

GOV. GENERAL AT BANQUET IN MONTREAL

Guest of Honor at Dinner of
Edinburgh University Club
—Hon. R. L. Borden Among
the Speakers.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Many distinguished Canadian and American men of letters attended the third annual banquet of the Edinburgh University Club of North America, held in the Chateau Laurier here tonight.

The guest of honor was H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught. In replying to the toast to the Governor-General, His Royal Highness said, although he had not the advantage of being a university man, he had a personal interest in the University of Edinburgh. "I remember visiting my late brother, the Duke of Edinburgh, when he was an undergraduate there," he said, "and of hearing his very opinion of the system of education at your Alma Mater. This circumstance has brought your university in close personal touch with my family and makes it especially pleasant for me to meet you."

"I hope gentlemen, you will understand that my presence here tonight, is intended to emphasize the very great importance I attach to university education. The record of Canada as regards universities is already a very fine one, but more has, quite naturally, been done in the east than in the west. I hope that before very long, the fine achievements of the universities of Ontario and Quebec will be rivalled by those of British Columbia and other western provinces. For it should be the ambition of Canada to lead the world as regards universities as well as in other things."

Among the other speakers were Right Hon. R. L. Borden, the premier, Hon. J. G. Foster, American consul-general for Canada, Hon. G. E. Foster, minister of trade and commerce, Principal Gordon of the University of Toronto, and Prof. E. E. Price, commissioner of fisheries.

CHIEF OF STAFF, WHO WILL
NOT BE REAPPOINTED



When Major General Leonard Wood, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, ends his present tour of duty, he will return to the line. Mr. Garrison, Secretary of War, has no intention of reappointing him, because he intends to obey both the letter and the spirit of the law which limits the detail to four years. Major General Wood was detailed as Chief of Staff on April 22, 1910.

A little money makes a big heat when you use Consumers Coal Co.'s coal.

Sale of Dairy Cattle.

By auction at Silver Falls St. John County, on the 18th inst., at 1 p. m., pure bred Ayshires and Jerseys. S. Creighton & Sons.

DIED.

SLIPP—At Central Hampstead on Dec. 17, Willard W. Slipp, in the 55th year of his age, leaving a wife, two sons and two daughters to mourn the loss of a loving husband and a devoted father.

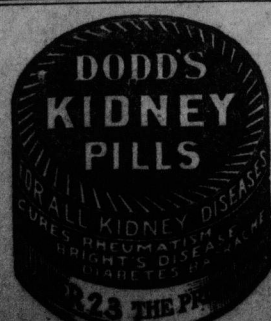
Funeral Friday afternoon at two o'clock from his late residence, Central Hampstead. Friends and relatives invited to attend.

McKEE—At Miramichi, Mrs. Margaret McKee, widow of the late Thomas McKee, aged seventy-eight years, leaving four sons and one daughter to mourn her loss.

Funeral Friday at 2.30 from the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Joseph Stanley, Miramichi. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

BURCHILL—After a lengthy illness at his late residence, 25 Sewall street, on the 18th inst., Thomas Burchill, aged 55 years, leaving his wife, two sons and two daughters to mourn.

Funeral on Saturday, 20th inst., from his late residence. Service begins at 2.30 o'clock.



SHOE PLANT CLOSED DOWN

Excelsior Company Stops Operations in Sympathy With
Selby Firm—Thousand Employees Out of Work.

Portsmouth, N. H., Dec. 18.—The Excelsior Shoe Company closed down its plant here tonight, throwing more than 1,000 persons out of employment for an indefinite period. Officials of the company stated the action was taken out of sympathy for the Selby Shoe Company, which has been troubled with a strike among its employees for the last two weeks. Strike leaders declare 1,200 employees of the latter company are on strike, demanding that a few discharged employees be reinstated.

It was said tonight that other shoe companies may follow the step taken by the Excelsior. Members of the United Shoe Workers of America are in charge of the strike, which has been sanctioned by all local labor unions.

