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Delegations and tariffs.

There is evidently "a moving of the waters" in progress at the present time in regard to the wisdom or necessity of taxing the food of the masses. The ever greater and greater difficulty to obtain the necessities of life has forced men to take stock anew of the situation, to reconsider many of their long accepted economic beliefs and to make a determined effort for betterment. For ages it was the custom for men to accept famine and pestilence, oppression, exploitation, and injustice of all kinds as the necessary portion of life, as divine tests of human patience and docility. But the human intelligence and will at length asserted themselves. Famine was banished by more scientific production and better distribution; pestilence was fought by hygiene, sanitation and medicine; oppression fled before the sword of awakening Liberty; men declared for their own rights, and ordered law because the rule instead of arbitrary authority. The race refuse longer to suffer without protest, to endure passively, to lick the rod and be resigned. Even the most conservative among us have arrived at the conclusion that there is nothing divine about a tariff system, and if food is to reach a prohibitive price, the people of this country are going to know the reason why. Hon. R. L. Borden and his associates have begun to find this out by this time, if delegations and arguments have any enlightening effect. A few days ago, a body of men, fairly representative of the farmers of the West and Ontario, interviewed the Premier at Ottawa and urged strongly and logically upon him the necessity of practically removing all taxation on foodstuffs. It was no mere protest, for the delegation backed up their case by comprehensive statistics and by uncontrovertible facts. The farmers of Canada at the present time really receive no protection from the tariff on food products imported, for save in certain cases, as wheat, they are not growing enough to feed the fast growing population, no matter what the price may be. This being the case, the margin of deficiency must be made up by goods imported at the lowest procurable price from abroad; for the people must be fed. Again the tremendously high prices that are being paid by the consumer at the present time give nothing like corresponding benefits to the producer, whose gains, despite the high market prices, are not so greatly enhanced above what they were ten years ago. The exorbitant increase in price occurs between the time when the produce leaves the producer's hand and reaches the table of the consumer. In other words, THERE ARE TOO MANY HANDLERS BETWEEN—too many handlers, too many middlemen, to every one of whom the consumer must pay toll and must be bled. Jack raises the bushel of potatoes and sells it to Tom, who sells it to Dick, who sells it to Harry, who sells it possibly pound by pound to Ned, who must pay the piper for every tune. If Harry were eliminated it would help Ned, who would be helped still more if Dick were expunged, but who would be benefitted more than all if he could purchase from Jack to the exclusion of Tom, Dick and Harry; Jack being as well or better off than before. But all this is easier said than done, because the Toms, the Dicks and the Harrys are numerous, wealthy and influential. They have long ago combined forces, and since there is not a surplus of all food products in the country, they are able to more or less corner the whole thing—save wheat alone, thanks to the organization and work of the Grain Growers' Association—hold it up by means of cold storage and otherwise, and while they force the producer to accept what they choose to give, they charge the consumer whatever they see fit; *and both are forced to submit.* In other words the wealthy and nationally organized middlemen dominate the situation, eliminate competition, ruthlessly destroy small concerns, and would-be competitors, and hold both producer and consumer by the throat with a throttling grasp. A conspiracy against both the farmer and the city purchaser of food has rendered both the apparently helpless victims of the greedy conspirators. The conspiracy must be defeated, the throttling grasp must be loosened, and, if possible, the criminals punished. The first and most effective thing to do is to remove the tariff on food products generally, which will effectively prevent the "cornering" of the necessaries of life, for it is very difficult if not impossible to "corral" importations. Then the government should seek out, expose and punish all conspiracies, trusts, interests and "understandings," by which the poor man's table is left bare and his children hungry. It is useless to make the excuse that the cost of living has gone up in France, Germany, Britain, the United States, etc. With the exception of the last, all these are old and densely peopled countries where every available acre is used and yet the productive capacity cannot and never can meet the demand. The United States, too, is a densely peopled country compared with Canada, and its demands for food are tremendous. The Dominion of Canada on the other hand suffers from none of these things. Our population is sparse and our productive areas enormous. Illimitable, and yet the cost of living under these most favored conditions has risen faster in this country and is now at a higher level than in any contemporaneous nation. Our farmers are not lazy; it is a lie and a defamation to say so.

