PORT FACILITIES HERE FAR AHEAD OF THOSE AT HALIFAX, EXPERT EXPLAINS

Large Ships Can Be Accommodated at St. John Much Better Says Chairman and Managing Director of the Manchester Liners, Ltd.—At That, He Adds, St. John Needs More Berths, and Needs Them Badly, for the Port That is Equipped is the Port That Gets the Business.

Saturday, Oct. 18.

"There is no question about it, the facilities at St. John are far ahead of those at Halifax," said Robert Burdon Stoker, chairman and managing director of the Manchester Liners, Ltd., to a Telegraph reporter in the Royal Hotel last evening. "I am very much pleased," he said, with the improvements that have been made at this port since my last visit fifteen years ago."

Mr. Stoker is here from the old country on a tour of inspection of the ports at which the steamers of the line which he represents call, and has already visited Montreal, Quebec and Halifax. He is to leave this evening for Philadelphia on the same mission and will go from there direct to Montreal and thence back to Manchester.

Referring to the improvements which are now being carried on at West St. John, Mr. Stoker said: "I am delighted with the extra facilities which are now being provided on the other side of the harbor. Last winter we, as well as many of the other steamer lines, were caused a great deal of inconvenience on account of lack of room and also on account of the fact that our berth on the west side was not equipped with grain conveyors Now that the grain conveyors are being provided and additional berths constructed, a relief from last winter's congestion must follow.

The Port That Gets the Business.

"It has been my experience always that a port which will provide more than the necessary facilities for the business that is offering, will ultimately receive more than enough business to completely engage the facilities provided. It is this way: Steamship companies will always light shy of a slow, dear port, but when a port is making provision for the expedient handling of even a greater volume of business than they anticipate, other lines will see the advantage offered by that port and send their vessels there. A port can never be too far ahead of the times so far as its facilities go, for the more conveniences they provide the more business will come their way."

Speaking of the ports he had already visited, Mr. Stoker said that Canada as a whole was showing a great tendency to go ahead. "So far as Montreal and Quebec were concerned," he added, "they have been making extensive improvements to their ports all along. Halifax and St. John, on the other hand, had been more backward, but are now showing signs of greatly increased activity, although the additional facilities being provided in Halifax can not compare with those that are being provided here. Everything points to a very bright future for the port of St. John, not only as a winter port but as a summer port also."

With regard to the present difficulty concerning the withdrawal of the mail steamers from St. John and the landing of the mails at Halifax. Mr. Stoker said that he had heard while in Montreal that one of the causes of the steamers being withdrawn was ascribed to the demands for increased wages that were being made by the longshoremen. "This question is one with which we have experienced considerable trouble from time to time. My trip to this side of the Atlantic was delayed two weeks on account of a strike among the dockmen at Manchester in which they demanded increased remuneration, but the matter was finally adjusted before my leaving Manchester, and I do not think that there will be any further trouble this winter.

He Hoped for Settlement.

"We have found by comparison with other ports that so far as the longshoremen's wages are concerned, St. John is a very dear port and I do not consider that the increases which the ship laborers are asking are at all fair. I hope, however, that the board of arbitration which is now being arranged, will be able to bring this matter to a satisfactory conclusion. In England we have greater difficulty in settling differences between the steamship people and the dock laborers than is experienced in Canada. Here the matter can be adjusted by means of compulsory arbitration, but on the other side there is no such thing as compulsory arbitration. Voluntary conciliation is the only means by which the situation can be discussed."

Mr. Stoker paid a visit to Courtenay Bay yesterday was was favorably impressed with the work that is going on there. "All these things," he said, "this new harbor development, the construction of additional berths, the new million bushel elevator and the provision of grain conveyors, to those berths which last year were without these very necessary conveniences, will go toward making St. John a better port and attracting an increased volume of trade through the city. St. John should not stop at that, however, for the more facilities it provides, the more anxious will the steamer lines be to use those facilities and the more business will naturally follow. You need more berths and need them badly."

