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Our Montreal Letter

(From Our Own Correspondent)

CHRISTMAS IS IN THE AIR.
Dear Readers.—The season of joy, peace and good-will is again with us. Christmas is in the air, many opportunities have presented themselves to us to make the less fortunate ones happy during Christmas. I hope all have availed themselves on this occasion to do so. A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

"Everybody is a rush—
Christmas in the air!
Perfect jam and perfect crush—
Christmas in the air!
Autos speeding up and down,
Crowds surging through the town,
Not a face seen with a frown—
Fact, I do declare!

Everybody wears a smile—
Christmas in the air!
Trouble's banished for awhile—
Fact, I do declare!
'Tis the best time of the year—
Love and peace and goodly cheer;
'Tis the time to all most dear—
Christmas in the air!

Everybody has a heart—
Christmas in the air!
Each one tries to do his part—
Fact, I do declare.
'Tis the time of loving thought
That to earth the Christ-Child brought;
'Tis the time with blessings fraught
And Angels hovering near."

R.C.M.P. MAKE RAIDS AGAINST OPIUM JOINTS.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police are actively engaged in waging war against opium joints. The other day the Court of Sessions was made to look like a "dope joint." The decks of opium were piled high, and pipes and other paraphernalia used in smoking the drug were on display. It was a case of a Chinaman having drugs in his possession. The celestial was arrested on the night of September 13th, at Leguachetiere Street, known as "Chinatown," together with four "others" of his countrymen who pleaded guilty, as being frequenters of an opium den. The arrest was made by Sergeant Salt of the R.C.M.P. in company with three other officers, also of the R.C.M.P. The hearing of the case was only heard on December 4th. Two large boxes containing the haul were opened. When the various articles were spread out before the judge, they were shown to comprise upwards of fifty decks of opium, two pipes for smoking the narcotic, a complete lamp with needle, a number of tin cans, some filled with decks and some with shaves from the used drug, a number of keys on a ring and chain and an assortment of locks and empty boxes.

In the early morning of the building, 38 Leguachetiere Street West there were evidences of drug trafficking, the sergeant and his men, in some of the rooms drugs were actually found, but in others only the apparatus used for smoking or the remains of smoked out narcotics were found. The ground floor windows of the place bore the inscription "Yick Lun Co., Groceries" but no groceries were found in the premises. Instead for the most part it was fitted out as a gambling den and opium smoking joint.

The cellar contained a large number of empty packing-boxes, the witness declared, but secreted behind the boxes were a number of books such as are used for opium smoking. In the place were found 8 decks of opium, a pipe, still hot; a number of empty tins and a complete lamp, with needle used in cooking the drug.

The accused man was arrested near a cupboard and on being searched, keys were found on him, which gave access to the cupboard. In the place were found a number of decks of opium. On the top floor of the place, were two rooms fitted up as bedrooms and one of which the accused admitted were his quarters. Questioned by the defence, the witness declared that there were a number of rooms in addition on the top floor, all being fitted with plain beds, without blankets, obviously for drug smokers.

It's very hard at times to find "the dope" either in houses, or on the persons of certain individuals that the detectives have under surveillance. Three detectives searched a house in vain to find drugs, where a well-known peddler and addict lived. On coming out of the place, the man that was accused of trafficking in drugs, was just entering. Seeing the detectives he turned to run and try to escape, but a burly detective seeing him, jumped over twelve steps, and the weight of 175 pounds collided with "the dope fiend" and sent him sprawling on the street. Seeing that it was a hopeless case with him, the man tried to swallow six grains of heroin enough to kill ten men, but the detective was too smart for him, preventing him from doing so, and with the assistance of his two officers arrested him. The judge gave him six months in jail, fined him \$200 or 15 days more in jail.

Another case, the detectives found a quantity of heroin under the skylight on the roof of a house, and another quantity carefully concealed under a bed in the house. The judge handed him a year's sentence in Bordeaux jail, a fine of \$500 or six months extra.

