

**DORCHESTER BY-ELECTION CONTEST ON**

**Initial Meeting of Red-Hot Joint Campaign Held Last Night at St. Prospero.**

Special to The Standard. Quebec, Jan. 18.—One of the most animated by-election contests in Quebec provinces in years opened tonight at St. Prospero, on the southeast border of Dorchester constituency. Hon. Albert Serigny, the former Speaker, who was recently elevated to the federal cabinet, thus necessitating the election, and E. L. Patenaude and others were the speakers. Twenty meetings, most of them to be addressed jointly by Hon. Mr. Serigny and his Liberal opponent, Lucien Cannon, M.P.P., will be held within the next ten days, and from now until election day, Jan. 27, the fireworks will lighten up the entire county. The campaigning is difficult as the country roads are blocked with snow, but it takes an old-fashioned blizzard to keep the electors of Dorchester away from political assemblies when an exciting contest is on. The joint campaign was suggested by Mr. Cannon, and Hon. Mr. Serigny drew up the schedule of meetings. Nomination day will be on Jan. 20. At present the discussions point to the return of Hon. Mr. Serigny, although to the provincial general election Mr. Cannon had 500 majority. He is of Irish and French extraction and is popular personally, as is the new minister.

**ANDOVER**

Andover, Jan. 16.—Mr. Cecil Matheson returned to Fredericton on Monday to resume his duties at U. N. B. Miss Violetta Gilbert returned to Linville on Monday after spending two weeks with her parents here. On Monday afternoon, Mrs. John Niles entertained several young ladies at a sewing party. Mrs. David Watson and Miss C. Watson are home from a trip to St. John and St. Mary's. Rev. C. A. and Mrs. Flemmington and family were guests of Mrs. Benj. Kilburn at Kilburn this week. Mr. LeBaron Hopkins of the Detention Camp, Amherst, spent the week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hopkins. Miss Grace McPhail has returned from a visit with Woodstock relatives. Mr. and Mrs. LeBaron Anderson and daughter, Christina, of Four Falls, were guests at the home of Mr. Harry Tibbitts this week. Mr. G. Fred Baird of Minto spent a day or two this week with his parents, Senator and Mrs. Baird. On Tuesday evening the Willing Workers Mission Band were pleasantly entertained by Misses Annie and Eme Stewart at their home. Miss Helen Spike entertained her young friends at a snowed-out tramp on Monday evening, afterward partaking of supper at her home. Mr. John Curry is home from Escoffrey, Que., for a few days. On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Harold Alcorn was hostess at a most pleasant thimble party, in honor of Mrs. Douglas Burns, Mrs. John Niles, Mrs. Stephen, when her guests were Mrs. Guy Porter, Mrs. Herbert Baird, Mrs. Douglas Burns, Mrs. John Niles, Miss Beatrice Gillett, Misses Margaret and Janet Curry, Miss Grace Porter, Miss Pearl Waite, Mrs. Annie Magill, Miss Gertrude Tibbitts, Miss Frances Tibbitts and Miss Thomas. Mr. Robert Curry spent part of the week in Plaster Rock. Miss Annie Bedell, Plaster Rock, visited her mother, Mrs. Lucy Bedell this week. Mr. William Hoyt spent a few days this week at Bluebell. Mrs. Loomis Sawyer, Fort Fairfield, was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Bruce McLaughlin this week. Mrs. J. D. McLaughlin, Red Rapids, spent a few days with Mrs. George McLaughlin this week. Mr. and Mrs. Theo. T. Marsten and little daughter of Plaster Rock, are guests of Mrs. Julia Sutton. C. P. Phillips, Woodstock, spent several days this week in town. Thursday afternoon Mrs. Nelson Hanson was hostess at an enjoyable party of ladies, in honor of Mrs. Douglas Burns of Welland, Ont. Other guests were Mrs. Harold Alcorn, Mrs. Herbert Baird, Misses Myrtle and Pearl Waite, Miss Grace Porter, Miss Isabel Thomas, Miss Beatrice Gillett, Miss Mary Henderson, Miss Gertrude Tibbitts and Miss Margaret Curry. Mr. Stanley Waugh was in Florenceville this week. Miss Beulah Ebbett who has been the guest of Mrs. Edward Waugh has returned to her home in Florenceville. Mrs. Leo Bedell returned on Friday from a pleasant visit with friends in St. John. The Round Table Literary Club met at the home of Mrs. John Niles, Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Guy G. Porter are occupying their fine home near the station. Miss Annie Magill spent the week-end with relatives in Fort Fairfield. The river closed here on the 12th. Last year it closed on January 15th. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wright and three children of Southwestern, Sask., Mr. and Mrs. John Wright of Gillespie and Mr. and Mrs. George Wright and son of Grand Falls, spent last week with Mrs. James Wright.