OBITUARY

A. D. MacLean.

Cambridge, Queens Co., Oct. 14—The death of Archibald D. MacLean, of Cambridge, Queens county, on Oct. 12, came as a shock to his hosts of friends. He had been ill but a short time and until two weeks ago it was not known that his illness was critical.

Mr. MacLean was born at Grand Lake Oct. 15, 1841, and in three days would have completed his 72nd year. He was of Scottish parentage, his father and grandparents having come to this province from Cantyre, Scotland.

Mr. MacLean located at Cambridge nearly fifty years ago, where he has taken an active interest in all matters pertaining to the public welfare. A man of bright, kindly disposition, ready sympathy and warm friendship, he is deeply mourned by his immediate relatives and will be much missed in the community.

He was twice married, his first wife being Mary H., daughter of the late Wm. Murray, of Cambridge, by whom he leaves three sons—Dr. Charles M., of Mafeking, South Africa; Dr. Ewart G. Baptist missionary at Shaki, West Africa; Talmage C., of Kiersteadville, Kings Co.; and one daughter, Lizzie R., at present teaching at Nauwigewauk, Kings Co. His second wife, Minnie C., daughter of the late Nathaniel Ferris, of Chipman, survives him. Capt. W. B. MacLean, of St. John, and Jas. E. MacLean, of Young's Cove, Queens Co., are brothers, and Mrs. W. L. Waring, of St. John, is a sister.

In religion he was a Baptist, for many years trustee of the Second Cambridge Baptist church.

Robert H. Clancey.

Friday, Oct. 17.

The death of Robert H. Clancey, one of the best known masons in the city, occurred yesterday morning in the General Public Hospital. His wife, two brothers and a sister survive. The brothers are John in the employ of McLean, Holt & Co., and William of the I. C. R., while Mrs. Stack of St. Patrick street is the sister. The funeral will be held on Saturday at 8.30 o'clock. Mr. Clancey had many friends about the city who will learn with regret of his death.

Robert Gaskin.

Friday, Oct. 17.

Many friends about the city learned with regret yesterday that Robert Gaskin, of North End, had passed away. His death occurred about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his home, 40 Adelaide street, after an illness of about three weeks, in the 68rd of his age. His wife, with three sons and three daughters, survive. The sons are Charles, of Roxbury (Mass.); Arthur, of Conway (N. H.), and Oscar, at home, while the Misses Maude, Leah and Bessie, all of this city, are the daughters. Henry and George Gaskin are brothers, and Mrs. Mary Logan, is a sister. They all belong to St. John.

Mr. Gaskin was very well known about the city. He has been a resident of North End all his life, and was very highly esteemed. A great number of friends will sympathise with the family in their bereavement. The funeral will be held from his late home on Saturday, with service at 2.30 o'clock.

Mrs. Ellen Furningham.

The death of Mrs. Ellen Furningham occurred at Bathurst (N. B.), on Friday morning, Oct. 10. Althought she had been seriously ill during several weeks, death came unexpectedly. Her funeral took place from her late residence Sunday afternoon. The officiating priest was the Rev. Father Wheaten, pastor of the Sacred Heart Church. The church was draped for the services. The Libera, which was touchingly rendered was chanted by a full choir under the direction of Miss Emma Power, the organist. Interment took place in Sacred Heart cemetery. The pall-bearers were P. J. Burns, Henry White, Michael Power, James Power, Thomas Salter and Daniel Bradley.

Deceased leaves two daughters, Mrs. Henry J. Stamm, of Boston; Margaret, a professional nurse of Philadelphia, who nursed her during her illness, and Alexander, now residing at home.

William H. Downey.

Friday, Oct. 17.

The death of William H. Downey occurred yesterday at his late residence in Millidgeville avenue. Mr. Downey was unmarried and was a man of a quiet and retiring disposition, and was a lifelong resident of Millidgeville avenue. He was employed in the lime kiln of Purdy and Green, at Green Head, and was well known in the city. Mr. Downey is survived by four brothers, John J., Daniel, Timothy and Patrick, and two sisters, Mrs. James and Mrs. John Jeffreys, both of this city.

William S. Bonnell.

