

MARITIME PROVINCES RAPIDLY PROGRESSING

New Manager of Bank of Montreal in Reviewing Conditions in Dominion Says Year Has Been Uniformly Satisfactory.

PRaises Hon. Mr. White's Handling of Bank Act

No Signs of Trade Depression, Although Several Branches Make Report of Slight Decrease.

Montreal, Dec. 1.—The annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal was held today, when the annual report and the changes in office already announced were ratified. H. Vincent Meredith, the new president of the Bank of Montreal, upon the retirement of R. B. Angus, took the chair. A. D. Braithwaite, the new assistant general manager, sat at his right in the absence of Sir Frederick Williams Taylor, the newly appointed general manager, who is at present in London.

After alluding to the financial stringency in his annual statement, Mr. Meredith said the conditions in Great Britain and abroad would no doubt take time to ameliorate and improvement would be brought about by reduced trade activity gradually releasing money for investment. The process would of necessity be slow. Mr. Meredith said that the recent reductions in the tariff of the United States could hardly fail to enlarge the markets of that country to Canadian products. On the whole the returns of foreign trade into Canada were not unsatisfactory, while there are no signs of a trade depression, though a slowing down in many branches of trade was in evidence.

Mr. Meredith paid a tribute of praise to Hon. Mr. White for "the very capable manner in which he supervised the revision of the Bank Act." Generally sound character seeking capital.

Maritime Provinces. "General conditions throughout the Maritime Provinces for the past year have been uniformly satisfactory. The farmers have had a favorable year and all crops, apart from fruit, have been above the average. The fishing has been good, with higher prices, and the lumber cut satisfactory. The output of the coal mines has exceeded all previous records; and the tonnage of pig iron produced was 25 per cent higher than last year. Manufacturing industries generally have had an output up to the average. Railway building has not been extensive, but large sums are to be expended in providing terminals at St. John and Halifax for the Intercolonial Railway, and in establishing a car ferry with Prince Edward Island.

A RARE M.S.S. OF THE BURNS WORKS FOUND

Philadelphia Man Will Restore Glenriddell Manuscripts to Scotland as Gift to Nation Which Produced Burns.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 1.—The mystery surrounding the whereabouts of the Glenriddell manuscripts of the poet Burns, which were sold by the Athenaeum Library of Liverpool last summer, and for which a committee of Scots in England and Scotland have been searching, was cleared up here tonight, when John Gribbel, vice-president of the Philadelphia Public Ledger and associated in the Curtis Publishing Company, announced that the two volumes were in his possession. Mr. Gribbel made the announcement at a dinner of the St. Andrew's Society. He declared he had purchased the manuscript from a dealer and that he would restore them to Scotland, forever protected by a deed of trust, as a gift to the people who gave Burns to the world.

Mr. Gribbel, who was not assigned a toast on the programme, surprised the diners when he arose to give an account of the romance of some Burns manuscripts, and revealed the whereabouts of the missing volumes. As he belatedly speaking, the two volumes, bound in old polished calf, were removed from a steel and fireproof box and laid before the guests.

Mr. Gribbel, in his address, recounted how Burns returned in 1794 and how his widow returned them to Burns. Mr. Gribbel then told of the subsequent ownership.

Ottawa, Dec. 1.—Special.—The first cabinet council since the return of Premier Borden was held this afternoon. There was a general discussion of the seasonal programme. The various subjects of legislation which have been previously indicated, together with the main estimates, are well advanced. By the end of the month preparation of government legislation will have been practically completed. For the first time in many years parliament will go to work with its work ready for it and with no reasonable excuse for delay. The formal announcement of the date upon which parliament will open will be made in the course of a few days. As previously stated it will likely be the eighth or the fifteenth of January. The session is expected to last from four to five months.

EXPRESS APPRECIATION. Paris, Dec. 1.—The French government today expressed its warmest appreciation of the prompt action of the United States government in sending warships recently to points on the western coast of Mexico where French lives and interests were reported to be in danger.

SCOTS JOINED TO CELEBRATE PATRON'S DAY

Festival of St. Andrew the Occasion for Gala Night by Scotchmen.

SCOTTISH "NIGHT" PROVES TO BE WONDERFUL SUCCESS

Rev. W. Bruce Muir of Annapolis Royal in Honoring the Day Gives Splendidly Eloquent Address.

