

THE BANK OF MONTREAL

The ninety-second annual general meeting of the Shareholders of the Bank of Montreal was held in the Board Room of the Institution, Montreal, on Monday at noon.

There were present: Sir Edward Clouston, Bart., Vice-President and General Manager; Sir William Macdonald, Sir Thomas G. Shaughnessy, Hon. Robert Mackay, Messrs. A. Baumgarten, R. B. Angus, E. B. Green-

shields, David Morrice, Hon. J. K. Ward, G. F. C. Smith, Lieut.-Col. Prevost, James Kirby, K. C. C. J. Fleet, K. C. John, Patterson, Alfred Piddington, George R. Hooper, B. A. Boas, George Dunford, Hugh Paton, H. Dobell, W. H. Evans, G. Scott, H. Joseph and J. Taylor.

In consequence of the absence of the President, Sir George Drummond, K. C. M. G., through indisposition, Mr. R. B. Angus moved that the Vice-President and General Manager, Sir Edward Clouston, take the chair.

This was seconded by Mr. E. B. Green-shields, and unanimously concurred in, after which it was resolved, on motion of Mr. Hugh Paton, seconded by Lieut.-Col. Prevost: "That the following be appointed to act as scrutineers: Messrs. G. F. C. Smith and George R. Hooper; and that Mr. James Aird be secretary of the meeting."

The Vice-President then submitted the report of the Directors, as follows:

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT. The Directors have pleasure in presenting the Report showing the result of the Bank's business for the year ended 30th October, 1909.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 31st October, 1908: \$ 217,628.56. Profits for the year ended 30th October, 1909, after deducting charges for management, and making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts: 1,826,167.74.

Since the last Annual Meeting Branches have been opened at Three Rivers, P. Q., Weyburn, Sask., Oakwood, Ont., Moose Jaw, Sask., Outlook, Sask., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., and Sub-agencies at Merritt, B. C., Cloverdale, B. C., Spring Coulee, Alta., and Bathurst street, Toronto.

The Branches at Grimsby, Ont., and Millbrook, Ont., have been closed. With deep regret the Directors have to record the death of their esteemed colleague, Mr. A. T. Paterson, who had been a member of the Board for upwards of twenty-eight years.

The vacancy on the Board has been filled by the election of Mr. A. Baumgarten.

All the Offices of the Bank, including the Head Office, have been inspected during the year.

C. A. DRUMMOND, President.

Bank of Montreal, 6th December, 1909.

THE GENERAL STATEMENT. The General Statement of the Bank on 30th October, 1909, was read as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Capital Stock: \$ 14,400,000.00. Rest: \$ 12,000,000.00. Balance of Profits carried forward: 603,796.30. Unclaimed Dividends: \$ 12,903,796.30. Quarterly Dividend, payable 1st December, 1909: 360,000.00.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Gold and Silver current: \$ 5,802,263.95. Government demand notes: 13,240,587.80. Deposit with Dominion Government required by act of Parliament for security of general bank note circulation: 600,000.00.

Bank of Montreal, Montreal, 30th October, 1909.

THE VICE-PRESIDENT. The Vice-President then spoke as follows:

The most important change from last year in the statement submitted to you is the unusually large increase in deposits, amounting to \$36,000,000. Part of it is temporary, pending large payments in connection with special transactions, part is the natural increase from depositors as a result of the prosperous condition of affairs in this country, but the largest portion of the increase arises from money brought into Canada from other countries.

It is quite possible that if the apprehensions expressed in many quarters as to the consequence of the new methods of British taxation are realized, deposits from this last source may be still further enlarged. It is very important, therefore, that nothing should be done in Canada by injudicious legislation, the exploitation of doubtful enterprises, or otherwise to stop this flow of capital. Our call loans have increased by about the same amount as our deposits, and this is not necessary to retain as a portion of our reserves, will be gradually brought into the country to meet commercial requirements as they arise.