**BAD BREAK IN DOM. BRIDGE CO.'S SHARES**

**Reduction of Bonus Results in Slump of 11 1/2 Points—Explanation by President Johnson.**

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Jan. 18.—Dominion Bridge shares broke 11 1/2 points today when the stock declined without a transaction between 14 1/2 at the close yesterday to 15 3/4 today as the result of the announcement of the reduction of the bonus from 3 to 2 per cent. Previously the stock had been down to 16 1/2 on what is now assumed to have been the discounting process of the latest development, so that the new low is seven points below the preceding low. The president, Phelps Johnson, in a statement, authorized by the board, explained the directors' decision as follows: "While the position of the company as disclosed in the annual statement is an exceedingly strong one, and would justify the continuation of the bonus paid during the past year for some considerable time the board felt that it was judicious to maintain an unusually strong cash position in view of the developments that might occur in the next year or so." "It was hoped that we might see, within a reasonable time, the termination of this disastrous war and that to then be in a position to take advantage of the development that will probably occur, after a limited period of adjustment the company should have ample available resources in order to branch out in the activities that would undoubtedly increase the capacity of the country to produce its requirements and develop its resources." "It was also felt wise to conserve the company's assets until the Quebec bridge was actually completed, as although there is no reasonable possibility of any further difficulty, it would be inadvisable to reckon on any profits from that enterprise until its completion is an accomplished fact." "As to munitions business and the outlook in that respect, Mr. Johnson added: "The profits from munition contracts were also considered by the board to be a doubtful quantity in the future, as some prices at present received are not remunerative and in certain cases the work is actually being carried on at a loss, but it was felt that this class of work even if not commercially desirable, must be carried on as long as the capacity of the company's shops was required in the national interest." "Under these circumstances the board decided to reduce the bonus from that paid during the past year and make the announcement that the payment of further bonuses will depend on the condition and prospects at the time future dividends are considered."

**\$250,000,000 THIRD LOAN OF GREAT BRITAIN**

**Total Borrowings in U.S., \$1,050,000,000—C. P. R. and Other Canadian Securities Part of Guaranty.**

Special to The Standard. New York, Jan. 18.—The new British issue announced here is for \$250,000,000 5 1/2 per cent. notes, the third of its kind, making a total of \$800,000,000, or \$1,050,000,000, including Britain's position on the Anglo-French issue. The first collateral loan for \$250,000,000 was sold last August on a basis to yield the investor 5 1/2 per cent. The second loan for \$300,000,000 sold in October netted 5 1/2 per cent. to buyers of the three year notes and 5 3/4 per cent. to the buyers of the five year maturity. The present loan will yield six per cent. Better Terms. Moreover, as an additional attraction for investors the new notes contain a conversion privilege considerably better than that which was provided in the Anglo-French loan. They may be exchanged at the option of the holder for twenty year 5 1/2 per cent. bonds at any time prior to maturity. The notes have two maturity dates, \$100,000,000 on February 1, 1918, and \$150,000,000 on February 1, 1919, to be secured by the same general assortment of high grade collateral as provided in the last United Kingdom issue. The new issue will be secured by the deposit with a trust company of \$300,000,000 of collateral, half of stocks and bonds of American corporations, securities of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and bonds or other obligations of the Dominion of Canada, Newfoundland or Canadian municipalities or provinces and the other half of obligations of Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, Argentina, Chili, Cuba, Japan, Egypt and India, with some bonds of dividend paying British railroads. Visit of Inspection. Captain Chipman, medical inspector of hospitals, in company with Capt. Lambkin, Capt. Mason, Dr. Walker and Charles Robinson, visited the Parks Convalescent Home, the Military Hospital on St. James street, the army and the Discharge Depot yesterday. The sanitary conditions as well as the facilities of the different institutions for the care of the sick and wounded met with the approval of the inspecting officers, who complimented them in charge upon the splendid condition of the respective institutions. PERSONAL A. D. Thomas, of Fredericton, is in the city a guest of David Hipwell, King street east. N. Y. P. B.

