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Harry Kaskey Sends In Entry For Indoor Skating Meet  
LIGHT, POWER RATES CUT MARCH 1

Winter Port Traffic Exceeds Last Season's

**SPEED KINGS TO ARRIVE ON MONDAY**  
Former National Champion Decides to Compete With Gorman at Arena.  
TICKETS GOING FAST  
Ice to be Cleared of Officials So Spectators Can See Skaters.

Coming To St. John For Meet Next Week



HARRY KASKEY  
D. J. Corr, secretary of the International indoor skating meet at the Arena, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights of next week, received word at noon today that Harry Kaskey, the Chicago flash, would be among the contestants. This is good news to the skating fans here.

**WANTS RADIO TO COPE WITH BANDITS**

Ontario Police Chief Says Epidemic is Reflex of That In U. S.  
Toronto, Feb. 23.—More modern equipment, including the radio, will have to be adopted to cope with the epidemic of motor bandit crimes which is a reflex of that prevalent in the U. S., says Chief Commissioner Gen. Victor Williams in the annual report of the Ontario Provincial Police, made public yesterday.

**Wire Briefs**

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Feb. 23.—A very strong earthquake shock was felt here last night. The populace was panic-stricken.  
Lethbridge, Feb. 23.—J. G. Meehan, a farmer northeast of Taber, has just finished double discing 35 acres of last spring's breaking.  
Ottawa, Feb. 23.—A verdict of suicide was returned last night by a coroner's jury which investigated the death of Charles Joe, a Chinese, whose body was found in the basement of a Hull cafe Thursday night.  
Winnipeg, Feb. 23.—The first organized steps in Manitoba to effect the completion of the Hudson Bay Railway were initiated here yesterday in the formation of the "on-to-the-bay" association, composed of leading citizens of Winnipeg.  
La Tuque, Que., Feb. 23.—Clydes Press, a school boy, son of Victor Press, ballist and forest ranger of this city, was accidentally killed yesterday when he jumped off a moving train and fell under the wheels.  
New York, Feb. 23.—A summons and complaint for \$1,100,000 damages was filed against Edward W. Bok, donor of the American peace ward, today by Frank Hendrick, a lawyer who was one of the more than 22,000 persons to submit peace plans in competition for a \$100,000 prize.

**EXPORTS SHOW 18 P. C. GAIN**  
Quantity of Goods Brought in Through St. John Declines Little.  
NET GAIN CHEERING  
Figures of C. P. R. Cargo Handling Up to End of January Given.

A net gain of 15 per cent. in the amount of goods passing through the port of St. John, up to January 31, this season, as compared with the same period of time for last season, is the cheering report of business of the C. P. R. This will prove good news for the citizens, many of whom were of the opinion that the shoe was on the other foot.  
Up to January 31 of 1923 the exports for the season were 138,666 tons, and for the same period this season they were 160,053 tons, a gain of 18 per cent.  
The imports for the same time last year were 48,915 tons, and this year they were 47,362 tons, a decrease of 8 per cent. Deduct this from the gain of 18 per cent. in exports and there is left a net gain of 10 per cent. in the volume of goods passing through the port for this season.  
These figures were given out by Commissioner Bullock. They were a part of the evidence placed before the Hon. J. H. King, minister of finance, by delegation in their case for additional facilities.

**McADOO DEMANDS GUILTY BE PUNISHED**

Says Shocking Revelations at Washington Show Life of Nation Involved.  
Washington, Feb. 23.—Wm. G. McAdoo, candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, returned here yesterday after testifying in the oil lease investigation at Washington breathing a demand that the "guilty must be brought to punishment."  
"The shocking revelations at Washington of betrayal of public interest must give profound concern to every lover of our institutions and to every patriotic American regardless of party," McAdoo said. "These transactions must be probed to the bottom and the guilty brought to punishment. This is not a question of party politics, it involves the life of the nation."  
"The duty of the Government is to punish those who are guilty of crime, and urge a more severe penalty for persons found unlawfully in possession of revolvers."

