

## SOUND REASON FOR EXPECTING BETTER TIMES

New Secretary of Retail Merchants Association Optimistic

IMPRESSED WITH EASTERN CANADA

Norman B. Douglass, Recently Appointed to Office, Visits City

"Perhaps no section of people in any country exemplifies the life and activities of its community more clearly than the retail merchants," said Norman B. Douglass, secretary elect of the Retail Merchants' Association of Canada, who is in the city today on his first official visit. Mr. Douglass succeeds E. M. Trowen of Upper Canada, who for 29 years was secretary.

Big Organization. The new secretary said that the R. M. A. includes in its membership thousands of representatives embracing 20 district retail lines of trade, 40 of which are specifically represented in a sub-organization known as trade sections. The headquarters or Dominion office of the R. M. A. deals with trade matters in a national way, the provincial associations go into finer details and the trade sections deal with the intricacies. The organization, he said, is far-reaching and thoroughgoing.

While the Retail Merchants' Association was operated obviously for the benefit of the retail trade, Mr. Douglass says, its ideals and principles are rounded to the benefit of the community as a whole and it was one of the upbuilding elements in Canadian life. It was the largest organized mercantile body on the continent, exceeding in membership and scope any similar organization in the United States.

CONDITIONS IN CANADA. Concerning trade matters and financial conditions in Canada at present, Mr. Douglass said he would be frank enough to say that conditions were not of the best, but Canada must face the situation cheerfully, and there was sound reason for the optimistic conclusion that times would be much better soon, as numerous branches of trade were showing an upward tendency.

Mr. Douglass has not held any meeting of the Retail Merchants' Association here, but will do so later. He will go to St. Stephen tonight and is to be the speaker at a merchants' banquet in Montreal on Tuesday. He will return to Saint John in the fall for a convention. The new secretary was appointed to office on the 15th of this month. He is a former worker in the hardware and lumber business and later was of the faculty at Marquette University, the legal branch. He is impressed with Eastern Canada, and is making a careful study of conditions here, his first trip out of the central office.

## BOOK IS PRESENTED

Gift to Treasurer Marks Meeting of St. Paul's Girls' Branch, W. A.

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Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50 cents.

## DEATHS

FINLEY—In this city on April 29, 1925, Catherine Evelyn, wife of William Finley, aged 64 years, leaving her husband, one son and two daughters to mourn.

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## Ship Robert Reid Stays in City Despite Offer From States

Sentiment overcame any monetary consideration with Thomas Killen, one of the veterans in the postal service for 1897, when he was asked to set a price on the old "Robert Reid" by an American artist, who wanted it for his studio. The ship, which measures 14 feet, is full rigged, and is the only remaining relic of the day when the sea was first turned for the Intercolonial Railway, now the Canadian National.

## Local News

TAG DAY NET. Mrs. T. H. Carter, treasurer of the Local Council of Women, announced this morning that the gross receipts from the tag day here for the Nova Scotia miners' relief fund was \$1,283.70. From this had to be deducted \$21.54, expenses, leaving the net amount to be forwarded \$1,262.16.

K. C. CARDS. Members of the Knights of Columbus enjoyed their weekly card tournament last evening. Straight forty-fives were played and the prize winners were: Frank Byron, first; William Power, consolation.

LIKELY TOMORROW. It was announced at C. P. R. headquarters this morning that the head-quarters of the weekly card tournament will likely go back on the Digby-Saint John route tomorrow morning. She was in the Saint John Dry Dock today being inspected. The S. S. Prince Arthur, which has been operating on the route since the Empress was laid up for repairs, will return to Boston.

## INTERESTING NEWS.

The public will be welcomed at Louis Green's new tobacco and news store, located at the corner of the Hunt's Street Shop, although the alterations and fixtures are being rushed to completion it will be Saturday afternoon before the store will be fully completed and Mr. Green has arranged to have an orchestra in attendance on Saturday evening and also to have a souvenir for the men and women customers when they come in to the store to give the public one of the finest magazine displays in Eastern Canada as special display racks have been built to accommodate a very large number of the latest magazines and novels along with a large display of Dunhill pipes and other high grade lines it is understood this store is enlarging greatly on the already large premium business they are now enjoying and that new and valuable premiums have already been ordered.

## PAPER ASSOCIATION COMMENDS EFFORTS

Pleased With Move Towards Unity of Spirit in Canada—Officers Chosen.

TORONTO, April 30.—The Canadian Daily Newspaper Association at its annual meeting here yesterday, adopted a resolution stating that "this association pleads with gratification, the proposals on foot to foster a spirit of greater unity between the provinces of the Dominion." We appreciate the efforts which have been made, and commend to our membership the movement for the movement, which we believe will tend greatly to the development of Canada as a whole.

Officers of the association for 1925 as elected are: President, George Scroggie, Toronto; Vice-president, Hon. Frank Carter, Quebec; treasurer, N. T. Bowman, Toronto. Directors included W. H. Dennis, Halifax; T. F. Drummond, Saint John; V. E. Morrill, Sherbrooke, and Senator J. S. McLennan, Sydney.

## PERSONALS

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## PARLIAMENT PLANNING TO SIT ALL NIGHT

Mr. and Mrs. John Sergeant of Sand Cove Road Are Honored.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sergeant, of Sand Cove road, formerly of Glasgow, Scotland, were given evidence of their welcome as citizens of Fairville, when a large party of friends called at their home last evening to celebrate their 21st wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Sergeant moved from Glasgow to the prairie district near Calgary in 1897, and came to Fairville three years ago. Last evening's demonstration testified to their success in making themselves a part of the community in such a short time. They are a musical family and entertained with violin selections by Mrs. Sergeant, who also gave much enjoyment with anecdotes of Scotland. Mrs. Sergeant, his brother and Mrs. Sergeant gave readings which brought hearty applause. All the company joined in choruses, singing the folks' songs of several countries. Mrs. Joseph Sergeant and her two daughters, Miss Letta and Miss Evelyn and Miss Eva Pearson served refreshments. "Auld Lang Syne" and the national anthem closed a memorable evening.

