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WEATHER:—Moderate winds, fair and cold are predicted for tomorrow.

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GOT A VERDICT OVER G. T. R. Assize Court Condemns Mr. Hays' Road to Pay \$3,800 to Driver Phibbs.

London, Ont., Jan. 15.—(Special)—The assize court jury in the suit of Phibbs vs. the Grand Trunk yesterday brought in a verdict of \$3,800 for plaintiff being three years' wages the full amount permissible. The verdict was rendered after a hour's deliberation, the Grand Trunk being found guilty of negligence and the deceased Phibbs being declared not guilty of contributory negligence. The driver of the express which struck the engine in which Phibbs was, was found to have neglected to give a proper signal.

THE RAMBLERS' WON. New Glasgow Hockey Team Met Decisive Defeat at Amherst Last Night.

Amherst, Jan. 15.—(Special)—The third game in the New Glasgow hockey league series, and the first played in Amherst, took place here last night, between the Ramblers, of Amherst, and the New Glasgow team. The visitors were completely outclassed and the game was too one-sided for fast hockey. Brown, of Ontario, who is playing with the New Glasgow team, is a star, but lacked support. Williams, of the Island, also with the visitors, is a splendid skater. The New Glasgow boys are weak in combination work and in checking. The Ramblers team are in better condition than last season and put up a good game. The score stood 11 to 0 in favor of Amherst. Dr. Campbell, of Halifax, refereed the game, most satisfactorily.

M. R. MCKENZIE DIES IN WINNIPEG. Young Man Who Went West on Harvest Excursion.

Word has been received of the death in Winnipeg yesterday of Mr. R. McKenzie, son of Postmaster M. O. McKenzie of Nerepis. He was about 26 years old. Mr. McKenzie went west on the harvest excursion last fall, and returning home decided to spend the winter in Winnipeg, where he was employed in a dry goods store. He was taken ill, and removed to St. Boniface hospital. Word came that he was dangerously ill and his father started on Tuesday for Winnipeg, but was too late to see him alive as death came yesterday. Mr. McKenzie was a very fine young man and will be sadly missed. He was a past chief Ranger of Court Welsford, I. O. F. His body will be brought home for burial.

BIG MINING FIGHT. Butte, Mont., Jan. 15.—Two complaints against the Montana Ore Purchasing company and associated interests have been filed in the federal court here by the Butte and Boston Mining Company for claims aggregating \$1,740,000. The complainants claim a four-fifths interest in ore extracted from the Michael Davis mine by the Ore Purchasing Company.

MR. BORDEN WILL STAY. Ottawa, Jan. 15.—(Special)—The adjourned caucus of the conservative members and senators, met at 10 o'clock today and sat until 12:30. Senator Debouchéville was chairman. Mr. R. L. Borden was present and was persuaded to remain leader of the party within a year. To this he agreed. The suggestion was made to him in Montreal on his way to Ottawa. He referred to the importance of carrying on the work of organization and of this having the support of his followers. Speeches were made by Mr. Foster and others.

TO LEGALIZE BOXING. New York, Jan. 15.—It is announced according to the world, that Senator James J. Praxley, who introduced the boxing bill that was consigned by the legislature last year and killed by Governor O'Dell, will make another attempt to legalize amateur boxing in this state. Senator Praxley will next week introduce a bill in the Senate permitting amateur boxing bouts to be conducted under the supervision of the Amateur Athletic Union.

RUSSIA HAS BIG SURPLUS. London, Jan. 15.—The Standard's St. Petersburg correspondent learns that the Imperial budget for 1905, which curiously contains no expenditure connected with the war in the Far East, will show \$37,500,000 surplus obtained by taxes on alcohol and cotton.

PROMINENT MAN DEAD. Barrie, Ont., Jan. 15.—(Special)—Hon. Chas. Drury, Ontario's first minister of agriculture and sheriff of the county of Simcoe since 1894, died at his home, Cedar Lodge, Barrie, last night, aged 61 years.

A BRITISH VISITOR. West Point, N. Y., Jan. 15.—Major General Sir Thomas Fraser of the British army, visited West Point today. The cavalry detachment acted as escort and a salute of thirteen guns was fired in his honor.