The death of William S. Bonnell, aged 73 years, occurred at his home, Greenwich Hill, Kings county, on Oct. 15, after a lingering illness of three years from cancer. Besides a widow he leaves one son and five daughters. The daughters are: Mrs. Walker Weldon, of Greenwich; Mrs. Roy Waters, of St. John; Mrs. Chas. York, of Somerville (Mass.); Florence, Amanda and Hartley, at home; also five grandchildren, four sisters and three brothers and a wide circle of friends. Mr. Bonnell has been a life long member and deacon of Westfield Baptist church.

Mrs. John Hardie.

Newcastle, N. B., Oct. 17—Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. John Hardie, in Ottawa, after a short illness. She was formerly Miss M. Mitchell, of Newcastle, and was in her seventy-ninth year. She was a sister of the late Hon. Peter Mitchell, also of Miss Jane Mitchell, of Newcastle, who is the only surviving member of the family.

Mrs. Margaret Bryson.

Rochester, N. H., Oct. 17—Mrs. Margaret Bryson, a native of St. John (N. B.), is dead at her late home, Saratoga street. Her death was sudden. Mrs. Bryson was born in St. John, but had lived in New Hampshire for a number of years. She leaves a son, Albert Bryson; a daughter, Mrs. Wm. Powers; two brothers, Thomas and John Foxx; several nieces, nephews and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Frank O'Leary.

Saturday, Oct. 18.

His many friends will sympathise with policeman Frank O'Leary in the loss of his wife, whose death occurred about noon yesterday after an illness of about four months, at their home, 41 Richmond street. She was very well liked by a great number of friends. Mrs. O'Leary, who was the daughter of Mrs. Mary and the late Patrick Walsh, is survived by her husband and mother, two brothers Leo and Charles Walsh, and four sisters, Mrs. M. Donovan, and the Misses Maymie, Gussie and Agnes, all of this city. The funeral will be tomorrow afternoon from her late home in Richmond street.

Jacob Shane.

Saturday, Oct. 18.

The death of Jacob Shane occurred at Brookville at an early hour this morning. Mr. Shane had been in good health up till a short time ago, but about three weeks ago became ill and passed away this morning. Mr. Shane has been in the clothing business for the last eighteen years, and was well known in St. John. The late Mr. Shane is survived by his wife, five small children, two brothers, in Montreal, and two sisters.

Mrs. Lena Bradley.

Monday, Oct. 19.

The death of Lena, widow of David Bradley, occurred yesterday morning at her home in Summer street. She had been ill for some time, and although her death came not altogether unexpectedly, it will cause regret among her numerous friends. She leaves to mourn, her mother, one son, Walter, and one brother, Fred Morrisey.

Mrs. Allan Fairweather.

Hampton Village, Oct. 18—The death occurred at 8.30 this morning at her home at Lower Norton, of Maggie, wife of Allan Fairweather. Mrs. Fairweather was in her 57th year. She had been ill since March. A husband and two sons—Lee and Hettley—survive. Miss Anne Cochrane is a sister.

WEDDINGS

Campbell-Pitt.

A wedding of interest to friends in St. John and vicinity was solemnized Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Greenwich Hill United Baptist church by Rev. L. Cosman, when Miss Elsie Irene Pitt, only daughter of Captain Charles Pitt, was united in marriage to Walter L. Campbell of Westfield. The church was beautifully decorated with asters and dahlias and other cut flowers. The bride, who was unattended, looked charming in a brown whipcord dress with pale blue satin trimmings, bridal veil and orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of white carnations, sweet peas and maiden hair fern. The bride and groom, who are very popular, received many handsome and useful presents. They will reside in St. John.

Richardson-Mugford

Friday, Oct. 17.

In the Mission church, Paradise Row, yesterday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock, the wedding of Wm. J. Richardson to Miss Mary Mugford will be solemnized by Rev. Father Collins. The bride will be given in marriage by A. P. Norman, and will be attended by Miss Sarah Richardson, while the groom will be supported by Charles H. Richardson. After the wedding, supper will be served at the home of the groom in Union street, and a reception held there this evening.

