

Harbor Gain And Our Importance Impresses The Liberal Leader

Gets Information Which He "Will Use Later"

Declares Congestion Should Not Exist But This Port "Get Every Fly That is Going"

"I wouldn't like to have missed this... I appreciate now more than ever the position of St. John as a great national port"

The party went aboard the tug Sibus, of the Furness, Withy & Co., Ltd., at the Eastern Steamship Wharf, which took them around Courtney Bay, then up the western side of the harbor, into the slip where the Empress of France is docked, around the government pier and back to the starting point.

The shipping men in the party pointed out the different steamers that were taking the nature of the cargo they were taking and their destination when loaded. Among the countries to which the boats are destined are Sweden, Scotland, Ireland, Norway, Denmark, France, Italy, Greece, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

Mr. King said that the facts brought home to him the realization of the extent of Canadian trade and the importance of St. John in handling it. He was greatly impressed with the number of steamers lying in the stream awaiting accommodation and remarked that instead of being compelled to be in a position of this kind St. John "should have its mouth open to get every fly that was going."

In reply to a question from Mr. King he informed that at least two dozen steamers had been diverted from St. John and the money lost to the port would be sufficient to provide for a good start on additional facilities. Glancing over the long line of steamers that lie in the stream he remarked that it was just as effective a blockade as was put up in the time of war.

The land which had been handed over to the government in 1911 was plotted out to the Liberal leader and he was promised a copy of the agreement under which it was decided. He asked Mr. Atkinson to get for him a list of the steamers now in port, the nature of the cargo which they brought to Canada, the kind of cargo being taken away from points for which they were destined. This he said he "would make use of later on."

A Canadian Pictorial representative was present and took pictures of the party embarking and leaving the ship and also took some flashes of the harbor and the steamers en route.

Woodstock Sentinel—Mrs. W. H. Dickinson, of Blackie, Alberta, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. A. Hale, Mr. and Mrs. William Blake and Miss Thelma Blake are in Boston visiting relatives. Dr. Frank King, who has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. R. P. Harley, left last week for Winnipeg.

The many friends of Miss Katherine Good, 101 Richmond street, will be pleased to learn that she is resting quite comfortably at the General Public Hospital after an operation for appendicitis.

Ernest Estabrooks, Middle Sackville, left on Thursday for Jamaica, on a business trip for his firm and also for the benefit of his health. He was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. J. T. Hawke, of Moncton, while still seriously ill, each day shows further signs of improvement.

LOCAL NEWS

REV. MR. WILSON HAS RETURNED FROM MONTREAL

He and Others at Meeting of Dominion Prohibition Committee—Rev. Mr. Boothroy's Views.

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 16.—Chief Liquor Inspector Rev. W. D. Wilson arrived here this morning from Montreal, where he had been at the annual meeting of the Dominion prohibition committee. Others present from this province were: Donald Fraser, of Plaster Rock; E. A. McCurdy, of Newcastle; Rev. F. E. Boothroy, field secretary of the New Brunswick branch dominion alliance.

General conditions throughout Canada were discussed. At present there appeared to be little agitation in prohibition circles, and matters are quiet in the various provinces.

Chief Inspector Wilson also attended the sessions of the social service councils. Rev. F. E. Boothroy returned today. "If we can register the sentiment," he said, "prohibition will be carried in New Brunswick when the referendum is held. There has been a pretty general registration of female voters which will have of course there are sections of the province in which prohibition is held in check. There has been a whole there is reason for confidence."

Asked concerning the published statement credited to him by certain newspapers to the effect that the referendum would be held in May, Mr. Boothroy said that he had made no such statement and did not know when the vote would be taken.

Potatoes maintain their high prices in the retail market here. Today's price was \$5.50 a barrel.

PERSONALS

Hon. C. H. LaBouffe, of Dalhousie, is spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. R. L. Lennox, 11 Crown street, St. John.

Mrs. Lennox, who has been visiting her son, R. L. Lennox, and his family, returned to Moncton to spend some time with her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Snow. Miss Ruth Hooper, daughter of the Rev. Bertmon Hooper, of St. John, is the guest of the Misses Ruth, Westmount boulevard—Montreal Gazette.

Hardland, Observers, and Mrs. George Lelton left on Wednesday for St. John, where they will spend the winter.

SIMS CRITICIZES U. S. AND CANADA IN AGREEMENT FOR THE SOLDIERS

Continues His Attack on Secretary of Navy Daniels.

Montreal, Jan. 17.—A special despatch to the Montreal Gazette from Washington says Admiral William S. Sims, head of the Navy War College and formerly in command of American forces in Europe, asserting before the senate naval affairs committee yesterday that the morale of the American navy had been "shot to pieces," because of "flagrant injustices."

While Admiral Sims severely criticized the attitude of Secretary of the Navy Daniels and the naval board in the conferring of decorations, he declined any intention of attacking the secretary personally or of showing insubordination. He was once performing a part of what he considered his duty in offering constructive criticism. He was acting solely for the welfare of the navy, he said.