The profits are some \$130,000 less than last year, but considering the low rates, ruling for the greater part of our fiscal year in London and New York, the result may be regarded as satisfactory. I am glad to say that the outlook for the coming year, or at least for the earlier months, is more promising and I shall be much disappointed if we do not make a better showing when next we meet.

The rapidity of the recovery of trade from the set-back following the monetary crisis in the United States—two years ago has been as striking as it is satisfactory. Conditions to-day are, as a whole, excellent. The large harvest gathered in the Northwestern Provinces in itself affords a basis for some time to come. How considerable a factor in the commercial life of Canada the agricultural output of our Northwest has become may be realized from the fact that the yield of wheat, oats and barley is this year 313,935,000 bushels, as compared with 232,620,000 bushels in 1908, 190,000,000 bushels in 1907, or 32,000,000 in 1900. A tenfold gain in the grain product of the Northwestern Provinces in nine years conveys some idea of the commercial potentialities of the country.

The marketing of wheat has been quite prompt, and the railways have

when the outlook is so bright and inspiring. A tendency to over-speculation in real estate in some parts of Canada is already apparent, and this, like other forms of gambling, can bring only disaster when the inevitable crash comes. How suddenly conditions may change the rapid advance in the Bank of England rate last autumn attests. Only by prudence both in taking and granting credits and by avoidance of wild-cat ventures and speculations on the high reputation Canada enjoys in the British money-markets, can we reasonably anticipate a continuance of the prosperity now enjoyed.

There is only one other observation I desire to make. As you are aware, the decennial revision of the Bank Act will take place during the present session of Parliament. In one or two respects changes of a more or less technical character were to be found necessary; but the Act has been so thoroughly revised in the past, it withstood so staunchly the trials of 1907, and its operation has been found to conform so admirably to the requirements of trade and the interests of a rapidly developing country, that I hardly think it likely that any material change will be made.

In our note circulation we have a system which enables us by its elasticity to carry out the heavy autumnal demands without creating any monetary stringency; and to show how valuable it is to the whole business community, I need only point to the fact that we are moving the large crop in the Northwest with great ease and without any advance in rates to our commercial customers.

I beg to move: "That the report of the Directors now read be adopted and printed for distribution among the Shareholders."

This was seconded by Mr. E. B. Green-shields, and unanimously adopted. Mr. H. Joseph then moved: "That the thanks of the meeting be presented to the President, Vice-President and Directors for their attention to the interests of the Bank."

Mr. C. J. Fleet seconded the motion, which was unanimously agreed to. Sir Thomas G. Shaughnessy moved: "That the thanks of the meeting be given to the General Manager, the Assistant General Manager, the Inspectors, the Managers and other officers of the Bank for their services during the past year."

The motion was seconded by Mr. David Morrice, and was unanimously carried.

Sir Edward Clouston expressed acknowledgement on behalf of himself and fellow-officers.

THE DIRECTORS. The ballot for the election of Directors was then proceeded with. The scrutineers appointed for the purpose reported the following gentlemen duly elected:

- R. B. ANGUS, A. BAUMGARTEN, SIR EDWARD CLOUSTON, BART., HON. SIR GEORGE DRUMMOND, K. C. M. G., C. V. O., E. B. GREENSHIELDS, CHARLES H. HOSMER, SIR WILLIAM C. MACDONALD, HON. ROBERT MACKAY, DAVID MORRICE, JAMES ROSS, SIR THOMAS G. SHAUGHNESSY, K. C. M. G., C. V. O., THE RIGHT HON. LORD STRATHCONA AND MOUNT ROYAL, G. C. M. G., G. C. V. O.

At a meeting of the Directors, held later, the Right Hon. Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, G. C. M. G., C. V. O., was elected Honorary President; Hon. Sir George Drummond, K. C. M. G., C. V. O., President, and Sir Edward Clouston, Bart., Vice-President.

TO FIGHT CANCER.

Dying Gift of \$1,500,000 From Millionaire to Aid Research.

