

FORECAST:
VARIABLE WINDS;
WARMER.

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MAY ABANDON STREET RAILWAY PURCHASE

PROPOSE COST BAD ROOFS BE SPLIT 3 WAYS

Board Advises Commission,
Contractors and Architect
Share Liability.

H. C. MCBRIDE RELUCTANT

Finds Majority Pine Lawn
Houses Not Properly
Constructed.

"Split the cost three ways: Between the London Housing Commission, Hayman and Willis, contractors, and H. C. McBride, architect."

This is the proposed manner by which defective roofing on the city's houses at Pine Lawn will be replaced, it was learned Friday.

The allotment in each instance would be approximately \$1,750, it is explained further.

Seemingly Reluctant.

The only party to take exception to this prospective solution, the Advertiser has been informed, is the seeming reluctance of H. C. McBride to view the situation in the same light as the housing commissioners and the contractors.

The latter have evidently expressed willingness to become a party to the arrangements, while the commissioners decided in special session Friday that, "to avoid further fuss, and to have a long drawn controversy settled," they would also shoulder a third of the cost.

But the architect demurs, it is reported, and just what the next move by the other principals in the case cannot be determined at this juncture.

In the meanwhile the members of the conciliation board, called to iron out the dispute in question, have practically concluded their activities, and after a final session Friday afternoon, Building Inspector Walton, who represented the city on that board, will leave for home.

The commissioners trust that they will now be in a position to reach an amicable understanding with all parties concerned, obviating all necessity for final action through the courts.

Not Properly Constructed.

The board of conciliation found that the roofs of certain, if not all of the city's 48 houses in the Pine Lawn area, were not properly constructed.

The contractors, it is said, are willing to make amends, and the claim is now entered that the architect was also responsible in the same measure for any defects or inferiority in construction that may have been noted by the arbiters.

The present problem is one of more than a year's standing, having its inception as early as the early summer of 1921.

No written statement has been submitted by the arbiters to date, their report being confined, it is explained, to general remarks. No declaration will be forthcoming except in the event, it is pointed out, that it is deemed impossible to create an amicable understanding between the principals involved.

KING CONGRATULATES CAPTAIN OF BLUENOSE

Ottawa, Oct. 27.—(By the Canadian Press).—Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, premier of Canada, last night wired Capt. Angus Walters of the schooner Bluenose at Gloucester, Mass., the congratulations of the government and people of Canada in successfully defending their trophy. The premier's message follows:

"Permit me to extend to you and to the individual members of your crew the congratulations of the people of Canada upon your achievement in again winning the championship of the North Atlantic seaboard and thereby successfully defending the International Fishermen's Trophy."

(Sgd.) W. L. MACKENZIE KING.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.
Moderate to fresh variable winds;
generally fair today and on Saturday;
stationary or somewhat higher temperature.

The weather has been fair throughout the Dominion, with the exception of heavy rainfalls in Cape Breton and fairly general rain in British Columbia.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

High. Low.
Victoria 50 45
Toronto 48 42
Winnipeg 44 32
Edmonton 40 28
Calgary 38 24
Saskatoon 36 22
Regina 34 20
Ottawa 32 18
Montreal 30 16
Quebec 28 14
St. John's 26 12
Halifax 24 10

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 46; lowest, 32.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 39; lowest, 31.

Barometric Readings.
Thursday—5 p.m., 29.23.
Today—8 a.m., 29.05.

Maintenance-of-Way Men Protest Cuts

UNREST GROWS OVER PROPOSED WAGE SLASHES

Canadian Railmen Highly Dissatisfied as Reduction in Pay Looms.

CLAIM STRIKE POSSIBLE

Maintenance Employees Think Roads Should Follow Example of U. S.

BULLETIN.
Montreal, Oct. 27.—Frank McKenna, vice-president of the Division No. 4, Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, stated this morning that when the referendum ballot of Canadian railway shopmen from coast to coast is counted in Montreal next Wednesday, it will be known whether a general strike will be called or whether negotiations will reopen between the shopmen and the companies.

Although up to the present no definite action has been taken considerable unrest has been manifested among the ranks of the 800 odd maintenance-of-way men employed on the Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk Railways in this district, because the Canadian roads are contemplating a cut ranging from one to ten cents an hour, despite the actions of the United States Railway Board one week ago, which ordered an increase of two cents an hour for maintenance-of-way men in that country.

