

FAMOUS FRENCH GENERAL ROBBED IN MONTREAL

General de Negrier, Formerly Head of the French Army in Algiers, a Victim of Pickpockets

MONTREAL, Aug. 21.—General de Negrier, of Paris, who for some years had command of the French troops in Algiers, is at present a visitor to Montreal. Today he had a rather disagreeable experience. Taking his letters of credit he went to the Bank of Montreal and drew out a large sum of money on his letter of credit. Placing the money as well as the pocketbook containing the letter of credit in his pocket, he walked down the street to the corner of Victoria Square where he boarded a street car for the Windsor Hotel. While getting on the car he was jostled by two well-dressed men. When he got on the car he felt for his wallet and found that it was gone. Luckily the men missed the gold and bank notes which were in the same pocket, their only booty being the letter of credit which is not negotiable. Detectives are looking for the men. The general left tonight for Niagara Falls. The money he had drawn being sufficient to defray his remaining expenses on this side of the Atlantic.

ST. JOHN BY-ELECTION PROBABLY SEPT. 18th or 19th

OTTAWA, Aug. 21.—It is probable that the by-elections to fill the vacancies in the House of Commons will be held about the middle of September probably on the eighteenth or nineteenth. Nominations will be a week earlier. There are four vacancies. They are St. John City and County, where the vacancy was caused by the death of

INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS IN EVERY WAY SATISFACTORY

Chicago National Bank in Its Report Sees No Reason for Fear of a Period of Depression—Commerce is in a Healthy State

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—The Times says: The Commercial National Bank of Chicago, in its summary of financial and commercial conditions, compiled with special reference to the crop outlook, to be issued today, drew the conclusion from the 3,000 replies received from its correspondents that the overwhelming preponderance of evidence is that the business situation is sound and satisfactory. The bank comments on the fact that in the thousands of replies there is scarcely a reference to the present position of the speculative markets. That there has been a let-up in business compared with the feverish activity of last spring and winter, is generally admitted, but this the bank says, is acknowledged by its correspondents with entire satisfaction. On the crop outlook, the bank reaches the conclusion from the data gathered by it, that this year's wheat crop will amount to 640,000,000 bushels. The corn crop, 2 billion, 6 million bushels, the oat crop will be deficient by perhaps as much as 150 million bushels. Regarding the financing of the crops, the bank says that though the yield may be deficient in quantity as well as in quality, there will be required practically as large a volume of funds for financing the crops as was needed last year.

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C. P. R. RUNNING RIGHTS OVER THE I. C. R. DISCUSSED BY THE MARITIME BOARD OF TRADE

Board Passed the Resolution—Urged Purchase of Rolling Stock—Wanted Steel-Coal Case Settled—Endorsed Tunnel Scheme—Favor Bonus for Steel Shipbuilding—Elected Officers—Arranged to Meet Next in Halifax, and Adjourned.

The annual meeting of the Maritime Board of Trade was held on Thursday afternoon. All Red Line Resolutions. The "All Red Line" project was the first matter taken up. The following resolution was moved by G. M. Campbell, of Halifax, and seconded by M. G. DeWolfe, of Kentville: "This convention of the Maritime Boards of Trade, believing that fast high class mail, passenger and express freight services between the British possessions would be of immense material and political advantage to Canada and all parts of the Empire, hereby heartily endorses the 'All Red Line' project, proposed by the people of Canada, and unanimously adopted at the recent Imperial Conference held in London, and urges the Canadian Government to take all possible steps to hasten the inauguration of the scheme."

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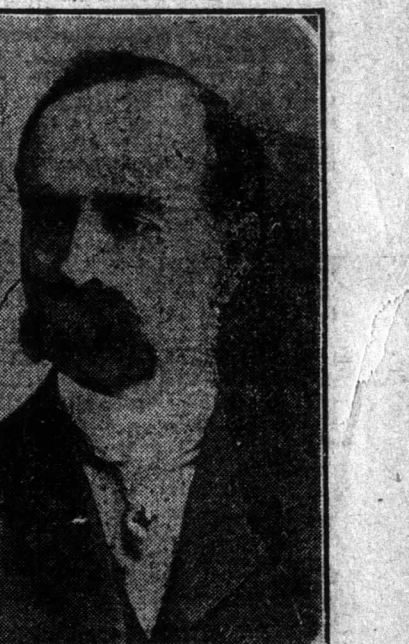
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supply could be maintained to the advantage of all concerned. Unless in the near future, therefore, some radical change is made, these valuable branches of the fishing industry will practically cease to exist. New and stricter regulations are required as well as effective means of carrying them out.

