

RECRUITS WILL BE TORNED DOWN

Limited Accommodation on Board Niobe and Rainbow Will Result in Much Delay.

Flaming Posters May Have to Be Withdrawn—Secret Tenders for Ten New Vessels.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 2.—The naval service department, of which Mr. Brodeur is the head, has just got out a large, highly colored and very expensive poster. This is being circulated all over Canada, from one ocean to the other. Numerous officials of the Dominion government are qualified to accept applications from young men who are inspired by these beautiful posters to offer themselves as recruits.

It may safely be predicted that in ten days or a fortnight these officials will receive instructions to refuse applications and that many young men fired by these posters with a desire for a life on the ocean wave will be repulsed and disappointed.

The reason is a singular miscellanea which has been made by the naval service department. The Niobe and Rainbow between them can accommodate about 200 recruits for training purposes. These men, it is understood, are to remain on these ships for perhaps two years. At the end of that period they should move out of the ships, find accommodations elsewhere and make room for other recruits to be taken on board the ships. In short there should be a constant turnover of the men.

Baracks Not Commenced. The money for such baracks has been voted by parliament, no less than \$200,000 having been appropriated by parliament last year for this purpose. But the minister, so far as the baracks are concerned, has neglected to order these baracks. They have not been commenced. Consequently, when the men on the Niobe and Rainbow are their term of instruction on the ships they will have no place to which to go, they must stay on shipboard; and they will block the way for recruits who should be taken on board. Thus Mr. Brodeur, by not working his scheme of organization with due regard for future developments, has made abundant preparations for a thorough block a couple of years hence.

Nor is that all, as has been stated already, the Niobe and Rainbow between them can accommodate about 200 recruits. It is learned that so far about 120 young men have joined and this without any advertising or the putting out of any special effort. This there are only 20 vacancies. It is already known that about 30 men have signified their intention of joining. So that leaves 150 recruits to be attracted by the gaudy posters.

If 150 men have decided to join before advertising has commenced how many can be expected when the walls are brilliant with placards and "recruits" is likely to be within the week the vacancies will be filled. But the accommodation is strictly limited; the department, thanks to its steady neglect of anything outside of the buying of the two cruisers, has nothing whatever outside of the two cruisers on which or in which to show recruits.

The moment it fills that list of vacancies it must shut up shop. Thus by the time its posters have begun to get in their work it will be refusing the lads they attract. Thus a net back will be given recruiting. It is a beautiful example of the manner in which the naval service department does its work.

Call for Tenders.

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—The government has called for tenders for the construction of the ten new vessels of the Canadian navy contemplated in the initial building programme, viz., four Bristol and six destroyers of the latest improved type. The tenders are not publicly advertised, since following the rule of the admiralty, details have to be kept secret and only firms in whom the department has confidence and who might be bona fide tenderers, will have access thereto.

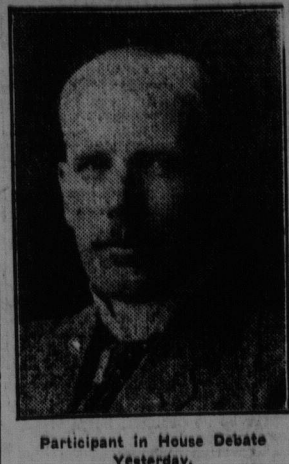
Letters have been sent to all the leading British and Canadian firms who are in a position to tender, inviting them to inspect the plans and put in tenders. It is stipulated that all the vessels must be built in Canada. Tenders must be in by April next. When submitted they will be gone over by the experts of the naval department and probably some time must elapse there before a decision is reached as to which tender shall be accepted, all the conditions being considered.

NEAR ADMIRAL SPERRY.

Melbourne, Feb. 2.—The Australian premier, Andrew Fisher, today sent a message of condolence to the family of the late Rear Admiral Sperry, who died yesterday. Premier Fisher referred to the late Rear Admiral Sperry, who was a friend of the late Rear Admiral Sperry, who was a friend of the late Rear Admiral Sperry, who was a friend of the late Rear Admiral Sperry.

