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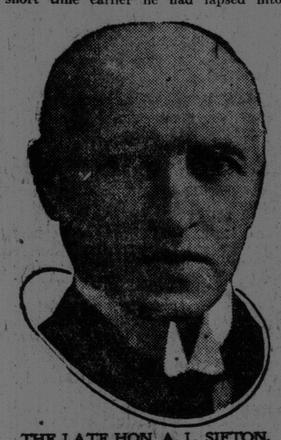
SECRETARY OF STATE DIED IN OTTAWA TODAY

Hon. A. L. Sifton Passed Away This Morning

His Early Political Life Spent in the West—In Canadian Government Since 1917, and Was Peace Confreence Delegate.

Ottawa, Jan. 21—(Canadian Press)—Hon. A. L. Sifton, secretary of state for Canada, died at 8.30 this morning in his apartment at the Chateau Laurier. A short time earlier he had lapsed into



THE LATE HON. A. L. SIFTON.

unconsciousness. With him when he died were his son and Senator W. J. Harmer, who was a close friend. On Tuesday, after a consultation of specialists, hope was expressed for the recovery of Mr. Sifton, who suffered from arterio sclerosis (hardening of the arteries), but another relapse early this morning ended fatally. He had been ill for some weeks.

Right Hon. Arthur Lewis Sifton, K. C. M., LL. B., D. C. L., of Medicine Hat, was born at St. Johns, Middlesex County, six miles from London, Ont., on Oct. 1858. He was a son of John Wright Sifton, for some years a member and for one term Speaker of the legislature of Manitoba, and of his wife, Kate Watkins, both of Irish descent. In 1865 he removed with his parents to Manitoba where his father executed some large contracts and also conducted successfully a large wheat farm near Brandon, Man.

In May 1880, he started the study of law in Winnipeg and was admitted to the Manitoba bar in 1883. He first practiced in Brandon, where he was a member of the first city council in 1882. Soon afterwards he removed to Prince Albert, Sask., and after practicing there for a short time took up residence in Calgary.

Mr. Sifton was elected a member of the Old Northwest Assembly and in 1891 became commissioner of public works in the Haultain ministry. The same year he was created K. C. In January 1903, he resigned from the ministry, becoming chief justice of the Northwest Territories, and after the establishment of the Province of Alberta in Sept. 1905, he became chief justice of that province. He resigned on May 26, 1910, and on the same day accepted the task of forming a new provincial ministry.

On October 12, 1917, he was sworn into the federal privy council and became minister of customs in Sir Robert Borden's Unionist government. In June, 1918, he became minister of customs and inland revenue, and was selected as a delegate to the peace conference in 1919 at Paris. On Sept. 13, 1919, he was appointed minister of public works, and on Dec. 3, 1919, appointed to the position of secretary of state, which he held at the time of his death.

In Jan. 1920 he was appointed a member of His Majesty's Privy Council, carrying with it the title of the Right Honorable. In religion he was a Methodist. He leaves his wife, one son and one daughter.

CHANGES AMONG THE INSPECTORS

(Special to The Times.)

Fredericton, Jan. 21—On the recommendation of Chief Inspector J. B. Hawthorne, various changes have been made in the sub-inspectoral staff in various parts of the province. Adam Dickinson and James Dickinson of Chatham have been replaced, and Harry Martin of Newcastle has resigned. Those appointed in their places are G. Perley Stewart and Joseph P. Manderson for Northumberland county, and Alfred Quartermain at Chatham. The latter formerly resided in Fredericton. Joshua P. Gammon of Bathurst has been appointed senior officer for Restigouche, Gloucester and Northumberland.

Joseph Savoie of St. Quentin has been reappointed a vendor, and W. L. Durick of Newcastle has also been appointed a vendor.

AFLOAT AND AWAY.

Chatham, Mass., Jan. 21.—The French steamer Bacchus, which went aground on Bliss Shoals late yesterday, was floated last night by tugs, apparently undamaged. The vessel, bound from Algiers to New York, continued her trip today.

THE DOLLAR TODAY.