GRANGERS ASK FOR CHANGES

Tax Reform by Exempting Improvements and Referendum Among Resolutions Endorsed at Meeting Yesterday

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Some sweeping changes were recommended in the resolutions passed by the Dominion Grange this afternoon. The subjects dealt with and the policies recommended were as follows:

Immediate readjustment of the tariff to remove the burdens under which agriculture labors.

Gradual increase of the British preference to lead ultimately to free trade with the Mother Country.

Appointment of committee, with power to deal with proposal of co-operation of farmers' organizations in all parts of Canada for interchange of products and elimination of middlemen's profits.

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Development of postal post system along lines that will facilitate the interchange of products between country and town.

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NEW YORK GIRL WHO IS STILL MISSING; CASE IS LIKE THAT OF DOROTHY ARNOLD



Miss Jessie Evelyn McCann, the young girl who mysteriously disappeared from the streets of New York, is still missing. Her case is somewhat like that of Dorothy Arnold, who has been missing for three years. The police of many cities are searching for her, but as yet no trace of her has been found.

HOPES TO FIX UP BOSTON AND MAINE RAILWAY AFFAIRS

New Haven Chairman Denies the Rumor of Receivership—Expect to be able to Straighten Matters

New York, Dec. 18.—The affairs of the Boston and Maine Railroad were discussed at today's meeting of the executive committee of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad. The New Haven has a controlling interest in Boston and Maine, which has \$27,000,000 of one year six per cent. notes falling due in the coming year, \$10,000,000 in February and the balance in June.

Chairman Elliott declined to say what progress, if any, was being made towards meeting these obligations. He deprecated all rumors of receivership and intimated that with a little more time the New Haven directors hoped to extricate the Boston and Maine from its present situation.

Post Office Rush

Indicated by the fact that the business at the post office is still increasing, and that Christmas mails this year are larger than usual. Owing to changes in the mail service, mails that formerly came here to be made up for the trans-Atlantic boats now go aboard the boats direct, but still the amount of matter generally handled at the local office is sufficient to keep the staff busy and the local mails are bigger than in any previous year at this time. Postmaster Sears said yesterday that despite the change in the English mail service the business of the post office was never greater, and everything indicated that in so far as the post office people can make Christmas should be a happy day for the people of this province and city.

ATLANTIC RATE

WAR THREATENED.

London, Dec. 18.—According to the Liverpool Journal of Commerce, a severe Atlantic rowing is imminent. All the British and continental lines are preparing to meet the Hamburg-American's cut in rates and there is a prospect that the pooling agreement will not be renewed in January.

DUKE OF BEDFORD SELLS MORE LONDON PROPERTY.

London, Dec. 18.—The Duke of Bedford, whose Covent Garden estate was disposed of recently, has sold another slice on Gower street, Bloomsbury. The national committee, which has in charge the erection of the Shakespeare memorial theatre, is the purchaser. The price paid was \$300,000.

CARDINAL RAMPOLLA'S LAST WILL MISSING

Rome, Dec. 18.—The coffin containing the body of Cardinal Rampolla was closed today with the solemn ceremonial of the Sacred College. A testament was found dated 1899, but intimations of the late cardinal professed to know of the existence of a will dated some years later. In fact, the cardinal left a small key with a label on which is written: "This opens the black case containing my last will." The case, however, has not been found.

PECULIAR DEATH OF THREE RIVERS MAN.

Three Rivers, Que., Dec. 18.—John Mitchell, an employee of the corporation, met his death in a peculiar manner here today. He quarrelled with his grandson, Joseph, 14 years old. Only the two were in the house and as the boy is weak-minded, particulars are hard to get.

According to the boy's story, there was a struggle and the old man fell striking his head on the door latch. The grandson has been arrested pending the inquest tomorrow.

WILL PROVIDE PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE IDLE

Thirty Thousand Men and Women Out of Work in Los Angeles—Portland, Oregon, as Bad.

