

# INDIGNATION IS HIGH IN MONTREAL

### Public Meeting Held Yesterday When Prominent Citizens Spoke Mind About the Water Trouble.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—There was no beating about the bush in the statements made at the special meeting of public bodies, today, at the Board of Trade, concerning the situation arising out of the break in the city's water supply. The hall was well filled with prominent business and professional men, who elected Huntley Drummond, president of the Board of Trade, to the chair. With him on the platform were C. B. Gordon, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association; Principal Peterson, of McGill University, and Hormidas Laporte, ex-president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Drummond opening the meeting said that he, along with everybody else in the city, had been a sufferer from the conditions that had prevailed in Montreal during the past week. "I feel a determination," he said, "to do my utmost to end these conditions, and I don't care who suffers in the process. For years we have gone along like children, without paying much attention to what was being done in our name, and by our representatives at the city hall.

"It needed some such calamity as this," went on the chairman, "to bring the thing home to every man in Montreal."

Similar sentiments were expressed with considerable force by several other speakers.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS PROSPEROUS YEAR

### Leinster Street Baptist Church Sunday School in Flourishing Condition—Election of Officers.

The annual business meeting of Leinster Street Baptist Church Sunday school was held last evening when the different reports were received and officers elected for the coming year.

The meeting was held in the Sunday school room. The reports received during the evening were most encouraging and showed that at present the Sunday school has a membership of 275. It was shown that during the year a total amount of \$352 had been raised, and the work of those in charge was shown to be most satisfactory.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Superintendent, John Collins; assistant superintendent, B. R. Hagerman; secretary, R. C. Gillies; assistant secretary, Fred S. Hillman; librarian, Roy Dickson; assistant librarian, Frank V. Ross; treasurer, John Bennett; superintendent of cradle roll, Mrs. James E. T. Scott; assistant superintendent of cradle roll, Mrs. James E. T. Scott; superintendent of primary department, Mrs. J. J. Gillies; pianist, Mrs. Hartley Wannamaker; assistant, Miss Minnie Quirk; press reporter, Kenneth Gillies.

The following were appointed on the musical committee for the year: Miss Dunfield, Miss W. Davies, Miss Bliss Dunfield, Arthur Everett, Frank W. Ross, John Ward and Gertrude Wilson.

Very hearty expressions of thanks

# HARDY AUTOMOBILISTS ATTEMPT TRIP TO HALIFAX

### Under Auspices of The Standard, O. E. White, Accompanied by James H. Pullen, Jr., and Harry Ervin, will Leave at Midnight, Tonight, in Maritime Singer Six.

Something that has never been attempted before in the Maritime Provinces is a trip from St. John to Halifax in an automobile in mid-winter. This trip will be attempted commencing at twelve o'clock tonight, and the car to be used will be a "Maritime Singer Six." O. E. White will be the pilot of the car and will be in charge of the trip, and his companions will be James H. Pullen, Jr., and Harry Ervin, of The Standard staff.

Mr. White, who is in charge of the car, expects to make a record breaking trip. He is an expert automobilist, and having travelled the highway between St. John and Halifax expects to get through all right.

To travel night and day in an automobile, especially in the mid-winter, is a trip that has never before been thought of, and if something like a very big storm is not encountered, Mr. White expects to land his party safely there in a most remarkably short time, notwithstanding the great difficulties that will be encountered. The car will leave the City Hall at the stroke of twelve o'clock tonight, when the year 1913 is dying, and the New Year of 1914 is being ushered in.

It is Mr. White's expectation that there will be only two stops on the journey, and that is at Moncton and Amherst. These will be for short rests. The trio does not expect that from the trip along the snow covered highway in the Maritime Singer Six will be any more difficult than the middle of the winter. They expect to meet a number of difficulties, but do his best to land the car at Halifax in a time that will astonish every citizen in the provinces.

The mid-winter trip is under the auspices of The Standard, and the representative of this paper is not only taking the trip with his two companions as a special correspondent, but will represent the New Brunswick Automobile Association, of which he is the secretary.

# GOVERNMENTS IN EUROPE RECEIVING SAME INFORMATION

Washington, Dec. 30.—The statement presented by the American embassy in London to the British foreign office in regard to the tariff act also has been communicated to most of the European governments. It is said in the State Department that the statement is nothing more than an explanation of that section of the administrative portion of the new tariff act which relieves exporters and exhibitors their books to American treasury experts, on condition that the laws of the country make due provision for the administration of oaths to establish the value of goods offered for export to America. The primary purpose of the section was to prevent undervaluations and consequently it required the provision of some adequate punishment for false swearing to invoices. In default of which a surcharge must be imposed upon the goods. The purpose of the presentation of this explanation is to enable countries whose laws are deficient in this respect to make the necessary corrections.

For past services were tendered Arthur Everett and Frank V. Ross, both of whom have served seven years in the respective offices of superintendent and secretary.

# THE NATIONAL RAILWAYS

### National Railways and Affiliated Lines, Unable to Meet Bond Interest, Will Issue Three Year Notes.

New York, Dec. 30.—Disturbed conditions in Mexico have forced the National Railways of Mexico and its affiliated properties to default in the payment of interest due January 1, on bonds amounting to \$111,000,000. E. N. Brown, president of the system, who made this announcement today, said that in lieu of the regular cash payments the companies would issue three year six per cent. notes.

