, was reached, Mr. Pugsley said that while the amount appeared as for St. John harbor, \$500,000 of that sum was especially intended for Courtenay Bay. He hoped it would be kept intact for that purpose. If the contract for improvement had to be carried out by the late government, it would be sufficient money on hand to carry out the work until March 31.

He defended the policy of the late government, referring to Hon. Mr. Pugsley's remarks on the transportation bill, he said the late government had had a well defined policy, and had carried out the improvements in the harbor of St. John. This work would be continued.

He referred to Mr. Borden's new message, giving as it did the assurance that many voters feared there would be no delay or hinder of the work of developing the national ports.

He had no doubt the need of the work was well known to the gentleman who sent Hon. Mr. Borden the request for the telegram. He was glad to give to the Conservative party on account of the strong telegram of the prime minister.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley went on to point out that it would not be long before the G. T. P. would be requiring facilities for the transportation of goods to and from the ports, and he urged Hon. Mr. Monk to look carefully into the question. He was glad to learn that the commission of Norton Griffiths Co. had not been returned, and hoped there was an assurance that the government intended to proceed with the tender and carry out this work winter.

Mr. Fowler said that this would mean reserving \$500,000 for Courtenay Bay. In that case he understood that would not be enough money to pay the dredging bills of Pugsley's friends on the West Side.

Mr. Pugsley said the amount due when he left office was not a quarter of what it would be had he been informed that on October there was due between \$200,000 and \$300,000. At that rate as work is going on, he would not be surprised if the amount required would be more than \$500,000 could be kept for Courtenay Bay and supplementary estimates be brought down for the West Side.

Mr. Fowler thought it would be better if the money were used for work now going on and supplementary estimates brought down for Courtenay Bay.

Hon. Mr. Monk.  
Hon. Mr. Monk then joined in the debate. After referring to the importance of the recommendations of the commission, he said: "When I heard this year on assuming office that Mr. Pugsley had made an effort for the purpose of carrying out the recommendation of that report as regards the harbor of St. John, I was far from showing hostility. I gave the matter all the attention I possibly could under the circumstances."

## YUAN SHI KAI NOW SEEMS TO BE IN COMMAND OF SITUATION

National Assembly Convened in Secret Session Yesterday at Request of Premier but Few Only Attended—Regent Has Confidence in Strong Man of China.

Peking, Nov. 30.—The national assembly convened in secret session at the request of Yuan Shi Kai, the premier, the number of members present has not been ascertained, but it is believed that the real reason for those in attendance were imperialists.

But it is said they are willing to meet delegates from the loyal provinces at Shanghai. Yuan Shi Kai has signified his willingness to accept the constitution if the provinces are agreeable to it.

The Franco-Belgian loan of \$30,000,000 which was negotiated by the late government, was approved as was also the contract in conjunction with the loan for a bridge across the Yang Tze river between Hankow and Wu Chang. The sum of \$14,000,000 (said to be delivered to the government through the Russian and Belgian banks here, will be forthcoming immediately.

There has been a significant movement of troops in and out of Peking, Manchuria and Chinese taking their places. It is believed that the reason for these changes is the action of the regent in permitting the return of the Manchus, it is believed to indicate his reliance in the loyalty of Yuan Shi Kai, but it is said that it was Yuan Shi Kai who feared an outbreak among the troops which would augment his difficulties and position.

Yuan Shi Kai and believe his object was solely to create a measure of confidence in the regent. Reports are seriously circulated here that Yuan Shi Kai intends to assume the regency if not the throne. Friends of the Premier, fearing for his assassination by either Manchus or Chinese, recently solicited several of the foreign legations to take measures to protect him. The legations, through the Dean of diplomatic corps intimated their willingness to acquiesce.

William J. Calhoun, the American minister is continuing his endeavors to induce Americans in the interior to come to places where foreign protection can be afforded them.

The sea which is usually rough in the bay, was uncommonly turbulent, a portion of the Queen's apartment was flooded, Queen Mary was forced to take her quarters in the special storm cabin with a swinging cot, but the King and Queen were not disturbed to occupy his usual cabin.

The Medina which has proved herself a most successful vessel, suffered less than the convoying warships which were severely buffeted by the gale. Several of them sustained damage to the boats and railings and the King and Queen were laboring, ordered them to steam ahead of the Medina.

Must Provide for G. T. P. Here.  
Mr. Monk—"Tenders were I think \$7,700,000, but so far as I can judge by reports of officers of the department, we must provide for the work of building wharves on Courtenay Bay, it would also be part of the national work along the lines of the report. He was glad Mr. Pugsley agreed that Courtenay Bay was admirably adapted for terminals by the G. T. P. He was very anxious to see the work of Canadian trade through Canadian channels adopted.

Several members—Hear, hear—but you're pretty late. Mr. Monk said that in many cases the work done by the late government was in absolute opposition to the recommendations of the report—such as dockage for private companies.

Hon. Mr. Hazen.  
Hon. Mr. Hazen referred to the fact that the agreement between the city and C. P. R. had not been settled, as he understood Mr. Pugsley had said before the latter left office. Mr. Pugsley replied that Receiver Baxter had sent him copies of an agreement executed by the C. P. R. and the city to be executed by the department. He understood from his deputy it had been done.

Mr. Hazen said he had no doubt the agreement had been held up till within the last few days. With regard to the development of ocean ports he believed they should view the matter from a broad and liberal standpoint. He went on to refer to his visit of inspection to the harbor of Montreal, and said he was impressed with the need for large expenditures, which would have to be continued for many years.

