

Curlers Luncheon at Montreal

PREMIER MONROE AND MINISTERS ENTERTAINED.

The Royal Montreal Curling Club has in the past had the honor of receiving many distinguished guests, but perhaps never in the history of the 117 years have they entertained a Premier and two Cabinet Ministers. This happened at to-day's luncheon in the St. Luke Street club house, when the Premier of Newfoundland, Hon. W. S. Monroe, Hon. Mr. Higgins, Minister of Justice, and the Hon. Mr. Bennett, Colonial Secretary, were indeed the honored guests. President Cecil Gordon presided, with a large gathering of members.

After the health of his Majesty had been carefully attended to by loyal and dutiful servants, the chairman called upon the Premier of Newfoundland, the oldest colony in the British Empire, to speak.

Mr. Monroe was accorded a great reception as he rose to address his fellow-curlers. He began by thanking them and others in Montreal for their unbounded hospitality, a hospitality which was so great that it was necessary for them to be very careful. It reminded him of a story which had reference to a sale of furniture in a private house. In one room the auctioneer had discovered a tautologous libel supplied with Scotch's own, and from which the auctioneer had evidently helped himself most liberally, when the owner of the furniture entered the room to see how the sale was getting on, noted the only entry in the auctioneer's book, which read, "one revolving carpet." When the laughter had subsided, and it took a time, it was renewed when Mr. Monroe added that there must be no stories of "revolving carpets" to be told when they returned to Newfoundland.

Then, speaking seriously, the Premier said he knew that such a gathering was not the place to talk politics, but he could, without being indiscreet, tell the reason of their visit to Quebec. It was to confer with the Federal and Provincial Ministers on the Labrador boundary question. There was a dispute, but he felt sure the matter, important as it was, could be settled without it going to the Privy Council. Both he and the Premier of Quebec knew that Great Britain would prefer them to settle it among themselves. Newfoundland looked upon Canada as a big sister, and his people would be just to Canada. Everyone present knew of the desire by many that Newfoundland should join the Dominion, but his island friends were proud of their liberty, their great historic traditions, while having the greatest admiration for their greater "sister." Reverting to their mission, he continued, that one great satisfaction was, however, the boundary of Labrador was settled, it would be settled by members of the British Empire and for outsiders, a remark that brought forth great applause. The dispute between Canada and Newfoundland was 120,000 miles of territory and 4,000,000 horse-power in water. It would be settled, and from the way he and his colleagues had been met by the Canadian authorities, he felt certain that it would be settled on satisfactory terms to all concerned.

The next speaker called upon was the Hon. Mr. Higgins, Minister of Justice, and the Newfoundland gentleman lived up to the traditions of his Irish ancestors, keeping the gathering in one continued roar of laughter. As a politician he would tell them, "Not to say at elections what you really mean." The Premier had told them about the mission, well, he, Mr. Higgins, would be frank about it and say, that as far as he was concerned, they brought him along to skip the risk, being a curler of exceptional ability. Some people thought that Newfoundland should join up with Canada, but they always looked up to Canada as a big sister, a sister they loved and revered, loved to see her prosperous, happy and dressed in beautiful furs, but when it came to joining up, he would ask, "How on earth can a fellow marry his sister?"

However, he concurred most heartily with his Prime Minister's wish that the Labrador question would be settled amicably, and without having to resort to the Privy Council, and in conclusion thanked the Royal Montreal, and other curlers, for the wonderful hospitality extended to them.

The Hon. Mr. Bennett, Colonial Secretary, also spoke, and had a few sly digs at Mr. Higgins, which no one enjoyed more than the Minister of Justice. Mr. Bennett said that Mr. Higgins, when a practicing lawyer, usually took the side of the defence, consequently the penitentiary was only half full, but now that he (Higgins) was in the Cabinet, business was restored to normal conditions. Mr. Bennett stated further that the reason Mr. Higgins was brought along with them as skip was that when defeated, he could with his fine line of talk explain it better when he reached home. The speaker touched on the Labrador boundary question, and he also felt a reasonable settlement would be arrived at. Newfoundlanders rejoiced in Canada's progress and prosperity, and it was their wish to see it greater and greater. Their own country, Newfoundland, was small perhaps, in comparative area, but strove, like Canada, to

be true to the high ideals that govern the thought of the mighty British Empire.

All three Newfoundland gentlemen, and curlers, were received with great enthusiasm.

In many ways this was the most successful luncheon that Royal Montreal has held for years, and in many respects unique.

After lunch the first competition of the season was started, with the three sheets engaged.

This luncheon brought out another fine crowd. T. S. Simpson, chairman of the entertainment committee, presided, and Canon Almond, D.S.O., C.M.G., C.B., was the speaker of the day. The reverend gentleman gave a stirring address, as a Christmas appeal to the members, on what this time of the year stood for, not only themselves, but for those less favored in the world's lot, a few times to think of Good Will, by those who can afford to bring joy to others less favored. The Canon made a great impression on his hearers, and there is little doubt but that an extra dollar will find its way to some one who needs it badly. The well known baritone, R. H. Dumbrell favored with songs which were greatly appreciated, and Keith Milne officiated at the piano.

Nfld. Lady Robbed

(Newfoundland Weekly, Boston.)