TO REGULATE BANKS. Washington, Jan. 15.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for reports of the condition of national banks at the close of business on Wednesday Jan. 11.

CLAIMS CHINA IS BUTTING IN. Russia Alleges That Chinese Have Been Secretly Aiding the Japs--In a Note to the Powers Czar Sounds a Warning--Japs Capture a British Steamer.

Paris, Jan. 15.—The Associated Press learns authoritatively that Russia's note addressed to the powers relative to China's breaking neutrality gives, what Russia claims to be absolute proof of the Chinese breaches. The three main complaints are: First—That the Islands of Miao-tao in the Straits of Pechili opposite Port Arthur have been constantly used by the Japanese without Chinese interference as a strategic base and as a harbor for Japanese torpedo boats. Second—That the Chinese army on the border has accepted the command of Japanese officers. Third—That the Chinese firms have been constantly working in behalf of the Japanese supplying them with provisions, military accoutrements and general war stores. The note lengthy sets forth the details and complains that China has not given satisfactory explanation of the breaches of neutrality and that therefore Russia advises the powers that she intends to use complete liberty of action in regard to the future abuse of neutrality.

China's Alleged Violation. St. Petersburg, Jan. 15.—The Russian government has issued a circular to the powers calling their attention to the alleged violation of Chinese neutrality and citing numerous instances during the war in the Far East, tending to prove that China is unable to fulfill her obligations. This state of affairs, the circular says, is calculated to bring the country into perilous paths and it concludes by saying that Russia claims the right to act in her own interests.

Russian Cavalry Repulsed. General Oku's headquarters in the field, Jan. 12—4 p. m. via Pusan. A small party of Russian cavalry, under Hachida, attempted to cross the railway, but were driven back by the Japanese guard. No details have yet been received. It is the first time that the Russians have attempted to use cavalry along the line of communications.

Another Steamer Captured. Tokyo, Jan. 15.—The Japanese arrested a steamer, captured upon the sea of Japan, Jan. 11, the British steamer Rosier, loaded with coal consigned to Vladivostok.

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THE WEATHER. Forecasts—Fresh to strong northwesterly winds and much colder. Saturday moderate winds, fair and cold. Synopsis—Moderate gales have been general in the maritime and rain winds by considerable snow and rain. Winds at Banks and business centers fresh to strong northwesterly.

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THE TRIAL AT HAMPTON. Several More Witnesses Were Examined This Morning. NEARING A CLOSE. Case For Prosecution Will Probably Be Concluded Tomorrow--Nothing Sensational in the Evidence Given Today.

Hampton, Jan. 15 (Special)—In connection with the Oscar Wright trial the examination of Samuel Keith was resumed this morning. He told about figuring in the row, hitting somebody and being hit himself. He spoke of how Mrs. Wright figured in the affair. Mrs. Wright is the mother of Oscar Wright. The use of the word "robbery" was referred to, and the indication that Oscar Wright had come at some earlier time and taken something was made. The witness was subjected to a severe examination along these lines by Mr. Currey.

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On next Tuesday the quarterly meeting of the St. John municipal council will be held and various matters pertaining to the municipality will receive consideration. The committee on bills to be submitted to the council with recommendation for presentation to the provincial legislature met this morning at 11 o'clock in the office of the county secretary, G. S. Vincent. Those present included Councilors Lowell (presiding), Lee, Jones, Corcoran, Long, Frisk and Holder.

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THIS CITY IS HEALTHY. Board of Health Reports Very Little Sickness at Present--Colds are Plentiful.

Since January 1st, eight cases of diphtheria have been reported to the Board of Health. During the last few days these cases have been removed so that at present there are only five cases, two in Fairview, one in Carleton, and one on Douglas Avenue. Outside of the usual number of colds, there are very few cases of sickness in the city at present. The two inmates of the deaf and dumb asylum who were afflicted with scarlet fever, and were taken to the epidemic hospital, have recovered and were sent back to the institution. During the year 1903, there were 219 cases of infectious disease. In 1904 there were 258 cases. The reason that there was such an increase in 1904 was, that 32 of these were from St. Vincent's Convent.

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