**MONTREAL CLOSES ITS WINTER SPORTS**

Miss Estelle Doray is Crowned Queen—A Successful Season.  
Montreal, Feb. 23.—The final scenes of the winter sports season in this city were staged on Dominion Square here last night. Snowshoers, skiers, floats carrying participants in costume, and many torches and colored lights made up the procession that paraded from the foot of the mountain to the square. Here, Miss Estelle Doray was crowned Queen of Winter Sports and prizes were awarded for ski and snowshoe costumes and the most original fancy costumes.  
The season which began January 22 is stated to have been very successful.

**PLAYS THE GAME**

Australia Disregards Cheaper Market, Buys Wire to Give Empire Preference.  
London, Feb. 23.—(Canadian Press Cable)—The Australian Government, following the policy of giving a preference to empire products, has placed a contract in England for wire for the commonwealth telegraphic service. The authorities say they could have obtained the wire thousands of pounds cheaper on the continent but they preferred to follow the policy of preference to the Empire.

**Everybody Wants Race Results**

Charles Gorman this afternoon is competing with the greatest skaters in the world at Lake Placid in the 400 yards and 3 mile races.  
Everybody wants to know how he will make out. Results may be obtained by ringing MAIN 2147. This office will be closed owing to Saturday evening being the only day in the week that the employees are not "on the job."  
However, the Times has arranged for information to be given out at MAIN 2147, where a member of the staff will be on hand.  
Returns will not be available in St. John until after four o'clock. Information, however, will be furnished to all who call MAIN 2147. Don't hesitate to call.

**LIBERALS MEET; NO REPORT ISSUED**

St. John Men at Moncton Session—North Shore Bid For Morrissey.  
"There is nothing to announce," this was the reply given by Premier Veniot over the long distance telephone this afternoon when asked by a Times reporter for details of a meeting of the Liberal party in Moncton this morning. The Premier declined to say whether the matter of changing the appointment of Hon. A. B. Copp, secretary of state, to the Senate, or of his own appointment as a member of the Federal cabinet had been considered at the meeting.  
Besides Hon. Mr. Copp and the Premier, others present included Hon. C. W. Robinson, minister of lands and forests, Hon. Dr. W. E. Foster, former member, and W. E. Scully, M. P. P., premier for St. John.  
Discussing the talk of changes in the local and Dominion governments, the North Shore Leader says:  
"A conference of the Liberal M. P.'s will be held at Moncton on Saturday, and it is rumored that an effort will be made to give Hon. A. B. Copp the Senatorship and run Premier Veniot in Westmorland for an important portfolio in the Federal Government."  
"Both Premier Veniot and Hon. Mr. Copp will realize that they cannot pull the wool over the eyes of the Liberal members of the North Shore. The Senatorship belongs to Northumberland, and no one in New Brunswick has a more just claim than Hon. Mr. Morrissey; and if he is not appointed to the vacant Senatorship Premier King, Hon. A. B. Copp and Premier Veniot will be made to realize that they do not constitute the Liberal party of New Brunswick."

**VOICE OF BUSINESS REACHES CHAMBER**

Demand Made on French Parliament to Cut Debate and Get to Action.  
Paris, Feb. 23.—Parliament has been asked to cut short debate on Premier Poincare's taxation plans to take an early vote on the Premier's programme. The request is contained in an open letter sent by the general Confederation of French Production, representing scores of industries and federations of business men.  
The letter says the fall in the value of the franc has revealed the peril of continuing with an unbalanced budget, and that as a result and in consequence of the proposed measures of the Premier are, the chief need is immediate action. Parliament is reminded in the letter that business must bear the burden and that therefore it ought to be listened to.

**Taking Up Matter Of Eight-Hour Day**

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—Dr. W. A. Riddell, research officer of the International Labor Organization of the League of Nations, and formerly of Toronto, is here in connection with his mission to have effect given to the labor convention adopted at labor conferences held under the league.  
The principal of these conventions, such as the 8-hour day, have been held to come under provincial rather than federal jurisdiction and Dr. Riddell is interviewing the various provincial authorities of the Dominion in this regard.

