



**MR. GEORGE J. BURY**, who succeeds Mr. D. McNicoll, is a Montreale. He was born here in 1866, and was educated at the Montreal College. His whole career has been spent in the service of the C.P.R. He started work in 1883 as clerk in the Purchasing Department of the C.P.R. Since then he has made a steady progression upward. He became Secretary to the Vice-President, now Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, and President, Sir William Van Horne, successively, in 1887, and Acting Superintendent of the Sleeping Car Service in 1889. In 1904, Mr. Bury was appointed General Superintendent of the central division of the C.P.R. at Winnipeg, and continued in that office some time. Since then Mr. Bury has always been engaged in the western work of the Canadian Pacific, and when a few years ago the late Sir William Whyte retired from the western executive office, Mr. Bury was appointed to succeed him as Vice-President. Since that time Mr. Bury has been in charge of the western interests of the C.P.R. During much of his career, Mr. Bury has worked in close touch with Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, Sir William Van Horne, and Mr. David McNicoll, and is fully imbued with the progressive C.P.R. spirit. Mr. Bury takes up his duties at Montreal on January 1st.

## HOST AT FUNCTION TO MILITARY AND LEGAL PROFESSION

Banquet Tendered by Brandon Member to Large Gathering at Prince Edward.

Sir James Atkins, K.C., M.P., Dominion member for Brandon, was a visitor to the city for New Year's. Friday night he entertained officers of the regiment at present quartered in the winter fair building, and also the legal profession and a few civilians, at a banquet in the Prince Edward hotel. There were about eighty set down to enjoy Sir James' hospitality, and it is not too much to say that the affair was one of the most happy ones that has ever taken place in the city. The menu provided by the Prince Edward was an excellent one, and the speeches made were of a high order.

Sir James presided as host and toastmaster, and opened the proceedings by a short speech, which was followed by Lt. Colonel Clark, Lt. Colonel Stevenson, Rev. C. S. Quinn, chaplain of the forces, and Captain Charles Whillier, on behalf of the military.

The toast to the lawyers was responded to in a very witty and happy vein by Colonel G. W. Bruce, Mayor-elect. Cater, represented the city and was never heard to better advantage. The board of trade president, Mr. A. Shewan, spoke for the trade and mercantile interests, not only of the province, but of the empire, and Mr. Joseph Cornell, chairman of the school board, spoke on patriotic and educational matters. Dr. Whidden, of Brandon College, was also present and gave a splendid address, which was listened to with rapt attention by all of the company. In fact, every item on the program in the way of speeches was everything that could be desired.

The musical part of the program was of a high order and never surpassed. Magistrate Bates, Captain George F. Sykes and Mr. Alfred Melissas been heard to better advantage.

**Sir James.**  
Sir James had a very busy day yesterday. In the morning he was in consultation with the members of the local, executive of the Conservative Association on matters pertaining to the welfare of Brandon, and afterwards was in touch with the winter fair board, who were in session, with reference to the question of holding the winter fair, this March. Sir James then in company with Ald. G. B. Coleman attended the dog races, and the first thing after lunch accompanied Mayor Hughes and Ald. Bourke to inspect the different buildings which were proposed by the city of Brandon to the occupied by the troops in case an arrangement could be made with the military to allow the use to the Winter Fair board of the arena for one week to hold Brandon's great winter carnival and stock show. Sir James then called upon a number of his friends in the city, although it was physically impossible for him to make anything like a complete list of calls. He then presided at his banquet at seven o'clock and immediately thereafter accompanied Lt. Colonel Clark and Ald. Coleman, chairman of the fire and light committee, to the fireman's hall. The Dominion member returned to Winnipeg on the midnight train after a very happy and pleasant New Year's visit to his Dominion constituents in Brandon.

## BRITISH SOLDIER TO DIE FOR ASSAULTING GERMAN WHILE PRISONER OF WAR

London, Jan. 2.—Private Wm. Lonsdale, sentenced to death, according to telegraph reports, by the German supreme military tribunal for assaulting a German officer while held prisoner in a German camp, is a Leeds man, a reservist of the second battalions of the West Riding regiment. His wife and two young children are living at Leeds.

Lonsdale was called from his employment as a street car conductor in Leeds on the outbreak of the war, and took part in the battle of Mons, where he was wounded and taken prisoner on August 24.

## EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF NECESSITY FOR THE SEARCHING OF VESSELS

Germans Got Safely Home When British Govt. Behaves Courteously to U. S. Minister.