New York, Dec. 8.—The will of Mr. George Crocker, who was made public in part by Mr. Eugene D. Hawkins, counsel for the executors, after Mr. Crocker's funeral, provides for a gift to Columbia University that will amount to at least \$1,500,000, to be used for an investigation of cancer, its cause, prevention and cure. It was this disease that caused the death of Mr. Crocker, his wife and his friend and physician, Dr. William T. Bull. The clause of the will provides that his executors sell his city residence, No. 1 East Sixty-fourth street, and the contents, as well as his country home at Darlington, N. J., together with the horses, cattle and other personal property, and pay the net proceeds to the trustees of Columbia College, to be invested as a permanent fund, to be known as the "George Crocker Special Research Fund."

Should the progress of science make the prosecution of such researches in regard to cancer unnecessary, the will provides that the income of the fund may be used as the trustees may determine in the prosecution of other researches in medicine and surgery of the principal or income of the fund and in the allied sciences. No part of the principal or income of the fund is to be used for the erection of a building.

MAD DOG.

Nine Persons Were Bitten on the Main Street in Galt.

Galt, Ont., Nov. 8.—Nine persons were bitten by a supposedly mad dog here to-day. The animal, a cocker spaniel, was first noticed at 7 o'clock in the morning, when it snuffed at the pedestrians on Main street west. It was late this afternoon before the brute was cornered and shot. Several prominent citizens and three youngsters are among the victims of the animal's attacks, and a couple of the children were severely lacerated.

The head of the dog has been sent to Ottawa for examination, but local authorities on the subject state that there is no doubt that the animal was suffering from hydrophobia. The first Portland cement mill in Canada was erected twenty years ago, in 1889, at Napanee, Ontario. Its output was less than 1,000 barrels a week, but it brought the price of Canadian cement down to three dollars a barrel. This original mill is no longer in operation, but the output of the Canadian Portland Cement Company, which operates mills at Marlbank and Port Colborne, Ontario.

GAVE CLEVER COMEDY SKIT.

County Councillors Have Fun Over Automobile Act.

School Inspector Smith Makes a Proposition.

Road Superintendent Gives a Dinner To-night.

At yesterday afternoon's session of the County Council some of the Councillors mixed things up pretty well, so much so that at one time Councillors Hills and Binkley were leaning across their desks a far as they could reach, apparently unaware of the fact until the usually solemn faces of the other Councillors were distorted with laughter, even the Warden adding his pleasant smile—which was a loud one at that.

"That automobile by-law," as Councillor Binkley explained it, again cropped up and kept things humming for a while. County Solicitor Counsell happened to drop in, and the Councillors immediately besieged him for information as to what course should be pursued, and the result was that Mr. Counsell could not escape for over an hour. Every possible theory that could be advanced was piled upon the Solicitor by the anxious Councillors, until he hardly knew where he was at, and finally the question had to be explained by the Warden.

The Warden explained to Mr. Counsell that the Council purposed amending the by-law relating to the speed of automobiles, and the disposition of the fines, so that neither the constable nor the automobiles would be taken advantage of.

Mr. Counsell explained that the question had already been disposed of by the Provincial Act. The fines went into the municipality and then were paid over to the Government. Councillor Dewar questioned the right of the Government, but Mr. Counsell explained that the opinion of the Legal Department was that the money be paid to the Provincial Treasurer.

Councillor Dewar—Petition the Government to amend their Act. The Warden said such a course could be adopted, but no provision was being made for the compensation of the constables making the arrest. He thought they should be paid a stated amount. The County Magistrates would pay the money over to the county, and he thought the constables should be instructed to have their cases tried before them.

Councillor Lawson suggested that the matter be left to the Solicitor to petition the Government, and see what could be done. As there would be no dust flying for the next few months, he thought the question of paying a stated amount to the constable could be left over.

The Warden said he did not think it was the local automobilists who were causing the trouble, as the President of the local club had expressed himself in favour of suppressing over-speeding. The trouble was about caused by tourists from outside places.