THE LOSS ON BARREL FISH.

It is a recognized fact by all concerned in the fish trade of Eastern Canada, that the existing conditions under which pickled fish are handled are most unsatisfactory. The Dominion government recognized this, when in 1903, J. J. Cowie, the Scotch expert, was employed to demonstrate the fact that the herring caught on our shores could be made to give much better returns if cured and packed under the Scotch method. Aside from the question as to whether the large expenditure made by the fisheries department has been justified by the results so far obtained, and aside from the question of the proper method of curing, there is one point that all will agree upon, namely, the absolute need of improving the packages. The present method of supplying first-class herring and mackerel barrels, but as there was no recognized standard, practically no good was accomplished. The pickled fish industry has continued to be handicapped by the use of trashy packages, with the resulting low standard of the pack, and consequent loss to all concerned. This condition of affairs not only means loss and endless trouble to the merchant and his customers, but unquestionably means a loss to the fishermen. It would be a conservative estimate to put the annual loss to the province of Nova Scotia, in the use of the Scotch method in handling the catch of pickled fish at \$100,000. Not only is there the actual loss on account of the low standard or rather lack of any standard, either as regards the cure of the package, but there is also the consequent stagnation of the trade, resulting from the endless trouble and loss to the wholesale dealer, jobber and retailer. Time and again Halifax wholesale houses have received letters from growers saying that they do not carry herring and mackerel, owing to the impossibility of guarding against the loss which results from leaky packages. At the present time even if the fishermen wanted good packages, they are unobtainable. The fisheries committee of the Halifax Board of Trade believe that Canadian herring factories should be established to put on the market a full supply of first-class inspected packages, fully up to the Scotch standard, and that these should be helped by government bonus.

THE FISHERY BOARD IDEA AND WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN SCOTLAND.

The idea of a fishery board for the proper preservation, protection and development of the fishery industry, is one that has proved its worth. One hundred years ago the pickled fish industry of Scotland was in practically the same unsatisfactory condition and position as is that of the Maritime Provinces today. A popular agitation brought about the appointment by the government of Great Britain, of Royal Commissioners for the betterment and control of the industry in Scotland. These Royal Commissioners were succeeded by what is now known as the fishery board for Scotland, which, if judged by results, is the best and most effective method of fishery administration in the world.

THE SCHEME FOR US.

It is now desired by concerted action on the part of those interested to bring their Dominion Government to see that their present progressive policy for the encouragement of the fisheries could be worked out to better advantage to all concerned, by the appointment of a Canadian Atlantic fisheries board, on the same lines as the Scotch fisheries board, which has control of the Scotch fishing industry. A fisheries board representing all interests would thoroughly investigate and advise the

THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SITUATION.

The government's establishment of fish hatcheries, bait freezers, dog fish reduction works, demonstration of the Scotch method of curing herring, etc., are certainly to be commended. They have, however, been more or less abortive, owing to lack of system, the only partial carrying out of the various things attempted, and the seeming impossibility of eliminating politics. Twenty-five years ago lobsters were so plentiful on our shores that fishermen were making good wages, catching them at fifty cents per hundred count. During the early part of the present season they were so scarce that fishermen were unable to make living wages with the price at 40 per crate in Boston. This condition has been brought about by the illegal wholesale destruction of the small sized and seeded lobsters by the fishermen and packers, in consequence of the law not being enforced by the officers of the department. The conditions in regard to the oyster industry are, if anything worse than those under which the lobsters are being exterminated. Practically nothing is being done to prevent the depletion of the oyster beds, to say nothing of any effective steps to increase the supply of these valuable shell fish. The clam beds in various parts of the Maritime Provinces are being depleted, in many cases to supply bait for foreign fishermen, whereas, under efficient laws properly carried out, a continu-

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