C. A. MAGRAH, M. P.

Participant in House Debate Yesterday.



OPPOSE DAM IN ST. LAWRENCE

Mr. Borden Calls On Government To Protect Canada's Great Waterway—No Defence But Honor.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 2.—The attempt that is being made to get legislation at Washington by American promoters in order to dam the St. Lawrence River at the Long Sault, was protested against in the Commons today by R. L. Borden, the Opposition leader, and others who saw in this scheme the destruction of Canada's great waterway to the inland lakes.

If the river was to be dammed, he said, the work should be a national undertaking in the interests of the people, the importance of the question was too great to be entrusted to a private corporation. In fact, he pointed out, that under the Ashburton treaty, such a dam could not be built.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier promised that nothing would be agreed to until there was a full discussion of the project in the House. He said he had communicated Canada's position in the matter to the British Ambassador at Washington. He understood, however, that Canada could do nothing more than appeal to the honor of the United States, as the American government could permit a dam to be built on its own side of the river.

Sir Alan Aylesworth expressed the view that if the United States chose to put an obstruction on their side of the river, Canada would be practically helpless. The most that can be done would be by way of expostulation. C. A. Magrah thought it was time that the Canadian government should lay down the policy that the St. Lawrence was not to be touched.

CREDITORS MAY BRING SUIT AGAINST BANK

Action Of Bank Of New Brunswick In Realizing On Check Awarded Bankrupt Company In Litigation.

Moncton, Feb. 2.—A special meeting of the creditors of the Builders' Woodworking Company was held here today to decide on a proposal to take legal action against the Bank of New Brunswick for the recovery of a check for \$14,000, being the amount of the award to the company for land and buildings taken by the Intercolonial Railway for the new cut off line to the new railway yard in the west end.

A motion by W. B. Jomah, of Sussex, that a suit be entered against the bank was voted down by a majority of the creditors present, but Mr. Jomah intimated that individual creditors represented by him would enter suit on their own account. The company had given the bank a lien on the cheque as security for advances. The Moncton press hockey team, accompanied by a number of their admirers, left this afternoon for Halifax where they meet the Crescents tomorrow night.

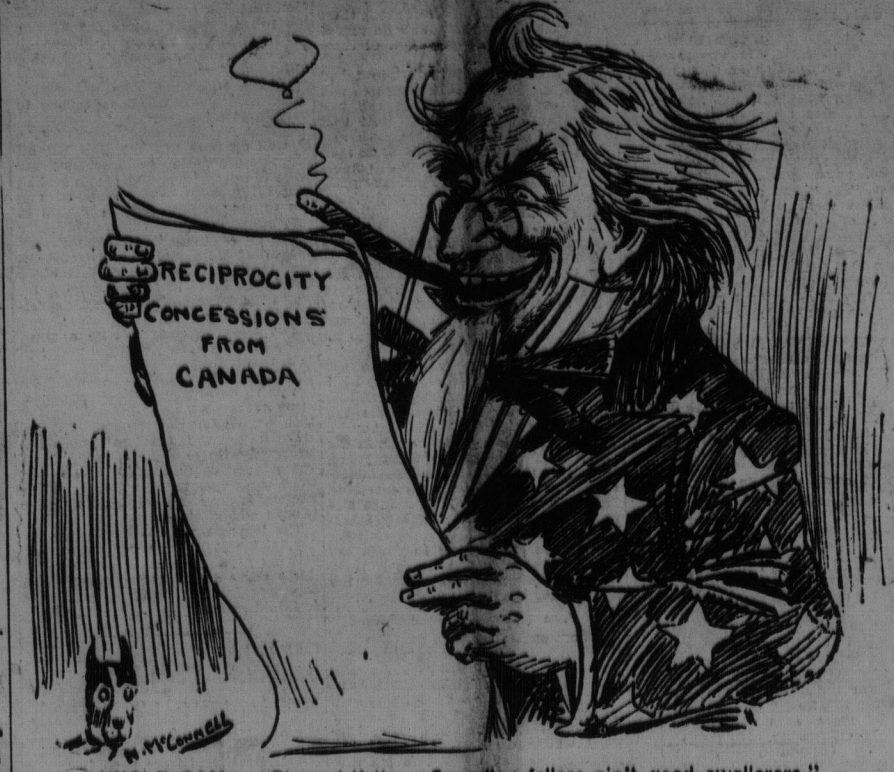
QUITE WILLING.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 2.—The board of managers of the New York produce exchange at a meeting today endorsed the reciprocity agreement with Canada as proposed by President Taft, and recommended its ratification by congress.