The Scottish Night, held in Keith's Theatre, last night, under the auspices of St. Andrew's Society, was attended by about four hundred. The society prides itself on a long and honorable record, its loyalty to the traditions of the "Auld Land," but it would seem that it has become traditional for the Scottish Night to be crowned with success, and last night's function was fully up to the standard of similar entertainments in past years.

The first part of the evening was given over to reviewing the glories of Bonny Scotland. This was done in song and speech; the beauties of the old land, the courage and loyalty of its sons, her noble traditions, her bards and historians were passed in review, and to make the whole complete and provide a truly Scottish atmosphere the "Highland" Fling was danced and the while the bigpipes skirled a Scottish strain. Nothing was omitted from the programme and in the heart of every true Scot present there was awakened a responsive echo as the glories of the old land were told and the memories of Burns, Wallace and the host of other illustrious dead were revived.

The President's Welcome. President Macaulay said a few words of welcome, expressing his pleasure at seeing such a representative gathering of Scottish lads and laddies. He expressed regret that word had not been received that Rev. Donald Muir, who was to have delivered the oration of the evening had been delayed en route and would not be able to attend. He then called upon G. S. Mayes.

Mr. Mayes conveyed the greetings of St. George's Society; he thanked the members of St. Andrew's Society for their invitation to be present and referred to the good work which the society is doing in keeping alive the traditions of old Scotland and to the excellent record the society has made since its organization a hundred and seventeen years ago.

The Lieutenant Governor. The president here announced the arrival of Rev. Mr. Muir, and before calling on him for his oration introduced His Honor Lieut. Gov. Wood.

"The finger of providence points to a policy of conservatism. While the financial sky remains clouded over Europe, we shall do well to hasten slowly. It is not a time to attempt enterprises of a speculative nature, nor to undertake new commitments prior to the financing thereof, and an accumulation of stock by merchants and manufacturers should, as far as possible, be avoided. The excellent harvest, particularly in the Northwest, should do much towards liquidating debts and ameliorating the situation, but it seems probable we will be compelled to pass a while in the wonderful progress of expansion of the last ten years. On the other hand, the commercial condition of Canada is fundamentally sound."

PROPHESIES REVOLUTIONS WITHOUT END

American General on Border Forecasts Continuance of Mexican Trouble.

UNABLE TO PREVENT SHIPMENT OF ARMS

General Bliss in Report States that War Will Continue Until Government Can Crush all Rebels.

Washington, Dec. 1.—How the American border patrol has found it well nigh impossible to enforce the embargo against the shipment of arms and ammunition into Mexico, was described in a report from General Bliss, commanding the forces in the interior, made public today at the War Department. Practically the entire population along the international line, the report says, is in sympathy with the Mexican rebels, and as a result large quantities of war munitions have been smuggled across in spite of the unceasing vigilance of the troops.

General Bliss complained of the vagueness of the law, declaring that the instructions to the army are so general that too much of a task was imposed upon the troops, and junior officers. He recommended that two of the best equipped officers of the government's legal force be sent down to travel along the line and decide questions of doubtful rights and powers. In this connection, the general referred to instructions sent to him last June to hold troops in readiness to go to the aid of the threatened American consular representative at Piedras Negras. For several days, the general pointed out, the question of possible peace or war rested entirely upon the discretion of this consul, as it was a foregone conclusion that the American soldiers would have had to fight their way into Mexico if the necessity of protecting the consul had arisen.

The necessity of keeping a considerable proportion of the United States army on the border for an indefinite period was forecasted in the report. General Bliss, who has been on the line ever since the beginning of the Madero revolution called attention to the fulfillment of his prediction that the breaking up of Orozco's army last year into small bands would not restore peace, because the large lawless element among the troops would continue to return to ordinary circumstances.

FIRST LORD AN AVIATOR

Winston Churchill, in Biplane, Demonstrated that He is Competent in Aviation— Flew More than Thirty Miles

London, Dec. 1.—Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, has become a competent aviator. He has taken lessons recently at the flying depot and on Saturday ascended at East Church in a dual control biplane with Captain Lushington.

NOTICE TO AGENTS

The Standard's Christmas Industrial Number which will be issued on Saturday, December 13th, will be sold to agents at the regular price and will retail at two cents per copy. As there will in all probability be a strong demand for this paper it will be well for agents to send in their orders at once, as after the first press run is completed no additional copies will be available. Applications for space must be in by Wednesday of this week.

