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Carnival Week Is Opened With Ceremony In King Square

GOVERNOR PUGSLEY AND MAYOR FISHER IN CONGRATULATORY ADDRESSES

All Under Way For a Big Boom Week of Winter Sport and Social Events—Ice Arch Wins Admiration — Committee Puts Finishing Touches on the Preparations.

The first gun has been fired and St. John's Winter Carnival is a reality. The formal act of opening was performed this afternoon in King square by His Honor Lieutenant-Governor William Pugsley. His Honor, in the course of his remarks, referred with pride to the excellence of the preparations and the spirit which had dominated those responsible for the great event. He paid a tribute to clean sport and its devotees and congratulated the executive committee and all who had assisted them on the thoroughness of the arrangements and the value of the meet to the city and province. He declared the Carnival officially open and pressed the switch which turned on the brightly colored lights of the ice arch and the lights which lined the front of King square.

Mayor G. Frederick Fisher made reference to the good attendance at the formal opening, saying that such a good beginning was an encouragement to the committee in their work. All should pull together to make the meet a success. He expressed the hope that this year's meet would be such an unqualified success as to make the holding of an international meet in St. John a yearly event. He welcomed those visitors who had already arrived and extended the welcome of the city to those to come. He urged all the citizens to extend that hospitality for which St. John already was noted. He made reference to Miss St. John and said that the interest of the people in her had been very plainly demonstrated. She would be accorded a royal welcome back to her home city, whether she came as Miss St. John or Miss Canada.

The city, he said, was making a gift of a gold watch suitably engraved, to the winner of the highest number of points at the meet. He expressed the hope that it might go to a St. John man, but if the fates decreed otherwise the applause would be just as loud. He made reference to the sportsmen's show being put on by the province and also to the torchlight procession which, he said, would from all indications be the best winter procession ever seen here.

St. Mary's band was present and played several selections during the official opening. When the ceremony was concluded the committee went immediately into executive session for the consideration of further details in connection with the meet.

Many people took advantage of the opportunity to visit the sportsmen's show in St. Malachi's hall under the supervision of W. Harry Allen of Penniac, President of the New Brunswick Guides' Association. The display there was very interesting and is of great educational value.

The Queens and Skaters.

On Monday the reception committee of which Charles A. Owens is chairman, will go to the station to meet the train from Montreal bringing the queens and skaters to the city. The C. P. R. is putting a special dining car on this train. It will not be known definitely until Sunday night just which queens will be coming but a cordial and royal welcome has been arranged for such as do come. H. Mont Jones, chairman of the transportation committee, has arranged for vehicles to bring the visitors up town to the Carnival headquarters. St. Mary's band has kindly volunteered to play on that occasion and will be present at the station, play on the way to headquarters and play outside headquarters while the skaters are being welcomed and having their rooms alloted to them.

Charles E. Owens, chairman of the Carnival reception committee, interviewed Mayor Fisher this morning with reference to the part His Worship would take in the welcome to the queens and skaters arriving on Monday. It was decided that the Mayor would go to Carnival headquarters and there meet the skaters. He would greet the queens in their sleighs outside headquarters and proceed to the Royal Hotel, for the welcome there, if necessary.

The members of the executive other than the reception and transportation chairman will remain at headquarters to greet the visitors, while the skaters are registering and being alloted to hotels, the queens will remain in their sleighs while the band plays. After that they will be driven to the Royal hotel where the ladies' reception committee will take charge and welcome them. The skaters will be driven to their hotels which will be their homes while in the city. After that it is expected that many of the skaters will wish to go to the lake to try out the ice.

It is expected that a great crowd will be present at the station on Monday to give the visitors a right royal welcome in keeping with the spirit of Carnival week.

The city presents a holiday appearance today with all the poles in King street draped with red, white and blue bunting, buildings adorned with flags and bunting and flags flying from the flag poles. The business houses look particularly attractive and, with the bright illumination which has been provided, the city should tonight merit the title of the Carnival city of North America.

Handsome Ice Arch.