Between 8,000 and 9,000 maintenance-of-way men are employed by the railroads operating in Canada, and according to the reports of union chiefs who have passed through the city within the last week or so, the situation is none too bright, and the men all over the Dominion are becoming restless.

Feel Optimistic.

R. H. Hessel, a well-known labor man of the city, and member of the maintenance-of-way protective board of the Grand Trunk System, was inclined to take an optimistic view of the situation. Mr. Hessel returned two weeks ago from a 17-days conference of the maintenance-of-way heads from all over America and held in Detroit.

The local official pointed out that the Canadian chiefs will probably call a conference in Montreal as soon as arrangements have been made to discuss the latest turn of affairs, and also decide what action will be taken in Canada if the cut is enforced.

It is an established fact that the Canadian roads nearly always follow the actions of the United States Railway Labor Board in any nationwide ruling regarding pay and working conditions, and if Canadian railway officials decide that the reduction from one to ten cents an hour will be enforced, while the American railroads are boosting the pay of their men two cents an hour, a precedent will be established in Canadian railroad history.

Strike Inevitable.

Maintenance-of-way employees in this city point out that it would be

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CLAIMS CANADIAN FULLY OWNS BRITISH GOVERNMENT

CREDIT LORD BEAVERBROOK.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—(Canadian Press Cable).—The New Leader, which recently took the place of the Labor Leader as a weekly organ of Labor opinion here, and edited by Henry N. Brailsford, the well-known author and journalist, declared that Bonar Law would not be premier today, and would probably have retired altogether from politics but for the eager energy of his friend, Lord Beaverbrook, also a product of the maritime provinces.

"That extraordinary product of success in Canadian finance, rising from the most humble circumstances, and with a remarkable genius for friendship," says the New Leader, "has been determined on one thing only in politics for the last ten years, and that is to make Bonar Law prime minister. The new government is a Bonar Law-Beaverbrook government, and although Lord Beaverbrook may remain behind the scenes, it will be his decisions which will count."

"He assisted in breaking up the Liberal party in the first coalition, and pitched Bonar Law, neck and crop, while the latter was timorous, shivering on the brink, into repudiation of H. H. Asquith by a second coalition. In this last week, when Bonar Law was timidly preparing to resign, rather than make his speech against Austen Chamberlain, we think it will be found that Lord Beaverbrook took the decision for him."

CLOSE SOCIALIST CONGRESS.

Sofia, Oct. 27.—The Bulgarian Socialists brought their congress to a close yesterday by adopting a resolution voicing their adherence to the Second International.

Urged To Stand For Re-election



ALD. DR. LEONARD DOUGLASS, who has been urged by representative residents of Ward 2 to stand for re-election.

OPPOSE BUYING CITY RAILWAY

Ald. Dr. Holmes Would Not Purchase System From Company.

Alderman Claims Road Faces Bankruptcy; Should Be Left Alone.

Ald. Dr. Holmes lined up Friday with those members of the city council who propose to wage a battle against the proposed purchase of the London Street Railway, "lock, stock and barrel."

Holding to similar opinions as Ald. Drake and his associates, Dr. Holmes would strongly disapprove of any concentrated action to purchase the road from the company under any consideration.

Certain members of the city council can discern, they assert, the present precarious situation of the London Street Railway.

The latter is faced by inevitable bankruptcy, they contend, if conditions are allowed to pursue the present course. The company sees "the Turn to Page 2, Column 1."

GEDDES MEETS WITH PREMIER

Ottawa, Oct. 27.—Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador at Washington, will arrive at Ottawa tomorrow and will be a guest at government house.

It is understood that Sir Auckland Geddes' visit is for the purpose of discussing matters concerning the Rush-Bagot treaty with Premier Mackenzie King.

GIRD UP LOINS FOR ELECTIONS

London Labor Party to Name Candidate at Next Meeting.

J. S. Woodworth to Visit City November 6 in Interest of Workers.

London labor is preparing to battle for supremacy at the forthcoming civic election.

