

TODAY'S MESSAGES.

NEXT WEDNESDAY.

OTTAWA, Feb. 2. The House of Commons will be summoned to meet on March 8, it was announced at a Cabinet meeting to-day.

KING IN SYMPATHY.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 2. Commemorating the immediate establishment of a board to receive evidence relative to the needs of ex-servicemen in Canada, preparatory to a supplementary enquiry into the subject and the inauguration of expert investigation to determine what steps should be undertaken to effect a more complete control, with a view to normal business conditions, was made to Premier King this afternoon, by President of the Great War Veterans Association and Dominion Secretary. The representatives also suggested the relief of employment through widening the scope of government departments dealing with this problem. Mr. King received the suggestion with interest, and promised immediate red-letter day.

INCREASING.

MONTREAL, Feb. 2. The annual meeting of the Canadian Shoe Manufacturers' Association, H. R. Poussette, of Ottawa, says per cent of shoes sold in to-day were manufactured in

the country, as against 30 per cent twenty years ago.

LOCKED UP.

ROME, Feb. 2. Fifty-three Cardinals were immured in the Vatican to-day, preparatory to the ceremonies in connection with the election of a new Pope.

IS THIS SIGNIFICANT?

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. Japan met China yesterday part way on the latter's request for the abandonment of the celebrated 21 demands programme of 1915. Japan's delegation announced their Government was willing to give up entirely all the demands, which China has held were calculated to rob her of her sovereignty, and make further concessions regarding economic privileges and political and military preference in Manchuria and Mongolia.

FOR RESEARCH WORK.

LONDON, Feb. 3. The Earl of Athlone, commenting on an offer of 10,000 pounds sterling, by Sir William Veno to encourage the discovery of a cure for cancer, praises Sir William's decision to amend his offer to provide for the distribution of the money for research work and expresses the hope that Lord Athlone of Montreal, who has offered 20,000 pounds sterling, under certain conditions, will follow suit. Both sums were first offered as prizes to any graduate who would discover

a cure for cancer. The Earl of Athlone suggested that the object of the awards would be better achieved if money were devoted to research, for which there was a scarcity of funds.

Guards' Club Rooms.

WELL FITTED APARTMENT. The new club rooms of the Methodist Guards Comrades are now in use, and although they are not quite completed, what has been done to fit them up, has been done well. Through the courtesy of Mr. H. J. Russell, President of the Association, the Telegram was shown through the new rooms to-day. The club is situated on Queen Street, over M. Connor's drug store, and was formerly a private house. On the first floor is a well and comfortably furnished reading room and leading out of this, a spacious and well fitted, "card room." On the same floor, there is a kitchen and a spare apartment which will be fitted up as a lunch room in which members will be catered to at any time. On the next floor there is a large billiard room which contains a full size table. There is also a special room for the use of the Ladies' Auxiliary. The building contains several other rooms which will be utilized later. The Guards are to be congratulated upon securing such excellent rooms, which when completed, will form one of the most up-to-date clubs in the city.

Ice Moving Off.

WESTERLY WINDS PREVAILING. A message from Cape St. Francis this morning states that the ice is moving out of Conception Bay. Cape Spear reports S.E.W. winds with ice shattering up. With a continuance of southerly wind for a few hours longer it is likely that the ice barrage which has had the Eastern Coast in its grip for the past week, will be driven off sufficiently to allow shipping to move.

Weather Report.

Newtown, B.B.—Strong South winds, little sea; at Cape Free's water between ice.
Seal Cove.—Wind S.W., very mild.
Twillingate.—Wind Southerly: water making along the shore.
Little Bay Islands.—Light S.W. winds: ice shifting off a little.
The Cove.—Moderate S.E. winds, cloudy: Bay full of light ice.
Gander Bay.—Southerly winds with light snow: mild.
LaSalle.—Strong S.E. winds with snow. Ice moving off.

Here and There.

LOCAL LATE.—Yesterday's Carbonar local arrived in town at 8 p.m. yesterday. The derailment of the engine at Carbonar caused the delay.

SAINTS PRACTICE.—The Saints hockey team had a practice in the Prince's Rink last night. They are in fine form and should do well in the games they have yet to play.

Valentine Social, Tuesday, Feb. 14th, Lecture Hall Congregational Church. Please keep this date free.—Feb. 21

RAIN ALONG LINE.—All through the morning heavy rain was falling along the eastern section of the railway line, but train movements were not impeded.

NOWHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT? Why not take in "Under the Gaslight"?

WEST COAST FISHERY.—Reports from the West Coast state that fish are plentiful at Rose, Blanche and along the Western Shore. The weather has been bad which has prevented the fishermen from going out to the grounds often.

40,000 Acres of Land Submerged by Water.