New York, Jan. 21.—Sterling exchange steady: Demand, $3.77 3-8; cables, $3.78 1-8. Canadian dollar, 12 per cent. discount.

STORM ANOTHER EATING PLACE; GET FREE MEAL

Montreal, Jan. 21.—Two hundred out-of-work ex-service men this morning stormed Walton's restaurant in St. Catherine street, and demanded food. The manager gave the men a meal after they promised to behave in orderly fashion. A squad of police was rushed to the restaurant, but the men were quiet and left after their free meal.

SAYS THE FIGHT CONTRACT HOLDS

English Promoter Ready to Carry it Out

Willing to Give £100,000 for Dempsey-Carpentier Bout in London—Six Day Race and Other Sport.

London, Jan. 21.—The original contract for the Carpentier-Dempsey boxing bout is considered still valid by Charles B. Cochrane, English boxing promoter, a party to the agreement, it was declared in a statement authorized by his office here this morning. Mr. Cochrane's associates said they had no knowledge of authority for Wm. A. Brady of New York to speak in Mr. Cochrane's behalf.

The statement reads: "As far as Mr. Cochrane is concerned, the original contract for the Dempsey-Carpentier fight holds. If Messrs. Brady or Rickard have withdrawn, that is beyond our control, but, if it is true, Mr. Cochrane offers £100,000 to stage the fight in London."

It was said that Mr. Cochrane had not heard directly from Mr. Brady, but was inclined to believe that the ruling of the New York state boxing commission as to a maximum fee to the fight might have caused him to "get out from under."

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 21.—A state tax of 12 per cent. on gross receipts of all racing associations in New York state is proposed in a bill introduced yesterday by Assemblyman Charles H. Betts. He estimates that it would net $600,000 annually.

Chicago, Jan. 21. — Osteritter and Kockler maintained their standing in the six-day bicycle race at the start of the 105th hour this morning. With five other teams they had covered 1,700 miles and 8 laps, but the Chicago pair had 63½ points, seven better than the score of Madden and Magin.

NEARING END OF ESTIMATES

All Department Budgets on Table Except One—$15,000 Revenue From Harbor—Meetings Today and Tomorrow.

The city council has just another week left in which to clear up the 1921 budget, which must be completed by the last day of January. With the presentation of the public works estimates at last evening's meeting, the figures of all the departments except the harbor department are now on the table. The matter of grants has not yet been discussed and a meeting this afternoon will likely take these into consideration.

Regarding the harbor department, as this is a self-supporting item, the budget will not effect the total of the estimates. Commissioner Bullock said this morning that he expected about $15,000 net earnings from the harbor would be reported for last year and this amount will be placed in general revenue and cut down the assessment by that amount.

The vocational training estimates for 1921 will be discussed at a committee meeting tomorrow morning. The sum of $25,000 is asked, and the vocational board has been asked by the council to present details of proposed expenditure, and to support those of last year by evidence of the good work accomplished by the vocational classes.

The estimate for lights is the only one passed so far.

IN WALL STREET.

New York, Jan. 21, 10.30—Price tendencies were distinctly downward at the active opening of today's stock market, steel shares leading the reaction. Crucible made an initial loss of a large fraction and this was immediately extended to two points. Bethlehem Steel, American Car, Royal Dutch, Sears Roebuck, General Asphalt, and Union Pacific also registered declines of one to two points. Motors and specialties, notably rubber issues, were heavy. The few early advances were confined to the sugar group. Exchange on London was unchanged from yesterday's final quotations.

Noon Report.

Steels, coppers, leathers, tobaccos, chemicals and the utilities were carried down one to almost three points in the broader reaction of the first hour. Oils also became heavy, those issues being sold by traders on the cut in the price of the crude product. From the lower levels there were rallies of one to three points, General Asphalt and Texas, Pacific Coal and Oil guiding the recovery. The market failed to hold, however, prices breaking again before noon. Call loans opened and renewed over the week-nd at seven per cent and offerings of time money were small.

EIGHT KILLED NEAR DUBLIN

One Was Former Resident of Winnipeg

Six of Number Constables Caught in Ambuscade—General Strickland Speaks of Conditions in Ireland.

