

ONLY ONE MARITIME MAN WILL GO TO BISLEY.

A MUCH-TRAVELLED HAT. Express Agents Amusing Themselves Again.

An express parcel which attracted considerable attention in the American Express Co's office yesterday was a hat that, somewhat the worse for travel, literally covered the worse for tags. It has been on a month's journey, and has visited many of the largest cities in the States and in Canada, and is now sojourning in this city after a trip which began from Daggett, California, and is likely to continue for another month.

WILL OF THE LATE HON. WM. WALSH PROBATED.

He Gives Large Sum to L. C. Owen—\$1,000 to P. E. I. Hospital—Legacies to Churches. The will of the late Hon. William Walsh of P. E. Island has been admitted to probate. His estate is a valuable one. The following are the legacies: The Kepchoff farm and stock, to his nephew, Wm. W. Owen. To his nephew Lemuel C. Owen, \$12,000. Methodist Church at Charlottetown, \$500. Methodist Church at Pownal, \$500. P. E. Island Hospital, \$1,000. To his niece Miss Florrie M. Pope, \$5,000 and shares in five cheese factories.

RUSSIAN PAPERS TRYING TO MAKE TROUBLE BECAUSE COUNTRY LOST LITTLE TERRITORY.

There is No Sign of Gratitude For Japan's Generosity—Armistice Will be Arranged Today—Witte Blowing About How His Firmness Brought About the Happy Ending—Outside Comment.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 31.—Rapid progress has been made today in the drafting of the treaty of peace. Baron Komura, at M. Witte's request, will probably tomorrow fix a day for its signature. Russian consent to a suspension of hostilities reached M. Witte tonight in a cablegram from Count Lansdorff, whom Emperor Nicholas has empowered to deal with the important phase of the negotiations. Although General Linsevitch has been informed of the practical conclusion of peace and directed to hold himself in readiness to open with Field Marshal Oyama the negotiations for an armistice, the order for the suspension of hostilities and the signing of the treaty will not go forward from St. Petersburg until M. Witte has been informed by Baron Komura that the emperor of Japan has also given his consent and has empowered Marshal Oyama to conduct the negotiations with the Russian commander in the field.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Aug. 31.—M. Witte and Baron Komura have concluded an armistice. On this point, however, no serious anxiety is felt here, and the Japanese reply is momentarily expected. So rapidly and well is Mr. De Martens and his staff performing their delicate and important task of drafting the treaty that he was able to return from the navy yard tonight to report to M. Witte the practical completion of his duties. It is expected the treaty will be ready to sign in a few days. The treaty consists of fifteen articles. Exclusive of the preamble Japan's original demands are said to have numbered 13. On Sept. 12, however, were presented to the Russians, as President Roosevelt is credited with persuading the Japanese plenipotentiaries before the convening of the conference to withdraw one of the conditions which he regarded as unjust. Whether this thirteenth demand, the fortifications at Clifton, Colchester county, is homeless tonight. This afternoon he started a fire in the rear of his barn and outbuildings, burning some rubbish. The wind was blowing strong directly on the buildings. A gust carried fragments of the burning heap into the barn. The fire spread, catching on the house. All excepting a little furniture is now in ashes. The barn contained the season's grain and hay, farm machinery, and a cow, all of which were destroyed. The buildings were worth less than two thousand dollars, and as far as can be learned there was no insurance.

CARELESS COLCHESTER FARMER LOST ALL HIS PROPERTY.

Burning Rubbish During High Wind, He Set Fire to His Barn and Home. (Special to the Sun.) HALIFAX, Aug. 31.—As a result of carelessness, W. Kensaw of Clifton, Colchester county, is homeless tonight. This afternoon he started a fire in the rear of his barn and outbuildings, burning some rubbish. The wind was blowing strong directly on the buildings. A gust carried fragments of the burning heap into the barn. The fire spread, catching on the house. All excepting a little furniture is now in ashes. The barn contained the season's grain and hay, farm machinery, and a cow, all of which were destroyed. The buildings were worth less than two thousand dollars, and as far as can be learned there was no insurance.

MONTREAL VALUES INCREASED.

MONTREAL, Aug. 30.—Important news was given out at City Hall today that the city assessors after assessing property for the current year, have found that the increase in values for 1905 will be over three million dollars. Clerks are now compiling statements showing in which wards the greatest increase has taken place.

FREDERICTON NEWS FLAMES MENAGE MAINE OWNS.

Firemen Called Out For Slight Blaze. Cottages, Dams and Lumbering Camps Already Have Been Wiped Out By Forest Fires in Northern Section.

BANGOR, Me., Aug. 29.—No rain has come to relieve the army of tired men who are fighting fires in northern Maine, and there is nothing reassuring in the reports from the fire-stricken section except that this far there have been no high winds. Most of the fires are burning unchecked and smaller ones are constantly springing up. Men have been sent out by practically every owner of timber land in the state. In most sections conditions are worse tonight than at any previous time this summer. What wind there is has carried sparks far in advance of the main blaze, starting new fires. There has not been even a shower for two weeks and the state of dryness is unprecedented.

SCHOOL MATTERS—The Richards Property.

FREDERICTON, Aug. 30.—Mrs. Harry Scovil, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Dr. Steves, in this city, left for St. John this morning, called there by the news of her husband's serious illness. Mr. Scovil, who has been occupying a lucrative position at Bangor, is a victim of consumption, and reached St. John yesterday in a very weak condition, and his friends have little hope of his recovery. The fishery guardians employed on the river between this city and Woodstock are very active these days, and have succeeded in putting a check on some of those who carry on illegal fishing. There are some old stagers residing in the vicinity of Long's Creek who have been giving the officers a lot of trouble, and a determined effort will be made to catch them. Three nets were found in the river at that place a few days ago and confiscated. The dugway at Hart's Island is being closely watched, but it is claimed that but little fishing has been done there since the season closed. The appointment of Prof. Perrott as dean of the engineering school was ratified by the meeting.

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FACTORY INSPECTOR WILL BE APPOINTED ON TUESDAY NEXT.

There are Eight Applicants for This Job Which is Worth \$600 a Year.—No Female Inspector. Since the factory act was passed by the local legislature, based upon the report of the special commission which heard evidence in different sections of the province, many people have been enquiring when it is to be put in operation and when a factory inspector is to be appointed. The time has about come, for this official will be chosen at the regular meeting of the government to be held on Tuesday evening next in Fredericton. In all eight applications for the position there has been received by the local government, and all the applicants are experienced men. The majority of them are from St. John; but other parts of the province are also represented. The salary attached to the office is six hundred dollars annually. The government will not consider the appointment of a female inspector. That may come later if it is seen that there is necessity for such an official, but nothing will be done now. The inspector's duties will be to visit regularly all factories in the province and to see that the regulations are carried out. He will report to the magistrates in the districts any violations which are not promptly remedied.

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