Meeting in regular session Thursday night at the Labor Temple, members of No. 1 branch of the London Labor party considered at some length several questions of vital importance to the local political movement, incidentally drafting plans for the approaching campaign.

As Nov. 10 has already been set as nomination day for the entire labor element, the members of No. 1 branch, at their next regular gathering, Thursday, Nov. 2, will select their favorites for the municipal race and instruct their delegates accordingly.

There was considerable discussion following a motion by Delegate William Stewart, that the nomination convention be open to all individual members of affiliated bodies. A resolution to this effect was passed for consideration of the members of the central body, upon the stipulation that the same would not be submitted there until after this election.

This precaution was taken to insure that the general business of the nomination session would not be delayed, as this proposal is bound to create certain criticism, and may, in fact, suffer complete defeat.

Ald. H. B. Ashplant spoke briefly with reference to the appearance here, Nov. 6 or 7, of J. S. Woodworth, federal member of parliament for Winnipeg.

He explained that the latter is touring the eastern provinces in the interests of Labor, with a view toward building up the political phases of the Labor movement, and was scheduled to speak in this city early in November. Arrangements for his reception were left to the discretion of the executive.

SAY SHAUGHNESSY SLATED AS AMBASSADOR TO U. S.

Rumors at Washington Claim Canadian Baron to Have Important Post.

New York, Oct. 27.—(By the Canadian Press).—A report that Baron George Shaughnessy of Montreal would be offered the post of Canadian ambassador to the United States was circulating in Washington last night, according to the New York Times correspondent.

British embassy officials, however, said they were without official confirmation of the report.

Says the Times: "The Canadian government has been desirous of having direct diplomatic representatives in Washington and the probability is that this will come in the near future, but it is not believed the Canadian representative will have the rank of ambassador, or even that of minister, but rather that of high commissioner."

"There has been a report that Sir Charles Fitzpatrick of Ottawa was to be offered the post of high commissioner here."

WAGES OF U. S. MALE FARM LABOR \$28.97 MONTHLY

Department of Agriculture Reports Show Supply of Help Exceeds Demand.

Washington, Oct. 27.—The average rate of wages of male farm labor for the entire United States, Oct. 1, was \$28.97 a month with board, according to the first of a regular series of quarterly reports from 1,300 county crop reports to the department of agriculture. The average rate for the year 1921 was \$30.14. By the month without board the average, Oct. 1, was \$41.5, compared with \$43.32 the average for 1921.

Day wages with board, Oct. 1, were \$1.57, compared with \$1.68 last year, and day wages without board was \$2.08, compared with \$2.18 in 1921.

Of the 1,300 reports 36 per cent stated that the labor supply exceeded the demand at current wages, 39 per cent stated that the demand exceeded the supply, and 25 per cent reported an even balance.

ADVANCE QUOTATIONS ON NEWSPRINT IN U. S. \$5 TON

New York, Oct. 27.—A new price of \$75 a ton for newsprint paper, an increase of \$5 over the prevailing price for the first half of the current year, covering contracts calling for delivery during the first half of 1923, has been announced by the International Paper Company. The new price is the same as that announced last week by the larger Canadian producers.