Dublin, Jan. 21—Eight men, seven of whom were constables, were shot and killed in engagements with Sinn Feiners near this city yesterday. Six of the officers met death when their motor car ran into an ambuscade while the body of another was found near the barracks of his squad yesterday afternoon. The civilian slain was shot in cold blood by several men who entered his home.

Announcement has been made that in future all motor cars carrying constables, and, therefore, likely to be attacked, will carry members of the Sinn Fein as hostages. This plan has been in operation near Cork, where martial law is in force, and has it is said, acted as a preventive of attacks on parties of constabularly. Recourse to the hostages system here, where martial law has not been declared, caused general surprise.

Two three-story houses in Cork were destroyed by British army engineers yesterday as an act of official reprisal for an attack made on crown forces in their neighborhood. The buildings were shattered with dynamite, and reports reaching here indivate several adjacent structures were quite severely damaged.

Major Gen. Sir Edward Strickland, commander of crown troops in Ireland, said yesterday at Cork that martial law was producing beneficial results and that arms are being surrendered by, or captured from, Sinn Feiners. He admitted, however, that only a handful of Irish republican leaders had given themselves up to the British government, and added that his men were most seriously handicapped by the activities of women who were carrying arms to fugitive Sinn Feiners.

Dublin, Jan. 21.—District Inspector Clarke, one of those killed in yesterday's ambush at Glenwood, lived in Winnipeg before the war. He joined the Canadian Mounted Rifles and with three of his brothers, who also lived in Canada, served throughout the war unhurt. He was a native of Lurgan, near Belfast, and joined the Irish Rifles on demobilization.

Dublin, Jan. 21.—A reprisal was carried out yesterday in a nearby village where a house was burned for the ambuscade of a military lorry on the Charleville road on last Tuesday.

Eighty-two Taken Away.

Limerick, Jan. 21—Eighty-two Sinn Feiners, who were sentenced on Jan. 8 to imprisonment ranging from three months to six months, for alleged unlawful assembly have been conveyed on board a torpedo boat destroyer to an unknown destination.

G. W. V. A. CHIEF IN CITY TODAY

President Maxwell on Way to South Africa—Plans for Day Here.

R. B. Maxwell, dominion president of the Great War Veterans Association, arrived in the city on the Montreal train at noon today. He is to sail from here tomorrow on the C. P. O. S. liner Minnedosa for Liverpool enroute to South Africa where he is to attend a conference of representatives of all ex-service men of the British Empire, which has been called by Earl Haig, and which will be held on February 28.

He was met at the station by Dr. G. G. Corbett, vice-president of the local branch, and the following members of the executive: S. C. Tippett, Joseph Dryden, H. W. Ivers, G. Earl Logan, Alexander Machum, F. H. Gardner, J. J. McDonald and O. W. Lawson.

At 4.30 o'clock this afternoon he is to hold a conference with the executive of the local branch in G. Earl Logan's office, and at 6 o'clock will be a guest of Mayor Schofield at dinner in the Union Club. This evening at 8 o'clock he will address a public meeting in the G. W. V. A. hall.

With reference to the G. W. V. A., Mr. Maxwell said that the policy was constructive. At present, he said, they were grappling with the housing problem. Regarding their attitude towadrs gratuity for returned soldiers, he said that at a convention they decided on $1 a day for service in France and an equitable amount for those serving in England and elsewhere.

GAME LAW REVISION

Chief Gagnon Working on It—Fredericton's Alleged Attempted Abduction Case.

(Special to The Times.)

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 21.—Revision and consolidation of game laws will be attempted at this session. Chief Game Warden L. A. Gagnon, who is to leave this evening for New York to attend a conference on game preservation in that city next week, has had the work of revision in hand for some time.

The case of alleged abduction in which John Stillwell, Mrs. Christine Collins and Mrs. May Kitchen are the defendants has been adjourned until the 31st. The Children's Aid Society is prosecuting. Mrs. Kitchen was released on bail of $125. Stillwell is out on $100 bail. Mrs. Collins is now in Victoria Hospital in a serious condition from hemorrhages.