Mrs. Pedro Gomez Cuerto (formerly Miss Mary McCarthy, of St. John's) wife of a wealthy Havana sugar importer, was the victim of a robbery at the United States Hotel, Boston, a few days ago. On the morning of Dec. 6th, Mrs. Cuerto found that someone had entered her room while she and her husband were absent, and had stolen jewelry to the value of at least \$10,000, and probably more, as many of the gems were family heirlooms. Smart work on the part of the Hub police resulted in the arrest of George Elliott who, on the day of the robbery, had left his position in the hotel, where he was employed as "cleaner," without waiting for his pay envelope. His wife, it appears, who has been employed in a city hospital, and who had also resigned, was followed to New York by detectives, where she was joined by her husband. Both were subsequently arrested.

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The boy Lang, of the Southside who, whilst sliding collided with a motor car, driven by Mr. T. Woods, is reported by the hospital as progressing favorably. The lad had his leg and collar bone broken. In both cases no blame is attached to the drivers.

Delegates Returning

The Newfoundland Delegation to the Newfoundland Boundary Conference at Montreal and Ottawa, consisting of Hon. W. S. Monroe, Hon. J. R. Bennett, Hon. W. J. Higgins and Sir Patrick McGrath, arrived at Port aux Basques at 8.40 a.m. yesterday, and joined the special train for home.

Shipping

S.S. Prospero and schr. Cecil Jr., which have been undergoing extensive repairs, came off dock Saturday. S.S. Brattenburg, seven days from Newport News, with a cargo of coal, arrived here yesterday, consigned to Messrs. Cashin & Co.

Sable I. left Halifax on Friday for here via St. Pierre, and will probably arrive here this afternoon or tomorrow.

S.S. Silvia went to the dock premises on Saturday, where the work of loading the machinery, for Halifax, began.

Laid to Rest

The funeral of the late Martin O'Flannigan took place yesterday afternoon from Mount Cashel, and was attended by a large number of people. A guard of honor, from the Benevolent Irish Society, was present, and included in the cortege were a number of clergy, the Christian Brothers and boys of Mount Cashel. Interment took place at Belvedere Cemetery.

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Anon.	5.00
Friend, per Miss Taylor	5.00
Per Mrs. Harrington	2.00
Nett amt. taken in Hall	61.55
M. C. Guild	100.00
Nett. Receipts 'M.C. Pupils'	
Matinee	89.15
Mrs. Stuckless' S.S. Class, Cochrane St. Church, Box of Chocolates.	
Ralph Atwill, 1-2 doz. boxes Chocolates.	

The amounts \$150 and \$200, acknowledged on Dec. 27, from Mrs. Ronald Cross, are errors: \$200 was the amount received.

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Express Passengers

The following passengers crossed over to Port aux Basques by S.S. Kyle at 8.30 a.m. yesterday, and joined the express:—M. Hackett, C. T. Foran, D. Goldman, R. Atkins, J. Rose, M. Lee, W. Eddy, W. F. Cossett, R. Fureneaux, Mrs. R. Sweetapple, T. A. Leach, T. C. Neilson, E. Smith, E. McDonald, Miss A. Roberts, T. Parsons, D. Lesh, W. and Mrs. Dowling, H. Walsh, F. Pansy, C. Duchets, H. McDonald, S. Baker, A. E. Lewis, A. H. Stevens, A. T. Adams, A. B. Sigard, D. G. Ross, Miss L. Cluett, A. Brosa, A. R. Sykes, A. R. Spencer, R. G. Johnston, E. Coleman, S. Noseworthy, A. Myrden, F. Batt, L. Goldman, H. W. Pumphrey, Miss C. Wornell, H. A. Oliver, H. J. Smith, Miss L. Whittington, Miss McEvoy, Hon. W. S. Monroe, Hon. W. J. Higgins, Hon. J. R. Bennett and Sir P. T. McGrath.

Notes on Votes

Spanish newspapers record that three women (Dona Maria, Echarr, Vizcondessa de Llantens and Dona Elisa de Calonge) have just taken their places on the Madrid Town Council as a result of the recent granting of the municipal vote to Spanish women. The first woman to become a mayor in Spain is Dona Maria Perez Mollie, a widow, aged forty, who has been a schoolmistress in one of the national schools. She became Mayor of Cuatrecasas in the district of Concentina in December. Gen. Primo de Rivera, the Dictator of Spain, has expressed himself a pronounced feminist, and by giving all single women over 23 years of age of good character, widows, and other women heads of families the municipal vote all over Spain, he has given the suffrage movement in his country a strong impetus. Excepting Belgium no other Latin country has given woman suffrage this much encouragement.

When are the women of St. John's to be given full rights of citizenship? True, women property holders have the municipal vote, but until our Woman Suffrage Bill will have been ratified in the House, our women are not eligible as Civic Councilors. Indeed one begins to think that it is not because women are not yet ready for the vote, so much as that men see their indefatigable, thorough and economical methods of work that they fear woman's influence in public affairs. That prohibitory clause in our Civic Charter is a sad reflection on the minds of those who made it. Women, do you really care for the welfare of your city, its health, its habits?

Then why in fear and trembling send deputations to the City Fathers, kicking their boots in gratitude at the promise of a bucket of lime for the drains? The finest service in the cause of welfare for us now is to stand shoulder to shoulder in our claim for Woman Suffrage, so that we shall have the right to put a few energetic women on our City Council!

TWO ABOVE FREEZING POINT.—The thermometer at the Valley Nurseries last night registered 34 above.

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