

ST. JOHN STAR, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1906.

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## FRENCH SUBMARINE BOAT MEETS TERRIBLE FATE

Disappeared During Plunging Experiments, and it is Believed that Her Crew of Fourteen Men Were Drowned --- Search and Drugging Operations Have Begun.

BISERTA, Tunis, Oct. 16.—The French submarine boat Lutini left this port this morning for plunging experiments. Signals received at 10 o'clock tonight reported her disappearance. Two torpedo boats and three tugs have gone out in search of the submarine. No news of her recovery has been received.

The Lutini is a single screw steel submarine boat, designed by Mauges and built at Toulon in 1901. She carries a complement of fourteen men. She is 135 feet long, with a diameter of nine feet, six inches. Her displacement is 185 tons and her speed 12.2 knots on the surface, and 8 knots submerged. Her motive power is derived from electric accumulators.

The reported loss of the Lutini recalls the catastrophe to the French submarine boat Farfadet, July 4, 1905, at the entrance to the port of Sidi Abdallah, Tunis. Commandant Rotier, of the Farfadet, noticed, at the moment of plunging, that one of the doors was not closed properly and rushed to try to adjust it. He was too late, the water rushing in with force and throwing out the commandant and two men. The boat then sank. Fourteen men perished. The submarine eventually was raised. Her machinery and hull suffered no serious damage.

On March 18, 1904, the British submarine A-1 was run down by a steamer while submerged near Portsmouth. All her crew were lost.

On February 5, 1905, the British submarine A-5 sank off Queenstown, only one of her crew being saved.

A third British submarine sank off Plymouth, June 8, 1905, after an explosion on board. Fourteen of her crew were killed.

BISERTA, Tunis, Oct. 16.—It now appears almost certain that the news received at a late hour tonight, that the crew of the Lutini had suffered a horrible fate, similar to which overtook the crew of the submarine Farfadet here last year.

The crew of the Lutini numbered 14 men, under command of Lieut. Phœnix, Admiral Bellu, commander of the Tunis naval division, who went out to sea and returned at a late hour tonight and said that owing to the heavy sea and the obscurity it was impossible to continue salvage operations until dawn. The tugs and torpedo boats, however, will remain near the place where the Lutini made her final plunge all through the night. One of the boats reports that its drags encountered resistance as though a vessel were lying at the bottom.

The government salvage steamer belonging to this port, which is at present absent on a mission in the French schooner wrecked on the coast, will return in the morning and participate in the salvage work.

The British consul general here proposed to the French resident general to telegraph to the British admiralty at Malta for salvage assistance. This offer was accepted and powerful salvage apparatus will be sent at once to the catastrophe.

PARIS, Oct. 16.—M. Thomson, the minister of marine, has received an official despatch from the naval commandant at Biserta, confirming the sinking of the submarine Lutini.

The message says: "The submarine Lutini, while exercising off the jetty, disappeared from the surface. Search and drugging operations were begun immediately, and resistance was felt at a distance of 120 feet from the place where the boat sank."

## McARTHUR AND McVEY OULM \$45,000 FOR EXTRAS

Their Last Estimates on the Waterworks Have Been Filed—Engineer Barbour is Now Considering Them ---There is a Serious Leak in Their Section.

It was intimated in the Sun some time ago that the claims for extras on Messrs. McArthur and McVey's sections of the water works extensions would amount to upwards of \$50,000. The claims were submitted to Engineer Barbour about three weeks ago, and were estimated at about \$45,000. The contractors stopped work six weeks ago, but their last estimates have not yet been passed. These amount to about 16 per cent of the contract. The matter will probably be discussed at the next meeting of the water and sewerage board.

At the board also the matter is usually one of the leak which occurred in Lake Fitzgerald and through which the engineers say a large amount of water is escaping, although enough to lessen the pressure. This is of course in the sections of Messrs. McArthur and McVey. Engineer Hunter said some time ago that it would be possible to make some repairs in the future from inside the pipe by turning off the water. As it is at present, however, the so-called dry lake is being flooded and the cranberry crop on it is being lost. Lake Letimer is at present quite low, although steadily rising, but when it reaches its normal level the pressure will become great, and it is expected that the leak in Lake Fitzgerald will be even more noticeable.

