

MERGER STORY IS DISCOUNTED

Saint John Wholesale Grocers Speak of Report From Quebec

Maritime Fusion is Story, With Meeting to be Held in Saint John

That so far as they knew, nothing had been done yet in arranging a merger of the wholesale grocers of the Maritime Provinces, referred to in an article in the New York Journal of Commerce from its Quebec correspondent, was the statement made this morning by several Saint John wholesale grocers when asked by a Times-Star reporter.

They said that the matter had been broached to them some weeks ago, but no definite proposition had been made and until that was done they could not consider it. In connection with a meeting that was said would be held here in the next three weeks, they had no information and did not think any meeting was planned.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—A special despatch to the New York Journal of Commerce from its correspondent at Quebec, says:

The apparent success that has attended the amalgamation of virtually all the wholesale grocery houses of Ontario—and reports from the inside indicate that the economies are more than justifying the hopes of the promoters of the plan—has inspired similar plans in other provinces, and prediction is made that before the end of the year virtually all of Canada will be consolidated into four great systems of jobbing houses.

The plans for this giant merger are already virtually worked out, and only await the final action of the houses concerned to put it into action. It will in the four systems, embrace a total of over 80 wholesale grocery houses doing a business at present of about \$150,000,000.

ONTARIO MERGER.

The Ontario merger, which was consummated about two months ago and was made effective on August 15, included 24 independent wholesale grocery houses at 37 points, doing a business of approximately \$30,000,000. Though the ultimate program of consolidation and elimination of competitive waste has not yet been completed, the combine has already absorbed one more house and consolidated the entire system into 33 points.

A large number of salesmen have been dismissed and as many more will go in a short time. There are now only three or four houses which have not joined the merger. Economies have been such that retailers are daily signing up as 100 per cent. customers, saving not far from five per cent. by giving their patronage to one house; in addition to which the savings to the jobbing houses have been so great that a substantial dividend has been earned already and, strange to say, the volume of business has been increased about eight per cent. Details are not

easily obtainable from those interested but there appears to be a growing enthusiasm in the working of the plan.

MARITIMERS TALK PLAN.

The wholesale grocers in this province and in the Maritime Provinces have been discussing the matter, and James P. Grimes, of Chicago, who has been acting as the promoter and expert accountant of the plan, has been in consultation with the leaders in all parts of the Dominion of late, giving advice for forming similar mergers at meetings soon to be called at Saint John, N. B.; Quebec and Winnipeg, the latter amalgamating the entire western provinces to the Pacific coast.

The plan is likely to be consummated at Saint John, N. B., within the next three weeks and will involve about a dozen houses at 24 points doing a business of \$20,000,000.

In the merger of houses in the Province, 14 jobbing firms are involved and doing a business of about \$40,000,000. The Winnipeg meeting will cover Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia, and will probably cover 30 jobbing houses doing business at present at 40 points, with an aggregate volume of about \$60,000,000.

It is reported in this province that most of the preliminary details have been worked out and most of the opposition has faded away in the light of results already shown in the Ontario experiment to be possible.

C. N. R. OIL-ELECTRIC CAR ON LONG TRIP

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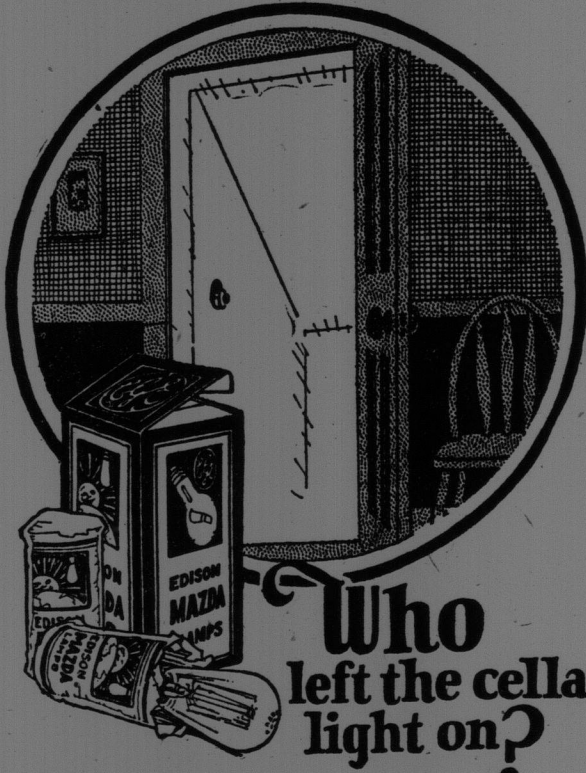
Special to The Times-Star.