Many favorable comments have been heard on the ice arch at the head of King street. The arch, which is the work of George Lawson, consists of four ice columns surmounted by a cornice of evergreen. Rising about five feet from the ground at the centre of the arch is a curved wall of ice blocks in the form of a battlement which adds greatly to the general effect. With colored lights inside the ice columns shining through the semi-transparent blocks the scene is greatly enhanced. It is a piece of work of which anyone might well be proud.

The arch is not yet completed, but the finishing touches will be put on tonight. A string of lights will be put up over the evergreen trees surrounding the arch and the trees will be sprayed, giving them the effect like that of a silver thaw. The pillars will be capped with ice tonight.

Excellent work has been done by the city equipment in clearing a track for horse racing at Milledgeville, according to S. E. Rice, who has the matter in hand. Much interest is being taken in this feature. Horses from Hampton, Clifton and Sussex will race, as well as horses from the city.

Reception for Skaters and Queens.

Last night the following telegram "Carnival committee, your humble was sent Miss St. John:

managers, rejoice at your splendid showing and extend best wishes with every confidence for your ultimate victory. You have a royal welcome awaiting you here."

"CARNIVAL COMMITTEE."

W. K. Haley, reporting for the track committee, announced last night that all arrangements have been completed and that if necessary the big meet could be held today. Start and finish lines have been marke dout and rubber hose has been set in the ice for blocks. Small flags also will be attached to the hose. Owing to the large number of entries, it has been found necessary to erect a small structure for the boy entrants, leaving the Tebo house for the senior men. The upstairs reception room of the Tebo house will be given over to the lady skaters.

Mrs. E. A. Smith, on behalf of the Health Centre, has invited the executive members and their wives to attend the fancy dress carnival on Thursday night. Reservations have been made for the executive party.

All the officials for the meet are asked to attend a meeting tonight at 8 o'clock at headquarters.

Sportsmen's Show.

The Sportsmen's Show opened in St. Malachi's Hall this afternoon at 2.30, under the game protection branch of the Department of Lands and Mines, in co-operation with the New Brunswick Guides' Association. W. Harry Allen, president of the Guides' Association, was present, as well as other provincial guides.

The first show will be this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, and another show will be given this evening at 8 o'clock.

The show will be open to the general public during the week, while the allotment for Monday calls for school children at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. At the other shows children must be accompanied by their parents or guardians.

Among those who will be here in connection with the show are L. A. Gagnon, chief game warden of New Brunswick; W. H. Tufs, of Wolfville, N. S., federal game warden under the Migratory Birds' Act; G. H. Prince, chief forester of New Brunswick; G. Gerald Blithe, of Ottawa, assistant secretary of the Canadian Forestry Association; W. Harry Allen, president of the New Brunswick Guides' Association; C. A. Williams, of the provincial forestry department.

Many of the pictures are new and show scenes on the St. John and other parts of the province. The new film of the highways is said to be one of the best moving pictures ever shown.

There will be shows daily until Friday, afternoon and evening, which will be open to the general public without charge.

R. A. Macaulay, who returned recently from upper Canada and made a stop in Montreal, said that he considered that the choice lay between Miss St. John and Miss Winnipeg. He said Miss St. John was a great favorite in Montreal, and was generally conceded to stand an excellent chance.

Events Today and Monday.

Saturday, February 10.

2.30 p.m.—Official opening of Carnival at Ice Arch, head of King street. Addresses by prominent officials.

2.30 p.m.—Arena, choosing of Journal's Princess for the children. Sportsmen's Show opens in St. Malachi's Hall, Sydney street, open to public. Open to children every morning.

8 p.m. and evening—Hardware clerks in ice sports at Lily Lake and dance.

Monday, February 12.

1.30 p.m.—Arrival of skaters and Carnival Queens at Union Depot. Band and parade to Central headquarters, Bank of Montreal Building, King street.

3 p.m.—Bowling Tournament opens in Imperial Alleys, Charlotte street.

8 p.m.—Sportsmen's Show at St. Malachi's Hall, including motion pictures of big game in New Brunswick and addresses on Game Conservation and Forest Protection.

8. p.m.—Basketball match, Trojans, St. John vs. McGill, Montreal, at St. Vincent's, Cliff street.