## QUEBEC NOMINATIONS

QUEBEC, Oct. 16.—As was expected, G. E. Amyot and L. Robitaille were nominated today at St-Jovite to fill the vacancy in Quebec county, caused by the nomination of Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick to the chief justiceship. The other two candidates, Mr. Martineau and Colonel Nelson, withdrew.

## WAR AGAINST HINDOO INVASION

British Columbia Will Ask the Dominion Parliament to Pass Restrictive Measures

VANCOUVER, Oct. 16.—British Columbia has determined to wage war against Hindoo invasion. Two hundred more of these cheap laborers arrived on the Athenian. A large number are en route on the Empress of Japan, and the Montague is to bring 100. In fact, there is a large colony waiting at Hong Kong to take ship for Vancouver. There is no law to keep them out, but the province will demand of the federal government that it pass one at the session to be held at Ottawa next month.

R. G. MacPherson, M. P., has already started a campaign in this direction; in fact, he has just returned from the federal cabinet and states that the Dominion government is so alive to the menace that it has decided to introduce restrictive legislation. It is pointed out, however, that by the time parliament gets to work the accomplished damage will be done. It is even declared that the companies which are figuring on large railroad contracts have hurried these Orientals here, and will continue to have them brought in until the law is changed, so that when active railway construction starts next year there will be no dearth of cheap labor.

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## CONSERVATIVE PARTY AND LEADERS HONOR S.D. SCOTT

Borden and Foster Join in Eulogistic Speeches at Banquet Last Night --- Foster Declares His Record is Clean---Insurance Revelations Practically Ignored by Speakers.

The banquet given to S. D. Scott last evening in the Union Club by the members of the Liberal-Conservative party of the province to express their appreciation of his eminent and faithful services to the cause, was in every way a success. Nearly one hundred guests were present, including Hon. R. L. Borden, leader of the Opposition, and Hon. George E. Foster, his able lieutenant, both of whom made glowing references to Mr. Scott's ability and zeal in the furtherance of Liberal-Conservative principles. Mr. Borden's speech dealt also with political matters and contained some criticism of the government. Mr. Foster, who always makes a speech worth listening to, was in good form. His only allusion, however, to the recent investigations, in which he has occupied the centre of the stage, was a dramatic assertion that he had "tried to keep his record clean" and thought his friends trusted him.

The dinner was an elaborate one and served in excellent style. The guests sat down at eight o'clock and they did not reach the cigar stage until about eleven. The decorations were chaste and artistic. The souvenir was a work of art, containing on the front cover a sketch of Mr. Scott, drawn by Southey, the well known artist. The faithfulness of the likeness was favorably commented upon by all.

In the intervals music was furnished by Harrison's orchestra. J. D. Hazen, M. P., president of the Liberal-Conservative Association for the City and County of St. John, presided, and to his right was S. D. Scott, the guest of the evening. Hon. G. E. Foster sat on the right of Mr. Scott. Hon. Mr. Borden sat to the left of the chairman and the lead was left between Senator Wood and J. J. Stewart of the Halifax Herald.

The chairs were occupied by Robert Maxwell, M. P., and C. B. Lockhart. The dinner over, the chairman proposed The King, which was honored by the rendering of the National Anthem, with vigor and heartiness.

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They had all heard of the events of the last few days, said the speaker. It was most unfortunate that everything which came at present through the press of this community came through colored glasses. He proposed the Conservative Party.

R. L. BORDEN.

R. L. Borden said that he had made an arrangement with Mr. Scott before the banquet began that Mr. Scott, who had sat in the speakers' gallery at Ottawa, should tonight do the talking while he should do the listening, if there was any to be done.

He would like to add his personal tribute to those already heard. Long ago, while Mr. Scott was on the Halifax Herald, he had been attracted by able articles in that paper which he afterwards learned came from his pen. Those sitting around the table thought and had a right to think that those true to the principles of the Conservative party as Mr. Scott has been are also true to their country. He had heard many tributes to Mr. Scott's journalistic ability and it has struck him most forcibly that while Mr. Scott has always been fair, always moderate, the readers have been no less so.

G. W. GANONG, M. P.

G. W. Ganong, M. P., said he was pleased to be associated with a member of that judicial body which knows no politics. (Laughter.) The speaker represented the British Empire, law and order. The present occupant of the position is especially worthy of his honor. Mr. Ganong said that he did not wish to make any invidious comparisons, but gave incidents to show the tactfulness of the present governor, the same tactfulness which has made Edward, the peace-maker, the best liked man in the world today.