London, Jan. 2.—Through consideration for Dr. Henry Van Dyke, American minister to the Netherlands, the British government permitted the steamer Nien Amsterdam on which Dr. Van Dyke was a passenger during its last voyage from New York to Rotterdam, to proceed without being searched, notwithstanding certain suspicious circumstances. The British consul general at Rotterdam subsequently discovered that five members of the crew were Germans who worked their way over and then proceeded into Germany.

It is said here that there were also among the passengers several other German reservists, with false passports from neutral European countries, and that they went from Rotterdam to Germany.

## IDEAL WEATHER DREW LARGE CROWDS TO SEE ICE MATINEE EVENTS

Under ideal weather and track conditions the entertainment provided by the Gentlemen's Driving Club Friday on the Assiniboine river course, was much enjoyed by a large and appreciative crowd of spectators.

The horsemen regret that when so many Brandon citizens showed their interest in harness horse racing by turning out, more horses did not compete in the events.

In the Free-for-All, J. F. MacDonald, a trotter, Miss Sparkle, after losing the first heat to the veteran Nathalie Brown, came back strong, winning the next two and the race in fast time. The "A" class was won by Marsh Gammon's 3-year old filly, Elsie L. after losing the second heat to Fisher's Maybe Good, driven by his former owner, Wm. Bertrand. Elsie L. had to show every quality of speed and gameness in order to humble the veteran trotter.

In the "B" class, with three green colts entering, Lady Gold won the event after losing the first heat.

**Free-For-All**  
Miss Sparkle (Graue) . . . . . 2 1 1  
Nathalie Brown (Creginton) . . . . . 1 2 2  
Time—1:07 1/2; 1:06 1/4; 1:06 1/2.  
**"A" Class**  
Elsie L. (Gammon) . . . . . 3 2 2  
Maybe Good (Bertrand) . . . . . 2 1 2  
Time—1:10 1/2; 1:11 1/2; 1:12 1/2.  
**"B" Class**  
Lady Gold (Gold) . . . . . 2 1 1  
Nelly McClure (McGregor) . . . . . 1 2 2  
Stephen Wilson (Rice) . . . . . 3 3 3  
Time—1:14; 1:13; 1:12 1/2.  
**Starter—O. Cox.**  
**Judges—Harry Ferris, Wm. Wilson, Capt. Dr. Robinson.**  
**Clerk of Course—Dr. Cox.**

## SWITZERLAND HAS TO BEAR HEAVY EXPENSE OF ARMED NEUTRALITY

Berne, Via Paris, Jan. 2.—The heavy military expense thrust upon Switzerland by her being obliged to support an armed neutrality was almost the sole subject considered on Thursday by the Swiss parliament. At the conclusion of the sitting a recess was taken until March next.

The Swiss treasury it was announced, must provide for a deficit of \$4,750,000. Taxes were doubled upon alcohol and were increased on cheques, postal orders, telephones, state railway tickets and freight shipments.

Proposals to establish a state tobacco monopoly and direct taxes upon property for war purposes were deferred until March. The government proposed an increase of the charge of carrying newspapers by post, but owing to the united opposition of the press of the country, the government withdrew the bill.

Commercial depression exists throughout Switzerland partly because the whole system of hotels and other conveniences for tourists are idle. There are no winter sports this year and no prospects of entertaining rich tourists by the hundreds next season.

## NOT A SINGLE CASE OF INTEMPERANCE CAN BE CHARGED TO CANTEN

London, Jan. 2.—Replying to comment made in certain directions in Canada regarding the "wet" canteen at Salisbury Plain, Service Journal here says that not a single case of intemperance is traceable to the canteen; that the regulations guarding its use are too strict; that the canteen compelled many to substitute beer for whiskey obtained in saloons outside the camp, which, when the canteen was opened, General Alderson put out of bounds. It is also urged that the canteen taught self control superior to compulsory abstinence, more fitting to prisons than camps.

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Take a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size 25c. Sold by all dealers or sent on receipt of price by Fruit-a-lives Limited, Ottawa.

## SERBIAN CROWN PRINCE PRAISES SOLDIERS FOR THEIR GALLANT DEEDS

Announces that Not One of the Enemy is Now on Serbian Soil.

Paris, Jan. 2.—An address delivered by Crown Prince Alexander of Serbia, commander-in-chief of the Serbian army, to his troops is given in a despatch from Nish to the Havas agency.

"Five months have passed since the enemy attacked our beloved country," said the crown prince. "Although we have been tried by two

as the attack menacing and heroic. After having defeated the enemy once at Tser and Jadar, we have by bloody and glorious combats delivered a blow harder than any they have inflicted on us to the present. Thousands of prisoners, hundreds of cannon and immense amounts of booty which we have captured bear witness to the enemy's defeat and our glory."