**MAY DECLINE AUDITORSHIP OF CARLETON**

**Charles Compen Appointed by County Council—One Year's Assessment for Patriotic Fund.**

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, Jan. 18.—At today's sessions of the Carleton County Council it was decided to raise the county's apportionment of the patriotic fund, \$38,862.49 by assessment in one year. A new auditor, Chas. Comben, and a new official reporter, S. L. Lynett, were appointed. The council will meet again tomorrow when it is expected Chas. Comben, who was not consulted, will refuse to take the auditorship on the ground that Miss Vince, the present auditor, is merely filling the position of her brother, Colonel A. N. Vince, who is at the front.

**P.E.I. FARMERS CONDEMN THE NON-ENFORCEMENT OF PROHIBITORY LAW**

**Charlottetown, Jan. 18.—The annual meeting of the Central Farmers' Institute was held today. The stimulation of sheep industry, co-operative marketing of wool, selling of lambs co-operatively, the progress of agricultural education in schools were all commended but non-enforcement of prohibition act was condemned.**

**Evangelist Services. Evangelist Beatty had a large audience to hear him last night at the Victoria street Baptist church. The services are increasing in interest and many are inquiring the way of life. Last night the evangelist spoke on the "Judgment" and pointed out that as man lived here so would he be at the "Judgment" and by the record of that life he would be saved or lost.**

**FINANCIAL PRESS. (McDOUGALL & COWANS.) Journal Commerce.—The market for securities seems still to be adjusting itself to the view that recent predictions of an early peace have been without substantial foundation.**

Financial America.—"The general assumption is that the dissipation of the peace prospects and the outlook for continued hostilities on the European battlefield has started another buying movement based on prospective war business." Danish West Indies passes into control of the United States.

**NEW BRITISH LOAN POPULAR IN LONDON**

**Interest on Big Issue Not to Begin Until Feb. 1, However.**

Special to The Standard. London, Jan. 17.—Evidence is accumulating of the new loans' popularity among large as well as small investors. The only criticism heard is that the interest on the loan does not begin to run until February 1. Heavy investors therefore will prefer to wait awhile and employ their money in the market until the second week in February. For this reason it is expected that there will be a big rush of large figure applications during the week before the lists close. The stock exchange committee announce that the loan cannot be dealt in on the exchange until the allotment is completed. Due notice of this is to be given. It is just possible that such an inducement may be held out to hasten the big applications, but such a course is not considered likely in view of the great volume of small applications.

**WORK ON C.P.R. SHOPS NEARING COMPLETION**

**It was stated at the Canadian Pacific Railroad offices here yesterday that the new shops at Madam had not been completed. The stores building, blacksmith shop and coal plant are practically finished and work on the power house is far advanced. When the repair shops are opened, which will probably be in the near future, the C. P. R. will have an up-to-date plant of high efficiency.**

**C. P. R. OFFERS SIX HOSPITAL CARS.**

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—An offer has been received by the military hospitals commission from the Canadian Pacific Railway to transform six sleeping cars into hospital cars for the military hospitals commission.

Special to The Standard. London, Jan. 18.—Money was less plentiful today, discount rates were adjusted to meet the reduced bank rate. The opinion prevails that the latter action points to the issue of treasury bills in the near future. Announcement of the loan arranged in New York confirmed the view that the exchange situation is well in hand and helped the decision for a lower bank rate. The stock market was cheered by the 5 1/2 per cent. rate and the allowance of interest on fully paid applications for the war loan and it is believed these factors will enable funds to be released sooner than expected for market purposes. Danish West Indies passes into control of the United States.