8 p.m.—Hockey at new Arena, St. John vs. Dartmouth, N. S.

CHARGES CULT LEADER PICKED MATES FOR GIRLS

Detroit Matron, 17, Sues the Head of the House of David

Says He Took Jewels—Maidens of Colony Taught to Consider "Prophet" as Heaven-sent, She Asserts.

Benton Harbor, Mich., Feb. 10.—Charges that twenty-four girls were forced to marry men chosen by "King" Benjamin Purnell, leader of the Israelite House of David, are made in an affidavit introduced in the court in the $200,000 damage suits brought against Purnell by Ruth Bamford Reed, seventeen, of Detroit and her sister, Gladys Bamford Hubel. Attorneys for the cult leader won a temporary order continuing service on a writ of capais, returnable February 18.

Scathing denouncement of the practices and habits of the high lord of the Israelites featured the reading. Despite the efforts of attorney for Purnell an affidavit of Mrs. Reed was read in open court, in which revolting charges were alleged against Purnell.

Gave Up Their Property.

Mrs. Reed says that her father and mother, wealthy residents of Melbourne, Australia, were induced by Purnell in 1904 to leave their home and become members of the House of David. All their property was turned over to Purnell, Bamford working without compensation.

Much of their jewelry, valued at several thousand dollars, is now worn by Purnell and his wife, Mary, Mrs. Reed asserts. Her mother's wedding ring even adorns the finger of Mary Purnell, so completely under the dominion of the high priest has the Bamford family become, says Mrs. Reed.

When she was four years old she was taken from her parents and put under the supervision of Purnell's agents, the affidavit continues. Later she was sent to the home of a woman supervisor, who instructed and trained twenty-seven girls in the doctrines and practices of the sect, Mrs. Reed says.

They were taught to believe that any thing Purnell did or said was sacred and right and an act of God.

When she was taken once a week to the House of Benjamin, the home of the chief, here, she was given the pleasure of reading with him and enjoying the rare treat of candy and cakes.

Charges Mistreatment.

Under this pretense, Mrs. Reed charged, Purnell mistreated her, such conduct continuing until she was sixteen years of age. She was threatened with punishment and disgrace and told that whatever Purnell did was a sacred duty.

After Purnell tired of her he attempted to force her marriage to Robert Reed, a member of the colony, Mrs. Reed says. She was married following repeated refusals and protestations, and only consented on the pleadings of her mother, the affidavit relates.

At the close of the reading Nelson announced that the plaintiffs would prove that twenty-four girls of the colony were forced to marry men selected for them by Purnell after he had cast them aside. They were notified at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the impending marriage, and at 6 were marshaled out in a row and forcibly married to men commanded by Purnell to become their husbands.

Counter charges of blackmail and conspiracy were made by H. F. Dehirst member of the colony and former Superior Court Judge of Los Angeles, numerous affidavits being produced from members of the House of David to show that the Bamford girls with their attorney have entered into a conspiracy to "break up the House of David."

THIRTY-THREE IN MINE DEATH LIST

Cumberland, B. C., Feb. 10.—(Canadian Press) The lives of thirty-three men were lost as the result of the explosion in No. 4 mine on Thursday evening, according to a statement by officials of the Canadian Collieries, Limited.

Thirty-one bodies have been recovered and two remain in the mine. Seventeen of the victims are white men and the remainder orientals, mostly Chinese.

The cause of the explosion is shrouded in mystery.

In the Cumberland hospital are three white men, suffering from the effects of after-damp, who had been reported dead. They are R. Brown, J. Gibb and J. Webber. They are making a gallant fight for life, but their recovery is doubtful.

SON OF SPRINGHILL POLICE CHIEF KILLED

Amherst, N. S., Feb. 10—George Smith, aged 21, son of Chief of Police George L. Smith of Springhill, was killed. He was run over by a coal special on which he was brakeman. It is presumed that he slipped from the top of one of the cars.

WORCESTER FIRE.

Worcester, Mass., Feb. 10. — Fire caused $55,000 damage to the four-storey Higgins building, in the heart of the Main street business district last night.