"Soldiers, I am proud to announce that no one of the enemy is now in Serbian territory. We have expelled him and put him to flight. In this solemn moment when upon our proud Belgrade the flag of victorious Serbia flies, I desire before all to give recognition of your valor."

The prince then eulogized his men, comparing them with the ancient heroes who brought glory to Serbian arms.

"The end of this gigantic combat now is in sight, although not yet achieved," he continued. "Then will come a peace worthily crowned with victories for our grand Serbia. Our country will be greater, more powerful and happier than ever. For that, my heroes, Serbia will be grateful to you."

## ALLEGED COUNTERFEITERS ON TRIAL AT PORT ARTHUR

Port Arthur, Jan. 2.—According to evidence gathered by the city police, Gas Vlage and James Pappalinas, arrested yesterday as counterfeiters, operated in Vancouver and Winnipeg before coming here, getting out of those cities on learning that the police were on their trail.

Their method of operation was simple and the work cleverly done. As far as can be learned, they confined their work to making fifty-cent pieces with plaster of paris moulds and raising one dollar bills to ten with the aid of clear box labels.

## GERMAN SPIES ARRESTED NEAR SWISS BORDER

Geneva, Via London, Jan. 2.—A Swiss diplomat who returned here yesterday from Vienna, where he saw Emperor Francis Joseph Christmas day, says the monarch looked physically well but seemed older and more anxious than usual. Four German spies were arrested at Delle, France, near the Swiss frontier. They were taken by train to Belfort for court martial. It is said that compromising documents were found on the men.

## ENGLAND HESITATES TO ASK FOR JAPANESE TROOPS AT THE FRONT

Tokio, Jan. 2.—In its denial of reports that Japanese troops had been landed at Vladivostok or any other place en route to Europe, the foreign office included this statement:

"Japan has not been approached by Great Britain or any other country to send an army to Europe."  
It is learned from other sources here that France and probably Russia are favorable to the project of sending Japanese troops to Europe but that England hesitates to ask for Japanese help. The financial phase of the matter, it is said, could be arranged but the economic and political questions involved are difficult.

In the meantime frequent meetings are called in Tokio by partisans of the project to awaken public enthusiasm in this direction and there is an active discussion in the newspapers supporting the plan to despatch volunteers. It is said that the assistance of Count Okuma, the premier, has been solicited by the supporters of the project.

## STILL HOPEFUL OF SECURING ARENA TO HOLD WINTER FAIR

Interesting Resolution Passed By Gathering of Business Men, Farmers and Stock Men.

"That in view of the importance of the Brandon winter fair to the development of the agricultural interests of the province of Manitoba and whereas much of the preliminary work and considerable expense has already been entailed towards the fair for 1915 and whereas the stock breeders and farmers throughout the province have been devoting time and expense to the preparation of exhibits, that it is the opinion of this meeting that the winter fair board should complete preparations and hold the fair on the dates selected—March 15 to 19—and that the citizens of Brandon and the province generally should support this effort."

make the same an unqualified success."  
This was the resolution, moved by Mr. A. Shewan, seconded by Mr. D. Beaulieu and carried unanimously, which was the outcome of a most representative meeting of farmers, citizens, business men, live stock men, poultry men and city councillors, held yesterday morning at the city hall.

The whole trend of the meeting was the expression of opinion that it would be a very unfortunate matter not to hold the fair, seeing that such a large proportion of the arrangements have already been completed. The meeting was held to consider the report of the delegation which waited on Premier Roblin on Thursday in Winnipeg and at the outset it was very evident that the large majority were in favor of holding the fair. The speakers all dwelt upon the fact that farmers and stock breeders throughout the West have been for months preparing exhibits, also that nearly 100 boys throughout the province were preparing their entries for the special prize of \$1,000 donated by the Bankers' Association.

Mr. D. Beaulieu voiced the sentiments of all present when he pointed out that it was the future which would be so vitally affected if the fair were dropped this year. He urged that if it was at all possible the exposition should be held, even if some of the features had to be eliminated.

After two hours' discussion it was decided to adopt the resolution given above, also to appoint Mayor Hughes, Ald. Bourke, Ald. Coleman and D. W. Beaulieu to wait upon Sir James Atkins and ask him to take up the matter of securing the arena with Major Gen. Steele. It was also decided to send a letter to Premier Roblin informing him of the unanimous feeling of the meeting in favor of holding the fair.