He would like to say a few words of tribute to Mr. Scott. In the press gallery at Ottawa he was always considered one of the foremost correspondents in the house.

J. D. HAZEN, M. P.

The chairman then asked the guests to fill their glasses and drink the health of Mr. Scott, the guest of the evening. He said some thought that the banquet should have been a criticism of the Liberal-Conservative party, but that was not the intention. The party was not to be criticized, but to be honored. Twenty-one years had elapsed since Mr. Scott first took up his duties as editor of the Halifax Herald. From that hour down to the present he continued to wield great influence through the province, and the greatest regret of the party under adverse circumstances had been able to do so was in no small degree due to Mr. Scott's efforts.

The time would come, he said, when the Conservative party would again take up the reins of government and it would be with the full knowledge of the infinite responsibilities of government that they would be able to govern the country.

HON. GEO. E. FOSTER.

Mr. Foster was also greeted with cheers. He said that the occasion like this was one not soon to be forgotten. He owed Mr. Scott a debt which could never be paid, and he was most pleased to be here at this banquet in his honor.

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## EMPLOYEES MAY SUFFER GREATLY THE INSURANCE INVESTIGATION

Had Been Contributing to Pension Fund for Years Would Object to Policy of Policyholders Sharp Examination

Ontario Bank Clerks Anxious to be Protected --- Curator and Advisory Board Has Been Appointed

TORONTO, Oct. 16.—While the Ontario Bank's shareholders so far have taken no formal steps towards organization the talk today indicates that some definite action will be taken in the course of a few days.

Individual shareholders are estimating the financial resources of the directors with a view of instituting litigation should nothing of an organized form arise. One director is said to be worth in the neighborhood of a million, another to command a quarter of that amount, while other colleagues were comfortably rated, if not quite so wealthy.

The Ontario Bank employed something like 150 officers and clerks, all of whom have been contributing to the pension fund, some of them for many years. To them this fund has stood in the place of life insurance or endowment policy. They have depended upon it as a source of regular annuity after sickness or old age has compelled them to retire from active service.

These 150 employees will suffer decidedly wrong unless the disposal of the Ontario Bank includes the protection of their pension fund.

Directors of the Ontario Bank were in session yesterday afternoon with representatives of the Bank of Montreal, and it was decided that in the best interests of the shareholders and as supplementing the agreement with the Bank of Montreal, a curator and advisory board should be appointed by the Canadian Bankers' Association, under the bank act of 1900, to co-operate with the directors of the Ontario Bank. W. E. Stavert, of the Bank of Montreal, is to be curator, and Byron F. P. and W. A. Mott, Messrs. Maxwell and Mott replied in short speeches.

Mr. Hazen then announced J. J. Stewart, editor of the Halifax Herald, to address the meeting. He thought the people of St. John were to be commended for their appreciation of Mr. Scott, and said he himself was an ardent admirer of Mr. Scott. He expressed the hope that Mr. Scott would have a bright future before him. He said that he was most pleased to be here at this banquet in his honor. The meeting broke up after the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

Following is a list of the guests present:

J. D. Hazen, M. P., S. D. Scott, R. L. Borden, Hon. G. E. Foster, Senator Wood, J. J. Stewart, H. A. Pothier, Dr. E. Walker, J. McAllister, M. G. Teed, W. W. Hubbard, Col. Markham, G. Moffat, J. J. McGowan, S. C. Drury, J. H. Nobles, I. W. Killam, J. Lewis, H. W. deForest, L. P. D. Tilley, G. C. Jordan, J. Myles, T. S. Simms, Col. Armstrong, Dr. Daniel, R. Maxwell, G. Ganong, W. S. Fisher, T. S. Petrie, F. McCarthy, D. Hunt, H. C. Tilley, F. G. Spencer, R. Bates, H. H. Pickett, Capt. Huntington, S. A. McLeod, H. W. Woods, M. E. Agar, S. Alward, J. D. McKenna, Geo. McInerney, J. R. Stone, R. Slipp, J. B. M. Baxter, F. W. Hathaway, J. Kichham, Dr. Gray, G. H. V. Belyea, J. N. Harvey, A. A. Wilson, P. Fairweather, A. C. Currie, M. H. Golding, F. Tufts, J. Sinclair, F. G. Mahoney, J. E. Wilson, H. P. McLeod, C. B. Lockhart, Dr. Stockton, W. H. Thorne, W. A. Mott, S. S. deForest, W. S. Barker, J. Magee, H. Green, F. A. Dykeman, E. T. C. Knowles, R. Roach, E. L. Rising, M. McDade, H. M. Leonard, Thos. Potts, Dr. Crockett, F. E. Ellis, H. A. Austin, B. B. Emerson, H. L. Jones and Col. Vince.

