

## DISTRICT OFFICERS

Are to Be Given Wider Powers Under New Militia Act.

## BANQUET TO SIR F. W. BORDEN

Minister of Militia Speaks On the Militia Changes, and Points Out the Great Benefits of the New Militia Council—Canada Had No Despatches re Closing Imperial Dockyards.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Sir Frederick Borden was the guest of honor last evening at a splendid complimentary banquet by the officers of the Toronto Garrison. The Minister of Militia, in a happy reply to the toast of his health, spoke at some length on the administration of the Militia Department, and forecasted some changes which will give wider powers to the district officers commanding. He referred to the closing of the Dockyards at Halifax and Esquimaux, and said that while the Government had no message from the Imperial authorities upon the matter, he had no doubt the outcome would be satisfactory.

**New Militia Act.**  
Sir Frederick discussed the new Militia Act, which he said was the most important fact in connection with the development of the Canadian militia within the year. He believed it would confer the most significant benefits upon the Canadian militia of anything since the militia was organized. He wished it distinctly understood that the new law was a Canadian law, first, last and all the time. When he was asked to join the Imperial Defence Committee and attended its meetings, he had only to state his case and his requests were granted. "We may now appoint a Canadian as General Officer Commanding, provided he is fit, and the reproach of inferiority in rank has been removed from Canadian officers, as compared with British; who formerly came out and were given a senior rank." (Hear, hear.) In passing, Sir Frederick observed that the General Officer Commanding coming to Canada had great power—perhaps not always as great as he imagined. He usually set out at once to prove that his immediate predecessor was an ass (laughter)—and he was oftentimes able to prove it without the slightest difficulty. (Renewed laughter.) The new system provided for co-operation among the members of the headquarters staff, which had not previously existed. "We want to administer, not to command," declared Sir Frederick, adding that the gathering of information for and the consulting by the new Militia Council would result in continuity, co-operation and co-ordination. He praised the work of General Lake, the new Chief of Staff, and declared his belief that the Council would result in great good to the militia.

**Increased Powers For D.O.'s.**  
"We propose to decentralize very largely from Ottawa," Sir Frederick continued. "We propose to make a District Officer Commanding something more than a first-class clerk, which they have been very largely in the past, through no fault of their own. (Laughter.) We propose to give the D.O.'s more discretion with reference to the men of his district, and if he does not show that he is fit—not our friend here" (turning to Col. Otter)—"I know he is—(cheers)—but some new man that may be appointed, like Col. Lessard—(laughter)—if he should show that he is not worthy of his extraordinary powers, because they will be extraordinary, which will be given him—well, so much the worse for him. But how in the world can you train a man to command and to administer in his district if you don't give him an opportunity of doing so?" (Applause.) Sir Frederick added a word on the ability of Canadians to administer militia as well as justice, public works and other departments, and closed by again thanking his hosts for their kindness.

The banquet then concluded, and the remainder of the evening was spent in informal social intercourse.

## LEGAL ACTION THREATENED.

School Section No. 4, Emily, Has Separate School Question.

Lindsay, Dec. 29.—Downeyville, Victoria, has a separate school question at S. S. No. 4, Emily. There are only four Protestant ratepayers. Yesterday morning at the annual school meeting Father Breberton, who was a public school trustee, announced that under instructions from Bishop O'Connor of Peterboro, he had organized the territory into a separate school section, that the other trustees had agreed to act with him as trustees in the new organization and that the school property had been transferred to them. About 30 ratepayers were present. Not many of them besides the four Protestants objected vigorously to the priest's course and demanded without avail that the books be handed over to them. Later the objectors met and elected public school trustees under the direction of Inspector J. H. Knight, who was present. Legal action is being instituted against the separate school board to get control of the school property.

## Medical Library Opened.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Dr. Osler, regius professor of medicine at Oxford (Eng.) University, yesterday opened the new medical library here in a characteristic speech, full of good advice to the students.

## Re-Arm British Army.

London, Dec. 29.—The War Office has placed orders for sufficient 18 pounder field guns to practically re-arm the whole of the British army.

## SNOWPLOW STRUCK SWITCH.

J. M. Linklater Killed and Several Others Badly Hurt.

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.—At Arizona, the C.N.R. snowplow struck a switch and upset. J. B. Linklater was killed. Several others were hurt. It was impossible to get a complete list of the injured last night, but the following is the list available: C. A. Lott, badly injured about arms and body; Mrs. Lott, bruised and shaken; their two children burned and injured by inhaling smoke; William Linklater, bruised and internal injuries feared; N. Big-ham, badly crushed, arms and legs broken; M. Bullard, badly burned; Lotheran, severely injured about legs and arms; Coburn, burned and arms broken; several others suffering from burns and bodily injuries.