Scarcely a hundredth part of our fertile acreage is in cultivation, and none of our soil, even in the older provinces, is exhausted. If under these conditions we cannot feed ourselves, except at an almost prohibitive cost, we must supplement the needed supply from other fields and at the cheapest rate possible. Bread riots or revolution are the only alternative. If legitimate relief is not found without the loss of unnecessary time. The causes of the present situation, fast becoming intolerable, are not far to seek, and Royal Commissioners need not spend much time in seeking them, but of a verity something must be done, and that quickly and effectively, to relieve a suffering irritated and disgusted population.

—The last of the Christmas mails for foreign lands left New York on the Mauretania Wednesday. All told, foreigners in New York city sent 496,398 money orders, aggregating $7,775,000, to the folks at home. This is an increase of 68,000 orders and $1,250,000 in money over last year. To Great Britain went $3,000,000; to Italy, $1,577,000; to Russia nearly $930,000, and to sixteen other countries sums dwindling to $1,089 in the case of Liberia, recipient of the smallest amount.

Notes and Comments.

—Divers are now equipped with a telephone, so they are at all times in communication with the surface.

—Twelve years ago in Ottawa the price of milk was a dollar for twenty-two quarts. To-day, it is just twice that sum.

—It is proposed to erect in New York a building forty-four storeys high as a monument to the opening of the Panama Canal.

—Last year the United States spent $93,376,736 on its army, $126,405,509 on its navy, $6,500,000 on its military academies and on fortifications, and paid out $165,146,146 in pensions. The total was $381,563,000.

—An instrument for the transmission of pictures by means of wireless apparatus has been invented by a young Italian scientist. Drawings, pictures, and autographs are transmitted, so it is said, with absolute fidelity.

—The death has take place at Portsmouth, G. B., of James Abbot, one of the last dozen survivors of the famous Balaclava charge. He was in the 11th Hussars. He retired from the regiment with the rank of sergeant, joined the Coastguard service, and later became a prison warder.

—Madame Sarah Bernhardt is shortly to add another role to her repertoire—namely, that of a lecturer. She has consented to deliver a series of lectures to the young ladies of the Annales University of Paris.

—The residents of Spooonville, in Lassen County, Cal., are at last to be relieved of a name against which they have been objecting for years. The joshing to which they have been subjected on account of their address has led to various attempts to induce the Post Office Department to change the name of the post office, which would carry with it a change in the name of the settlement.

—Marvellous sagacity has been shown at Heywood, Lancashire, G. B., by an Irish terrier, which endeavoured to tear the clothing from the body of an aged widow which were in flames. The woman died afterwards from her injuries. Lucy McPrice, the widow, was alone when the accident occurred. She had been smoking, and fell asleep on the sofa, and was aroused by the flames which had seized her clothing. She was able to tell the story of the dog's devotion before she became insensible. At the inquest the coroner remarked that the dog ought to be presented with a medal for trying to save life.

—An English exchange says:—"A certain exalted personage, the other day, was holding forth to some ladies on the duty of daily acts of kindness. Turning to the small daughter of the house, she said, "And even a little girl can manage to be kind to someone." "I know, ma'am," was the prompt reply. "Like the Scouts! I do a deed of kindness every day." The lady smiled graciously. "And what do you do?" she asked. "I save all mother's cigarette ends from the side of her bed and give them to poor men in Hyde Park,' was the prompt reply. Mamma was not so pleased by her little daughter's kindness as she might have been."

—The Vicar of a London church was the innocent cause of an amusing incident the other day. A member of the Royal Family having promised to open a sale of work for him, everything was in readiness as the hour approached. At length a motor-car stopped before the entrance of the parish hall and a gracious lady alighted accompanied by a small group of friends. The Vicar gave the signal, and the machinery commenced to move. The piano struck up "God Save the King,' two children in white stood ready with a large bouquet, and all those present rose to their feet. The lady appeared a little bewildered at the proceedings, and when the Vicar addressed her in the usual terms she hastily explained that she was not the Princess. Her Royal Highness arrived a few minutes later.