WINNIPEG, Nov. 3.—Running easily on its trial test schedule time, No. 5820, one of the new oil-electric cars recently put into service by the C. N. R., arrived in Winnipeg last night, thereby completing the first half of its transcontinental journey of 1,972 miles. The car was operated under its own power and not once did the engine stop running. The 2,937-mile trip to the coast is being made as an endurance test and that the performance already shown has been most encouraging. The car left Montreal Sunday.

Fredericton Hockey Club Re-organizes

K-FREDERICTON HOCKEY. FREDERICTON, Nov. 3.—The Fredericton Hockey Club has been reorganized with the following officers: President, J. Stanley Scott; vice-president, Leo Lane; secretary-treasurer, Barton White. Alvin Clark was selected as team captain. The club was desirous of entering the northern section it being understood that Moncton would transfer to another section. This is now impossible as the northern has formed with the same four clubs. Clarence Wade, who has gone to Saint John to represent the reorganized Marystown Club, which is supplying for admission to the western section, is likely to represent Fredericton also. He is Arctic rink manager.

According to our observation, the "Charleston" is merely a modification of the St. Vitus.



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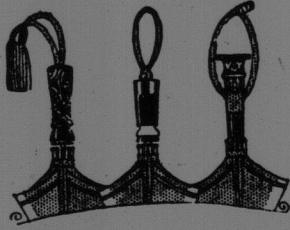
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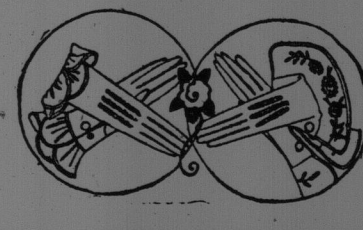
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the annals of Arctic navigation is the bringing down from Chesterfield Inlet, bordering on the 64th degree, to Liverpool, Nova Scotia, a distance of nearly 3,000 miles, of a northern trading schooner manned by full-blooded Eskimo. The schooner, Jean Revillon, is a fur trading craft, belonging to Revillon Freres, of Montreal. It was built in 1923, and since then has plied their Arctic waters north and west of Chesterfield Inlet.

ary to bring it to civilization to Shelburne, N. S. In charge of Captain W. H. Robertson, a Newfoundland, and with C. J. King, of Montreal, as engineer, the vessel left on August 1st with a crew of four Eskimos. Only three weeks late, the Jean Revillon arrived at Liverpool, N. S., on Sunday night.

Percy Belyea, 130 Elliott Row, was taken ill in Germain street yesterday and he was taken to his home in the ambulance.

Windbag Captures Big Aussie Race

British United Press.

SYDNEY, Australia, Nov. 3.—The Melbourne Cup, decided over a distance of two miles, which is Australia's greatest horse race, with prize money aggregating over sixty-five thousand dollars was won by Windbag out of Charleville, a four-year-old who was the Sydney champion. Melbourne's

wonder three-year-old, Manfred, was second, while New Zealand's champion, Pillie Winkie, was third, thus maintaining the traditional intercolonial rivalry. Windbag has now won stakes totalling more than \$152,000. He was bought as a yearling for \$750, but the owner regretting his purchase shortly afterwards resold him at a loss of \$100.

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THE WEATHER.
The genial lull in the weather after a protracted spell of gusty days and nights—ugly westerleys—could hardly be designated "Indian Summer," thinks Director D. L. Hutchinson, of the local weather bureau. Indian Summer is a poetic thought mostly, the weather is what it is, and the present spell is of that traditional brand, let the poetic thrills continue.