**Toronto Traveler Injured.**  
Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 30.—H. H. Irons, a representative of McCall & Co., Toronto, was thrown from a rig at Calgary on Tuesday, and is still in an unconscious condition in the hospital here. His skull is believed to be fractured.

**Editor W. R. Davis Shocked.**  
Stratford, Dec. 30.—W. R. Davis, editor of The Mitchell Advocate, Wednesday evening took hold of the handle of a pump, which had in some way become heavily charged with electricity. He could not let go, and was held there in terrible agony until his son Ralph, who had on rubber boots, put his foot on the handle, and in some way broke the circuit. Medical aid was at once summoned, and at last reports Mr. Davis is resting easily, although the shock was a terrible one.

## FOUND CHARRED REMAINS.

John McIntyre, Canal Man, Loses Life At Port Dalhousie.

St. Catharines, Dec. 30.—John McIntyre, employed on the canal, was burned to death yesterday morning at Port Dalhousie. McIntyre, who was about 30 years of age, lived alone in a little shanty on the lake shore. The neighbors were awakened by the flames about 5.30, and found that the fire had gained too much headway for them to do anything. They supposed McIntyre had got out safely, but when the fire died down sufficiently his charred remains were found among the ruins. McIntyre was a brother of Capt. B. McIntyre of the steamer Danforth.

**Mrs. Shaw Burned to Death.**  
Hawkesbury, Dec. 30.—Mrs. Shaw, mother-in-law of Station Agent D. S. Campbell, was burned to death in a fire that destroyed the Great Northern station here Wednesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell and family were rescued with difficulty.

## THE MOROCCO CRISIS.

Great Activity Shown At The Navy Yard At Toulon.

Toulon, France, Dec. 30.—Owing to the crisis in Morocco, the navy yard here shows the greatest activity. Preparations are going on to have a naval division consisting of the battleships, Charlemagne and Iena, and two cruisers in readiness to proceed to Morocco if the crisis accentuates.

## BAIL FOR SAM HARRYETT.

Four Bondsmen Furnish Ten Thousand Dollars Security.

Belleville, Dec. 30.—Samuel Harryett was liberated on bail last night. The bondsmen are: Charles Stoney, John Kelusky, Henry Harris, James Harryett, \$2,500 each.

## Work of Railway Commission.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The Railway Commission have approved the lease of the Tilsonburg and Lake Erie and Guelph and Goderich railways to the C.P.R., and the leases will be forwarded to the Governor-in-Council for approval.

The commission have also approved of bylaws authorizing the preparation and issuance of a tariff of tolls for the Oshawa Electric Railway and the Bay of Quinte Railway.

The Grand Trunk Railway have received permission to construct a siding at the town of Niagara Falls.

## Rescued in Mid-Ocean.

Havre, Dec. 30.—The British steamer Anglo-Chilian which arrived here Wednesday, with Capt. Nelson, his wife and five members of the crew of the American schooner W. R. Chester on board, reports having rescued them in mid-ocean, when the Chester was sinking, after having encountered a four days' storm. Capt. Nelson set fire to the schooner before abandoning her, that she might not prove a danger to navigation. The American consul at Havre will send the rescued persons home.

## Convicts Break For Liberty.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 30.—One hundred and fifty convicts at the Folsom State Prison made a break for liberty while they were being brought from work at a rock crusher yesterday, and in the fight which followed one prisoner was shot dead and Guard Jolly shot through the cheek. All the convicts were armed with dirks, but their endeavor was not successful.

**DO NOT SUPPRESS A COUGH.**  
When you have a cough do not try to suppress it, but remove the cause. The cough is only a symptom of some disease, and the disease is what you should cure, then the cough will stop of itself. The most common cause of coughing is a cold. Anodynes will promptly suppress the cough, and preparations containing chloroform, opium, etc., are used for that purpose, but they do not cure the cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on the other hand does not suppress the cough, but it cures the cold by removing from the throat and lungs the mucus which obstructed the breathing and allaying the irritation and tickling in the throat. It also opens the secretions and effectually and permanently cures the cold as well as the cough. For sale by all druggists.

## DEFY THE FISH LAWS

Ohio State Fish and Game Association Ask Canada's Aid.

## BIG COMPANIES CHARGED

Send Out Tugs and Bring in Much Fresh Fish—Seasons Closed Dec. 15 But They Keep Right Along Doing Business—Now It Is Proposed to Remedy the Nullification.

Cleveland, Dec. 30.—The members of the Ohio State Fish and Game Commission have made a formal request to the Canadian authorities for co-operation in an effort to apprehend the fish companies now said to be operating in defiance of the fish laws. No answer has yet been received, but it is quite probable the co-operation will be arranged and a determined effort be made to catch some of the violators and see that they are punished.

