

Local and Other Items.

Graham Fraser of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co. died suddenly at New Glasgow on Christmas Day aged 68.

Eighteen million francs, constituting the Serbian treasury have reached Marseilles, France, for deposit.

There have been twenty-three severe earthquakes in Guatemala in the last week. No serious damage has been reported.

Albert Clinger was hanged at Kamloops, B. C. Thursday morning for the murder of his partner Burton Smith, on Cariboo Road last March.

The German munitions depot in the Wever district was blown up Christmas by the French in the Vosges, a German munition train was destroyed.

Advices from Amsterdam state that according to accounts received there 300 of the 600 women employed in the Munster powder mill were killed.

Lieut. General Sir Archibald Murray has been appointed to succeed Sir Charles Monro, British commander in the Dardanelles, says an official statement.

A big German plot to bribe members of the Congress to vote for legislation to prohibit the export of war supplies to the Allies is being investigated in New York and is about ready for disclosure.

Sunday, Jan. 2, has been set apart as a day of special prayer and intercession throughout Canada for the success of Great Britain and her allies in the war. A similar proclamation was issued a year ago.

General Joffre has retired five more Generals of the divisions. He placed three on the reserve list and also sent seven brigadiers to the reserves. Their places are given to those who have earned the positions.

His Honour, the Lieutenant Governor will hold a reception on New Years Day from 2.30 p. m. to 3.30 p. m. Gentlemen calling will please leave one card and enter their names on the Visitors Book. Aeneas A. Macdonald, Private Secretary.

The steamship Californian, of the Anchor Line, arrived at New York on the 26th from Glasgow and Liverpool with \$2,500,000 in gold in her strong room, and an unknown amount in a square wooden case, marked "British treasury notes."

The Annual Burns Anniversary will be celebrated, the year 1916, by a grand concert, under the auspices of the Caledonian Club in the People's Theatre, Jan. 24th and 25th. The committee in charge are making strenuous efforts towards having the concert surpass anything ever held in this city.

Sir Geo. Foster, minister of trade and commerce, intimated in an address at the People's Forum on the 26th, that a Canadian domestic loan of \$300,000,000 might soon follow the recent issue of \$100,000,000. Sir George said that Canadians would be called upon to bear a greater share in the financing of the war.

Christmas at the Cathedral—The Feast of Christmas was appropriately and solemnly celebrated in St. Dunstan's Cathedral. The first Mass was at 6 o'clock, and the other regular Masses were at the same hours as on Sunday. While several masses were said between these hours, in consequence of the triple celebration accorded to priests on this great feast. At 11 o'clock solemn Pontifical Mass was celebrated by his Lordship, the Bishop, assisted by Rev. Maurice McDonald, as high priest, Rev. Fathers Hogan and Fortier as deacons of honor; Rev. Fathers Duffy and McQuaid as deacon and subdeacon of office, and Rev. Dr. Hughes as Master of Ceremonies. The sermon of the day was preached by Rev. Father McQuaid. In the evening solemn Pontifical Vespers were given followed by solemn Pontifical Benediction, his Lordship officiating, assisted as at the Mass.

Our Returned Soldiers.

THE WORK OF THE CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND AND THE SOLDIERS' COMMISSION.

The establishment of the Soldiers' Aid Commission for Ontario, of which the Secretary is Mr. N. C. N. Cochrane, Parliament Buildings, Toronto, is the first result of the report recently issued by the Hospitals Commission, and the forerunner of others.

The care of the soldier who has returned to Canada, mutilated or weakened as a result of active service, is the prime duty of Canadians. For some months the Canadian Patriotic Fund has been endeavouring to ensure that the men already back from Europe should suffer no want. This work has been voluntarily undertaken by local committees of the Fund, although in most instances their time is fully occupied with the task of making provision for the families of soldiers.

Each soldier is interviewed at Quebec by a representative of the Fund and a confidential report sent by the latter to the patriotic committee of the town to which the soldier is going. This serves the two-fold purpose of protecting the Fund against the greedy or unscrupulous and of giving the local committee information that is helpful in finding employment for the deserving. Not every man who returns to Canada wearing His Majesty's uniform is included in the latter category, but the great majority have done their duty in the fullest degree. To the latter it has been the privilege of the Fund to present a small badge bearing the words, "For Service at the Front." The men who are wearing these badges are the worthiest citizens that we can acknowledge. Like charity, that badge should cover a multitude of sins.

The work that the Canadian Patriotic Fund can do for returned soldiers, however, is limited by Act of Parliament, and it has been specifically enacted that no assistance can be given by the Fund to "any person who is in receipt of any gratuity, pension or allowance paid by His Majesty or by any foreign government in consequence of incapacity or death occurring as aforesaid." Partly on this account and largely because the pensions and gratuities paid to incapacitated men are oftentimes admittedly inadequate, it has been necessary to establish a Hospitals Commission and Disabling Fund. The officials of the latter, in their report to the Federal Government, recommended among other measures, "that provincial commissions be formed for the purpose of supplementing these pensions either by monetary grants or by free training in various trades. The Soldiers' Aid Commission of Ontario, as we have said above, is the first step in this direction. Already it has announced its intention of mobilizing the manufacturers of Ontario and we do not doubt that the process will be facilitated by the manufacturers themselves. Others also will be asked to lend their aid in discharging a great national duty, and there is every prospect that in Canada at least the traditional tragedy of the returned soldier will have no place.

Agricultural Short Courses.