The biggest sentence was imposed by Justice Wilson on a quartet of drug vendors, when he sentenced them to

three years each in St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary.

McGILL WILL OPEN NURSERY IN JANUARY.

Incited by the call for adequate child training, social fabric making, that will meet the demands of modern civilization, the authorities of McGill University have undertaken to open a nursery school for children, between the ages of two and four years. Dr. A. B. Chandler will act in the capacity of director, supervising the work of a fully qualified staff.

The twenty children to be cared for in the institution, which will be opened in January on University Street, will be taken from each environment of cosmopolitan life in the city. The object of the move is not for the purpose of relieving parents of the responsibility of caring for their children, or to look after under-normal children, it is pointed out.

An annual grant of \$10,000 from the Laura Spelman Rockefeller Foundation will cover equipment and staff expenses.

CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION MAY VISIT AUSTRALIA.

An effort is being made by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association to form a party of Montreal business men for a combined business and pleasure trip to Australia and New Zealand, early in the coming year.

It is said that a trip lasting approximately nine weeks can be arranged for between \$800 and \$1000, which will make it possible for the party to visit the New Zealand and South Seas International Exposition at Dunedin, as well as have plenty of time to visit all the principal cities of Australia.

The plan is outlined in a circular recently sent out from the Toronto headquarters of the association to 6000 members.

THE GREATEST HOCKEY GOAL-TENDER A VICTIM OF THE WHITE PLAGUE.

George Vesina, a professional hockey player for eighteen years, the greatest goal-tender that ever guarded the nets, and the quietest and most unassuming player, has been stricken with tuberculosis, and is now at his home in Chicoutimi making a fight against the dread disease. Vesina was the goalie of the famous Champion Canadian hockey team, and started with them this season. He was ill when he played his first game this season, but his indomitable courage, and his great love for his team, made him stand up to his work under a pressure of weakness and waste that made him lose thirty-five pounds in two weeks. It was a case of a willing spirit and a willing heart, but a very weak body. The greatest goal-tender of the game will never skate on the pads, or defend his nets again.

Many Newfoundlanders, visiting Montreal during the winter months, had seen the wonderful little Chicoutimi boy perform for the Canadians, both at the Mount Royal Arena and the Forum Rink. "The Chicoutimi Cucumber" as a sporting editor styled him, owing to his great coolness under fire, left Montreal without saying farewell to his comrades. When Leo Dandurand saw him at his last practice he was sitting alone in the dressing room with the tears rolling down his cheeks. He found that the once sturdy frame was weakening considerably, and hockey, as his favorite sport, was over for him for all time to come.

Before bidding his good, genial, kind and true manager a last and fond farewell, he asked him, as a last request, to be allowed to take home with him the champion ship last year. The request was readily granted, and to-day, the little wonder of the nets, lies at his home in Chicoutimi, fighting a lost cause against the white plague in galloping fashion, for the doctors say that in two months the end will come.

The Canadians feel his loss greatly, as well as the sporting public, and his place will be very hard to fill. The memory of his great work on the glassy surface still remains.

In the words of Robert Southey:
Man hath a weary pilgrimage,
As through the world he roams
On every stage from youth to age;
Still discontent attends.

With heaviness he casts his eye,
Upon the road before,
And still remembers with a sigh,
The days that are no more.

INCREASE SHOWN IN TAX COLLECTION.

Collection of water and business taxes shows an encouraging increase over last year. This year the total taxes amount to \$4,207,210, as compared with \$4,065,948, last year. The treasurer anticipates another \$300,000, before the end of the season.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION STILL A PROBLEM.

The political situation in the Dominion of Canada is still very much complicated. The recent by-election held at Bagot, even with the appearance of Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen in the district and speaking in every parish in French, failed to arouse the necessary enthusiasm among the electors or change them from their political faith. The promise of a cabinet post for the Tory candidate, Hon. Andre Fauteux, in the new Govern-

ment, when the Conservatives will be in power, even failed to win the east. The Liberals seem to be in a worse plight than the Conservatives. The leader of the Government, Rt. Hon. W. L. McKensie King has no seat in Parliament, and the general opinion is, that he should retire from politics. With nearly all the leading figures of the party, the English-speaking members of the cabinet, numbered with the slain in the recent general elections, the party is badly battered and wrecked.