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 18.—Means to provide employment for thirty thousand men and women said to be out of work in this city, will be discussed tomorrow at a meeting of representatives of civic bodies, for which a call was issued today. A resolution has been drawn up demanding that the city and county of Los Angeles jointly appropriate \$1,000,000 for public works.

Portland, Oregon, Dec. 18.—The state emergency board called at Salem today by Governor West to provide a fund of \$50,000 in order to give work to the unemployed during the winter months on state roads, refused to authorize such expenditure from state funds, declaring the legislature only could make this appropriation.

Members of the emergency board recommended a special session of the legislature to provide for the unemployed, but the governor declared a meeting of the legislature "would be a worse calamity than confronts us now."

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 18.—The number of workers out of employment this winter is not larger than in other years, according to the facts brought forward here today in the deliberations of the heads of the labor departments of six states, meeting to plan co-operation in giving employment to surplus labor.

GRITS ON HUNT FOR SACRIFICE IN YORK

E. S. Carter, Mr. Pugsley's Election Emissary, Arrives in Fredericton to Sound Liberals as to Chances.

(Fredericton Gleaner.)

E. S. Carter, Mr. Pugsley's organizer, arrived from St. John last night to discuss election matters with the Liberals. Among the first to put themselves in touch with Mr. Carter this morning were Aldermen Moses Mitchell, Dennis J. Shea and C. Fred Chestnut. It was intimated after noon today that Mr. Carter's visit was to decide on a candidate for York for the provincial field, rather than a candidate for the federal; but in any event the people do not appear to be in any way interested in what the little city may result in. The most amusing story comes from Montreal and that is that Arthur Hawkes, the "Canada Vrat" man, who polled 70 votes in South Lanark election last Saturday and lost his deposit, is likely to be sent down here from Ontario to oppose York Conservative candidate for Ottawa.

F. B. Carvell, M. P. for Carleton, who is in town on business concerning the T. Whitehead Estate and after the John E. Stewart action, discussed matters political with Mr. Pugsley's organizer at the Queen Hotel dinner table today, and after that, City Clerk McCready went down to see what was going on.

Ald. Mitchell, Capt. Osborne, Dennis Shea, C. Fred Chestnut and one or two others will meet Mr. Carter again tonight.

Apology.

"What happened at the lecture on surgery?"

"Oh, just a few cutting remarks."

PECULIARITIES OF SCHMIDT ARE DESCRIBED

Performed Sacraments Contrary to the Ritual—An Expert Says He Was Insane in Germany.

New York, Dec. 18.—Hans Schmidt's strange behavior here and in Germany was described by witnesses for the defense today at his trial for murder. Schmidt's attorneys kept their efforts to proving that he was insane when he was insane for many years before. These were some of the acts the witnesses told about:

When a priest in Germany he often went about his duties bare legged and clad only in his cassock.

A clerical friend in Munich found him one day naked in the bath tub playing the violin.

While serving as a priest at St. Boniface's church, N. Y., he performed baptisms contrary to rule and did not hesitate to improvise his own ritual.

Black as some of the evidence painted Schmidt, one witness declared that he never turned away a beggar. "The poor devils may need it," he used to say when friends remonstrated with him for indiscriminate almsgiving.

The defense presented a statement made by an examiner in lunacy for the Royal Superior Court of Munich, Germany, who said that Schmidt was insane when he was arrested in Germany for forgery.

The Water Pressure.

At the next meeting of the city council Com. McLeellan will ask for information from the Water and Sewerage Department relative to the possibility of securing a greater water pressure in the city. The city engineer has stated that by the adoption of the zone system a better water service could be procured, and it is understood that the idea of the Commissioner of Safety is to secure a state loan as to the possibility of having the water service so arranged as to give a pressure which would obviate to a considerable extent the necessity of having pumping engines.

DR. RODDICK MAY BE KNIGHTED NEXT YEAR.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—It is reported that the New Year's honor list will include a knighthood for Dr. Roddick, ex-M. P. of Montreal. Dr. Roddick is a well known figure in Canadian life and has been prominent in the medical profession and in politics. He was the father of the idea of a Dominion Medical Council.

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