**13 BROTHERS IN SERVICE OF THE KING**

**One Family Holds Record Probably Unexcelled—Ten Are Brothers, Two Step-Brothers and One Brother-in-Law.**

Quebec, Jan. 17.—Among the returned invalided soldiers at the discharge depot here, is Sergt. Frank Sturges, of the 129th Battalion, who hails from Dundas, Ontario, and who holds the unique distinction of being one of eleven brothers who are wearing the uniform of the king. Sergt. Sturges has nine brothers, two step-brothers and one brother-in-law, and the fact that they are all serving their country is a record of which they may well be proud. All are N. C. O.'s, and one named Herbert, served in the South African War with the "Wheats." Another brother, Harry, has been wounded three times and is now with a flying corps.

**McINTYRE MINES, LTD. GOES INTO LIQUIDATION.**

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Jan. 17.—In order to carry out the merger with the McIntyre, the McIntyre Extension Mines Ltd. has gone into voluntary liquidation under the Ontario Companies' Act. The transfer books of the company will be closed finally on January 31 next. The owners of shares are consequently advised to have these transferred into their own names before the date mentioned.

**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL.**

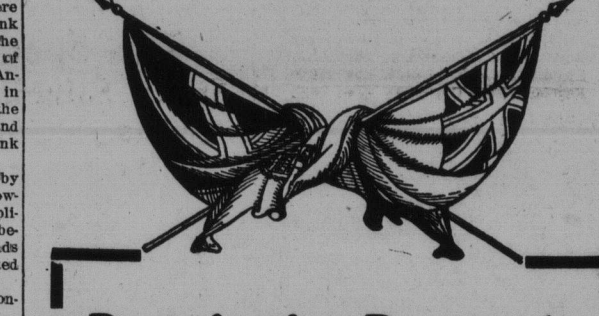
New York, Jan. 16.—That the major league baseball season will open on Wednesday, April 11, was the only information given out here today after the joint committee from the National and American leagues had concluded their meeting, which began yesterday.

**CURTALMENT OF PASSENGER SERVICE SOON**

**Ottawa, Jan. 18.—For the balance of the winter, while the heavy overseas movement is on, there will be a considerable curtailment of passenger train service on the Intercolonial. The same reasons which influenced the Dominion Railway Board to order discontinuance of a number of trains on the Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific and Canadian Northern recently, also apply to the Intercolonial, possibly to a greater degree, as the Intercolonial is the only all-Canadian route to the seaboard.**

Although increased yardage has been liberally provided at all divisional points the overseas traffic has reached such proportions that it is felt that the situation can only be properly met by reducing the passenger service so as to release sufficient engine crews and motive power to help cope with the situation. At the same time a considerable saving in coal will be effected, or at any rate coal ordinarily required for passenger service will be available for freight movement. It is to be expected that the reduction will entail considerable diminution of passenger revenue and some inconvenience to the travelling public, but the change in train schedule will be merely tentative, and just as soon as conditions warrant it the normal service will be restored. Effective January 23.

The change will take effect on or about January 23. The two through daily express trains, the "Maritimes" and the "Ocean" between Montreal and Halifax, will be continued, but with the schedule lengthened to take care, as far as possible, of the local service, it is proposed to drop as follows: Between Montreal and Campbellton, one train per day each way, also Montreal and Nicola; also one local train per day each way between Moncton and St. John, and Moncton and Halifax, local train now running between Campbellton and Moncton to be run only between Newcastle and Moncton.



**Patriotic Records**

That should be in the possession of every loyal son and daughter of the Empire.