PRINCESS MARY A MOTHER

Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, is now the proud mother of a son, who was born on Wednesday night, February 7, the first grandchild of Their Majesties, the King and Queen.

JAIL FOR FOUR PROMINENT IN SOCIETY; LIQUOR AT DINNER

La Montagne Brothers of New York Given Few Days to Fix Business Affairs.

New York, Feb. 10—Jail sentence for bootlegging were imposed yesterday on the four La Montagne brothers, distillers, all of them socially prominent and one internationally known as a polo player. Bail of $15,000 each was continued until Thursday so that they might wind up their business affairs before entering the Essex County, New Jersey, penitentiary.

The quartette recently were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury which investigated a dinner at the fashionable Racquet and Tennis Club on Park avenue, at which liquor was alleged to have flowed.

BEER TAX AND INCOME TAX

Matters for New Session of British Parliament—Want Penny a Glass off Beer.

London, Feb. 10—(Canadian Press)—The preliminary correspondent of the Canadian Press wires that the new session opening on next Tuesday will be a severe testing time for all the parties. In the short and stormy winter session the Premier and his ministers were not really put upon their metle with the exception of the new attorney-general, Sir Douglas McG. Hogg, who without any previous parliamentary experience conducted the Irish treaty bill with consummate skill.

The main business of the coming session will be the settlement of the debt to the U. S. and the Rhur tangle with its bearing upon the Entente, also the budget and unemployment and the highly contentious rents.

The beer tax question will be up for discussion, as well as the income tax. As to the income tax a reduction of six pence in the pound is asked for, this representing £25,000,000. At least a penny a glass off the cost of beer, amounting to a total of about £20,000,000 or £25,000,000 is requested by the trade.

The session may witness a rapprochment on the Conservative side. The doors of conciliation have not been closed. The Liberals will enter the new session with only shadowy prospects of a reunion of the two wings of the party.

The Labor party has yet to prove that it is qualified to provide a stable alternative government, and its prospects, in the opinion of experienced parliamentarians are materially weakened by Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the Labor opposition in the House of Commons, having declared boldly for a socialist commonwealth.

SELLING RUBLES BY THE BUSHEL

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 10—Arrested here today while in possession of two suit cases filled with Russian rubles, Alex Weiss was charged with selling "several bushels," of rubles to foreigners, on the promise that the value of the ruble was to rise within a few days, promising huge returns.

PRAYER BRINGS REBUKE FROM COLORADO HOUSE

Denver, Feb. 10—The Colorado House of Representatives has adopted a resolution of censure, expressing displeasure and disagreement with a sentiment expressed in the opening prayer of Chaplain J. R. Kader. Sections of the prayer which drew fire recited:

"Our courts are corrupt: God has been expelled from our churches; our pulpits are filled with essayists; our boys and girls are going to the dogs; our laboring men are going to work with empty pails, while our farmers starve and the middlemen wax fat on exoribtant prices. . . . Our banks are bursting with money."

NO NEW TRIAL

Calgary, Feb. 10—The appellate division of the Supreme Court of Alberta by a majority has dismissed an appeal for a new trial of Amelio Picarillo and Florence Lassandra, convicted and sentenced to be hanged on Feb. 21, for the murder of Provincial Constable S. O. Lawson, at Coleman, Alberta, last September.

DEASY APPEAL IS CANVASSED

Free State Friends Hope Many in Irregular Rank and File Will be Influenced.

London, Feb. 10.—The consensus of opinion among the English correspondents in Dublin is that time alone will reveal the effect of Liam Deasy's appeal to the Republican leaders. Wellwishers of the Free State government hope that many of the rank and file of the irregulars will be influenced by Deasy's stand and avail themselves of the amnesty proclamation with the result that the Republican chieftains will find their following considerably diminished.

Reconstruction by the Republican leaders is not regarded as hopeless in some quarters, where it is remarked that Liam Lynch's reply merely turned down the proposal for unconditional surrender and did not bar the door to all negotiations.

According to a Dublin despatch to the Times, the fact that the government has suspended all executions is a hopeful sign. The correspondent says that some prominent Republicans are under the sentence of death and that their safety may weigh with their friends, while powerful influences will also be brought to bear on both sides to end the quarrel, because it is generally recognized that if this opportunity for peace is allowed to slip away another chance may not present itself soon.