Miss Mugford will wear white duchesse satin with pearl trimmings. She will have a juliet cap and veil caught up with orange blossoms, and will carry a bouquet of bridal roses. The bridesmaid will wear pale blue chiffon trimmed with shadow lace, and will carry a bouquet of pink carnations. On the S. S. Calvin Austin this morning Mr. and Mrs. Richardson will leave for a honeymoon trip to Boston and New York. The bride's traveling costume is of blue whipcord with black beaver hat They were the recipients of many useful and costly remembrances from many friends.

Titus-Crandall

In the presence of relatives and a few guests, Clifford Alton Titus of Titusville, and Miss Ada Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crandall, of Nerepis station, were married at the home of the bride's parents on Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. The officiating clergyman was Rev. J. D. Wetmore of St. John. The bride, who was given away by her father, was prettily gowned in grey silk voile and carried a bouquet of carnations and maiden hair fern. Mr. and Mrs. Titus left on a wedding trip through New Brunswick and will make their home in St. John. The bride's traveling dress is of blue cheviot with hat to match.

Walsh-Connell

Friday, Oct. 17.

The wedding of Joseph Walsh to Miss Georgina Connell took place yesterday morning at 6.30 o'clock in the cathedral with nuptial mass. Rev. Wm. Duke officiated. Miss Mary McGee was bridesmaid and John Bent groomsman. The wedding was witnessed by several friends.

Metcalfe-Allen.

Newcastle, Oct. 17—The marriage of Miss Jean Florence Allan, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Allen, to Arthur Percy Metcalfe, of Moncton, took place at the bride's residence yesterday forenoon, the bride's uncle, Rev. W. A. Allen, of Canaan, Kent county, performing the ceremony. The couple were unattended. The bride was dressed in white charmeuse satin with ninon trimmings, made with train, and Juliet cap and veil. She carried a bouquet of white sweet peas and maiden hair fern. Miss Grace E. McCarran played the wedding march. Many presents were received by the young couple, who are very popular in the town. Mr. and Mrs. Metcalfe left for a wedding trip to Boston, New York and Washington, and on their return will reside in Moncton.

MacDougall-Mills.

Brighton, Mass., Oct. 10—A very pretty wedding took place Wednesday, October 8, at 661 Washington street, Brighton, when Miss Emma Dorothy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace S. Mills, of Berwick (Me.), was united in marriage to George Frederick MacDougall, son of William and Mary MacDougal, of Boston. Only the relatives and intimate friends being present. The ceremony took place in the evening and was performed by the Rev. James A. Francis, pastor of Clarendon street Baptist church. The room was tastefully decorated with autumn leaves and late garden flowers. They entered the parlor together as the wedding march was played, being preceded by little Miss Florence MacDougal, niece of the groom, carrying a basket of roses, and little Freddie Lyon, nephew of the groom, was the ring bearer and were the only attendants. The bride loked lovely, her dress was white silk crepe with overdress of lace. She carried bride's roses and valley lilies decorated her hair. A very pleasant informal reception was held and refreshments served. The gifts were numerous and costly silver and cut glass, with generous checks from the bride's parents. The young couple left later for a trip south and on their return they will reside at 661 Washington street, Brighton, in theri new home, where they will be pleased to see their friends after December 1.

CONDENSED NEWS, LOCAL AND GENERAL

Friends of James Lowell, of South Bay, who has been seriously ill recently, will be pleased to learn that his health is improving.

Twenty-one births, ten boys and 11 girls, were reported during the last week to Registrar J. B. Jones. Four marriages also were recorded.

The provincial board of examiners is to meet in the government building, St. John, on the 21st and 22nd, to grant certificates to stationary engineers.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Odbur Dumphy, Gibson, Wednesday, their daughter, Miss Amandy was united in marriage to Frank McElman, son of J. G. McElman, Gibson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. H. Ferguson.

Among the twenty-three Canadians to whom patents were granted during the last week, are F. P. McColl, of St. Andrews (N. B.), who has invented a can soldering machine, and Alex. McPherson, of New Glasgow (N. S.), who has taken out a patent for steam boilers.

The new shoe factory at St. Stephen has been completed, so far as the contractors's work is concerned, and is in every way substantial and well lighted and a very attractive work shop. The painters and plumbers come next and it is expected that the manufacture of shoes will commence about December 1st.