Table listing records with columns for name, artist, and price. Records include: O. Canada, Harold Jarvis 16006; I Love You Canada, Herbert Stuart 16579; My Own Canadian Home, Mother Lewis J. Howell 17183; The Flag That Never Comes Down, Edw. Hamilton 17696; Take Me Back to Canada, Edward Hamilton 17742; The Drummer Boy, Frederick Wheeler 17881; The Veteran's Song, Peter Dawson 120062; When Your Boy Comes Back to You, Peter Dawson; Band of First Reg. Grenadier Guards of Canada, 216007; Band of First Reg. Grenadier Guards of Canada; British Troops Passing Through Boulogne; Descriptive; The Drummer Boy; Keep the Home Fires Burning; Yeomen of England; When Your Boy Comes Back to You; Band of First Reg. Grenadier Guards of Canada.

**Berliner Gram-o-Phone Co.** MONTREAL LIMITED 19 Lenoir Street. "His Master's Voice" St. John Dealers: C. H. Townshend Piano Co., King Street; John Frosham, Royal Hotel, King Street; Amour & Company, King Street West; Allan's Pharmacy, King Street, West St. John; J. & A. McMillan, Wholesale Distributors, Prince William Street.

**A WONDERFUL YEAR!**

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Table of clothing prices: MEN'S WINTER Suits, Regular \$10.00 Overcoat \$12.00, Regular \$13.50, Regular \$15.00, Regular \$16.50, Regular \$18.00, Regular \$20.00, Regular \$22.00, Regular \$23.00, Regular \$25.00.

Table of clothing prices: BOYS' WINTER Suits, Regular \$5.00, Regular \$5.50, Regular \$6.00, Regular \$6.50, Regular \$7.00, Regular \$7.50, Regular \$8.00, Regular \$8.50, Regular \$9.00, Regular \$9.50, Regular \$10.00, Regular \$10.50, Regular \$11.00, Regular \$11.50, Regular \$12.00, Regular \$12.50, Regular \$13.00, Regular \$13.50, Regular \$14.00, Regular \$14.50, Regular \$15.00, Regular \$15.50, Regular \$16.00, Regular \$16.50, Regular \$17.00, Regular \$17.50, Regular \$18.00, Regular \$18.50, Regular \$19.00, Regular \$19.50, Regular \$20.00, Regular \$20.50, Regular \$21.00, Regular \$21.50, Regular \$22.00, Regular \$22.50, Regular \$23.00, Regular \$23.50, Regular \$24.00, Regular \$24.50, Regular \$25.00.

Table of clothing prices: SPECIAL LOT OF AND MEN'S L OVERCOATS \$1.00, Put in at the Ridelick \$2.00, Just Imagine \$2.00.

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**CURLING RESULTS NEWCA**

Newcastle, Jan. 18.—In the Club Cup has been won by John Russell who, in the best J. R. Lawlor by a score of 7, J. R. Lawlor had previously won the third series by 1, Robert Gallaway. The contest for the F. Cup began this week. Have been played: Skips—Chas. Sargeant 14 Robt. J. E. T. Lindon 14 J. H.

Table of curling results: ST. ANDREWS DEFEAT. The St. Andrew's curlers' brothers of the Carleton camp last night by the score 81. The score by rinks: Rink 1: St. Andrews, R. J. Hooper 1, P. F. S. L. Gregory 2, P. F. Dr. S. B. Smith 3, H. Bel. P. C. Macneil, J. M. Skip... 14; Rink 2: R. R. Cummings 1, D. Full. D. W. Ledingham 2, K. Pur. B. Stevens 3, James C. M. McDonald, S. M. Skip... 20; Rink 3: W. J. Wetmore 1, F. H. A. L. Fowler 2, H. B. P. A. Clark 3, M. J. F. C. Beattie, S. M. Skip... 8; Rink 4: E. E. Church 1, J. Nic. A. B. Paters 2, C. Dri. H. F. Rankine 3, J. M. Skip... 15; Rink 5: Dr. F. G. Sanction, J. M. Skip... 15; Rink 6: H. A. A. Wilson 1, D. O. A. C. Clarke 2, C. Bea. E. W. Willard 3, S. Iron. R. M. Magee, J. F. T. Skip... 20; Rink 7: E. A. Everett 1, C. M. A. S. Stevens 2, G. Ball. J. U. Thomas 3, E. R. Dr. A. H. Merrill, H. Dri. Skip... 14; Rink 8: Total... 81, Total...