Thought Deadly Pills Candy

Little Worcester Boy is Dead; Tiny Sister Dying.

Worcester, Mass., Feb. 10.—Herbert F. Sanderson, five years old, is dead, and his sister, Doris, four years of age, is dying in the City Hospital as a result of mistaking deadly poison pills for little red candies last night. They found the pills, long forgotten leftovers used for an illness in the family, in a bureau drawer, while their mother was putting two younger children to bed.

As Hiram Sees It

"Well, sir," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "Hanner got all het up in the market this mornin'. One feller there said women hed no bizness goin' round sellin' tags fer that there Rotary Club an' that there Y. M. C. I. You know she's an honary member or somethin' o' that there Women's Council—an' she says to this feller—says she—'Who's a gonto sell tags fer the Rotary Club an' the Y. M. C. I.?' An' he says 'they're all gonto.' Then Hanner got mad. 'Young feller,' says she, 'the women is gonto sell tags fer the honor an' the credit o' St. John. That's what they're workin' fer—an that's what the Rotary Club an' the Y. M. C. I. an' the Retail Merchants Association an' the Gyro Club an' everybody else is workin' fer. They all want to see St. John do a big thing—an' she can't do it on wind. You got to hev money—an' the women is jist askin' everybody to feel it's their town an' their Carnival—an' they're gonto help it along.' I do b'lieve if that feller hed got sassy Hanner she'd a' give his ear a pinch—yes, sir. But he didn't. I'll say that fer him. He said: 'Missus I'll take two tags from you Monday if you're round here.' He did so—By Hen!"

BLIND, HE WINS HIGHEST HONORS

Chicago Youth Captures Three Awards in Law School.

Chicago, Feb. 10—A blind student has surpassed all previous achievements in the way of winning honors at the Northwestern University Law School.

George H. Weinman of Chicago, sightless since babyhood, has won the Rufus H. Sage scholarship for 1922-23, the only scholarship at the disposal of the law school faculty; has captured the Charles A. Koepke prize for the same college year, a prize awarded annually to the student who has demonstrated to the satisfaction of the faculty his promise of future usefulness, and finally, has been placed on the "Honor Roll" of the law school for excellence in scholarship.

"At no prior time in the history of the law school have these honors been bestowed upon the same individual in one year," Dean John H. Wigmore of the school announces.

Weinman is in his junior year and attributes his success to his mother. He says: "Like Abraham Lincoln, I most sincerely believe that 'Whatever I am, or ever hope to be, I owe to may darling mother.'

"She reads all my work—law books, law lessons, and technical legal statements— for me and I brief the cases just as other students do. I have developed a fairly good memory and, as a rule, am able to get the substance of a legal article after one reading. In short my mother performs the functions of eyesight for me."

Weinman is twenty-three years old and was taught the system of raised type reading in the Chicago public schools.

"Some day," Weinman said, "I may be dreaming of sitting on the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States, but right now I shall be satisfied if I pass the Illinois bar examination."

Phelix and Pherdinand.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The pressure is highest over the northwestern portion of the Continent and the Great Lakes, while there is some indication that a disturbance will develop over the west gulf states. The weather is fine and cold throughout the Dominion.

Forecasts:

Fair and Cold.

Maritime—Moderate winds, cold with local snow. Sunday fair and cold.

New England—Snow this afternoon, followed by fair tonight and Sunday; colder tonight. Fresh and strong northerly winds, diminishing tonight.

Toronto, Feb. 10.—Temperatures:

Stations	8 a.m.	Highest during Yesterday	Lowest night
Prince Rupert	26	48	24
Victoria	34	42	34
Kamloops	16	22	14
Calgary	28	24	*6
Edmonton	24	20	6
Prince Albert	*18	6	*18
Winnipeg	*4	6	*10
White River	—	14	—
Sault Ste. Marie	*6	14	*8
Toronto	14	21	13
Kingston	14	24	14
Ottawa	4	20	2
Montreal	8	20	6
Quebec	*2	3	2
St. John, N. B.	10	34	10
Halifax	16	40	14
St. John's, Nfld.	18	32	18
Detroit	16	24	16
New York	24	44	29

Grand Ball at The Windsor Tonight And Miss Canada Chosen

Description of Miss St. John's Dress for Great Event of Week

Names of the Judges and Points to be Determined—Events of Yesterday and Today in the Miss Canada Competition.