THE HIGH COST OF LIVING.

THE MYSTERY.

"Taint me," says the farmer,
"Who's getting the stuff?"
"Taint me," says the packer;
"I just get enough
To pay a small profit,
And all of them chorus
Together: "Taint me."

"Taint me," said the tanner,
"Who gets the high price
For high shoes and low ones,
For slippers and ties."
"Taint me, says the rancher;
"I live and that's all."
"Taint me," said the dealer;
"My profits are small."

"Tain't me," says the canner;
"My margin's the same."
"Tain't me," says the huckster,
"Who's bracin' the game."
"Tain't me," says the gardener;
"I'm poor all the time."
"Tain't me," says the grocer;
"I ain't seen a dime."

It's surely a puzzle
To know where it goes;
No maker or seller
Or any of those
Partake of high prices,
So they all agree;
And I'm the consumer—
I'm certain "Taint me"

30 YEARS AGO TO-DAY.

(From files ACADIAN RECORDER.)

DEC. 21.

The thermometer readings were: Lowest 25, highest 34. Snow.

W. E. Messervey, barber, moved to a shop opposite the Garrison Chapel on Brunswick St.

P. J. Burke, Principal of St. Mary's School, and D. H. Barbidge, Principal of Morris Street School, were recipients to-day of Christmas gifts from their pupils.

A bazaar was going on this afternoon in the basement of the new St. Patrick's Church. There were two tables, one presided over by ladies of the south end and one by ladies of the north end.

The pupils of Fraser and Whiston's Commercial College presented their teachers with gold watches this evening as a token of their regard. The gathering were later entertained to a supper at W. H. Teas' restaurant. Almost 100 people were present.

DEC. 22.

The thermometer readings were: Lowest 26, highest 34. Snow.

The Watchman, the temperance organ, was sent to the Western Chronicle office at Kentville to be printed.

The St. James Restaurant, on Hollis street, next door to the burned Queen building, was re-opened for business to-day. The walls of the burned structure were torn down.

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I was cured of Acute Bronchitis by MINARD'S LINIMENT.
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COLLAPSED IN BOUT.

English pugilist dies after a fight at London last night.

Hockey gossip of interest from various centres.

DIED AFTER BOUT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A London cable to the New York American says:—Jimmy Burrows, a lightweight boxer, died last night after a fight with George Freeman, at the Judean Athletic Club. He was attacking when he collapsed and fell unconscious. He was removed to a hospital, where he died. Freeman had not struck Burrows for some time before the latter's collapse.

LANGFORD GOT DECISION.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Sam Langford was awarded the decision over Joe Jennette of Hoboken, N. J., at the end of the 20th round of a fast contest to-night.

Langford forced the fighting throughout the battle. Jeannette took a count of nine three times in the 13th round, and at the end of the 20th was barely able to stand. In the 12th, 15th and 19th rounds Jeannette landed hard blows on his opponent, but they were ineffective. Jeannette's cleverness frequently brought cheers from the crowd of spectators.

WANT INVESTIGATION.

A despatch from Toronto states that the Athletic Association of the University of Toronto will ask to have the charges of professionalism against Joe Donnelly, of the McGill Rugby team, investigated, and judged on their merits. The annual meeting of the Inter-collegiate Rugby Union will be held to-morrow.

TURNS DOWN $50,000 A YEAR.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 19.—Eddie Collins, the second base man of the Athletics, turned down an offer made by the Federal League of $50,000 a year and a three-year contract.

Collins gave the matter some consideration and then declined the proffer, saying that he would stay with Connie Mack, who had always treated him well.

SATURDAY'S BRITISH FOOTBALL.