MENU

Spanish Olives, Salted Almonds, Russian Caviare on Toast, Oysters on the Half Shell, Consomme a la Royale, Puree a la Stamboul, Boiled Rock Cod, egg sauce, Kidney Patties, Yeal Croquettes, tomato sauce, Roast Chicken, bread sauce, Boiled Leg of Mutton, caper sauce, Windsor Potatoes, Cauliflower, Spinach, Wellington Pudding, Roast Black Duck, port wine sauce, Fillets of Roast Partridge and Cream, bread sauce and crumbs, English Plum Pudding, brandy and hard sauce, Macadone of Fruit, Ginger Cakes, Celery, Neapolitan Ice Cream, Coffee, Grapes, Oranges, Plums, Apples, Walnuts, Blanched Almonds, Raisins, Don Bona.

MONTREAL, Oct. 16.—There were several lively passages at the Royal Commission on insurance this morning. J. B. MacAulay and Mr. Shepley bringing out many important points. It transpired that the Sun Life Insurance Company has dealt somewhat extensively in commercial stock in the United States, and whilst much was made of this at the inquiry, Mr. MacAulay strenuously maintained that the company had kept strictly within the letter of the insurance act. Certain transfers on stock in which American corporations were concerned were also booked as having taken place at the end of the year. Mr. Shepley was curious to know as to whether such a time was fixed upon for these changes for the purpose of making the government returns which were then due. Mr. MacAulay repudiated the suggestion and denied also that there was any intention of making a big show, as far as other companies were concerned.

"It was a correct showing," was his terse summing up. Policyholders interest in companies and their rights and privileges in sharing profits formed the interesting topics at the afternoon session.

While T. B. MacAulay, secretary of the Sun Life, was on the stand, he was asked by Kent, one of the commission, if he would favor policyholders having a right to vote and to appear at annual meetings.

MacAulay answered that he was opposed to the principle of allowing policyholders to vote. He considered that when they did vote it would surely be the result of some misapprehension, the only occasion which they would want to come to the annual meeting would be one on which some enterprising agent who aspired to the position of manager would gather his friends and bring them along to run things. He cited an instance of how this was done in Philadelphia and the management of the company ousted for the sake of the agent who brought policyholders to the meeting by the trainload.

Replying to this, Kent suggested that there might be occasions upon which it would be beneficial to dispose of the management, and if unable to vote they would be powerless to do so. To this MacAulay replied by giving his opinions of the ideal management of an insurance company. The directors should possess a fair proportion of the stock and should not be placed in office upon insufficient holdings. Yet they should not have absolute control of the stock. By this means, while they would be in possession of an amount of stock sufficient to control affairs ordinarily they would not be in absolute control, and could be turned out if their policy was bad. The policyholders' interest he considered to be less than the shareholder's, because the latter had his investment behind him, and so became entitled to manage the concern.

Kent said that he would require from MacAulay that the latter separate himself from his views of shareholder and come before the commission prepared to furnish an answer from the policyholders' standpoint. Kent said that this answer might be given any time before MacAulay's testimony had concluded.

The remainder of MacAulay's evidence was confined to a discussion with Shepley of the company's method of valuing its investments. Some of the stocks had been written down and others up, just as their value had increased or decreased.

Tomorrow, Shepley intimated, he would examine MacAulay as to the company's investments.

**ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION**

ST. JOHN'S, Que., Oct. 16.—The nominations in St. John's-Berville to fill the vacancy in the Dominion house caused by the elevation to the bench of the present Judge Demers of Sherbrooke, were held today. At two o'clock the returning officer, having no other nominations, declared Joseph Demers elected by acclamation.

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