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Do some of your interest coupons fall due Jan. 1st? The first week of January usually is the busiest time of the year for financial institutions, so in order that you may save valuable moments for yourself, the "Old Huron and Erie" will accept your Jan. 1st coupons for deposit NOW.

CHRISTMAS RUSH WELL UNDER WAY AT POSTOFFICE
The Christmas rush has started at the postoffice. Both night and day staffs are hard at work on the immense amount of mail that is sent at this time of the year. The entire day staff is working until 10 o'clock at night, and the night staff, instead of working every other night, are working every night. Extra help will be hired a few days before Christmas. The majority of these will help the carriers.

CUSTOMS OFFICER DEEP IN TROUBLE

Mr. Besaillon Accused of Dis-mantling Motor Cars, Falsifying Returns, Etc.

OTHER SUSPENSIONS
Abuses Discovered by Practice of Using Autos Placed Under Seizure.

Special to The Advertiser By Staff Correspondent.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The interim investigation and report conducted and submitted by Customs Officers Duncan and Wilson, upon which was based the order-in-council calling for the dismissal of J. E. Besaillon, chief preventive officer of the ports of Montreal, are being supplemented by a further and more extensive investigation, pending the completion of this inquiry, full details regarding the Besaillon dismissal are being withheld for obvious reasons.

It learned, however, this morning that the interim report submitted to cabinet council, and promptly acted upon by that body, alleged, among other things, that Mr. Besaillon had been guilty of dismantling automobiles held under seizure, releasing seized cars without authority, of neglect of duty in not effecting seizures, and of inserting the names of other officers in reports of seizures made by himself, for the purpose of securing a share of rewards to which he himself, by virtue of his position, was not entitled.

Others Suspended.
It was stated by Hon. George Boivin, minister of customs, this morning, that while Mr. Besaillon is the only employee of the Montreal office who has been dismissed, by order-in-council, some others have been suspended, and some assigned to other duties, pending the completion of the investigation, which has been under way for the past four weeks.

"I have already," said Mr. Boivin, "communicated with several special investigating officers, now employed with large corporations, with a view to the securing of a thoroughly competent official to take over Mr. Besaillon's duties in Montreal, and the civil service commission will be asked to appoint some man with experience and ability, but who has not heretofore been connected with the office vacated."

Getting Good Results.
The minister pointed out that the customs returns for November showed a heavy increase over those for the corresponding month last year. "This increase," he said, "may be partly due to improved conditions, but it is also partly attributable to improved preventive services in effect during recent months."

The minister stated that the department had been made aware of certain abuses in the service. Owing to the fact that some officers have been using autos placed under seizure either for personal or departmental purposes, instructions have been issued to the entire staff of the service that any officer hereafter using seized material before a decision is rendered by ministerial decision will be severely dealt with.

"Upon the recommendation of the deputy minister, Mr. Farrow," said Mr. Boivin, "every effort is being made by the department to co-operate with insurance companies and other bodies in locating owners of American cars stolen in the United States, in order that, instead of being forfeited and sold here, they may be returned to the country of origin, thus giving added protection to the Canadian automobile manufacturers and dealers."

POULTRY SHOW TROPHY WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Many Awarded Special Prizes For Exhibits at Peninsular Fair.

Special to The Advertiser.

Chatham, Dec. 17.—The winners of the trophies and special prizes shown in connection with the poultry show held here last week were announced today by the officials of the Peninsular Winter Fair. H. L. Marshall, Cottam, won the silver cup for the best bred-to-day pen at the show; W. G. Murray of Stratford, the Senator A. B. McCole trophy for the best collection of bantams; Fred Cadmore, Thamesville, the Stone memorial trophy for the best collection of Oringtons, and J. Broadbent, London, the Charles Austin trophy for the best collection of fowl at the show.

Romeo Dauphinals of Fletcher was the proudest exhibitor and was awarded the Canadian Poultry Review medal. The winners of the other special prizes were: The largest entry, Lutton Poultry Farm, Mount Forest; best Barred Rock hen, Rev. A. Page, Belmont; best Leghorn hen, C. W. Hodges, Florence; best Wyandotte hen, Fred J. Smith, London.

MUSIC NEWS

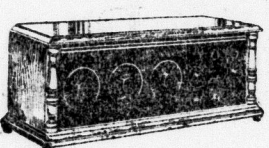
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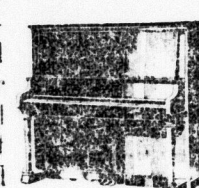
A complete range of receivers made by leading radio builders. Fada, Radiola and Zenith receivers in a complete range of prices from \$35 up.

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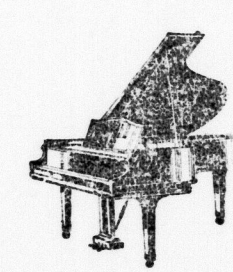
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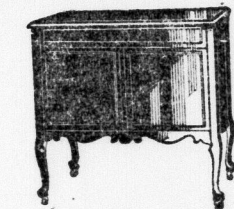
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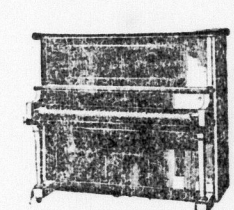
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WELLAND CANAL CLOSES 1925 SEASON THURSDAY

Special to The Advertiser.

Port Colborne, Dec. 17.—The Welland canal was officially closed today for the season. The following steamers are wintering here: The Mathews Steamship Line vessels Royalton, Mathewson, Berryton, Brookton, Northton; the G. L. L. steamers Glenburnie, Glencaise, Glenfarm, Glenair, the Maple Leaf steamer Benmaple, and the Eastern Line A. C. Fields.

HON. G. P. SMITH IN COURT.
Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 17.—George Peter Smith, minister of education in the Stewart (Liberal) Alberta provincial government, who on Friday, Dec. 11, appeared in the police court before Magistrate Primrose on a charge of the theft of \$5,820 from the province, again appeared in court today, and was given a further adjournment until Dec. 21, when the preliminary hearing will be taken.

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Briand Declares France Cannot Leave Syria Now

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Dec. 17.—The Senate gave a vote of confidence tonight to the government's Syrian policy. It adopted a resolution by a show of hands, by which it is declared that the upper house trusts the government to exercise full publicity in Syrian events and "end the era of sacrifices and adventures."

Throughout the session General Sarraill, former high commissioner in Syria, was scathingly attacked for his conduct in that post. He sat in the gallery during the course of the debate, but gave no sign of being concerned. Premier Briand promised to do all possible to hasten the coming of the day when France would no longer be obliged to keep large forces in far-off countries, like Morocco and Syria, but he added, "it is impossible to leave Syria now, for it would cause a massacre tomorrow."

He laid stress on the fact that the French had no protectorate in Syria, but a mandate under the League of Nations, and France's effort to create a definite status for the government of the mandated territory had been impossible of execution. The Syrians had been misled by hostile propaganda concerning France's intentions.

Counsellor and Tutor.
"I gave formal instructions to M. de Jouvenal (the present high commissioner) that the liberty and property rights of the population shall be determined by the same rules as govern western peoples," said the premier. "A mandatory power merely plays the role of counsellor and tutor. We bring peace to those desiring peace; we use force only against those employing force, and M. de Jouvenal has so well defined our plans."

THE HARRIS WILL.
Canadian Press Despatch.
Brantford, Dec. 17.—While by the will of Lloyd Harris, his home on Brant avenue here, valued at \$21,000, was left to his daughter, Mrs. Morton Paterson, a codicil in the will cancelled this bequest, leaving it to his widow.

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