As Hiram Sees It

"I hed a great time las' night," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter. "Dave Ramsey he ast me to go to that there boys' club an' see the East End Improvement League givin' the boys a good time. Well, sir, I went, an' as Eery Brooks used to say about the prayer meetin', it was good to be there. I s'pose the' was a hundred boys there, makin' a lot o' noise—but when a feller got up to talk they was as quiet as mice. I wish they'd come out t' the Settlement an' show our boys in Sunday school how to behave. Well—they hed a good programme, an' it done me good to set there an' see them boys enjoy it. An' then after the boys went home the young folks that treated 'em got round the piano an' the older folks set round, an' fer half an' hour they hed a reel good time. Mister—them boys was a good 'eal better off in that hall than they'd be on the street, an' they got a real good feed, too. An' them other folks must a gone home feelin' they hed a good time, too. I was jist thinkin' as I set there how much better it was to hev singin' an' recitin', an' laughin', an' good talks goin' on in that hall than to hev it empty an' dark every night in the week. Them boys wont fergit. You orto hev clubs fer 'em all over town—Yes, sir."

THISTLE MEN FOR MATCH TOMORROW

First of Series of Three With St. Andrew's Club Curlers.

The first of a series of three games to decide the championship between the Thistle and St. Andrew's Curling Clubs, will be held tomorrow afternoon and evening. There will be sixteen rinks a side, five rinks playing on St. Andrew's ice and three on the Thistle ice in the afternoon and the same number of rinks on the same ice in the evening.

The Thistles rinks have been selected

Evening Play.

St. Andrew's Ice.

A. C. Rockwell, H. W. Stubbs, F. J. Likely, W. A. Shaw, skip.

Percy Kinsman, J. Lingley, D. C. Malcolm, A. D. Malcolm, skip.

P. B. Holman, David Currie, J. M. Pendrigh, L. A. Langstroth, skip.

Walter Barnes, A. W. Estey, W. J. Currie, F. Watson, skip.

J. McM. Reid, I. F. Archibald, J. L. McAvity, J. S. Malcolm, skip.

Thistle Ice.

S. Jones, W. H. Gamblin, F. F. Burpee, W. J. Shaw, skip.

Robt. Bartsch, H. Warwick, Fred Shaw, H. G. Barnes, skip.

Fred Roderick, Frank White, W. J. Brown, R. S. Orchard, skip.

as follows:—

St. Andrew's Ice.

H. W. Kinsman, R. E. Smith, R. S. Ritchie, H. C. Olive, skip.

Geo. Rivers, A. G. McMulkin, E. P. Howard, G. S. Bishop, skip.

J. A. Likely(Don Cameron, W. J. S. Myles, F. A. McAndrews, skip.

R. C. Gilmour, W. E. Demmings, R. E. Crawford, A. J. Machum, skip.

T. A. Linton, L. P. D. Tilley, Jas. Mitchell, J. C. Chesley, skip.

Thistle Ice.

W. H. Millican, G. A. Stubbs, R. M. Fowler, D. R. Willett, skip.

Dr. Wm. Warwick, H. A. Sullivan, H. McAlpine, S. W. Palmer, skip.

L. E. Estey, T. C. Ledingham, J. A. Sinclair, J. W. Cameron, skip.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—Pressure is high over the United States and relatively low over the Dominion. The weather is mild and unsettled in Ontario, generally fair and moderately cold in the west and fair and mild from the Ottawa Valley to the maritime provinces.

Mild and Showery.

Maritime—Mostly fair and mild today. Fresh southeast to west winds, mild and showery late tonight and on Saturday.

Gulf and North Shore—Mostly fair and mild today. Saturday mild with light snow or rain.

New England—Probably rain tonight; Saturday partly cloudy and colder; fresh southwest, shifting to northwest winds.

Toronto, Jan. 21.—Temperatures:—

	8 a.m.	Highest Yesterday	Lowest during night
Prince Rupert	34	44	34
Victoria	38	36	36
Kamloops	12	..	6
Calgary	*8	16	*8
Edmonton	4	14	2
Prince Albert	*6	..	*10
Winnipeg	..	..	12
White River	32	34	32
Sault Ste. Marie	34	38	36
Toronto	39	53	32
Kingston	34	42	..
Ottawa	..	44	30
Montreal	32	40	20
Quebec	28	24	30
St. John, N. B.	30	34	30
Halifax	36	32	40
St. Johns, Nfld.	24	14	32
Detroit	46		30
New York	40	36	32

*Below zero.