W. H. Miller of Campbellton, has purchased the J. D. Sowerby & Co.'s timber limits on the Escuminac and vicinity, some 53 miles. The price paid is said to be in the vicinity of $35,000.

William Vassie and Allen Thomas, accompanied by Henry C. Rankine have gone to the Nepisiquit woods on a hunting trip.

There is considerable talk of rebuilding the burnt district at Pticodiac with concrete. A delegation from that place was in Sussex last week, interviewing Mr. Goodliffe as to the cost of cement blocks and other matters in connection with the rebuilding They also inspected the Record office, W. B. McKay, Limited, new store. The Institute and other buildings, where cement blocks had been used in construction.

At the board of health offices last week twenty deaths were recorded from the following causes: Cholera infantum, three; paralysis and senility, two each; and inanition, cholecystitis, pericarditis, septicaemnia, chronic cystitis, heart disease, heart failure, acute nephritis, angina pectoris, bronchial asthma, accidental drowning, congenital syphilis and chronic nephritis, one each.

A largely attended meeting of the Melrose Black Fox Co., Ltd., was held last week at Dorchester (N. B.) The following officers were elected: President, Dr. J. M. Barry, St. John; secretary-treasurer, W. Frank Tait, Dorchester; general manager, Frank M. Barry, Melrose; directors, P. M. O'Neill, Dr. John M. Barry, J. H. O'Neill and C. H. Belliveau, W. Frank Tait, Charles A. Miller and Dr. Wendall V. Goodwin. It was reported at the meeting that two pairs of black foxes were already on the ranch at Melrose, one pair of Dalton stock and one of Oulton stock.

The west side scowmen who were brought to the city Thursday from Grand Manan by the government steamer Aberdeen are very thankful to Messrs. Parker, Avery, Thomas, Palmer and Robertson, of Whale Cove, and to Captain Dalton and the Marconi operator and officers of the Aberdeen and their gratitude for many kindnesses in hours of need is unspeakable. The rescued men, Leo McLaughlin, Edward McLaughlin, Charles Newcombe and Geo. Cripps, told The Telegraph on Friday they were particularly anxious to express their thanks through the newspaper.

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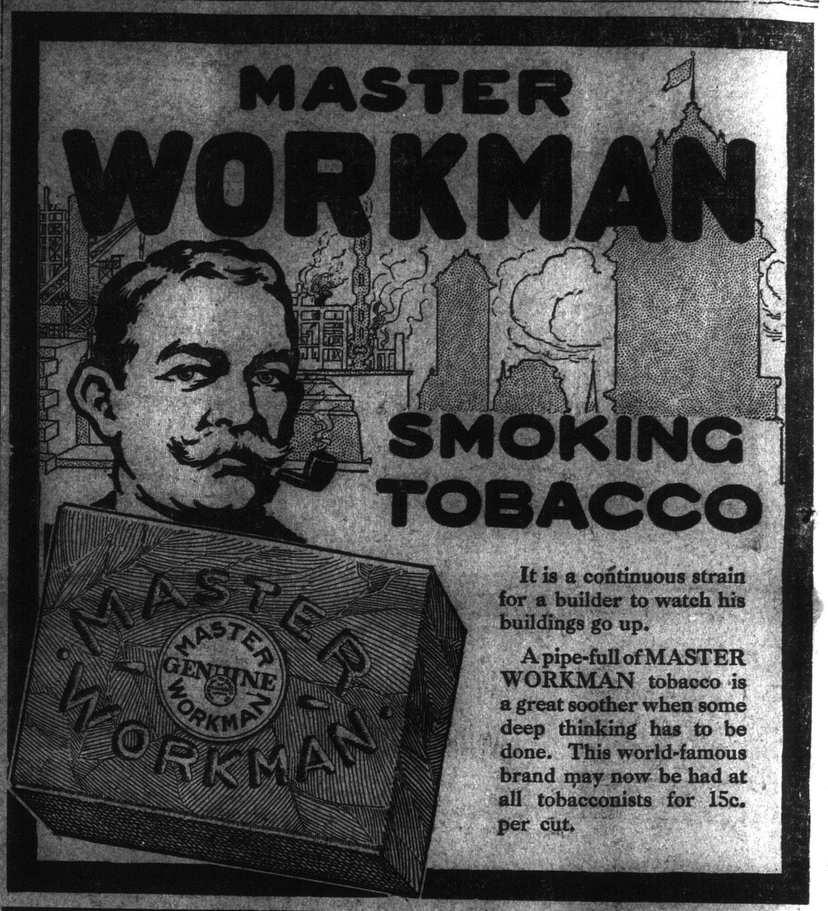
The people of St. John may rest assured that they have the sympathy of the greater part of the province in their efforts to prevent the ratification by the government of the contract between the C. P. R. and the I. C. R. management, under which the sailings of the winter mail boats have been arranged between Halifax and Liverpool, instead of between St. John and Liverpool, as originally projected.