ELDER-DEMPSTER PLANS.

Liverpool, Feb. 2.—The Journal of Commerce says that the Elder-Dempster Company has decided to run a service of steamers direct between New York and West African ports. The first sailing is scheduled for March 15.

PROVINCES TAKE STAND AGAINST RECIPROCITY



ALL CANADIAN PORTS WOULD LOSE TRADE

Provincial Treasurer Of Ontario Quotes Statistics To Prove Effect Of Reciprocity—St. John Would Suffer.

Canadian Press. Toronto, Ont., Feb. 2.—The features of the budget speech delivered in the Ontario legislature this afternoon by the provincial treasurer, Hon. A. J. Matheson, were his warning that any reciprocity agreement with the United States would injure Montreal, Toronto, and other eastern cities, by causing them the loss of the bulk of Western Canada's trade, and his announcement that the government was preparing to introduce several measures designed to increase considerably the revenues of the province.

The minister gave no further inkling as to the nature of the bills or the sources from which the increased revenue was to be drawn. His remarks upon the reciprocity issue were prompted by his fears that any legislation to introduce several measures designed to increase considerably the revenues of the province.

Hon. Mr. Matheson's financial statements showed that the estimated receipts for the current fiscal year, ending Oct. 31 next, are \$8,216,772, with a cash balance last year of \$8,177,558. The estimated expenditures for the same period are \$7,827,887 on current account, and \$2,644,900 on capital account, one half of the latter sum being for hydro-electric construction. The cash and debt-free assets of the province are placed at \$24,553,701, the direct liabilities at \$22,083,430, and the indirect liabilities at \$9,250,000. The latter consist of Niagara Falls Park bonds, Canadian Northern guarantee and University of Toronto guarantee.

Opposition Reply. Mr. McDonald (East Ottawa), the opposition speaker for the day, claimed that on the provincial treasurer's own figures a deficit of two millions of dollars was shown, the cash balance of over three millions having shrunk to one million. He pointed out that in five years of Conservative administration the expenditure had risen from five millions to ten millions annually, an increase of 100 per cent. Hon. Mr. Matheson's remarks on reciprocity he dismissed with the statement that even if the government railway and other railways lost some of their receipts for a time, the great mass of the people would benefit immensely by reciprocity.

Mr. McGarry (South Renfrew), was the last speaker of the day. He replied to Mr. McDonald's criticisms, and praised the government for its handling of the finances and general affairs of the province. The debate on the budget will be resumed next Tuesday.

Mr. Matheson's remarks on reciprocity were introduced by his statement that important negotiations were under way with the Grand Trunk railway regarding running rights over the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario, but the events of the past month might materially alter the outlook of the line.

William Whyte, of the Canadian Pacific Railway; Sir William Macdougall, of the Canadian Northern Railway; and other railway authorities were agreed that reciprocity would

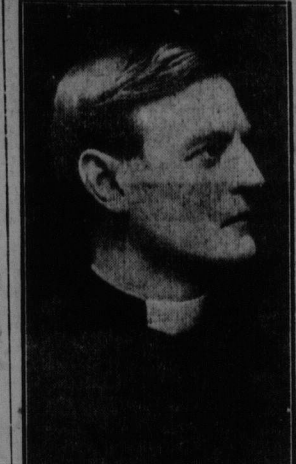
COLLINGWOOD WON.