The bond on which default is declared consists of \$48,000,000 of National Railways 4 1/2 per cent. prior issue, \$26,000,000 of National Railroad 4 1/2 per cent. prior issue, and \$37,000,000 of Mexican Central Railway five per cent. priority bonds. Semi-annual interest on these issues aggregate approximately \$2,500,000.

Until a few days ago it was thought that the coupons would be paid in cash. The following statement was issued by President Brown after a week of conferences here by bankers and directors of the roads:

Owing to the dislocation of the service on the companies lines, caused by the financial tension in Mexico, which in turn has resulted in interruptions to traffic, loss of earnings, and increased expenses, the company regrets its inability to pay in cash the interest due January 1 on the prior issue 4 1/2 per cent. bonds of both the National Railways of Mexico and the National Railroad Company of Mexico, and also on the priority bonds of the Mexican Central Railway Company.

# GROP FAILURE IN MEXICO CAUSES GREAT HARSHIP

Continued from page 1. State department reports today are that the financial tension in the Mexican capital has been relieved by the enforcement of the bank holiday. Conditions at Acapulco continue serious. Bandits are very much in evidence throughout the state, and the military authorities are said to be exacting forced loans. Americans and other foreigners are affected by these demands.

For the first time since the despatch of foreign vessels to the west coast of Mexico, so far as official recall, the craft of three different nations are in the Mexican port. This international fleet, now at Mazatlan, is composed of the Japanese cruiser Idzumi, the British cruiser Shearwater, and the American cruiser Pittsburg and the supply ship Glacier. Officials here have received no advices as to the reason for the concentration of so formidable a squadron at this western port.

Reports continue to pour in from many sources describing the destitute and suffering which seems to be widespread throughout Mexico in consequence of the suspension of industrial activities and the total failure of crops throughout wide areas. It has not yet been determined to what extent the Red Cross can continue the relief work recently begun in Sinaloa.

Tuques, Mexico, Dec. 30.—Despatches received today at constitutional headquarters here stated the federalists at Ojinaga practically had been defeated. It was said to be the purpose of the rebel commander to drive the whole federal army to the American side, where it would be disarmed. General Deravides, commander at Juarez said:

The federalists never intended to put up a fight. They were defeated a month ago, when they deserted their posts at Chihuahua. We expect soon to get news that they all have crossed the international line.

# YARMOUTH AND BOSTON SERVICE INCREASED

Yarmouth, N. S., Dec. 30.—The Board of Trade committee that went to Boston to interview Calvin Austin in reference to an increased winter steamship service between Yarmouth and Boston, sent a telegram today stating that Mr. Austin has promised four trips per week commencing on the first of March and possibly earlier. This is three months earlier than has been the practice in the past.

# DIED.

SWEENEY—At his residence, Lakewood, on 29th inst., Jeremiah Sweeney, leaving his wife, four daughters and two sons to mourn. Funeral from his late residence Lakewood, on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Coaches leave head of King street at 1:15 o'clock. Friends invited to attend.

# BRITISH SHIP ATTACKED BY PIRATES, SINKS THE ENEMY!

Imperial Today and New Year's!

# Royal Quality

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It is the high quality of Royal Baking Powder that has established its great and world-wide reputation:

Every housewife knows she can rely upon it; that it makes the bread and biscuit more delicious and wholesome—always the finest that can be baked.

It is economy and every way preferable to use the Royal, whose work is always certain, never experimental.

There are many imitation baking powders, made from cheap ingredients. They may cost little per pound, but their use may be at the cost of health.

# OBITUARY.

John McDermott The death occurred in the city yesterday of an old and prominent resident, in the person of John McDermott, who passed away at his home, 8 Middle street, after a very brief illness. The deceased was not suffering from a serious sickness until yesterday, when he returned to his home about five o'clock. His condition, on examination, was found to be serious and he passed away about nine o'clock last evening. Death is attributed to heart disease.

The deceased, who was quite widely known in the city, was in the employ of the I. C. R., with whom he had served for some years. He leaves to mourn a wife, one daughter and three sons. The sons are Rev. Joseph McDermott at Sussex, Harry employed with the C. P. R. and John F. of the I. C. R. staff. A daughter Sadie lives at home. Mrs. Ella Sweeney of this city and Mrs. Margaret Slatery of Norton are sisters. Much sympathy will be felt in the loss of Mr. McDermott.

# THE OLD YEAR OUT

2 CORR & LATEL 2 Your Last Chance To Partake of 1913's COMEDY HIT You Are Bound To Laugh

# THE NEW YEAR IN

A 1914 MELANGE OF SONG, WIT AND HUMOR SILVER & DUVAL The tube and the girl SOMETHING NEW AND BETTER Comedy Sketch entitled "THE LAWYER" "THE GAMBLER'S PAL"—Broncho "A Peaceful Victory"—Tanbuser "Beauty in the Seashell"—Scenario Drama

# UNIQUE RESOLVE

To Attend The Unique Thrice A Week KINETIC SPECIALS to Usher in 1914 Tanbuser Message of New Year Hope: "The Old Folks at Home" A Riky Chamberlain Feature A Stirring Drama: "The Making of a Woman" "THE FLIRT"—a Romance Comedy TOMORROW! Mat. Begins 1.30, Evening 7

# OPERA HOUSE---Thompson-Woods Stock Co.

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# YORK THEATRE,

January 1st and 2nd The Girl of the Mountains A Rocky Mountain Drama, in five acts, interspersed with good clean comedy, presented under the auspices of the DEGREE TEAM OF THE MOOSE, assisted by the CARLETON CORNET BAND