THE PAVING QUESTION. Unless there is a great improvement in the streets of this city, rubbers and overshoes will continue to be sold in unlimited quantities. Best prices on these, opposite the Market—King Square Sales Company.

KEEP THIS DATE. Monday, Jan. 19, for Express of France concert, 7:45. 30 cents. Magazines urgently needed.

TO WELSFORD FOR BURIAL. Several in connection with the funeral of Alfred E. Corbett, who met death accidentally yesterday afternoon, will be conducted at his late residence, 84 City road, tomorrow evening, by Rev. Canon R. A. Asenstun. The body will be taken to Welsford on the early train Monday morning for Interment.

CHECKERS MEETING. B. R. S. C. Lodge 1297, regular meeting, Temperance Hall, West St. John, Sunday, Jan. 18, 8 p. m.

TWELVE DEATHS. The following deaths were reported to the deputy registrar of vital statistics during the week: Pneumonia, two; endocarditis, two; apoplexy, epilepsy, chronic myocarditis, congestion of lungs, burns and frost bites, carcinoma ventriculi, extravasation of urine and chronic valvular heart disease, one each, a total of twelve.

MARRIAGES AND BIRTHS. Several marriages were reported to the deputy registrar of vital statistics during the week. Twenty-four births, ten boys and fourteen girls, were also reported.

FAST ONES TO RACE. In the popular ice skating match has been arranged between Hilton Belyea and Murray Bell.

Death of James W. Banks in Annapolis. Many in St. John will be sorry to learn of the death of James W. Banks, which occurred at the home of his son, A. W. Banks, in Annapolis, N. S., where he had made his home for the last year. Mr. Banks was eighty years of age. He survived by four sons and four daughters. A. W. of Annapolis, traveler for Emerson & Fisher; W. H. of St. John, also traveler for the same firm; Theodore H. of the Massey Harris company here; and Frank H. of Somerville, Mass.; Mrs. G. George of St. John, Mrs. H. G. Barnes of St. John, Miss Estella Banks of Caledonia, N. S.

IRISH AFFAIRS

Dublin, Jan. 17.—Returns from the municipal elections show that generally in eastern, western and southern Ireland approximately 75 per cent of the candidates supported by the Sinn Fein and Labor elements were successful. The remainder of the candidates elected represented various minorities.

A feature of the election was the unusually large number of women who participated.

Dublin, Jan. 17.—The government offered yesterday to restore the printing machinery of the Sinn Fein and Labor parties on condition that the proprietors sign an agreement regarding the future conduct of the newspaper. They refused and the press is now in the hands of the Sinn Fein and Labor parties.

London, Jan. 16.—Results, thus far received in the Skibbereen, Ire., municipal election show that two Sinn Fein and two Laborites, four Constitutional Nationalists and one Independent have been successful.

GENERAL GWATKIN. Major General Gwatkin, recently knighted, is an Imperial officer of great ability and experience, and as chief of the general staff at Ottawa rendered excellent service throughout the war. He won great popularity at Ottawa and among the Canadian forces by his efficiency and soldier-like qualities.

He was born in August 11, 1859, the fourth son of the late Frederick Gwatkin, of Grove House, Twickenham, England. His first military service after leaving Sandhurst, was in the Manchester Regiment, in which he held the appointment of adjutant for some time, he rose to the rank of major. Taking a course at the Staff College at Camberley, he passed with honors, and was posted to the staff in Egypt. Later he was placed on the headquarters staff of the army at home and as a D. A. A. G. did excellent service in connection with the equipment and despatch of troops to South Africa.

He was secured for the Canadian Militia about 1905. General Gwatkin when he was a colonel. For four years he was director of operations and staff officer in the Canadian militia. He had charge of the organization of the Canadian Militia on the 11th existing just before the war. In 1910 he was recalled to the United Kingdom and was later General Lake was able to secure his return to Canada to assume the duties of staff officer in charge of mobilization as such he prepared plans for the mobilization of the Canadian Militia and for the defence of Canada in the near future following a sudden outbreak of war.

Finally, he was appointed chief of the general staff of the Canadian Militia and Major-General. In that capacity, it is recognized on all hands that his services to Canada and the empire have been invaluable. He was created a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in 1918.

Stetcher Wins. Omaha, Neb., Jan. 17.—Joe Stetcher, heavyweight wrestler of Dodge, Neb., won last night, two falls out of three.

Reaches Halifax. Halifax, N. S., Jan. 17.—The American steamer Guildford, previously reported in distress off this port, arrived here this morning under her own steam. She had only a few tons of coal left in her bunkers.

MONCTON THEATRE FIRE. Moncton, Jan. 17.—Fire in the Grand Theatre this morning gutted the building, destroyed the stage scenery and three pianos valued about \$100,000. The players' orchestra suffered about \$300 loss. Torrie & Winter, owners of the theatre, carry insurance to cover loss.

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