The members of the Commission make charges of flagrant violation of the law against the fish companies, and admit that thus far the companies have been able to evade the watchfulness of the state patrol boat that is kept in service on the lakes. They believe that if the Canadian authorities are made to realize the depredations they say are now being committed, they will be quick to co-operate and thus run down the perpetrators.

The lake is supposed to be closed for fishing after Dec. 15, but there are said to be few, if any, of the fish tugs out of commission. Instead of laying up for the winter, it is claimed there are about 60 kept under steam, fully equipped and manned for service from Ashtabula to Sandusky. These boats carry on an average about six miles of fish net, so that when out there are about 300 miles of gill nets set, even though the law declares the season is closed.

The Commissioners have been making a close investigation and find, they say, that a lot of fish tugs are bringing in large amounts of fresh caught fish.

The plan is to have the Canadian people put their boat again in commission, to remain active as long as the lake is open, and chase the fish tugs clear from the Ohio ports for a Canadian port and when they come in loaded with fresh caught fish and are challenged, they reply the catch was made in Canadian waters, and the officers here are powerless. It is not an offence to bring Canadian caught fish into the ports here at any time.

A new law is to be asked, making it an offence to bring into the state fresh caught fish from the lakes during the closed season. With this law it is believed much greater protection can be given the fish.

## A YANKEE COMPLAINT.

Canadian Railway Keep Benefit of U.S. Inspection of Aliens.

New York, Dec. 30.—At a special meeting of the Trans-Atlantic Passenger Combination and the Trunk Line Association held yesterday, it was decided to send to Washington a protest against the action of certain United States immigration inspectors along the Canadian border, who the transportation men think, make their examination of aliens seeking to travel through the United States so rigorous that traffic of this sort is diverted to Canadian roads that might travel on the roads in the States and on ships coming to this port.

## Tax Aliens \$2 a Head.

New York, Dec. 30.—A head tax of two dollars on aliens entering the United States from Canada for the purpose of crossing to some Atlantic port on their way to Europe, was proposed yesterday at a meeting of the Atlantic Steamship conference with the Trunk Line Passenger Association.

## Canada Company's Good Showing.

London, Dec. 30.—At the half-yearly meeting of the Canada Co., the chairman stated that during the year ending Nov. 30, 8,406 acres had been disposed of, but applications for licenses were fewer than immediately after oil was discovered in Essex County. Speaking of mineral rights as assets not to be ignored, he referred to the discovery of feldspar in Loughboro township and iron pyrites in Madoc township. He proposed a dividend of 22 shillings per share, making altogether \$2 4s. per share for \$1904.

The White Pass and Yukon Railway will pay a dividend of three shillings per share, less tax.

During the present year there were 90 disasters less than last year on the great lakes, the total wrecks being 37 vessels, of 17,817 tons against 31,644 tons last year.

## Shooting After Snowballing.

Niagara Falls, Dec. 30.—The police are looking for Louis Price, 16 years old, who shot William Turner, 12 years old, Wednesday. The boys were out hunting together. Price had a small rifle. The lads got to throwing snowballs at one another, and, in the midst of the quarrel, Price fired at the smaller boy. The bullet lodged in the muscles of the boy's back. The wound is not considered serious.

## More Carnegie Gifts.

Pittsburg, Dec. 30.—It was announced last night that the Carnegie Steel Company, part of the United States Steel Corporation, intends a large issue of stock for its workmen again on Jan. 1, stock for which the men can pay in monthly instalments out of their wages, and which will be taken off their hands at cost price any time they wish to leave the mills.

## DROPS SOME ADJECTIVES.

Partial Change For the Better in Mr. Whitney's Speech At Barrie On Wednesday Night.

Barrie, Dec. 29.—A blinding snowstorm, with a wind that prevented the beautiful affording secure footing on the ice-covered roads, and a hockey match in town, constituted a combination that kept down the attendance at the meeting held in the Grand Opera House here last night in the interest of Mr. A. B. Thompson, Conservative candidate for Centre Simcoe, and at which Mr. J. P. Whitney was the chief speaker. The audience was enthusiastic enough, however, and the Opposition leader was warmly received and generously applauded throughout his address. First, it's hard to eat the soggy, tasteless stuff, so many families call bread. Your appetite rebels against it. The appetite is wise. It knows what's best. You can trust it. If it doesn't want a certain bread, make up your mind the bread is wrong. The appetite is never wrong. We can safely leave our bread to the judgment of the appetite. Once one has tasted Royal Household bread, made just right by following the recipes, that person will accept no other. Other bread is flat and tasteless compared to it.

## DOWN WITH CORRUPTION.

Candidates in West Peterboro Come to An Understanding.