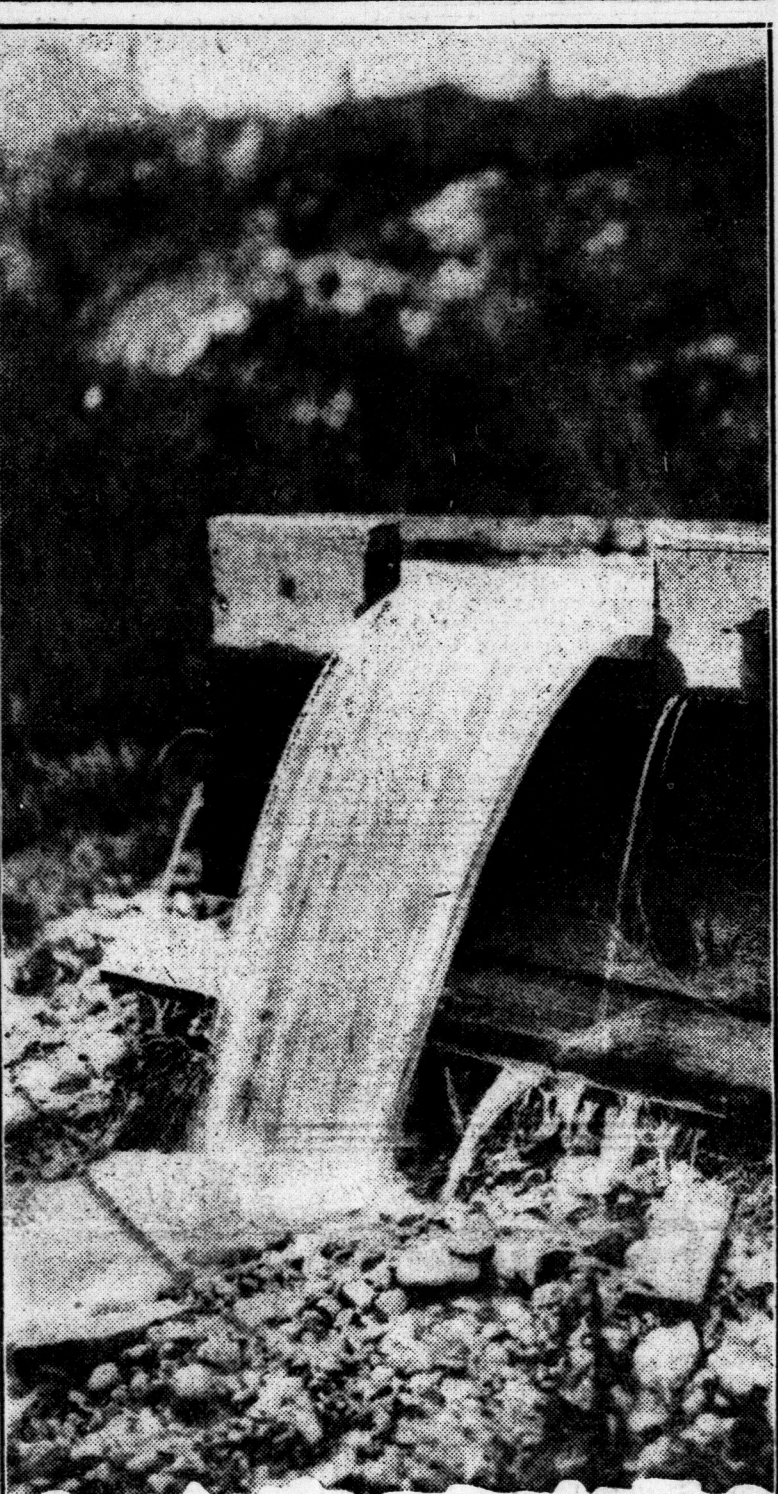
Charge Herbert Wilson With Assault To Kill and Robbery

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 27.—Herbert Wilson, convicted slayer, and Guido Spignola, alleged robber, who, with Adam Blaszyk, convicted slayer, broke out of the Los Angeles county jail for a day last week, yesterday were charged with assault to kill and with robbery as the result of the break.

The assault to kill charge came from their attack upon a jailer in making their escape, and the robbery accusation came from their commandeering two postoffice employees' automobile.

Both were arraigned, bonds were fixed at \$15,000 each, and preliminary hearings set for Oct. 31. Blaszyk has been sent to San Quentin penitentiary to begin serving a life sentence.

Gushing Challenge To Critics!



WATER pours today from the city's well at Broughdale at the rate of at least 1,000,000 gallons daily, while the actual output cannot be determined until the utilities' experts have placed larger pumps in position for the test. This is a direct challenge to critics who have been opposed to the city's well-digging proposition, an effort to seek a greater water supply of spring water.

N. Y. SHIPS GOLD TO MONTREAL

U. S. Bankers Declare Large Quantities of Metal Left Country.

Predict Reduction in Value of Canadian Dollar in January.

New York, Oct. 27.—Canadian Press.—Local bankers predict that the publication of the gold movements for October will show that considerable metal has gone from New York to Montreal since Oct. 16, according to the Wall Street Journal. The Canadian exchange rate is now at a point where gold shipments are profitable, the paper says.

Foreign exchange dealers expect the strength in Canadian funds to be maintained until around the first of the year, but predict a reduction in the value of the Canadian dollar in January.

