

MANY SIGNS OF PROGRESS

Maritime Provinces Making Great Strides at Present Time

REASON FOR PRIDE

A General Improvement in Business and the Manner of Conducting It—Editor of Maritime Merchant Sees Many Reasons for Encouragement.

(Maritime Merchant).—We are making progress in a great many ways in the maritime provinces at the present time. Perhaps the things which we are progressing do for least themselves as much to the spectators as some of the big things farther west, but we are into so many things down here, the variety of our industries is so great, that no one thing bulks so prodigious that you can point to it like the northwest does to its wheat crop, which everyone admits is overproducing. But it is not only the progress we are making in the provinces measured by the statistics, but the fact that we have reason to feel proud of.

A RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOLS

Last Month's Figures Thought to Be Best in Canada—Board Gets Encouraging Report.

Tuesday, Dec. 10. That St. John has attained an enviable position in the attendance at its public schools is generally recognized, but the average attendance during the last month reached a high point.

TAFT LIKELY TO STAND PAT

Belief at Washington That President Will Maintain There's Nothing to Arbitrate in Canal Tolls.

Canadian Press. Washington, Dec. 12.—The British note of protest against the Panama canal toll act is now under careful examination and study by the experts of the state department and to satisfy a general demand from senators and representatives and others as to the details of the arguments presented.

NINE MEN BURIED BY SNOW-SLIDE IN ALASKA MOUNTAIN

Cordova, Alaska, Dec. 9.—Nine men are believed to have been killed today when snow slide on Copper Mountain carried away seven buildings.

FIVE MEN KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

Cumberland, Md., Dec. 11.—Four trainmen and an unknown trespasser were killed and six other trainmen were injured.

THREE POWDER MILLS BLOWN UP

Aetons, Mass., Dec. 12.—Three mills of the American Powder Mills Company blew up tonight, one after another, when sparks from a burning barn set them on fire.

BOY CRANK AFTER WOODROW WILSON

New York, Dec. 12.—Herman Steinberg, a fifteen-year-old boy who is alleged to have declared that he was going over to New Jersey to shoot President-elect Wilson, was arrested here last afternoon.

MISS MARY CLARK, WHO HAS BEEN IN CHARGE OF THE WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY'S OFFICE HERE FOR SOME YEARS, WAS TO-NIGHT PRESENTED WITH A BEAUTIFUL GOLD WATCH BY THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY AND Y. P. A. OF ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.

AN ARBITRATION TO DECIDE THE QUESTION OF RIGHT AWAY FOR THE ST. JOHN & QUEBEC RAILWAY, BY PEABODY BROTHERS FIRM, WILL TAKE PLACE IN A FEW DAYS.

LAURIER STANDS FOR A CANADIAN-BUILT, OWNED, MANAGED AND MAINTAINED NAVY

HOME RULE BILL IN FINAL STAGE

Has Passed Through Committee

Asquith Accorded a Great Demonstration in Commons

Irish Self-government Measure Has Been Bitterly Fought by Unionists Since Last Spring—Two Other Contentious Measures to Follow.

London, Dec. 12.—The committee stage of the home rule bill was completed in the House of Commons late tonight amid exciting demonstrations and counter demonstrations.

The bill was then formally referred to a committee of the whole house late on Friday.

The bill received a set back on Nov. 12 when during a debate on the financial provisions the Unionists defeated the government by a majority of 21.

The government intends to pass through the house of commons before parliament opens on March 30, three important bills—Home Rule, the Disestablishment of the Church in Wales and the Reform of the Franchise.

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SIR WILFRID OUTLINES EFFECTIVE EMPIRE AID

Fleet Unit on Each Coast Ready to Help Britain in Any Emergency—Condemns Borden's Scheme as Un-Canadian and Unmanly—Liberal Chieftain Delivers a Masterly Speech in Announcing His New Policy.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 12.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier's naval amendment is as follows: "That all the words after the word 'that' be struck out, and the following substituted therefor: 'This House declines to concur in the said resolution and orders that the same be referred back to the committee with instructions to amend the same in the following particulars, namely to strike out all the words after clause A and substitute therefor the following: 'The memorandum prepared by the Board of Admiralty on the general naval situation of the empire and communicated to this House by the Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister on December 5, shows that several of the most important of the foreign powers have adopted a definite policy of rapidly increasing their naval strength.'"

"That such withdrawal renders it necessary that Canada, WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY, SHOULD ENTER ACTIVE LYPON A PERMANENT POLICY OF NAVAL DEFENCE."

"That any measure of Canadian aid to imperial naval defence which does not embody a permanent policy of participation by ships owned, managed and maintained by CANADA, AND CONTEMPLATING CONSTRUCTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN CANADA, IS NOT AN ADEQUATE OR SATISFACTORY EXPRESSION OF THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE CANADIAN PEOPLE IN REGARD TO NAVAL DEFENCE, AND IS NOT AN ASSUMPTION BY CANADA OF HER FAIR SHARE IN THE MAINTENANCE OF THE NAVAL STRENGTH OF THE EMPIRE."

"It is the intention of this House that MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN AT THE PRESENT SESSION TO GIVE EFFECT ACTUALLY AND SPEEDILY TO THE AERIAL NAVY ACT OF 1910, PASSED PURSUANT TO THE RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY THIS HOUSE IN MARCH, 1909."

"This House is of the opinion that to increase the power and mobility of the imperial navy by the ADDITION OF TWO FLEET UNITS TO BE STATIONED ON THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC COASTS OF CANADA RESPECTIVELY, RATHER THAN BY A CONTRIBUTION OF MONEY OR SHIPS, IS THE POLICY BEST CALCULATED TO AFFORD RELIEF TO THE UNITED KINGDOM IN RESPECT OF THE BURDEN OF IMPERIAL NAVAL DEFENCE, AND IN THE WORDS OF THE ADMIRALTY MEMORANDUM TO 'RESTORE GREATER FREEDOM TO THE MOVEMENTS OF THE BRITISH SQUADRONS IN EVERY SEA AND DIRECTLY PROMOTE THE SECURITY OF THE DOMINIONS'; AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA SHOULD TAKE SUCH STEPS AS SHALL LEAD TO THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THIS PURPOSE AS SPEEDILY AS POSSIBLE."

Clause "A" in Borden's resolution reads: "(A)—That from and out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada there may be paid and applied a sum not exceeding thirty-five million dollars for the purpose of immediately increasing the effective naval force of the empire."

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HOW THE GAME IS PLAYED IN WALL ST.

Little Protection for "Lambs" Exchange Creditors of Bankrupt Brokers Preferred

Proceeds of Sale of Members' Seats Go to Liquidate 'Inside' Debts—Customers' Stocks Hypothecated for His Agent's Benefit—No Way to Prevent Manipulation, Says a Prominent Banker.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The highways and byways of finance as traversed by operators on the New York stock exchange were mapped out before the house banking and currency committee today in its money trust inquiry.

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