The ex-Minister of Finance, Hon. W. S. Fielding would have been good leader, but he's broken down in health and has come from the stage of politics forever.

Hon. George P. Graham, another promising candidate for the leadership has retired into private life. Three French-Canadian candidates stand out prominently in the party. Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, Speaker of the House; Hon. Ernest Saprins, Minister of Justice; Hon. F. J. A. Cardin, the brilliant young Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and who was instrumental in winning the Bagot election for his party. But Ontario, nor the other Provinces outside of Quebec, would not stand for a French-Canadian leader or Premier. It's not all sunshiny with the Conservatives.

Arthur Meighen is being discredited with some members of his party in Ontario especially some of the rabid ones in "Toronto the good" on his recent speech at Hamilton, in reference to a general election in case of another year in which England would require troops from the Dominion. The people would be consulted first in the matter. This looks like a balm to heal the wounds of the Province of Quebec caused by the Conscription issue.

The leader of the Opposition may be replaced and two strong candidates loom up for his place, C. H. Cahoon, K.C., leader of the Opposition in the Nova Scotia Legislature for eighteen years, and the Hon. Mr. Rhodes, ex-Speaker of the House of Commons during the Conservative regime. The Conservatives, have in their ranks, some very good cabinet material. Mr. C. H. Cahoon, K.C., speaking at a luncheon at Toronto recently before a large gathering, including the Toronto members-elect and others from Ontario, brought home to his hearers the fact that Quebec was on the outside of the Conservative party. He said:

"Is it not clear to you that the time has arrived when those Conservatives of Quebec, who have hitherto been so content with their own little patch of the French-Canadian race, should be given an opportunity to be heard, an opportunity to express their views with frankness and sincerity in the councils of the Conservative party, with a view to the careful consideration, by the leading and representative Conservatives of all the provinces of the formulas of a political understanding which would assuage existing resentments, and enable the true and tried Conservatives of all the provinces to unite upon a common platform, and to devote, for the term of one Parliament at least, all their combined intelligence and insight, and their combined energies to the solution of the fiscal, tariff, financial, economic and railway problems, of the present day, the most serious in their nature, importance and extent, I believe, that ever confronted the Canadian people."

"Everything is possible of accomplishment by those who, though they may differ on certain political, racial or religious issues, are yet prepared, in the spirit of forbearance, patience and goodwill, to unite for the solution of vital problems and for overcoming domestic difficulties which threaten the stability of the financial and economic foundations upon which our Canadian Nationality now rests."

Right Hon. Arthur Meighen was handed some choice bouquets from the press on the result of the Bagot by-election. Probably he received the finest of all from one of his own papers, the Toronto Telegram, which said editorially:

"What did it profit Hon. Arthur Meighen to consent to talk to Bagot in the language of Quebec in view of Bagot's refusal to talk to Mr. Meighen in the language of victory?"

"If Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen had stayed out of Bagot the Province of Quebec would not have respected the Meighen leadership the less."

"If Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen had stayed out of Hamilton, the Conservative party would have respected the Meighen leadership the more."

"Liberal platform of 1893 was built of planks that were forgotten."

"Conservative platform of 1925, as declared in Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen's Hamilton speech, is built of splinters that will be remembered."

"The Conservative party has a political hide that can be filled with splinters."

"Bagot, P.Q., by-election auction is not the only great occasion of sale and barter that has ended in the discomfiture of the smartest specialist on the scene of the proceedings."

"Who also dare suggest that Mr. Meighen's failure was more signal and dismal than the non success of the illustrious Toronto specialist, who went forth conquering and to conquer in the bidding for the \$100,000 centile and never got inside the door of the auction room irradiated by the genius of C. M. Henderson, Esq.""

And so the political warfare goes on. The opening session of January 7th, 1926, will be watched with much

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