(Special to The Times)

Montreal, Feb. 10—The final day of the Miss Canada contest is fine and the forenoon found the contestants resting in rooms for the grand coronation ball tonight in the Windsor hotel. A flourish of apparel is anticipated for this occasion. Miss St. John will wear a simple little French frock of blue with straight long waist and fluffy outstanding skirt. The waist is of panne velvet, the skirt silk. Flowers in strange colors decorate the skirt and the simplicity and girlishness of the frock may be in contrast to some of the costly gowns promised.

Each contestant will have a large following of friends, it is expected, and demand for ball tickets is large. The judges are now known and the skating meet and Venetian Gardens affairs last night gave special impetus to the work of the referees. It is now thought that the choice lies among Ste. Anne De Bellevue, Halifax, St. John, Quebec and Regina. As all the girls are very pretty and have deported themselves nicely it is assumed Miss Canada will be chosen on the merit of personality.

Following a meeting of the winter sports committee yesterday afternoon, the judges who will choose Miss Canada from the nine aspirants for the title were announced. They are:—Donat Raymond, president of the Windsor Hotel Co., and chairman of the winter sports committee; J. F. Savage, president of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association; C. F. Notman, president of Wm. Notman & Sons, photographers; George F. Driscoll, general manager, Trans-Canada Theatres Ltd., a former St. John man; and A. L. Caron, prominently identified with the National Amateur Athletic Association, and a member of the winter sports committee.

Decision as to the winner of the Miss Canada title will be announced tonight at the winter sports ball in the Rose room of the Windsor. This will be the final place at which the judges will have the candidates under observation. It is intimated that the eagerly expected announcement will be made during the supper intermission.

Completion of the committee of judges was not attained until yesterday. No restrictions or rules have been given to the judges to decide the winner beyond the fact that each receive a copy of the letter sent out originally to the newspapers sponsoring the candidates, in which they were informed what would be the basis of the decision. This was stated to be attractiveness, personality, style and general appeal, the candidates to be judged at least once in winter sports costume. The choice made will be of a candidate regarded as best fitted to bear the title of Miss Canada as a representative type of the country.

The guests tonight will be the judges of the contest and their wives and members of the winter sports committee and their wives. The latter are: Donat Raymond, chairman, and Mrs. Raymond; Hon. Mederic Martin, Mayor of Montreal, and Mrs. Martin; Mr. and Mrs. J. Duchastel de Montrouge; Mr. and Mrs. Armand Dupuis; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon G. Cardy; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Granger; Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Caron.

Special arrangements have been made for dancing partners for the candidates. The ball will be formal and open to the public. It was hoped last night that arrangements would be perfected for the crowning of Miss Canada after the choice had been made.

The ball will be the concluding function at which the candidates will assemble together as guests of the winter sports committee. Tomorrow and early next week will see the nominees leaving for their home towns. Miss St. John will leave tomorrow to be present at the St. John Winter Carnival. Miss Halifax will attend this carnival as the guest of Miss St. John.

This afternoon Miss St. John will attend a bridge and the danzant in the Mount Royal Hotel held by the business womens' branch of the Catholic Womens' Guild, accompanied by her chaperon and manager.

Miss Blair has received this honor because of her popularity with the staff in the Mount Royal Hotel which has a large representation of business women in its staff of more than 1000 employes.

(Special to The Times)

Miss St. John Skating.

Last night Miss St. John competed with all the other contestants in the Miss Canada aggregate on the steel blades. It was not a speed event nor a fancy skating test, merely an exhibition of graceful locomotion and the big M. A. A. A. rink was crowded with spectators and skaters.