It is probable the trade position will change somewhat for the worse around the first of the year, the Wall Street Journal continues, due to the regular winter slump, effects of our tariff, and higher prices caused by appreciated exchange.

Bond flotations in this market have been an important factor, which show few signs of abating, although the relatively fewer Canadian dollars receivable for bonds payable in New York will have a deterring effect. Illegal liquor dealings have also caused a considerable demand for Canadian exchange.

"Interest payments on Canadian securities held here, payable the first of the year, will be added to the seasonal trade factors, which will work for a decline in the rate around that time. Bankers say there has been no talk in Canada concerning probability of removing restrictions on gold exports from there."

3 BURN TO DEATH WHEN TRAPPED IN BEDROOM

Toledo, O., Oct. 27.—Three persons were burned to death here late last night when fire destroyed the home of Adam Popek in the thickly populated Polish district. Other occupants of the house escaped in their night clothes. The victims, asleep upstairs, were trapped in their bedrooms.

INCORPORATIONS INCREASE

Toronto, Oct. 27.—Authorized capital of \$15,342,900 is represented by companies whose incorporations were reported to the Monetary Times during the week ended Oct. 21, as compared with \$12,251,900 the previous week.

SUGGESTS SITE FOR CITY HALL

Ald. Holmes Would Use Custom House Property for Alternative.

To Be Used If Citizens Vote Down Spencer Block Bylaw.

Should the electors voice disapproval of the Spencer Block as a suitable site for the new city hall the city council would be well advised to consider the customs house site, declares Ald. Dr. Leonard Douglass.

While insisting that the coming year should not pass without the addition to the city of new municipal offices, no matter what the location may be, Ald. Douglass entertains the belief that the next best selection to the present site would be the government building at the corner of Queen's avenue and Richmond street.

He believes that this question could be taken up with the federal authorities and a satisfactory deal consummated should the citizens desire the purchase.

"This location would be ideal," reasons Dr. Douglass, "providing of course that the ratepayers desire the suggested city hall bylaw, and it will become imperative to look further afield for suitable space."

The alderman for Ward 2 incidentally voices strong exception to the proposal to establish a street railway terminal on the federal square. "It would be impracticable," he states decisively.

REPARATION COMMISSION TO SIFT GERMAN FINANCES

Lay Plans for Coming Visit to Berlin for Inquiry Into Conditions.

Paris, Oct. 27.—The reparations commission yesterday decided unanimously on its program for its coming visit to Berlin. Final decision on what new reforms will be demanded, however, were delayed until after the Berlin inquiry, as some of the members expressed the view that the uncertainty of the present situation in Germany made it impossible for the commission to lay down any fixed demands upon Germany until they had seen for themselves what could be done.

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DEFER AWARDED CUP TO BLUENOSE

Gloucester, Mass., Oct. 27.—Award of the international fishermen's race trophy was delayed today when the sailing committee in charge of the races voted to refer to the international committee for tests against the schooner Bluenose of Canada, the apparent winner of the series after yesterday's victory.

H. R. Silver, chairman of the trustees of the cup, said the trophy would not be handed over until the certificate of award had been signed by the international committee.

PLAN ATTACKS ON WIRTH.

Toronto, Oct. 27.—A special cable from Berlin to Toronto says: Soldiers and detachments of heavily armed police were rushed to Wilhelmstrasse when it was learned that attacks on President Ebert and Chancellor Wirth were planned for today.

PIRATES FOUR SEIZE SHIP, CREW AND CARGO IN RIVER

ARRESTED IN WRECK.

HAMBURG, Oct. 27.—A quartet of twentieth century pirates climbed from their rowboat aboard the motor schooner Lertha in the lower Elbe yesterday and in broad daylight seized the captain and his crew and started down stream with the vessel.

They were better pirates than navigators and soon ran the vessel aground, causing its destruction and the loss of its cargo of quebracho valued at 20,000,000 marks.

The four pirates bound the captain as soon as they got aboard and after securing the crew by firing their pistols, it was easy to imprison them. Then the four intruders put on seamen's clothing, hoisted the anchor and set off toward the sea. When the ship went aground the prospect of drowning in the wreckage so frightened them that they climbed the mast and signalled for help from a passing schooner.