In a former issue an announcement was made that Agricultural Courses would be held at points throughout the country during the winter months. The first of these will be held at Palmer Road, commencing Jan. 10th, and continuing throughout the week. The lectures and demonstrations will be as practical as possible and will be arranged to meet local conditions. Lantern lectures for the evenings are being arranged to give diversity and to practically replace the work with animals; the accommodation not being sufficient to ensure successful handling of live stock in all cases. The second one will commence at O'Leary on Jan. 17th, and will be conducted very similarly to that at Palmer Road.

On Jan. 24th, a third will be opened at Souris. These courses will be arranged in order that practical men can take part and the lectures and demonstrations will be given by men who have had experience on farms. The length of the courses will depend

altogether upon the support given by the people.

Members of the Provincial and Dominion Departments of Agriculture will co-operate in the arranging and carrying on of every course. Every subject of interest will receive consideration.

Christmas Eve, was also the regular Christmas market, and hundreds of visitors from the rural districts came to the city by train, boat and teams, the roads being fairly good for wheeling. The buying was brisk and the prices reasonable the quantity of geese, turkeys, etc., was exceptionally good. Prices. Geese \$1.75 to \$2.50 each. Turkeys \$2.50 to \$3.00 each. Ducks 75c. \$1.25 each. Fowls and chickens 80c. to \$1.25 a pair. Eggs retail at 38 to 40c. a dozen and butter 32c. a pound. The buyers are paying 15c. a pound for geese, 18 to 20c. a lb. for turkeys, 10c. lb. for fowl and 10 to 14c. lb. for chickens.

The Market Prices.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Butter, Eggs, Fowls, Chickens, Flour, Beef, Mutton, Pork, Potatoes, Hay, Black Oats, Hides, Calf Skins, Sheep Pelts, Oatmeal, Turnips, Turkeys, Pressed Hay, Straw, Ducks, Lamb Pelts.

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Synopsis of Canadian North-West Land Regulations

Any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency, on certain conditions by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.

Dwellings—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter section alongside his homestead. Priority \$2.00 per acre. Dwellings—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth \$500.00.

W. W. COBY, Deputy Minister of the Interior. L. A. Nelson, K. C. & Donald McKinnon

McLean & McKinnon Barristers, Attorneys-at-Law Charlottetown, P. E. Island

Mathieson, MacDonald & Stewart, Newson's Block, Charlottetown Barristers, Solicitors, etc. McDonald Bros. Building, Georgetown July 26th 1912.—tf

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY Prince Edward Island

RULES RELATING TO PRIVATE BILLS.

36. All petitions for Private Bills must be presented within fourteen days after the commencement of the session exclusive of adjournment.

37. No Private Bill shall be brought into the House, but upon a petition first presented, truly stating the case at the peril of the parties for such Bill and such petition must be signed by the parties.

38. A committee will be appointed at the commencement of every Session consisting of five members of whom three shall be quorum, to be denominated "The Private Bills Committee to whom shall be referred every private Bill, and no proceedings after the first reading shall be had upon such Bill until such Committee has reported thereon to the House.

39. So soon as the Committee has reported any Bill, such Bill together with any amendments that may be suggested by the Committee, shall be printed at the expense of the parties who are suitors for such Bill and printed copies thereof delivered to the members before the second reading if deemed necessary by the Committee.

40. No Bill for the particular interest of any person or persons, Corporation or Corporations or body or bodies of people shall be read a second time until all fees be paid for the same into the hands of the Clerk of the House.

41. No Bill having for its object the vesting in or conferring upon any person or persons, Municipality or Body Corporate the title to any tract of land shall be received or read in the House unless at least for four weeks notice containing a full description of the land in question has been published in the Royal Gazette and one other news paper in this province of the intention of such person or persons, Municipality or body Corporate to apply for such Bill.

H. E. Dawson, Clerk Legislative Assembly, November 24th, 1915. 5i.

Mortgage Sale

TO BE sold by Public Auction on Tuesday the seventh day of January, A. D. 1916 at the hour of twelve o'clock noon in front of the Law Court's Building in Charlottetown under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in an Intestate of Mortgage bearing date the fifteenth day of December A. D. 1881 and made between Edward Douglas and James Henry Douglas, both of St. George in Township number thirty-four in Queen's County, Prince Edward Island Farmers and Ellen Douglas wife of the said Edward Douglas of the one part and the Credit Foncier Franco-Canadian of the other part: ALL THAT tract piece or parcel of land situate lying and being on Lot or Township number thirty-four, bounded as follows, that is to say: Having a front of thirteen chains and sixty links east and west on the south side of the road leading to Corcoran's Bridge and extending back south by parallel lines to Henry Grescoe's north boundary and bounded on the east by John and Donald McAnlay's farm and on the west by Donald McLean's farm containing one hundred acres of land little more or less ALSO ALL THAT other tract piece or parcel of land situate lying and being on Township number thirty-four aforesaid and bounded as follows that is to say: Commencing at a square post fixed on the south shore of Parson's creek at the east boundary of land now or formerly in the occupation of John and Ellen Grescoe on said boundary south twenty-seven degrees east for the distance of one hundred chains thence south seventy-five degrees fifteen minutes east eight chains and eighty links thence north twenty-seven degrees west to the said shore westwardly to the place of commencement containing sixty-seven acres of land a little more or less, the two several tracts containing one hundred and sixty-seven acres of land a little more or less. For further particulars apply to the office of Mathieson, MacDonald & Stewart, 162 Richmond Street, Charlottetown, P. E. Island, Dated this second day of December A. D. 1915. Credit Foncier Franco-Canadian, Mortgagees. Dec. 8 1915.—5i.

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