Toronto, Feb. 2.—In a closely contested game with an exciting finish, Collingwood this afternoon beat Paris in the final for the governor general's curling competition, winning by one shot.

KING'S COLLEGE GOING FORWARD

CANON POWELL

President of King's College.



FRANCE KNEW OF INTERVIEW

Minister Of Foreign Affairs Affirms That Triple Agreement Was Never In Better Standing.

Paris, Feb. 2.—Several of the French newspapers have been insisting almost daily that the Triple agreement between France, Russia and Great Britain is almost a dead letter.

Mr. Pichon, minister of foreign affairs, in the Senate this afternoon made a statement, declaring that the entente was never so complete or productive of results as it is today.

This he said, was untrue, Russia not only informed France beforehand of the subjects which were to be discussed, namely, Persia and the Turkish railroad, but kept France posted daily on all that transpired at the meetings.

Mr. Pichon, in conclusion, said he could affirm from the point of view of the interests of France and international peace, that France had nothing to regret in the matter of this interview.

SPECULATION; THEN SUICIDE

Assistant Treasurer Of Westinghouse Concern \$50,000 Behind, Throws Himself In To Coney Island Surf.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 2.—The body of Edward St. John, assistant treasurer of the Westinghouse-Electric and Manufacturing Company, of New York City, was found in the surf off Coney Island today. It was fully dressed and there is no other theory advanced than that he committed suicide by drowning himself some time during the past 24 hours, because of a shortage in his accounts due to speculation in Wall Street with the company's funds. The amount is estimated to be not greater than \$50,000. He was bonded for \$15,000.

The shortage was not discovered until after the report of his suicide today," said Vice-President Charles A. Terry, of the Westinghouse company tonight. "St. John had been in the employ of the Westinghouse company for more than 19 years and for the latter half of that time had been assistant treasurer here. He had charge of collections and disbursements, and his misappropriations of negotiable securities which he handled is a surprise to all his associates."

ARAB MASSACRE.

London, Feb. 2.—A special despatch from Constantinople says that two Arab tribes friendly to the Turks had been massacred by Yemen rebels. All the adults were killed and the children's legs cut off.

255,000 BREAKWATER AT PORT STANLEY

London, Ont., Feb. 2.—Government Engineer Lamb announced today that he had received instructions to prepare plans for a breakwater twelve hundred feet long at Port Stanley. Mr. Lamb estimates that to com-

Public Meeting in Interests of New Endowment Fund Largely Attended Last Evening.

Governors Decide to Expend \$25,000 on New Wing—Retain Preparatory School at Windsor

The claims of King's college upon the people of the Church of England in the diocese of Fredericton were well brought home to those present at a meeting held last evening in one of the class rooms of Trinity Sunday school, interesting and instructive addresses were delivered by His Lordship, the Bishop of Nova Scotia, Canon Powell, the president of King's College, Dr. Silas Alward, the dean of the law school of King's college, and Recorder Baxter, one of the law school faculty.

The audience was a large one when the weather was so inclement. Consideration and the interest evinced was an indication that the extension movement of old King's will be loyally supported in this city and diocese.

His Lordship, the Bishop of Fredericton presided, and seated on the platform with him were the speakers of the evening. In opening, the Bishop of Fredericton stated that the movement to strengthen old King's college had the entire endorsement and support of the diocese of Fredericton. Of course King's college had to face the competition of provincial institutions, but the church people should remember that to King's college the church in the diocese must to a great extent look for its priests. Weakness in King's college would reflect a weakness on the church, while strength in the college would show a corresponding strength in the church.

He knew her could depend on the clergy of the diocese and he felt that if the clergy made an earnest appeal to the laymen they too would respond with alacrity. The Bishop of Fredericton presided, and seated on the platform with him were the speakers of the evening. In opening, the Bishop of Fredericton stated that the movement to strengthen old King's college had the entire endorsement and support of the diocese of Fredericton.

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