CALL SCHWAB TO WITNESS STAND

Allegation in Shipping Board Matter is Emphatically Denied.

New York, Jan. 21—Charles M. Schwab has been subpoenaed to appear on next Wednesday before the Walsh congressional committee to testify regarding financial transactions between the U. S. Shipping Board and the Bethlehem Steel Corporation while Mr. Schwab was director-general of the emergency fleet corporation.

The summons was issued, it was said, as a result of testimony given before the committee yesterday by Col. E. H. Abadie, former comptroller of the shipping board, to the effect that Mr. Schwab's expenses for October, 1918, amounting to $260,000, were charged to the shipping board, and that $100,000 of this amount was "arbitrarily charged to ship construction."

This was characterised by the witness as "one of several serious irregularities that occurred during Mr. Schwab's dual position as director-general of the emergency fleet corporation, and officials of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation. He added, however, that he believed they occurred without Mr. Schwab's personal knowledge.

E. G. Grace, president of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, issued a statement emphatically denying that any improper payments had been made to his company while Mr. Schwab was director-general of the emergency fleet corporation.

LATER.

New York, Jan. 21—Charles M. Schwab appeared before the Walsh congressional committee today and denied testimony given yesterday by Col. Abadie. He declared the statements were "absolutely unqualifiedly and maliciously false," and that he personally paid all his own expenses during his term of office as director-general of the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

LOCAL NEWS

BIG WINDOW SMASHED

Sometime during the night a large plate glass window in the grocery store of J. V. Holland, 42 Clarence street, was broken, but as yet there is no information as to how it happened. The value of the glass is about $60.

DEATH OF CHILD.

The sympathy of friends will be extended to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Driscoll of Fort Dufferin, West St. John, in the death of their son, John, aged eighteen months, which occurred this morning. Besides his parents, four sisters and one brother survive. The funeral will be private.

MILLIDGEVILLE AVENUE WORK.

Two steam drills were put into operation this morning on the work that is being undertaken by the city in improving the route of Millidgeville avenue. The drills are working on the rock ledge which is to be removed to make way for a gradual curve near the Lime Kiln road.

FROM HERE TO PLAY HOCKEY.

A picked team of local hockey players left this afternoon for Shediac to play this evening. The team was organized by James McNulty and was composed of Barney Mooney, "Pete" Mooney, B. Budreau, H. Dupis, Jack Callaghan, Lyle McGowan and Williiam McNulty.

BIG LUMBER SHIPMENT

George McKean & Company, Limited, are arranging to ship approximately 4,000,000 feet of lumber in the near future on a large freighter, the Lord Strathcona. The steamer will take on the lumber here and will call at some port in Ireland for orders. If the arrangements materialize this will be the largest lumber shipment of the season.

AT THE HOSPITAL.

Thomas Hughes of the Canadian Ranger, was taken to the General Public Hospital this morning suffering from a bruised hand.

Thomas Wright, a lad who was injured while coasting at Beaver Harbor, recently, was reported from the General Public Hospital this afternoon to be slightly improved but semi-conscious. For several days he has been unconscious.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Charles A. Shannon took place this afternoon from the residence of his father, William Shannon, Pleasant Point, to St. Rose's church, Fairville. Service was conducted by the rector, Very Rev. Dean Collins and interment was in Holy Cross cemetery. Relatives were pall bearers and the funeral was attended by many friends. Many spiritual bouquets and beautiful floral tributes were received.

The funeral of Mrs. Arthur H. Hornbrook took place this afternoon from her late residence, 229 Millidge avenue. Service was conducted by Rev. J. A. MacKeigan and interment was in Fernhill.

The funeral of Sterling, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Davidson, Brussels street, took place this afternoon and interment was in Cedar Hill.