HON. MR. FOSTER REPLY TO THE GRAIN

Minister of Trade and Commerce Deals With St. John Grain Inspection.

PRESENT SYSTEM IS HIGHLY EFFICIENT.

To Establish Inspector in St. John Would Require Special Legislation—Can be Done if Desirable.

Ottawa, Dec. 1.—The recent visit to Ottawa of a delegation of grain shippers, and certain interviews which the members of the delegation subsequently gave, criticizing the grain commission and the prevailing system of grain inspection, drew from Hon. George E. Foster today a statement in which he reviews the whole situation. Mr. Foster says that he did not consider the delegation as being a special expedition and never treated them as such, and adds that it is the first experience in his long political life of such a delegation continuing the war afterwards by representations in the newspapers. No serious wounds, however, have been given and the commission and the minister will be glad to receive any given careful consideration to such representations as may further be made.

It was an interview by James Caruthers of Montreal that caught the eye of the Minister of Trade and Commerce. Mr. Foster states that the delegation presented four points, first the moisture contents of United States corn passing through Montreal, second the change in regard to split certificates, third as to the retirement of Mr. McBean, and lastly as to the cost of the occasional inspection at St. John. He denies that the question was one of the respective merits of western and seaboard inspection. Otherwise it would not be matter to be taken up with the grain commission. He points out that the grain act providing for final inspection at Winnipeg and Port Arthur has to be carried out by the commission and the remains of the statute books until it is changed.

More than one hundred million bushels of wheat have been inspected and despatched each year from Winnipeg and Port Arthur and the percentage of cases in which fault was found was almost infinitesimal. He thinks it may fairly be said that all the grain certificates at Winnipeg and Port Arthur has justified the system which should not be condemned because of occasional instances of admixture. The view of the grain channels through which grain, en route to the seaboard, has to pass, occasional change for the worse may take place but Mr. Foster says that wherever can be done in the way of supervision against grade changes and deterioration will be done and the department and the board are giving their very best attention to it.

The minister points out that western grain may be re-inspected in the eastern division and the result entered on the certificate but seaboard inspection will require legislation. He observes likewise that the grain board cannot obviate any difficulty as to the moisture contents of United States corn passing through Montreal. This can be done only by legislation. With regard to the modification in the operation of the split certificates Mr. Foster says that the operation was postponed until thorough notice of the change could be given to European importers. He is sorry that the Montreal corn exchange gathered the impression that the postponement was due to their representations only rather than to the expressed views of British importers.

As to the retirement of Inspector McBean and the complaint about the exchange not being consulted, Mr. Foster dismisses the matter by saying that efficient inspection is what is desired and what is being provided for in the re-arrangement, while at the same time considerable expense is being saved. He justified the inspection at St. John as preferable to a system of sending a man from Montreal. He concludes by saying that the commission has been very much rushed owing to the extra burden of organization work and any ground for criticism will, in due course, be removed.

HEAD OF COMPANIES WITH \$6,000,000 STOCK RECEIVED \$25 PER WEEK

New York, Dec. 1.—M. L. Justin, formerly president of the subsidiary companies of the Radio Telephone Company, having a combined capitalization of \$6,000,000, today testified at the trial of James Danlop Smith, Lee De Forest, Samuel E. Darby, and Elmer B. Burlingame in the federal court on a charge of misuse of the mails in connection with stock sales of the Radio company, that for directing the affairs of the three companies he received a weekly salary of \$25. Justin said that his principal work consisted of signing stock certificates.

MURDERS SIX, DESPERADO BATTLES WITH HUNDREDS

Bloodthirsty Mexican Starts on Murder Trail by Killing Countyman Followed by Shooting of Five Police Officers.

LABOR LEADERS FACE SERIOUS CHARGES NOW

Mine Workers Officials Indicted for Conspiracy in Restraint of Trade—Monopoly of Labor.

Pueblo, Colo., Dec. 1.—An attempt to secure a monopoly of labor is charged in indictments returned by the federal grand jury here today against national officers of the United Mine Workers of America. The men named are: J. P. White, president; Frank J. Hayes, vice-president, and William Green, secretary-treasurer.

Conspiracy in restraint of interstate commerce in violation of the federal anti-trust law is charged in indictments against officials of the United Mine Workers of America, as follows: Frank J. Hayes, John R. Lawson, Adolph Germer, Robert Uhrlich, A. B. McGary, James Morgan, Charles Abtey, and Edward Wallace, editor of a labor paper at Trinidad.