This was true of other ports, but the matter should not be viewed from a local standpoint. It was the duty of the country to provide railway facilities to ship products to ocean ports, and equally the duty of the country to equip ports. He sincerely hoped the House would be generous so that the ports of Canada could be as well equipped as those of other countries.

## ARABS AND TURKS GOAT BARBARITIES

Crucifixion and Burial Alive Included in Accounts of Savage Treatment of the Italian Wounded.

## SOME WERE INTERRED ALIVE.

Body of Italian Governor Found with Dagger Wounds—Women Figure in Perpetration of Outrages.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Stories of almost incredible barbarities practiced by Arabs and Turks are contained in despatches received at the Italian embassy here. In a despatch received today from Rome, the Italian minister of foreign affairs described alleged atrocities practiced on the Italian wounded which include crucifixion and burial alive. Women, it is said, take part in the perpetration of these crimes. The despatch which is signed by Signor San Giuliano, minister of foreign affairs follows:

"Near the mosque of Hant, where the medical post of the 27th battalion of Bersaglieri had been located and in its vicinity, 28 bodies of our soldiers were found. They were horribly mutilated, crucified, with their throats cut open, impaled, torn to pieces and dismembered. Among them there was the body of a surgeon lieutenant."

"In the Arab cemetery near the place where the fourth company of Bersaglieri was located, seven bodies of Bersaglieri were discovered. They had been interred alive with the heads out of the earth. The body of one of these shows that he had been terribly tortured. It showed many gunshot wounds; the eyes had been pulled out and threaded and the eyelids sewn to the brows. This body shows terrible spasmodic contractions. Another had one arm out of the earth from which the hand had been torn off. The body of a Bersaglieri had been torn to pieces."

"A captain's cap had been found. Its owner was identified by Corp. Baggi, who escaped miraculously, after running over four hours in a ditch. He testifies that among the horrors of the treatment of the wounded were the murders of officers and engineering corps took photographs."

"It is reported that tonight (November 29th) in the Arab cemetery in the interior of the city the body of an Italian gunner was found with many dagger wounds. The murderers were a local policeman, Zaptie, who is now under arrest. From other sources it is reported that the murder was committed by the aforesaid Zaptie with the passive assistance of other Zapties, who concealed the crime."

The despatch also confirms the withdrawal of the Italian troops from Mezni. This, it is said, was necessary because the Turks had polluted the wells.

## MONCTON SCOTS ELECT OFFICERS

Special to The Standard.  
Moncton, Nov. 30.—At the annual meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew's tonight the following officers were elected:

Hon. director, Rev. W. B. Sissam; director, W. A. Cowperthwaite; secretary, Samuel Waters; secretary-treasurer, A. E. Stone.

After the business meeting the members of the brotherhood were entertained by Rev. W. B. Sissam, J. S. McLennan, of Sydney, addressed the Canadian Club tonight on the Romance of Louisiana. After the meeting Mr. McLennan and members of the club were entertained by F. W. Sumner at his residence.

Although the Scott Act is in force in Moncton there were 17 street arrests for drunkenness during November. Ten cases of Scott Act violation were also before the court. There were 23 deaths in Moncton during November as compared with 13 last year.

Quebec bridge the public works would be ready to handle freight at St. John.

## BUSINESS METHODS IN PARLIMENT

Procedure Conducted Along Business-like Lines—One Hundred and Twenty-two Questions Disposed of.

## MANY DESIGNED TO EMBARRASS.

Opposition Pops Long List of Catch Queries Which Were Rapidly Disposed of—Better Humor.

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, Nov. 30.—Within the last two days the government has been showing a noticeably business like way of handling the business of the House.

The order paper during the long-drawn debate on the address became clogged with questions. Yesterday the government answered 89 of these. Today it answered 23, while one was turned into an order for return and others would have been answered if they had been properly framed.

The House was impressed with the promptness shown and with the sharp way in which business was handled through. It was a better-tempered House than has heretofore been the case and there were several genuine laughs. Many of the questions were designed to catch or embarrass the ministry and answers often were amusingly dexterous. Hecklers got no change out of the government. A list may be given of some of the more interesting items of information collected in reply to Lemieux.

The rural post convention between France and Canada has been signed by the French government.

Emmerson asked as to the intentions of the government with regard to legislation on the branch lines problem. He was told that legislation for the purpose is already on the statute book. The question of further legislation has not yet come under consideration. Emmerson was told that the government has not yet considered the question of continuing or abolishing the government railways managing board.

The government had no knowledge of any statements that abolition had been promised and had no communications requesting it. Neither did the government know of any statements that the minister of railways would be a Maritime Province man.

Pugsley learned that it is not intended at present to build a spur of railway from Hampton to Hampton Village. Only one tender was received and it has not been dealt with.

Boivin also testified to the government and failed. "Has the Dominion government," he asked, "power to legalize or validate any or every marriage solemnized anywhere in Canada?"

"This," said Mr. Borden gravely, "is a question of law, and so not of a sort usually asked in the House. For the benefit of Mr. Boivin he would tell him that the Dominion government has no legislative power. The powers of the Dominion parliament were set forth in section 91, subsection 26 of the British North America Act, which Premier Borden kindly read, while the House laughed.

"safe," said Laurier.

"And you," said Borden.

In reply to McDonald, Hon. Mr. Pelletier said that the Dominion government has agreed to a proposal of a branch of the Pacific cable between New Zealand and Australia.

## OIL TRUST CAME TO AN END YESTERDAY

New York, N. Y., Nov. 30.—The career of the oil trust officially came to an end today. The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey sometimes called the father of the trust and perhaps the most celebrated corporation in the world, will no longer control the affairs, as the holding company of more than 30 corporations in various branches of the oil business.