[The Courier also makes a vigorous demand for the development of Charlotte county ports for winter steamship traffic.]

Woodstock Sentinel:—The regularity with which a wing of the tory press announces that F. B. Carvell is going to remove to the west is highly amusing. He seems to be the chief contributing cause of all the worries of the local tories. Any time, day or night, whenever no thought will present itself for newspaper comment the reckless Woodstock correspondent of the tory organs falls back on that dear, delightful wish, "if Carvell would only go west." Sensible tories have a better knowledge of Mr. Carvell's political make-up than to be taken in by the silly vaporings of this correspondent. Mr. Carvell will remain in the East and continue to represent Carleton county in the federal parliament.

Stillman Scott, a young man living at Moore's Mills, had an experience on Monday evening that he would not like repeated very often. Just at dusk he was in the woods between that place and Honeydale in search of game. He had been seated in a clump of alders for a few minutes and, on arising, was surprised by a bullet whizzing past him and not more than a foot away. He let out a very lusty shout of warning and the party who had fired the shot, evidently feeling that it was "no place for a nervous man," started on the run from the place, without waiting to see what damage he had done or if help was needed. Fortunately the young man was not injured and was able to make his way home, though considerably unnerved by the experience.—St. Croix Courier.

William Spear who has been employed on the I. C. R. for a period exceeding thirty-five years has been superannuated. He has been associated with the freight department as long as the oldest resident can recollect and during his period of service was always a faithful and obliging official. While the patrons of the freight house and the people generally will be glad to learn that he is going to enjoy a well earned rest, they will regret the removal from the service of such a polite and courteous public servant. Mr. and Mrs. Spear have just returned from a very pleasant trip over the I. C. R. to Montreal and Halifax, Sydney and St. John, and it is to be hoped that now that a period of rest has been allotted them that they may be spared for many years to enjoy life.—Kings County Record.



It is a continuous strain for a builder to watch his buildings go up.

A pipe-full of MASTER WORKMAN tobacco is a great soother when some deep thinking has to be done. This world-famous brand may now be had at all tobacconists for 15c. per cut.

The organization of the King Square Realty Company, Ltd., a local concern with authorized capital of $180,000, of which $91,200 has been issued, has been completed. At a meeting of the shareholders the following directors were elected: G. D. Wanamaker, R. M. Rive, H. A. Powell, K. C., Stanley E. Elkin, A. B. McLean, of Boston; William H. DeVeber and J. D. Williams. At a subsequent meeting of the directors Mr. Wanamaker was elected president, and R. M. Rive secretary-treasurer.

The company owns a freehold property of 160 feet frontage at King square, 100 feet deep, with another lot 50 by 70 in the rear. This includes also the Imperial Hotel building and the large double brick building also used for hotel purposes, with the Edward Hotel intervening on a lot owned by the Realty company, but under lease to the Hotel Edward. The company is spending $15,000 on improvements to the property.

TWENTY-EIGHT DEAD IN AERIAL HORROR

Berlin, Oct. 17—Twenty-eight persons were killed near Johannisthal today in the explosion and fall of Count Zeppelin's latest dirigible balloon, the "L-II."