DANGLING FROM A ROPE; DOCTOR TREATS INJURED

New York, Jan. 21.—Dangling from a thirty-foot rope, held by several laborers, Dr. Donnelly of the Fordham Hospital, early today administered first aid to three men pinned under an automobile truck that had plunged over a rock embankment along the New York Central Railroad on the outskirts of the city. The men were rescued later, and probably will recover.

MAYOR BESIEGED BY MEN OUT OF EMPLOYMENT

Revere, Mass., Jan. 21.—Besieged by jobless, who began to gather about the city hall steps at six o'clock yesterday morning, regardless of the weather, Mayor Thomas Noone has practically turned his office into an employment bureau. Yesterday he announced that the municipal resources in furnishing work had reached their limits. Other cities in the state will be asked to aid in solving the unemployment problem.

A DEFEAT FOR THE COMMUNISTS

Now Say They'll Leave Italian Socialist Congress—Lose, too, in Berlin.

Leghorn, Jan. 21.—Communist leaders who have been attempting to carry the Italian Socialist party into the Moscow internationale suffered a decisive defeat last evening. It was announced today that the communists would bolt the socialist congress and form an organization of their own. Latest returns show that the communists were outvoted by more than two to one.

The count at present shows the socialists received 109,000 mandates, while the communists were given by 58,000.

Berlin, Jan. 21.—Communist members of Berlin city council staged a noisy demonstration when it was announced last night that Dr. Gustave Boess had been elected lord mayor of the greater city. They accused the majority socialists of "betraying socialism."

Dr. Boess received 114 votes against 95 cast for Dr. Weyl, independent socialist. He is forty-eight years of age, and has occupied the position of city chamberlain. He has a record for efficiency as a municipal official.

Castell Ammaree, Italy, Jan. 21.—Several persons were killed and others wounded in a fight yesterday during a public meeting. The meeting was in protest against the socialist municipality changing the name of a city square from Municipic to Sparataco.

Later.

Leghorn, Jan. 21.—The communist faction of the Italian Socialist party, defeated in its attempt to secure endorsement by the party of third internationale of Moscow, bolted the Socialist convention here today.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

The following real estate transfers have been recorded:

J. E. Arthurs to H. M. Adams, property in Simonds.

J. E. Arthurs to W. B. Saunders, property in Simonds.

J. E. Arthurs to B. H. Belyea, property in Simonds.

D. Driscoll to T. Driscoll, property in Musquash.

Kings County.

J. F. Durham to Catherine Durham, property in Sussex.

Farm Settlement Board to G. S. Ford, property in Springfield.

A. J. Guiou to United Farmers' Cooperative Co., Ltd., property in Havelock.

Thomas Mercer to J. P. Meenan, $100, property in Rothesay.

FIGHTING BREAKS OUT IN FIUME

Trieste, Jan. 21.—Heavy fighting has been going on at Fiume, and Italian carabineers have entered the city for the purpose of restoring order. Some of the military forces within Fiume have mutinied, and they, together with supporters of Prof. Zanella, leader of the Italian people of the city, and some of the remaining legionaries have been engaged in the fighting, details of which are lacking.

The mutinous soldiers and legionaries have taken over the barracks.

TWENTY MEN GET WORD TO LEAVE D. S. C. R. EMPLOY

Toronto, Jan. 21.—Twenty men employed in the limb department of the Dominion Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment here have received notice that after this month their services will be no longer required.

Colonel Morrison, director for Toronto district D. S. C. R., said yesterday that the men had been carried to the present because of the prevailing unemployment, but it was impossible to continue this any longer.

"Heavy overhead expenses" is said to have resulted in the decision to dispense with the twenty men. It is said the board of directors will enter a protest against the men being discharged, and will communicate with Sir James Lougheed.

GRANTS FOR FAIRS AT CHATHAM AND FREDERICTON

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 21.—Hon. D. W. Mersereau, minister of agriculture, announced this morning that the Fredericton and Chatham fairs had been officially designated as the two provincial exhibitions in New Brunswick in 1921 and that the annual grant of $10,000 would be divided equally between them. Grants to other exhibitions will be made at the discretion of the minister.