ENGLISH LEAGUE, DIVISION 1.			
Blackburn R.,	0	Manchester U,	1
Bradford City,	1	Burnley,	1
Derby C,	2	Newcastle U,	0
Everton,	0	Chelsea,	1
Manchester C,	1	Preston N E,	0
Middlesboro,	3	Aston Villa,	2
Sheffield U,	0	Liverpool,	1
Sunderland,	2	Oldham A,	0
Tottenham H,	1	Sheffield W,	1
West Bromwich A,	1	Bolton W,	1
SECOND DIVISION.			
Barnsley,	0	Hull City,	2
Birmingham,	0	Leeds City,	2
Blackpool,	2	Bradford,	0
Bury,	1	Wolverhampton W,	4
Fulham,	3	Bristol City,	1
Grimsby T,	2	Clapton O,	0
Huddersfield T,	1	Leicester F,	2
Lincoln C,	0	Notts County,	0
Nottingham F,	2	Stockport C,	0
Woolwich A,	2	Glossop,	0
SOUTHERN LEAGUE.			
Bristol R.,	1	Exeter City,	1
Merthyr, T,	2	Millwall A.,	2
Westbury U,	2	Portsmouth,	2
Plymouth A.,	2	Brighton and Hove,	1
Southampton,	4	South End U.,	0
Reading,	1	Northampton,	1
Crystal Palace,	2	Gillingham,	2
Nottingham F,	1	Norwich C.,	1
Queen's Park R.,	3	Watford,	2
Swindon T.,	4	Cardiff C.,	2
SCOTTISH LEAGUE.			
Aberdeen,	2	Dumbarton,	3
St. Mirren,	1	Aridrieonians,	4
Ayr United,	1	Hibernians,	0
Celtic,	0	Motherwell,	0
Hearts,	2	Clyde,	0
Dundee,	0	Rangers,	2
Falkirk,	3	Queen's Park,	2
Hamilton A.,	6	Kilmarnock,	0
Third Lanark,	3	Morton,	1
Patrick T.,	2	Raith Rovers,	1
SCOTTISH CUP.			
Albion Rovers,	1	Dundee Hibernians,	1
RUGBY RESULTS.			
England,	11	North of England,	8
Harlequins,	29	Old Alleyians,	8
London Scottish,	24	Army,	3
London Irish,	27	U. S. Old Boys,	5
United Services,	31	Portsmouth,	0

HOCKEY GOSSIP.

St. Michael's College, of Toronto, defeated Yale University at hockey at New York Saturday night by a score of five to one.

The Amherst News, speaking of the statement that Tower may play in Halifax, says: "Tower had a talk with one of the hockey scouts, and this gentleman informed 'Son' that he would hear from him before the season started. 'Son' has now determined that unless the offer is a very good one he will stick to the amateur game."

Cross, Kyle and one of the MacNamaras are Crescent possibilities.

The N. H. A. has not yet agreed to sign the M. P. H. A. agreement, but the clubs here are not worrying. They feel they have gone more than half way.

The Toronto News says:—"Howard McNamara, Scott and Vair would make a pretty fair forward line for the Ontarios. Doherty, Hunt and Guy Smith would do for reserves. We hate to select Jimmy Murphy's team, but this outfit, with Cross in goal, and George McNamara and Lake on the defence, would make the other teams hustle. Halifax expects to see some of the named players this winter.

TAX PAYERS PROTEST

Against proposal to spend $4,000 on the Works' Department.

EDITOR DAILY RECORDER:

Dear Mr. Editor: Will you kindly allow me as a tax payer of this city, through your columns, to enter a strenuous protest against the Board of Control, in proposing to spend $4,000 on the Works' Department, which is generally understood is to be applied towards the maintenance and improvements of the City Incinerator, now recognized by the whole city as a "white elephant."

Let it not be forgotten that the people of Ward 6 in particular are strenuously opposed to this $4,000 being put in the estimates at all; they are unanimous that not a nickel should be voted for the Works' Department; that proposed $4,000 should be struck out of the estimates altogether."

The people of Ward 6 are strongly in favor of Controller Scanlan and Alderman Parker in voting against this useless expenditure of the people's money; it is just simply pouring the people's hard earned cash into the streets.

If the people are going to get what is coming to them, the incinerator should be closed up, and the money it is costing to run it, should be applied to the workingman who the Board of Control have decided to advance 1 cent an hour—this would be money well spent.