The twenty-eight represented the entire personnel of the admiralty board, which was to conduct the final trial of the dirigible looking to its acceptance by the government as a new unit of the German aerial navy, the pilot and crew and invited guests. Every person that went aloft in the big airship is dead.

Twenty-seven of them were killed almost instantly, by the explosion of the gas in the balloon nets or burned to death as the flaming wreck fell to the ground from a height of 900 feet and enveloped them. One man, Lieut. Baron Von Bleul, of the Queen Augusta Grenadier Guards, a guest of the admiralty board, was extricated alive from the mass of twisted wreckage. His eyes were burned out and he suffered other terrible hurts. Begging his rescuers to kill him and end his sufferings, he was taken to a hospital, where he died tonight.

The "L-II" had it proved successful, would have been attached to the aerial corps of the navy, which after today's fatalities now has only two men trained to command airships.

The official report of the accident says the explosion was due to the ignition of gas in or above the forward gondola, but not within the body of the airship.

The navy was not the only sufferer three army officers were killed in areoplane flights, Capt. Haseler, Lieut. Kosh and Sergeant Mente.

Emperor William, in a telegram to the minister of marine, voices public sentiment concerning the accident by saying:

"The sorrow over what has happened, I am convinced, will only be a spur to renewed exertion to develop so important an aerial weapon into a trustworthy implement of war."

The newspapers reflect the emperor's belief that there should be no relaxation in the efforts to supply Germany with an adequate aerial fleet.

SUSSEX SCOTT ACT APPEALS BEFORE COURT

Hampton, N. B., Oct. 17—In the King's County Court last evening the jury in the land damage suit of McNair vs. Saunders, disagreed, and was dismissed.

This morning the Scott Act appeals cases were commenced. The first was that of Dr. McAlister, and this afternoon that of Dr. Pearson was on. The evidence of each was taken, as was that of the informer, a Norwegian lumberman. The appeals of others will be heard before judgments are given.

To make an oiled duster, cut cheese cloth the desired size, saturate it with whatever cleaning polishing oil you use, wrap the cloth in a compact bundle and leave it to saturate the entire piece of cloth.

Young chickens for broiling may be given a pleasant and unusual flavor by rubbing them on the inside with powdered ginger.

FIRE DAMAGE CASE IN KINGS CO. COURT

F. H. McNair Sues A. W. Saunders for Loss of Timber—Alleges Spark from Mill Started Blaze.

Hampton, Oct. 16—The Kings county court met this morning in adjourned session, Mr. Justice Jonah on the bench. The case of F. H. McNair against A. W. Saunders, for alleged damage to the plaintiff's timber land in the parish of Norton by fire caused by the defendant's portable mill, was taken up. G. W. Fowler, K. C., and R. St. J. Freeze are for the plaintiff, and D. Mullin, K. C., for the defendant.

The jurors are Geo. E. Stratton, W. W. Dole, Burpee Freeze, Thos. Gilliland and H. Clarke. The witnesses examined were Jeremiah Duffy, teamster; J. W. Davis, the lessee of the timber land; and John Jamieson, lumberman, who gave evidence as to the fire and its extent. The court then adjourned for dinner.

After dinner the evidence of the plaintiff, F. H. McNair, was taken as to the cause of the fire. He said that his loss was $400.

W. D. Turner testified as an expert as to the use of spark arresters in the smoke stack of portable mills.

F. M. Sproul, registrar of deeds, gave evidence of the property in question.

Mr. Mullin objected to the trial being brought in the county court, as its jurisdiction was limited to $200; also that the statute required the party claiming damages shall be in possession of the property at the time a suit is commenced and that the case should not be given to the jury because no evidence had been adduced showing negligence on the part of the defendant.

Mr. Fowler replied that the case had been brought in the county court to save expenses, and that the plaintiff, although damaged to the extent of $400, was only claiming $200, that the plaintiff was in possession of the property at the time the damages were done and that negligence had been shown in that after a fire had been put out in the morning no watch was kept at the dinner hour when the alleged damage was done.

His honor overruled the objections, and Mr. Mullin declined to call witnesses for the defence. Counsel then addressed the jury and they retired. No verdict has been rendered up to the time of wiring.