Councillor Lawson offered a resolution as follows: That the question of a by-law governing the speed of automobiles be left to the County Solicitor to petition the Government to change the Act as to the disposition of the fines.

Councillor Binkley suggested that the matter be left to the Legislative Committee.

Councillor Hills—Councillor Binkley is hanging himself on his own scaffold. What's the Legislative Committee for if it isn't for such questions? Councillor Binkley—I'm surprised at Councillor Hills. I only made a suggestion.

Councillor Smiley made a resolution that the clause "half the fines" be left out of the original by-law.

Councillor Lawson said he did not think that motion in order. Councillor Binkley made a motion as follows: Resolved, That the Council petition the Provincial Government to amend the regulation re speed limit of automobiles so that the fines be paid to the county where the arrests are made.

"What's the solicitor's opinion of the resolution?" was the question fired at the solicitor.

Mr. Counsell smiled and smiled, and then asked, "Which resolution? There is more than one."

Councillor Dewar—I move we adjourn. Councillor Burgess—Furn your money. We don't want to adjourn too soon. Councillor Binkley—My resolution covered the ground all right.

Councillor Lawson—Covered too much. Councillor Binkley—I don't bear any hard feelings against those who criticize me. I only consider where it comes from.

A motion introduced by Councillor DeGroot that the Board of Criminal Aid be paid \$150 for services during the year and that the warden instruct the treasurer to pay the amount, carried unanimously.

The automobile question was then resumed. Councillor Vance made a motion "that the county solicitor be instructed to prepare a petition to the Government so that the fines for infractions of speed of autoists be paid to the municipality where the arrest was made."

Councillor Hills submitted a motion that the council instruct the Legislative Committee to petition the Government to have the fines received for over-speeding of motor vehicles paid to the municipality liable for the repair of the roads in the section where the arrests were made.

"I object," said Councillor Binkley. "I nominate Councillor Binkley as a member of the Legislative Committee for the remainder of the year," said Councillor Hills.

After a short explanation of the advantages of such a scheme as outlined in Mr. Hills' resolution, it passed without serious objection, and the other resolutions which had been voted on were declared lost.

The report of the county school inspector was then submitted. It stated that the expenses of the inspector had been greater during the past six months than had been anticipated, and asked for an additional grant from the council. A grant of \$25 was made.

Mr. Smith, the inspector, said a proposition had been made to him that two of the municipalities in the County of Wentworth be added to another county, and thereby even up the work in such a way that it would not be necessary for him to have an assistant.

DORIC AT-HOME

Successful Masonic Anniversary Event Held Last Evening.

The thirteenth anniversary at-home, given last night in the Masonic Hall by Doric Lodge, A. F. and A. M., was in every way a great success. The guests were received from 7.30 to 8.15 by the officers of the lodge, after which a most enjoyable concert was presented. W. Bro. G. W. Perry, W. M. of the Lodge, was chairman, and gave a short account of the successful work carried on by Doric Lodge. R. W. Bro. Dr. C. V. Emory, secretary, read regrets from officers of other city lodges, and Lieut.-Governor Gibson. The programme consisted of instrumental solo—Irish Diamond. Paper Harry J. Allen.

Vocal solo—Selected. Bro. Geo. Allan. Vocal solo—(a) Dandelion. Chadwick. (b) Philosophy. Emmell. Mrs. A. W. Palmer.

Reading—Selected. Miss Clara Salisbury. Vocal solo—Good-Bye Summer. Frank Lyne.

Mrs. F. W. Brennan. Vocal solo—If I Were a Rose. Heselburg. Bro. Chester Walters. Cello solo—The Broken Melody. Von Biene. Mr. G. Hutton.

Vocal solo—Good-bye. Tosti. Mrs. A. W. Palmer. Reading—Selected. Miss Clara Salisbury.