The people of Ward 6 are also of the opinion that the City Engineer's salary should be reduced on account of the enormous expense that the city has been put to with the incinerator, which was acknowledged by the City Fathers as not a success. The people are at a loss to see where the City Engineer is worthy of a raise of $300.

The City Council should also cut down the Controllers' salary to $200 per year.

Yours, very truly,
INDIGNANT TAX-PAYER.

[We do not agree with our correspondent regarding the increase to the City Engineer's salary—in our opinion he is entitled to the raise.—ED. RECORDER.]

CONDITION OF CUNARD ST.

A correspondent writes:

I wish, through the columns of your paper, to call the City Council's attention to the state of Cunard street on a wet day, or until the ground has been dried up or frozen. After a rainstorm this street is in a most deplorable condition, the mud being ankle-deep. Spring Garden Road and Cunard street are the two principal crosstown streets in Halifax. The former has lovely paved streets, and one can traverse them on wet days without the aid of stilts; the latter street, however, is no more than a cow path.

I was out by the Arm the other day and noticed paved sidewalk on Coburg Road, where there are only a few houses and very little traffic. This may look nice, but why not put those streets where they would be fit for something more than ornamentation?

Let us spend our money for necessities, and when we are more prosperous we can think of the luxuries.

ONE WHO HAS TO WALK.

WITH STAGE FAVORITES.

William Wolff, the favorite operatic comedian, is with Mme. Trentini in the Firefly.

Mutt and Jeff are in New York this week, with Jerry Sullivan, who was in Halifax, playing Jeff.

The Royal Mounted, a story of the Canadian North West Mounted Police, will be presented at the Academy next week.

Edward (Teddy) McNamara and Phyllis (Patsy) Hill, of the Pollard Opera Co., were married recently at Edmonton.

When Melba was approached recently as a vaudeville possibility, she smilingly replied, "I am going to clear $250,000 out of my concert tour this year."

The Red Rose is in St. Paul this week, and the Pink Lady is in Portland, Oregon. Oh, Oh, Delphine, is in Columbus, Ohio. Halifax will likely see the latter next August.

Bunty Pulls the Strings was presented for the first time in stock by the Lonergan Players at New Bedford last week. Joseph Selman, John Meehan, Maude Blair, Eugene Dabois and Bernard Steele, who have been in Halifax, were in the cast.

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ASKINS GOT DECISION

Over O'Neill on a foul in the 3rd round.

The followers of pugilism were again entertained through the efforts of the Firemen's Tournament Committee at Acker's Theatre, Saturday night, when Charles Askins and Kid O'Neill had their second meeting. Since their bout a fortnight previous, there has been a great desire to see them in the ring again and Mr. Acker having again generously given the use of his theatre, the Firemen again arranged for another ten round bout between them to take place Saturday night. Crowds were in the streets waiting for the doors to open and fully 600 people were in the building when the bout started.

There was some anxiety among the gathering, when 11.10 arrived without the boxers being in the ring. Askins was first to appear and O'Neill some minutes later. It was announced that the bout would stop promptly at midnight, and decision then given regardless of the number of rounds. The bout, however, was underway at 11.25, and it was finished in three rounds, Askins receiving the decision on a foul shortly before the time expired for the round.

It was an unfortunate ending, as it still left a dispute as to the outcome in a bout which could be settled without unlooked circumstances. Askins while having the lead at the time, was tiring, while O'Neill was in better form than at the same period in the previous bout.

For those who wished to see a good clever boxing pair there was disappointment, but those who enjoy good hard punching were kept thoroughly interested, and some were unable to repress their excitement, though general good order prevailed.

It was again the case of the boxer against a fighter; Askins was decidedly the cleverest of the pair; he landed more often than his opponent; he stood him off well many times; he cleverly ducked several of O'Neill's swings, though in the small ring he had difficulty of showing his work in this respect. O'Neill fought every moment of the time; he used his strength in the clinches, as well as rushing him against the ropes, and when he got him there, landed several effective punches. But Askins was clever, and when he got O'Neill towards the centre his long reach generally told and his stiff lefts were doing much execution. There were numerous clinches, but which were quickly broken up by the referee, with O'Neill just as promptly going after his man. He had adopted different tactics to the previous bout, mixing it up right from the outset.