The representative of the winter port disported herself with much credit and was as proficient in the ice sport as any of her rivals and considerably more so than some. She skated with Colonel Lowry, Mr. Savage, one of the judges, Mr. Riddel and Master Jack Scott son of John Scott, managing editor of the Montreal Gazette, all of whom were good partners.

Miss St. John was attired in her green and white and silver Swiss resort skating costume and looked stunning. Miss Winnipeg wore honey dew sweater costume with toque, Miss Halifax wore ermine, Miss Sherbrooke wore white and seal, Miss Edmonton a skirted suit of striped flannel, Miss Quebec green knicker suit, Miss Ste Anne De Bellevue light blue. There was quite a gatherine of St. John people and former St. John residents at the rink and Miss Blair was cordially welcomed on all sides.

Yesterday afternoon a delightful affair in which the St. John party, the Halifax group, Misses Edmonto, Ste Anne De Bellevue, Quebec and others participated was a tour of inspection through the establishment of Henry Birks Limited under the personal direction of Mr. Birks. The inspection concluded with a smart tea at which Miss Griffiths presided. Mr. Birks presented to each of the Miss Canada contestants, a beaded bag of the firm's manufacture. Another occasion of interest was a morning visit to the stock exchange and for the first time in the history of that august body, ladies were admitted to the floor during trading hours. Miss St. John was escorted by the chairman of the exchange and when a chaperon remarked that she had heard stock exchanges were noisy places a broker shouted "Quebec" and pandemonium began. The ladies received quite a shock with the noise that ensued.

Some of the visiting groups of contestants feel very keenly the delicate situation that has arisen out of the newspaper criticism of the Winter Sports Committee in the judging matter since they have been charmingly entertained by numerous organizations and private parties and also by the committee itself. Some feel the criticism has been unwarranted, but all have agreed that the judging should be carefully done and that no undue influences be brought to bear.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE COMMONS

Special Court in the Arctic to Try Eskimos for Murder

Vimy Ridge Gift — Cold Storage Act Amendment —Advance Up to $5,000,000 to Vancouver Harbor Commissioners.

(Canadian Press)

Ottawa, Feb. 10—Monday in the House of Commons will be private members day. The Senate will not sit.

Yesterday in parliament in the Commons first reading was given a bill amending the Northwest Territories Act so as to provide for the sitting of a special court at Herschell Island to try several Eskimos who are accused of murder.

A bill to abolish capital punishment and substitute for it life imprisonment, introduced by Wm. Irvine, Labor member for East Calgary, received first reading.

A resolution approving the acceptance by the Government of 250 acres of land on Vimy Ridge, given to Canada by France for the erection of a war memorial and expressing gratitude to France for the gift was introduced by the Premier and was carried after the three party leaders and other members had paid tributes to soldiers who fought and died in the war.

A resolution providing for an amendment to the cold storage act so as to make subsidies to co-operative cold storage plants, preferably those of a non-profit making character, introduced by Hon. W. R. Motherwell, Minister of Agricultural; it was carried and a bill based on it received first reading.

First reading were also given to bills providing for the amendment and consolidation of acts respecting live stock, for regulation of the inspection and sale of fruit and fruit containers, and for the regulation of the testing, inspection and sale of seeds.

Hon. E. Lapointe, Minister of Marine, introduced a resolution for advancing to the Vancouver Board of Harbor Commissioners "such sums of money, not exceeding in all the sum of $5,000,000" for the carrying on the construction of the Vancouver harbor terminals. At the request of L. J. Ladner, Conservative member for South Vancouver, the minister consented to postpone consideration of the resolution until Hon. H. S. Stevens, member for Centre Vancouver, was in the House. It will probably be taken up early next week.

To Take The Stillmans From Society List

New York, Feb. 10—A committee which passes upon eligibility of names for entry in the 'social register" of New York decided to omit the names of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Stillman from the 1923 edition, it was learned yesterday.

The names of the principals in the famous divorce trial appeared in the "register" for 1922.

No explanation of the committee's decision could be obtained from the offices of the Social Register Association, which publishes the book in this and twenty-two other large cities. Names of members of the committees are never made public, it was said.

The 'social register" was founded in 1887 by Louis Keller, who died last year.