Peterboro, Dec. 29.—T. E. Bradburn, Conservative, and R. F. MacWilliams, Liberal, have signed an agreement to do everything in their power to prevent bribery and corruption in the present campaign in West Peterboro.

The candidates have also pledged themselves to use no influence to protect any person or persons either giving or receiving a bribe, but to prosecute to the full limit of the law. They will neither give or lend any money during the campaign, and have further promised to indulge in no personalities, but to confine their discussion strictly to the issues of the day.

Hon. J. R. Stratton is not taking an active part in the contest in West Peterboro, but has taken charge of the organization for William Anderson, the Liberal candidate in the east riding. He is addressing meetings in his interest.

## Provincial Appointments.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Another quiet day passed yesterday in Queen's Park. A Cabinet Council was held by the Premier and a few of the Ministers at 4 o'clock. Besides routine business the following appointments were made:

Thomas Johnson, to be law stamp distributor, district of Muskoka. Alex. L. Smith, to be police magistrate, Newmarket.

Miss Ida Morris, to be local registrar, clerk of the county court and registrar of surrogate for the County of Renfrew, pro tempore. The establishment of a high school in the village of Rockland was also authorized.

## POLITICS IN A NUTSHELL.

The East Elgin Liberal convention Wednesday, nominated J. C. Dance. The Premier has no meeting before the nomination at Mount Brydges on Wednesday next. Hon. Richard Harcourt will speak at Calisterville on Friday.

At the East York Liberal convention at Markham on Wednesday Mr. Annis' resignation was accepted and the convention proceeded to ballot for a candidate. On the fourth ballot Walter Scott was chosen.

## French Catholic Church.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 29.—The French Catholic population of the City of Winnipeg has increased so rapidly that it has been decided to build the Church of the Sacred Heart, which will hold services entirely in French. Rev. Father X. Portelance, formerly of the Sacred Heart, Ottawa, has been appointed parish priest, and has arrived here to commence the work of organizing the new parish. The new church will cost between one and two hundred thousand dollars. A whole block has been purchased for it and its mission, situated between McDermott, Bannatyne, Lydia and Marguerite streets.

## Killed a Canadian.

Crookston, Minn., Dec. 29.—Jos. Guilmette of Woonsocket, R.I., yesterday was found guilty of murder in the first degree for killing Matthias Mongoon, whose home, it is believed, was in Ontario, Canada. The crime was committed on Oct. 17 last. The men, who had just returned from the harvest fields, were thought to have quarreled over the summer's earnings. The victim was shot and his head was crushed with some blunt instrument. The body was then dragged to some underbrush, and was not found until some time later.

## Unknown Steamer Helpless.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 29.—Battered by heavy seas, an unknown steamer lay helpless on the Innes Diamond Shoals, eight miles off Cape Hatteras, last night, and faint lights now and then carry a message to the life-saving corps on shore that there are human lives aboard the wrecked craft that should be saved until the wind and sea have calmed sufficiently to allow the surfboats to be launched.

## Just a Criminal.

Cleveland, Dec. 29.—Dr. Allen McLean Hamilton, a noted criminologist, reported yesterday that Mrs. Chadwick is not insane but is instinctively criminal.

## Trust Your Appetite

It Knows What is Best for Your Health.

Your appetite knows what is best for your health.

That is the theory of modern medicine—the doctrine of common sense. Bread your appetite does not like is bread that is bad for your health.

How easily the human system assimilates good bread?

How hard bad bread is on health. First, it's hard to eat the soggy, tasteless stuff, so many families call bread.

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## Eating Bad Bread

Sours the Stomach.

Bad bread sours the stomach—lies undigested—creates dyspepsia.

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## A BRISK XMAS TRADE.

INGERSOLL MERCHANTS HAD A VERY BUSY DAY SATURDAY.

If not all, a goodly portion of the trade anticipated by Ingersoll's progressive merchants was experienced on Christmas Saturday. The trade during the preceding few days had been brisk, but the climax came on Saturday when many of the merchants were at their wits' ends to handle the trade as promptly as desired. The scenes within the stores were of the greatest animation. In the morning and throughout the day the bulk of the purchasing was done by a country people. But in the evening

the townspeople picked up the trade where the country people left off, and carried it along with a hum until nearly midnight. On the whole the amount of Christmas business would no doubt reach, if not exceed, that of former years. This, however, is a difficult matter to gauge. The merchants were apparently well satisfied. One thing can be said and that is that their stores never looked more inviting or contained a larger or better stock of seasonable articles. Some of them, indeed, presented scenes that would rival those in the stores of much larger places. No other conclusion was to be formed but that the people of this district are perfectly satisfied that they can be suited just as well in Ingersoll, both in quality and price, as by sending their cash to the stores at a distance.

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