## ARE 21 YEARS WED

Gift Presented To Mrs. N. MacLauchlan

Mrs. N. MacLauchlan, wife of the pastor of Queen's Square Methodist Church, was given a happy surprise yesterday afternoon at a meeting of the Ladies' Aid, in the parlour of the church. On behalf of the ladies of the church, Mrs. C. W. Dickinson, president of the aid, presented to Mrs. MacLauchlan a handsome Chesterfield chair and an address of regret that she with Rev. Mr. MacLauchlan will soon be leaving for another field of labor. Mrs. MacLauchlan thanked the ladies for the gift and the address of regret that she with Rev. Mr. MacLauchlan will soon be leaving for another field of labor. Mrs. MacLauchlan thanked the ladies for the gift and the address of regret that she with Rev. Mr. MacLauchlan will soon be leaving for another field of labor.

## MAJORITY EXPECTED.

Although the main body of Progressives are voting against the government, the government majority on the main budget is variously estimated between 12 and 20. Progressives and Liberals will vote together against the Conservative amendment.

## SYNOD MOVES FOR PEACE OVER WORK OF

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Lawrence, Rev. A. F. Bate, Rev. Canon Shawen, Rev. J. V. Young, Rev. A. L. Fleming, Rowland Frith, J. E. Dalhousie University. His Lordship explained several of the terms by which King's united with the qualifying terms regarding the proposed erection of buildings on ground King's would not build on the Study grounds.

Rev. Mr. Moore replied that that still was an open question. Rev. J. H. A. Holmes moved a resolution expressing confidence in President Moore and his staff of King's College and for giving points for which the diocese of Fredericton protested last year. This was adopted unanimously.

Replying to this, Rev. Mr. Moore said he was deeply appreciative of this action by the Synod. He explained that the Fredericton diocese was entitled to eight places on the board of trustees. Those nominated were: J. H. Ted, Rev. J. H. A. Holmes, G. P. Burdell, Ven. Archbishop Forsythe, Rev. Canon Smithers, Rev. Thomas Parker, R. W. Hewson, W. L. Harding, Rev. A. L. Fleming, Rev. A. F. Bate, J. H. A. L. Fairweather, C. S. E. Robertson, Rev. A. R. Yeoman, Rev. J. V. Young, Ven. Archbishop Crowfoot, H. Usher Miller, Judge J. R. Armstrong, Chancellor Winslow. Ballotting on these names will take place this afternoon.

HARBOR FIGURES. Saint John harbor receipts for April are nearly \$10,000 less than they were for the same month last year, and there is a deficit of more than \$10,000 in the first four months of this year, compared with 1924. The figures are as follows: April, 1924, \$47,794.30; 1925, \$38,484. For the four months the figures are:

1924 1925  
January ..... \$25,125.29 \$23,152.29  
February ..... 25,862.74 23,954.12  
March ..... 30,730.91 31,964.46  
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## JOOD THINGS COMING TO THEATRES OF SAINT JOHN.

GREATEST PICTURE IN ALL THE WORLD

Imperial has entered into a contract with the United Artists' Corporation of New York for the showing here next week of "The Thief of Bagdad," which is the leading film attraction in the world today, still enjoying extended runs at opera prices in principal centres of population. It is the grandest achievement of the cinematograph art, eclipsing everything heretofore shown in splendor, marvelous mechanical effects and truthful illustration of a subject, which in this case is none other than a translation of The Arabian Nights' Entertainment. While Mr. Fairbanks is the ideal actor for the role of the Thief of Bagdad his outstanding personality is in itself only a detail of the wonder-film. A fantastic and unbelievable as The Arabian Nights' Entertainment has always been to book-lovers the moving picture version, made for Mr. Fairbanks, follows it page for page with bewildering effect. The Imperial will not charge upper Canadian prices for this picture but will adhere to its 50c top price, the lowest admission fee yet asked in Canada for this elaborate entertainment. Because of the length of the picture there will be only one matinee, beginning at 2:30 o'clock but two exhibitions at night, 7 and 9 o'clock.

## Only One Bed Available This Morning—None in Wards For Women.

Lack of accommodation at the General Public Hospital was causing the staff and commissioners a lot of worry these days, it was said this morning by Mrs. J. V. McLellan, commissioner for the month, and R. H. Gale, superintendent. This morning there was only one bed available in the hospital and that was in the male segregation ward. The institution had 160 patients, of whom 145 were in the main building and five in the annex.

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## ST. PATRICK STREET FIRE.

A little before 8 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the roof of a house at 142 St. Patrick street, owned by Mrs. Wisted. An alarm was sent out and in a few minutes the fire apparatus arrived. The blaze was extinguished before much damage was done.

## NOTICE TO BOYS AND GIRLS

Purity Milk Cap Contest Closes Week Earlier—No Celebrations on Thursdays.

Owing to reorganization in the Purity Milk Co. it will be impossible to continue the Thursday afternoon contest celebrations.

However, to make up for this, Purity has decided to give the prizes one week sooner, so that instead of having to wait until May 16, the contest will close on May 9.

Boys and girls, keep your caps. Purity will give you prizes in packages, the 50¢ in one package and the 100¢ in another. Count them up and place the total on the outside of the package. Then bring your packages on May 9, and just as soon as all caps sent in are checked up, the winners' names will be announced.

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