Once the rescuers were aboard the distressed schooner the skipper with a wink and a gesture tipped them off to the character of the four men who were seemingly in charge of affairs. They were taken into custody and identified as having escaped from the Hamburg jail.

Lunenburg Goes Wild Over Final Victory of Bluenose

LUNENBURG, N. S., Oct. 27.—Lunenburg may be described as having "gone wild" last night over the final victory of their vessel, the Bluenose, in Gloucester. Flags went up, bells rang, fog horns belled, and the fishing vessels, which had been lying silent in the harbor since their last trip to the banks, boomed forth their jubilation from small cannon. It sounded like a bombardment.

There was a monster parade with bands and floats. The town of Lunenburg was represented by a car in a regatta of cabbages and sauerkraut, and with five fishing skippers seated in it.

COUNCIL HEARS BECK DISMISSES ROAD VALUATOR

Mayor Cancels Meeting of Transportation Commission Scheduled for Saturday.

SIR ADAM MAKES REPLY

Declares Bunnell's Report To Be Given To City Next Week.

In a direct message to The Advertiser from Toronto late Friday afternoon, the chairman of the Hydro-Electric Commission announced: "A. E. K. Bunnell is unprepared to submit his final report in connection with the valuation of the London street railway until next week."

London's transportation problems, involving notably the London Street Railway and Sir Adam Beck, chairman of the Hydro-Electric Commission, are creating more of an uproar and the scenes than is popularly supposed, and if all indications prove correct, the ratepayers will not be asked at the next civic election to commit themselves upon the proposed purchase of the railway lines in question.

"Has Sir Adam Beck actually discharged Bunnell?" was a query from another alderman at the city hall Friday morning, following the announcement from Mayor Dr. Cameron Wilson that the special session of the London Transportation Commission, scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, was "all off."

"The survey of the street railway system is completed," Mayor Wilson explained, "but they are unable to have the figures in readiness for consideration Saturday, as expected."

This statement is remarkable in view of the fact that declarations, purporting to be recommendations by A. E. K. Bunnell, who conducted the local appraisal at the instigation of the commission, have already been advanced as correct.

"Sir Adam has ordered Bunnell to be relieved of his duties," was the next report to reach members of the council, although Mayor Wilson declined to offer comment upon the phase of the suspected developments.

The latter was unable, however, to anticipate just when the suggested session of the local commission would be held, and, as a matter of fact, disclaimed any useful knowledge of the situation, other than that the final figures were not ready, and he did not know when they would be forthcoming from Toronto.

Questions Right.

"If it is in the event that Bunnell has been relieved of his duties as valuator, by what right has Sir Adam done this?" questioned Ald. Dr. Holmes, who is incidentally one of the chief opponents to the proposed purchase of the road.

"Sir Adam Beck is only one of the local commission, and I feel confident that the other members would not stand for such 'high-handed measures,' as such they are, if correct," he added.

"Don't send the proposition to the people at all," declared Ald. G. B. Turn to Page 2, Column 1.

WANTS CHANGE IN FISHERMAN'S RACE

Donor of Trophy Suggests Yachtsmen Be Debarred in Contest.

Gloucester, Mass., Oct. 27.—International fishing vessel contests of the future will be conducted solely for fishermen, by fishermen, and in accordance with fishing practices, if the views of W. W. Heintz, publisher of the Halifax Herald, and donor of the championship cup, are followed.

On the conclusion of the series of 1922 last night, which were marked by conflict of opinions by the yachting and newspaper interests involved, Mr. Dennis said he hoped the yachting interests would be entirely divorced from the contests. He said he would recommend that yachtsmen be prohibited from participating in the races in any capacity in the future.

Capt. George H. Peebles of Gloucester, chairman of the international sailing committee, who had charge of the conduct of the races, had previously declared himself in favor of changing the deed of gift so that most set rules would be eliminated. Fishermen should race as they fish, he said, wearing their working set of sails, whether large or small, carrying as much or as little ballast as they wish, changing to meet the varying conditions of wind and weather. These things they do every day while fishing. It is not necessary to make rules in order to bring the fishermen into the races, he said. True allowances even might be considered a fairer arrangement than the present one, he said.