Askins, however, was just as clever as before, and early in the round brought the blood from O'Neill's nose and landed quite severely. Askins ducked and O'Neill returned with a blow, which struck Askins low, doubling him up, and Referee Frank Murray at once sent the men to their corners and pointed to Askins as the winner on the foul. Mr. Murray made a splendid referee, and he had no easy task. O'Neill made a speech, claiming that he had not made a foul. The referee said afterwards that O'Neill had hit low previous to this, but there were no serious results.

Facer and Tidswell met in the preliminary, which, however, did not last a round. Tidswell landed heavily on Facer, who also injured his arm against a post and he was soon knocked out.

Neilly McIntyre and Billy Parsons challenged the winner of the main bout, and Young Boyle challenged any lightweight in the country. It was announced that Bay Wood and Mickey McIntyre will meet at the Empire the second week in January.

O'Neill called at the RECORDER office today with the request to have it stated that he will meet Askins any time or place. He claims that he did not foul Askins, and says he never fouled a man in his ring career. He says he will meet Askins under any conditions.

DARTMOUTH NEWS.

Christmas Music in churches yesterday. —Personals.

Arthur J. Munro and Miss Olga Munro, who have been staying in Dartmouth while taking courses at college, left on Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents at Margaree Harbor, C. B.

The death occurred at her late residence, Windmill road, yesterday, of Helen, widow of John Cox, at an advanced age. She is survived by two sons, John and William Henry Cox, both residing on the Windmill road. Funeral to-morrow, Tuesday, at 3 p. m., to St. Peter's cemetery.

The annual Christmas tree and entertainment at the N. S. Hospital will take place on Wednesday night.

Rev. G. M. Ambrose of Bedford preached in Christ church last evening.

The unfavorable weather had the effect of keeping many persons from attending the church services yesterday, but notwithstanding that fact, large congregations were in attendance at St. James church, when the special music prepared for the Christmas season, was rendered. The minister was the preacher at both services. The subject in the evening was "The peace of the World," in which a fine plea was made to the individual to do his part in helping to bring it to pass.

The music was perhaps the best ever rendered by the excellent choir, and Mr. Cumming, the choir master, is again to be congratulated on the selection of the various numbers. R. W. Schafer's playing on the organ was much admired, his accompaniments being artistically performed. At the conclusion of the evening's service a number of selections from Handel's "Messiah" were given. The special numbers given at the morning service were the anthem "Where is He that is born," with solo by Miss Violet Whipley, and the offertory anthem was "O Zion that bringeth good tidings." The special numbers in the evening were: Anthem, "There were shepherds," solo Miss Jessie McMillan; solo, "The Christmas message," Miss Evelyn Bishop; offertory anthem, "Christians awake," solos by Miss Effie Allen and T. A. Cumming.

The numbers given at the close of the evening service were:

Comfort ye and every valley, Mr. T. A. Cumming
And the Glory of the Lord, Chorus
O, Thou, that tellest,
Mrs. Ralph W. Elliot and choir
Pastoral Symphony, Organ
There were Shepherds and Glory to God in the highest,
Miss N. F. Churchill and choir
Hallelujah Chorus, Organ

Yesterday in the Baptist Church, Rev. F. E. Bishop, the pastor, preached at both services. The choir, under the direction of Miss Blanche Eaton, rendered splendidly, special Christmas music, giving two special numbers at each service.

CATHOLIC NOTES.

A. O. H. officers elected.—Christmas in the churches.

The Children of Mary met in St. Mary's Convent yesterday afternoon, and arranged to provide Christmas toys and candy for the orphans.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Div. No. 1, A. O. H. meet to-morrow night to prepare baskets for the poor. They expect to send out about 100 baskets.

In all the Catholic churches of the city midnight Mass will be celebrated as usual Christmas, and on Christmas day Masses will be celebrated at every hour, commencing at 7 o'clock. The half-yearly collection for the Archbishop and clergy will be taken up before all these masses.