Several other indictments were returned against miners for alleged depredations against property. The jury prepared a long report in which mining conditions are reviewed. It ends with recommendations that the mining laws be more diligently enforced, that the government should be empowered by the legislature to regulate or suspend the sale of ammunition and explosives during strike troubles, that in cases of dispute both the parties should be required by law to operate the mines pending settlement.

Financial interest of coal companies in saloons is denounced as reprehensible. Methods of the United Mine Workers are severely condemned, the report says: "The methods pursued by the United Mine Workers of America in their endeavor to force recognition of their union by the coal mine operators in this state are an insult to conservative and law-abiding labor. They have brought in experienced strike agitators and have armed hundreds of irresponsible aliens who have become a menace to the peace and prosperity and even the lives of citizens. They created upon inspection in Southern Colorado, and have resorted to measures which all fair-minded labor organizations repudiate. The officers in charge of many of the tent colonies confess their inability to control the men whom they have armed and armed."

"Evidently no qualification is necessary for membership in the United Mine Workers of America, other than a promise to pay dues, which are apparently used to support insurrection and lawlessness, when necessary to force their demands by intimidation and fear whenever strikes are called, with the result of injuring other trades and the entanglement of hardship and privation on the people of the entire commonwealth.

"The lawlessness of many of the striking miners is caused by radical agitators, imported from other states who inflame them with incendiary speeches and exhortations to violence."

SHERIFF'S POSSE PENS MURDERER IN MINE

Close All Entrances to Diggings With Mud and Oil Trying to Smoke Ralph Lopez Out—To be Shot on Sight.

Bingham, Utah, Dec. 1.—Smudges were lighted early today in the Utah-Apex mine, where Ralph Lopez, desperado, is making his last stand. With all the exits to the mine except that of the Andy tunnel bratticed, and sealed with mud and with poisonous gases floating back into the depths of the workings, it was expected that the fugitive would make a break for liberty today.

A large amount of dynamite is stored in the mine, and knowing Lopez could easily blow out one of the bulkheads, the seven sheriffs early today stationed a dozen deputies at each of the fifteen tunnel mouths with orders to shoot him on sight. The ten thousand inhabitants of this canyon-walled mining town, in drifts of snow, were waiting in tense excitement for the result of the man hunt that already has cost six lives.

On November 21 Lopez killed a Mexican miner and later in the day he killed the chief of police and two deputies who pursued him. After a chase through several counties he backtracked to Bingham and took refuge in the mine, where he killed two more deputies last Saturday.

When poisonous gases gradually thickened and penetrated the farther reaches of the Utah-Apex mine Lopez crowded to the bulkhead of the Andy tunnel this afternoon and called for his friend Julio Corrallo. "What do you want? Speak now, for in half an hour you will be dead," commanded the deputy in charge of the posse at the entrance.

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AN EXPLORER IS MISSING

Faculty of University of Chicago to Institute Search for Show Signs of Slight Deficiency in Arctic.

Chicago, Dec. 1.—An attempt to discover the fate of Ernest DeKorser, explorer, who went into northern Alaska August 25, was begun today by the faculty of the University of Chicago. DeKorser started north with the Stefansson expedition, and was to have returned to Point Barrow by November 1. Nothing has been heard from him.

C. W. Leffingwell, of Pasadena, California, the explorer's mother, has written to the University of Chicago asking co-operation of the faculty in the search for her son. Leffingwell graduated from Chicago in 1901, and the university officials have kept in touch with him since. His surveys are considered authoritative by the United States government.

LAKES DISASTER FUND. Toronto, Dec. 1.—The Lakes Disaster Fund, including the amounts to come from the Dominion and provincial governments, tonight reached \$84,105.13.

AMATEUR SLEUTH REWARDED WITH \$3

Toronto a Poor Place for Men Who Aim to Amass Wealth as Thief Takers.

Toronto, Dec. 1.—The Toronto police department rates rather low the value of amateur thief takers. Sunday morning early William Foster, a saw-ed-off Englishman, porter in a Yonge street hotel, four feet six inches in his stocking feet, observed a giant foreigner, Mike Stelnaski by name, break a window in Liggett's drug store and make off with a wad of imitation money. The little chap samely made chase and after several painful rebuffs succeeded in landing his six foot quarry over to the police. Today Stelnaski got 6 months in Central prison and Foster was handed notes on the government for three dollars.