Vocal solo—Selected. Mrs. F. W. Brennan. A dainty supper was served by Caterer, Moffat, after which Lomas' orchestra supplied music for dancing. About 400 were present and greatly enjoyed one of the best conducted social events of the season.

THE MOON.

Interesting Address by G. Par y Jenkins, in Unity Church.

An entertaining and instructive lecture was given last evening in Unity Church by G. Parry Jenkins, F.R.A.S., on "The Moon—Our Nearest Neighbor in Space." The lecture, which was well attended, was illustrated by sixty views, which showed the results of observations made by the best telescopes of the world. Mr. Jenkins said that the moon was four hundred times nearer the earth than the sun, or 238,900 miles from the earth. Although the sun and moon appeared the same size in the sky, the earth was, in reality, only one sixty-five-millionth part of the sun's size. The fact that no one had ever seen the other side of the moon was due to its rotating on its axis in precisely the same time as it takes to go around the earth. Owing to the earth would only weigh 30 pounds on the moon a man weighing 180 pounds on the earth would only weigh 30 pounds on the moon. With the same power that a person could drive a ball one hundred feet on the earth, they could drive it six times as far on the surface of the moon. With the aid of fine telescopes photographs of the lunar landscape had been taken, showing the principal objects of interest, including numerous craters and peaks, in some instances rising as high as 36,000 feet, or 7,000 feet higher than Mount Everest, the highest peak on this globe.

In accounting for the moon, Mr. Jenkins gave the opinion that it was originally a part of the earth, and that long ages ago it had become separated from the earth, and forming an independent body. At present, he explained, it was rotating round the earth at a speed of 2,290 miles per hour. In concluding he said, the moon was a dead world, and in it was illustrated the physical condition which, in all probability, the earth will attain to in ages hence, owing to the cooling down of its interior.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Jenkins for his interesting lecture, which, as shown by the loud applause, had been enjoyed by all.

DR. MCCONNELL

Third of His Human Electricity Course of Lectures.

"Assimilation" was the title of the lecture given in the lecture room of the Y. M. C. A. last night, by Dr. McConnell, who is this week giving a series of lectures concerning the electricity in the human system. The lectures are, since the one on Monday night, not free to the public. Those who attended last night were citizens who have joined the doctor's class for the purpose of having explained how to generate electricity in the body and how to use it for the preservation of health. Last night Dr. McConnell likened the body to an engine, and said just as an engine requires fuel regularly for the generation of power, so does the body. He set forth the paramount need of oxygen to the body and emphasized the importance of deep breathing as the best way for generating oxygen and explained that it is impossible for any body to get well when the amount of oxygen is low. The fuel for the body, he maintained, was oxygen. Deep breathing before and after every meal and regularly throughout the day will increase the electricity in the body. Very lucidly was described how electricity could be supplied to the digestive organs. Many people, he said, looked at human electricity in a mystical way, but if they were to look on the body and treat it like the same an engine the result would be evident.

Dr. McConnell touched upon tuberculosis and said that decided results were coming from the methods adopted to cure it. He told of a lady missionary, who had been in Porto Rico, and had contracted tuberculosis of the intestines, and who had been cured by adopting his system of treatment, and to-day she is well and strong.

This evening Dr. McConnell will lecture at the Y. M. C. A. again. It will deal with the physical causes of age and with the scientific means of preventing its encroachments. It should be of especial interest.

Portland cement was introduced into America about 1862, and was imported from England. Its cost at that time and for many years afterwards was from five to seven dollars a barrel, so that its use was greatly restricted. Its manufacture was begun in the United States on a very small scale in 1872.

Christmas Presents

BEAR in mind when buying Christmas presents that a useful article will give more pleasure than one which will be set aside and probably forgotten in the course of a few days.

SLIPPERS—If mother or father is old and feeble, we have the Slippers that will please them, and at almost any price you wish to pay. Our Elastic Side Slippers in tan and black were made special, and are finer grade than you will find elsewhere.