Midnight Masses will be celebrated at Mount St. Vincent, the Halifax Infirmary, Convent of Sacred Heart, St. Mary's Convent, St. Theresa's Home and St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Convents.

The annual meeting of Division No. 3, A. O. H., took place yesterday afternoon, when there was a large attendance of members. All the reports showed the division to be in sound shape, and the outlook for the coming year most encouraging. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Charles Lamphier, Jr.
Vice-President—J. L. Power.
Rec. Secretary—Cyril Keating.
Fin. " —Jas. H. Sullivan.
Treasurer—John J. Joyce.
Asst. Rec. Secretary—John Baldwin.
Asst. Fin. Secretary—Edward Joyce.
Sergt-at-Arms—A. M. Power.
Inside Sentinel—Wm. Murphy.
Outside Sentinel—Geo. W. Power.
Caretaker—G. F. Wilkie.

Much interest is being taken in the annual social to be held by St. Ann's Sodality at the Convent of the Sacred Heart on Sunday, Dec. 28, at four o'clock.

TO-DAY'S STOCK SALES.

Ames Holden Pfd—10 at 68.
Can. Car Com—10 at 66.
Can. Cotton Pfd, xd —1½ p. c.—5 at 75.
Can. Rubber—25 at 81.
C. P. R.—100 at 216½, 25 at 216¾, 25 at 216⅞, 100 at 216¾, 25 at 216, 100 at 215⅞, 50 at 216, 25 at 215⅞.
C. P. R. Rts—196 at 4 7-32, 2 at 4¼, 425 at 4⅜, 55 at 4 3-16.
Dom. Bridge—35 at 115.
Dom. Iron Pfd—21 at 93½.
Dom. Steel & Coal Corporation—3 at 38⅜, 25 at 38⅝.
Dom. Textile Bds—1000n at 100.
Ills. Traction Pfd—1 at 90½.
Montreal Power—6 at 217.
Richelieu & Ont.—25 at 111⅞.
Spanish River—46 at 94.
Quebec Bank—3 at 120.
Royal Bank—13 at 221.

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FIRE AT PORTSMOUTH.

About $1,500,000 damage in dockyard.

Two signalmen who summoned help burned to death.

PORTSMOUTH, G. B., Dec. 21.—A fire involving damage variously estimated at from $1,250,000 to $1,500,000, devastated the famous dockyard Saturday night, and resulted in the loss of two lives and the destruction of the century old semaphore tower, which in the pre-telegraph days was the great signaling station between the fleet and the Admiralty.

Two of the three signalmen who had remained in the tower to summon help when the fire broke out, were burned to death. The third managed to make his escape through the smoke and flames to an adjoining roof and there fell unconscious. He was subsequently rescued.

Nothing is known as to how the fire originated. When it was first observed from the deck of the new battle cruiser Queen Mary, it had already obtained a good hold on the inflammable material in the loft and sail house. All the fire fighting apparatus in the dockyard was rapidly brought into action, and the efforts of the men were devoted to preventing the fire from reaching the main store at the end of the burning building, which was filled with thirty thousand tons of heavy oil. After many hours strenuous work the fire was got under control. It had then reached within eight feet of these tanks. The flames were finally extinguished about 3 o'clock on Sunday morning.

The huge wooden semaphore structure surrounding the rigging house was a blazing beacon within half a hour after the outbreak, and could be seen miles out. The roof of the main tower and building, converting the whole into a fiery mass. Fire parties were sent to the dockyard from all the warships in the harbor, and the battleship cruiser Queen Mary, on which burning brands were falling, was towed out of the danger zone.

Many valuable models of old warships, records relating to Nelson and earlier periods, and naval relics, were destroyed.

CURE FOR PARALYSIS.

Reasonable hope of same being found.

PARIS, December 22.—Dr. Levaditi, of the Pasteur Institute, and Dr. Harle, head of the Villejuif Asylum, have made experiments which they announced yesterday gave reasonable hope of being able to find a cure for general paralysis.

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