Holland has often been the theatre of inundations; but all previous catastrophes were put into the shade by those which befell the country in the early part of 1861. The place first struck was the fertile and luxuriant district of Bommelewaard, an island encircled by the rivers Waal and Maas. At nine miles distant from the town of Bommel were the flourishing villages of Brakel and Poederoeyen, where on ice-stopping took place about January 8. Stones, earth, and all sorts of rubbish were peeping out to heighten the dyke, and men, women and children exerted themselves day and night in fighting the common enemy. But all in vain. The ice broke through, and the thunder of the cannon which is placed to give warning announced the sad intelligence to the surrounding villages and towns. In a few minutes the whole district was under water. The ice swept away everything that opposed resistance, including brick yards, houses and farms. Most people ran to the dyke where it was not broken, and remained there waiting for boats, which, however, in consequence of the darkness and of the floating of ice, furniture, etc., could not reach them until the next

day. Within two days sixteen thriving villages were inundated, nearly 16,000 persons driven from their homes, and forty lives lost. Some days after a severe frost set in, and the inundated district was covered with ice. Persons from all parts came to witness the fearful spectacle. It was a strange, heart-rending sight—a sea of ice as far as the eye could see, and here and there a top of a tree or a roof of a house peeping out. But this was only the beginning of the misery. About the end of January the rivers melted and the village of Leeuwen, not far from the town of Tiel, was the disastrous spot. On February 1 cannon announced a dyke break in that place, and soon, at other places, this furious element destroyed the work of man. At Nieuwaal a piece of 110 yards length was cut off of the dyke, leaving an abyss of 30 feet depth. Again some twenty villages, with the surrounding farms, were covered with water and ice, and thousands of people were driven from their homes. Three thousand and fifty-six people clustered together on an elevated spot

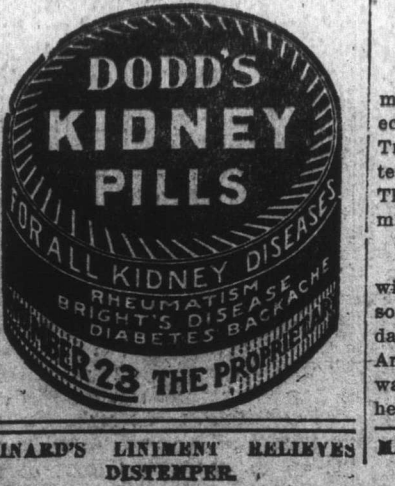
scarcely spacious enough for 1,000, and there spent several days in the open air in that frosty season, with no other food than fifty loaves of rye bread for all of them. Some saved themselves on floating pieces of ice. One family of nine floated on a piece of thirty yards' dimension. In the night the piece was broken into two, and five were severed from four; but after two days of floating about they met again in a place of refuge. The King of Holland went twice in person to the spots of misery, often standing up to his knees in the water to speak to them, or climbing up a ladder to reach a roof, whence he addressed them with words of consolation.

Est MRS. STEWART'S Home Made Bread.—oct13 2mo

HOCKEY GAME POSTPONED.—Owing to the mild weather the hockey game for to-night has been postponed.

Don't fail to attend Miss Power's Grand Recital in College Hall, Feb. 6th.—Jan. 31

WILL COAL AT BAY BULLS.—The Norwegian steamer "Unita" is now at Bay Bulls and will coal from the S.S. "Older" which arrived there yesterday. The "Older" is bound from Cardiff to St. John's with coal and will load fish at this port for foreign markets.



Personal.

Mr. H. A. Russell, assistant manager at Port Union, arrived in the city by last night's train.

Mr. J. Robertson of Henry Blah's, and Mr. H. Blatch are both in the hospital undergoing treatment.

Here and There.

WAR MEMORIAL MEETING.—A meeting of the War Memorial Executive will be held in the Board of Trade at 4 p.m. to-day. Several matters of importance will be considered. This is the first meeting of the Committee to be held this year.

HELD FOR ENQUIRY.—Charged with being a loose and disorderly person, a man sat in the Police Court to-day, that he lived at the Salvation Army Barracks. He had no work, but was doing odd jobs. His case was held for further enquiry.

Minard's Liniment, Lumgerman's Friend.

PROSPERO CLEAR.—After being

dec-bound at Green Cove, Exploit, for several days, S.S. Prospero is at last clear, and is moving out of the Bay. The ice began to ease off this morning and the Prospero was able to move at 10 a.m. The passengers left the ship and went to their various destinations via Lewisporte.

DIED.

On Feb. 2, Stephen Bernard, infant son of Bernard and Alicia Norris. Passed peacefully away, at the General Hospital, of Heart disease, Patrick Dempsey, aged 78, leaving wife, daughter, 1 sister, 1 brother, and a large circle of friends to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Saturday at 2:30 p.m. from his late residence, 24 Finns Street, off Barter's Hill.

IN MEMORIAM.

Sacred to the memory of Willie Cullen, who was drowned from the schooner LaBerge, Feb. 3, 1920, aged 18 years. This day brings back sad memories of one who has gone to rest; And those who miss him most to-day Are those who loved him best. —Auntie Bird.

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