FINE DRESS SLIPPERS—See our lovely assortment of Slippers for dress occasions. Patent Pumps and Ankle Straps from \$2.50 up. Our beaded lines are the prettiest ever shown by us, and are perfect fitters. We have Slippers at all prices from \$1.00 up to \$4.50.

YOUNG MAN, your mother, father or sister would be delighted with a pair of Slippers or Shoes as a Christmas gift. Come in and select a pair before the rush is on and we will hold them for you if you make a small payment on them.

CHILDREN'S SLIPPERS—The children are going to give a party this winter, and they are also going to be asked to several. It is but natural that they should wish a nice pair of Slippers. We have a grand assortment in patent and kid in all sizes from baby up to women's size. For the boys a Patent Pump in sizes 11 to 13 at \$2.00 and 1 to 5 at \$2.25.

MEN'S DRESS SHOES—We have all sizes in Oxfords and Pumps at \$2.50 and \$3.75. Some prefer the high laced and buttoned shoes for dress occasions, and this store leads all others in this class of footwear, prices \$4.00 to \$7.75.

RUBBER BOOTS—All sizes in Rubber Boots for women, men and children, and every pair of our Rubber Boots are GUARANTEED FIRST QUALITY. We do not handle the seconds.

J. D. CLIMIE

30 and 32 King West

MACALLUM VS. SOTHMAN.

City Engineer Says Hydro Engineer's Advice is Bad.

They Will Confer Before Beach Power is Settled.

Westinghouse Company Will Get the Tender Anyway.

Before the city awards the contracts for the electric pumps and motors at the Beach, Engineer Macallum will confer with Engineer Sothman, of the Hydro-Electric Commission, as to what voltage the power should be handled at. The last advice the city had from Mr. Sothman was in favor of taking the power direct from the wires at 13,200 volts. This would avoid the cost of installing transformers.

"It's not good engineering practice," Engineer Macallum told the Fire and Water Committee after the matter had been discussed for an hour.

"It would probably cost about 5 per cent. more," he said, "but it is a question of safety in operation. I think it would be better to have transformers and take the power at lower voltage. There is another reason. Although the installation will be large, you can imagine what will happen if a drop of water gets on the motors handling the power at that high voltage."

Ald. Lees wanted to know if the commission had not sent an engineer here to settle that very point.

Mr. Macallum said he desired to discuss the matter with Mr. Sothman again. The committee nearly two years ago recommended that the tender of the Westinghouse Company for motors be accepted. Those tenders were for 66 2/3 cycle motors, which are used for Cataract power. No action was ever taken by the Council, because the power question was not settled.

A letter from the Westinghouse Company, embodying a bid for the 25-cycle motors for Hydro power was laid before the committee last night. Secretary James explained that the company insisted that it was confidential, and not to be read if new tenders were called for, as it did not desire to have its figures made public. Mr. James said the offer was not far from the figure of the old one, and the company undertook to protect the city in every way.

Ald. Gardner said he would doubt that the Westinghouse Company would get the contract in any event, as the aldermen favored giving the work to a local firm, and he moved, seconded by Ald. Hopkins, that the committee send a recommendation on to the Council to close the contract at once.

Ald. Milne, Morris and Lees counselled delay until Monday, so that Mr. Macallum could confer with Engineer Sothman as to the voltage.

Ald. Hopkins was obdurate, however. "Delays we know are dangerous," he said. "Mr. Sothman is well-posted, and he says to take it at the high voltage."

"Nothing will be lost in leaving it over until Monday," suggested Ald. Morris.

Evidently some of us are better posted than the others on this letter," said Ald. Lees. "I am in the dark." He pointed out that the letter dealt with motors for power at two different voltages. If they knew which way they were going to use it then they would know how to vote.

At the outset a letter from the Alliance-Chalmers-Bullock Company, of Montreal, a firm that originally tendered on the motor, was read. The company requested that, if another firm was to be allowed to change its bid, competitive tenders for the 25 cycle motors be called for.