MARITIME HOME FOR DELINQUENT GIRLS PROPOSED

Halifax, Oct. 17—For some time past a movement has been on foot for the establishment of a Maritime Home for Girls, to which may be committed delinquent girls. Legislation has been secured from the dominion government providing for their commitment, and the legislatures of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island will contribute a per capita grant for each one committed.

In connection with the movement a business men's luncheon was held at the Y. M. C. A. here presided over by Lieut. Governor MacGregor. About thirty laymen and ministers representing the Protestant churches of the city were present, and a canvass of Halifax was considered. It was decided to proceed at once, and a committee consisting of A. M. Bell, (chairman), S. M. Brookfield, C. H. Mitchell, Allan Duffus, J. F. Fraser, D. Macgillivray, and others was appointed to solicit subscriptions in Halifax. The sum required here is $12,000. Other parts of the province will also be canvassed.

To remove varnish stains from white goods, moisten the stain with ammonia, put on a few drops of turpentine and roll it up for twenty minutes. Wash with soapy water, rinse and dry in the sun.

When garments of any kind are washed in gasoline, add a few drops of oil of cedar. The disagreeable odor will not be noticed.

GROWS PEARS AT WESTFIELD

E. R. Machum Has No Trouble in Raising Fruit of Fine Quality.

Friday, Oct 17.

As an indication of what can be done in this province in the line of pear growing, E. R. Machum yesterday morning brought down from his property in Westfield, some fine looking and excellent tasting pears, which were grown there.

Mr. Machum said that the pears grew without any particular attention and that they have been doing so for the last two years. When asked about the trees, he said they were there when he bought the farm two years ago, and fruit had been growing on them since. The pears which he brought to his office yesterday were plucked about a month ago. One of them he gave to a Telegraph reporter, and if he can be considered an authority on pastes, the flavor was delicious—equal to any of the pears placed on the market here, and a good deal better than most of them.

The conditions under which these pears were raised gives encouraging evidence of what is possible in this line in New Brunswick.

Mr. Machum added that he did not know whether other pear trees were to be found in Kings and St. John counties.

IN THE COURTS.

Judgment in Case of Senator Domville vs. Central Railway Company of Canada Means Suit Will Go On—Vancouver Case.

In the case of Senator James Domville vs The Central Railway Company of Canada, Mr. Justice McKeown gave judgment Saturday morning on the application of the defendant to set aside an order granting leave to issue a writ out of the jurisdiction. His Honor refused the application.

This means that the suit will be continued. The cause of action arose more than five years and less than six years before the writ was issued. The defendant contends that the action should have been brought in the province of Quebec. If brought in that province the statute of limitations would bar the action, it being more than five years old, whereas in this province the statute of limitations does not bar an action of this kind if brought within six years.

The suit is to recover $20,000, which, in 1907, the company of its own resolution decided to pay its president, the plaintiff in this case, out of the proceeds of a bond issue for services rendered on behalf of the company for three and a half years preceding that date. D. Mullin, K.C., is for the plaintiff, and F. R. Taylor for the defendant.

Will Take Evidence in New Brunswick.

Says the Vancouver World: Mr. Justice Morrison has granted an order for two commissions to take the evidence of the children of the late George W. McRae, of North Vancouver, who are disputing the right of the administratrix, Mrs. Caroline Emelia Weller, to act. It is claimed that she is not a sister of the deceased, and procured a caveat preventing her from proceeding with the administration. Mrs. Weller, however, claims that she can prove her relationship. It is for the purpose of obtaining evidence on this point that the commissioners were selected to take testimony from the children who reside in Ontario and New Brunswick.

Society a Marriage Market.

Conventional society in the ordinary American city is primarily a marriage market, though its leaderships are commonly sustained under motives of social ambition. It is an artificial thing, says the San Francisco Argonaut, and comes quite handily under the control of women who have the will and the means to organize galeties for other people. Any woman of tolerable breeding, sufficient energy, and plenty of money, who will maintain an open house, fill it with attractive women, maintain a continuing supply of terrapin and bid champagne to flow, may be a society leader.