During the meeting it was elicited that the expenses of the fair will be at least \$1,000 less than last year and that the local military authorities were willing to assist in every way, should the Winnipeg authorities consent to the use of the arena. The committee appointed to interview Sir James Atkins later took the Brandon member over all the available buildings in the city, including the Gordon McKay building and the building owned by Mayor Hughes on Ninth st. and Victoria ave.

## REMARKABLE DEPTH OF GERMAN TREACHERY IS NOW BEING REVEALED

London, Jan. 2.—From a Norwegian woman came the following illuminating instance of the Kaiser's disinterested friendliness in Norway. The lady's story is as follows:

The Kaiser used to come to Norway every summer to rest. As a rule he brought several warships with him. As he was always very friendly and always gave presents to towns, acting the part of a good fairy, his officers were allowed to take the warships into all the fjords, and I feel sure that the Germans know a good deal better than our Norwegian navy the depth of every little fjord in Norway.

Some time ago, to show his gratitude to the hospitable Norwegians, he gave a statue to the country. It was as big as an ordinary lighthouse and was of the Norwegian hero, Frithjof, one of our adjacent kings. It was by the Kaiser's order to be set up at a certain point where, incidentally, it would prove a magnificent mark for a hostile force.

As it was put up—you may well wonder at the Norwegian government—the whole statue was of polished metal and looked like gold; even at night it shone, and the right arm pointed to the mouth of a fjord very difficult to find by day or night. But at last the Norwegian government has awakened. They cut off that arm and altered the position.

Now, after war has broken out, the lovely gift of the Kaiser has been packed bit by bit and rests in some big boxes stowed away in some big warehouse. Don't you agree with me, that the Kaiser's gift was a 'friendly' one?

## TEN PERSONS KILLED IN LONDON EXPRESS WRECK

London, Jan. 2.—Ten persons were killed and 50 injured, several fatally, in a rear-end collision between the London-bound express and a local train on the Great Eastern railway at Ilford yesterday. The victims were crushed in the rear car of the local train, standing on the siding when the express crashed into it. Most of the killed were commuters en route to business in London.

## David McNicoll

**W**ILKINSON in counsel, reticent but observant, David McNicoll is one of those "men of vision" whose name will always be associated with the fortunes of the C.P.R. The announcement of his retirement from active executive work was not altogether a surprise. He had rendered long and signal service; he had advanced from one dignity to another; he had seen the system grow from the proverbial grain of mustard seed until it had covered a continent; he had a large share in the shaping of those high policies which gave character and prestige to the company, and it was only fair that after forty years' hard work he should have a holiday.

"There is," writes one who knows him well, "a strong individuality in the manner of Mr. McNicoll. He might seem to bluff you, but as the pomegranate cut in the middle shows the red vein of life and vitality, so if you could get beneath the surface you always found in Mr. McNicoll no small share of humanities. He does not wear his heart on his sleeve. He never utters the thoughtless word. He goes over plans and diagrams and details with a wonderful mastery. He grasps things, not with exuberance but with steadiness."

He has the Scotch seriousness; but also the Scotch humor—dry, pawky, cropping out spontaneously and unexpectedly. It scorched sometimes, but mostly it is playful. Though of serious bearing and quiet dignity, the good story with a point in it finds him eager. He says to his duties undivided attention, working early and late. From step to step he rose until he was associated with the system in its most influential period and policies, and through it all Mr. McNicoll remained the incarnation of simplicity. Even in his younger days he gave himself to the cultivation of simplicity of life and habit, speech and manner. One recalls him in his shirt sleeves, in the old offices opposite Place D'Armes Square busy and eager at the moment when the company was commencing its career. If he could make a coup he would not announce it in any startling way; he loved to work on, unnoticed by the public. If a moment of confidence were given in respect of any large policy, there must not be a word said about it.

From Place D'Armes Square Mr. McNicoll went down to the old Albert Buildings on Victoria Square as passenger agent. In the Windsor Street offices the system began to show life and strength, and larger honors were awarded. The vision extended; a nebulous system took form and coherency; all the young men set themselves with zest in the saddle and the C.P.R. went forward by leaps and bounds. Mr. McNicoll has the coolest of temperaments. No one ever saw him excited. In the debates which took place in the various passenger associations, which he attended as representing the C.P.R., he spoke with a sort of grim quietness, but he gained his point. The officers of the C.P.R. will recall his keenness; the Board of Directors his quiet attentiveness to which the pointed remark gave emphasis; while the general public will always associate the growth and influence of the system with the name of David McNicoll.