There was some doubt as to whether the company ever tendered before on 25-cycle motors, and nearly an hour was spent digging up dusty old resolutions. They dated back to the first time the committee discussed the matter.

The aldermen apparently practically agreed that the Westinghouse Company would get the contract, although the matter was laid over until Monday afternoon when Engineer Sothman is expected to be present. In the meantime Mr. Macallum will confer with him.

The howling of the bitter cold wind outside put the aldermen in a mood to hug their chairs in a cozy room and talk for the sake of passing away the time. They spent an hour discussing matters that might have been disposed of with ease in ten minutes. But then this is nothing new for the Fire and Water Committee. It seems to have a penchant

for killing time, and the committee this year is not as bad as the one last year, nor the one of the previous year. Yet the same old "hoodoo," seems to hover around.

On the recommendation of the City Engineer it was decided to refund to Messrs. Forbes and Hewish \$112, the cost of a six inch connection at the corner of Main street and Fairholme road, before the annexation deal went through. The city will use the connection now as part of the waterworks system in that district.

The best the city can do in the way of fire protection for the east end mountain top people this winter is to place a hand rail there and about 475 feet of hose, at a cost of about \$500. The Finance Committee will be asked to furnish the money.

The drinking fountain in front of the Ontario Lantern Company's works, on Cannon street, which has been the cause of many complaints, will be moved to the waterworks yard.

H. Heim and G. Hallam were appointed permanently to the first department on the recommendation of the Chief.

BOUNDARY LINE.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley and Dr. King Left For Washington.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—Hon. Dr. Pugsley, Minister of Public Works, left for Washington this afternoon, where, with Dr. King, Dominion astronomer, he will confer with Ambassador Bryce and United States authorities relative to several matters in connection with the progress of re-marking the international boundary line. The principal point at issue is with regard to the delimitation of the boundary in Passamaquoddy Bay, between Maine and New Brunswick. Both countries claim the ownership of Folly Island in the bay, and the case may have to go to arbitration at the Hague.

A CHANCE.

American Kitchen Friend Makes Fine Christmas Present.

What nicer Christmas present than the American Kitchen Friend? This is a complete kitchen equipment—a utensil for every purpose. The set includes a neat rack of wrought steel, heavily enamelled in black, and nine kitchen utensils, all fitted with rubberized finished hard wood handles, mounted with nickel-plated ferrules.

In this issue the announcement is made of a few of these sets to be run off at \$1.00 each.

See particulars in advertisement in this issue, and send to the Times office for the American Kitchen Friend.

A SUCCESS.

Rube Carnival at Britannia Repeated Last Evening.

That the city people have a fondness for the farm life was shown again last evening, when a second reproduction, by special request, of the famous Rube carnival attracted an unusually large crowd, despite the unfavorable weather conditions to Britannia roller rink. The first one was such an amusing affair that the patrons of the rink asked the management to reproduce it. Their expectations were realized. The carnival was not only more amusing and interesting, but the display of fancy and trick skating, the electrical and scenic effects, made the carnival one grand success, and also added greatly to the interest.

The feature was the fancy skating competition for couples only, in which Mr. Joseph Martin won a handsome gold pin and Miss Gertrude Donnelly a gold ring. There were a large number of competitors, and the contest was so keen that an extra number was required to choose the winner. L. McMaster, the well-known skater, who has become famous on the tiny wheels, demonstrated his powers—exhibiting some remarkable skill, in which his fancy two-mark and spinning won him much applause. A large crowd witnessed the scene from the balcony, which was prepared especially to accommodate the crowd. Lomas' orchestra supplied the music.

Mrs. Buggins—Isn't there a cult composed of people who eat only uncooked food? Mr. Buggins—I believe so. Mrs. Buggins—I'm revising the tariff do you suppose the duty on raw material was aimed at them?

The turf authorities consider that the donation of such a prize will stimulate a healthy interest among the jockeys.