BONUS FOR THE SOLDIERS SOUGHT

Windsor Veterans to Ask the Government

Dollar for Each Day of Service in France; 75 cents if Only to England; 50 Cents in Canada.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 21.—Windsor war veterans, through the G. W. V. A., will ask the dominion government for an additional bonus. At the annual meeting of the Windsor branch of the association the veterans decided to join other Ontario branches in appealing for the bonus. They will ask for one dollar for each day of service for the men who went to France; seventy-five cents a day for those who were sent to England and fifty cents a day for those who remained in Canada.

They will also ask for an extension of the soldiers land settlement act, so that veterans may obtain long time loans with which to start in business.

ANOTHER BIG SUM TO MEET RAILWAY BILLS

(Special to Times.)

Ottawa, Jan. 21—The board of arbitration to determine the value of the Grand Trunk shares, taken over by the dominion government will meet on February 1. According to the act constituting it, the report must be given to the government within nine months from the date of the appointment of the board of management. That appointment was made on July 9 last and the report should therefore be in the government's hands by April 9 next. If it is not finished by that time an order in council extending the time will have to be passed. When the award is finally made the directorate of the combined Canadian National and Grand Trunk Railways will be reconstructed.

Parliament in the coming session will have to vote another large sum to make up the deficit incurred this year. It is said that increased fares have not enabled the railway to recover what it lost by giving the men increases retroactive to May 1 on the McAdoo award wage scale.

There will be no new railway legislation this session and no construction work will be undertaken except such as is necessary to continue work started last year.

No new branch lines will be purchased if present plans are adhered to.

ATLANTIC MAKES GAIN OF A POINT

Montreal, Jan. 21—Atlantic Sugar closed yesterday at 31½ and opened today at 32½. Brazilian remained steady and unchanged at 35. Brompton strengthened a half point to 56½. National Breweries was fractionally stronger at 54½. Spanish River was the weakest issue today, dropping a point to 84.

SMALL VOTE FOR DATO, BUT CABINET HOLDS

Madrid, Jan. 21.—Premier Dato secured only 154 votes in the chamber of deputies last night when he called for a vote of confidence. The remainder of the members of the chamber left the house without voting. The premier declared himself satisfied, and indicated his cabinet would not resign. This statement followed a conference between the premier and King Alfonso.

ESMONDE DECIDES TO RETURNED TO ENGLAND

Melbourne, Jan. 21.—The Australian government having refused permission to Osmond Gratton Emonde to land in Australia, on the ground that he was a Sinn Fein sympathizer, Mr. Esmonde has booked his return passage to England. He is a son of Sir Thomas H. G. Esmonde, former member of parliament for Wexford, Ireland.

SHIPPING REVIVAL AT THE PORT OF HAMBURG

Hamburg, Jan. 21—Statistics submitted to the citizens council record a revival of the shipping activities of the port of Hamburg. They show arrivals of 644,391 tons during December, 1920. In December 1918 the arrivals tonnage aggregated 23,800. The tonnage for June, 1919, totalled 171,479, and this increased to 240,000 by December of that year.

SUE DOCTOR.

Toronto, Jan. 21—Isaac Weldon, a farmer of Port Perry, Ont., and his wife, Pearl, are plaintiffs in a case against Dr. Robert Archer of Port Perry. The husband claims $5,000 and the wife $20,000.

The plaintiffs contend that Dr. Archer performed an operation upon Mrs. Weldon last September so negligently that she had to undergo another operation.

The defendant contends that his advice was not followed by the plaintiff, who refused to have the operation performed until the conditions were unfavorable, even then, he contends the operation was successful.

The trial is proceeding.

ONTARIO TIMBER PROBE.

Toronto, Jan. 21.—Upon the resumption of the timber probe by Justices Ruddell and Latchford, yesterday, Shirley Denison, crown prosecutor, brought out that the Graves Bigwood Co. had a paid-up capital of only $20,000, which he regarded as too small to carry out so large a contract as the one the company held, though the men interested in the company were known as responsible men.

L. Bliss, former chief fire ranger of the Nipigon district, and said to be an employe of the Graves Bigwood Co., said that $20,000 would not even finance one camp.