**Ex-Soldier Finds \$50 In Old Tree**

Ventura, Cal., Feb. 23.—Fortune smiled faintly on F. W. Barron, an Indiana ex-Canadian soldier, when he was cutting down an old pepper tree near here. As the tree fell he noticed a knot hole in one of the upper branches with a piece of decayed wood nailed across it. Pulling off the board, he caused a piece of old burlap to drop and with it a roll of bills, Barron found \$50, mostly of \$1 denomination and all of 1841 date.

**LINERS ARE DELAYED BY UNCERTAINTY**

Dockmen's Strike, Hanging Over Week-end, Brings Inconvenience.  
ENGINEER QUILTS  
Train Taking Luggage to London is Brought to Halt.

(By Canadian Press.)  
London, Feb. 23.—The dockmen's strike which is hanging over the week-end with no definite assurance of settlement as yet has caused serious inconvenience to the first class passengers from the liner Berengaria, which arrived at Southampton from New York at midnight.  
They are in London today without their baggage and without much hope of getting it despite the heroic efforts of the white collared baggage smashers who left their desks in the Cunard offices to unload it from the steamer to the baggage cars of the boat train for London.  
The train proceeded a hundred yards or so from the Southampton station when the engine refused to run it further until the three baggage cars had been detached because they had been loaded by non-union labor.  
Motor Cars Delayed.  
The steamer company planned to bring the baggage to London in lorries but the labor union officials at Southampton refused to allow the motor cars to enter the docks.  
The second class passengers of the Berengaria fared better. Because the emergency force of clerks from the offices devoted their attention to the saloon passengers of the liner the second class passengers had to take their own trunks from the steamer to the train, and the strikers did not object to this baggage being conveyed here.

**TO HONOR PIONEER OF OREGON TRAIL**

Will Erect Statue of Ezra Meeker, Now 93 Years of Age.  
Puyallup, Wash., Feb. 23.—Ezra Meeker, pioneer of the Oregon Trail, whose travels in the East with an ox team, especially down Michigan avenue, in 1842, contained the exodus of Americans to the Oregon territory, is to have a statue.  
The statue of Mr. Meeker in bronze is to be placed in Pioneer Park. The park includes a homestead that he settled when he came to the country from Iowa with his bride about the middle of the last century. Alonzo Victor Lewis, a Seattle sculptor, is making the monument.  
Mr. Meeker celebrated his ninety-third birthday December 30 last.

**Coast Guard to Help In Flight 'Round World**

Seattle, Feb. 23.—Partial plans of the U. S. coast guard to assist four planes of the United States army in a flight around the earth, on which they are to leave this city April 1, are announced by Capt. F. G. Dodge, division commander of the guard, with headquarters here. Two coast guard cutters are to help with the flight along the western Aleutian Island arc across to Japan, particularly in maintaining communication.  
The last two stops that the planes are expected to make in the Aleutians are Atka Island and Attu Island. Neither of these is accessible to any telegraph or cable or wireless station. Leaving Attu Island the planes must make a jump to the Kuril Islands, which form the northern tip of the Empire of Japan.

**May Bring Scotch Fishermen To B. C.**

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 23.—Details of a plan under which hundreds of hardy Scotch fishermen from the Hebrides would come to British Columbia to engage in the fishing business in the place of Orientals, have been laid before the Provincial Government by Capt. Ian MacKenzie, Liberal member of the legislature for Vancouver.  
The British Government would pay the cost of bringing the Hebrideans here, he said, and he suggested that the provincial authorities make arrangements for aiding the settlers to establish themselves on their arrival here.

Direct Descendant



William Henry Harrison as the ninth president lived in Washington, of course. Among his direct descendants still living in the capital is Miss Margaret Harrison (above), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Harrison. The beautiful young school girl is one of the most popular of the younger set.

**Dufferin, Resisting Workmen, Will Be Razed to Ground In a Few Days**

Contractor John Flood, who has been making such quick work of the old Dufferin property, told The Times-Star today that another two or three days will find the present building of the group level with the ground. This older structure with its old-fashioned masonry construction, has been resisting the demolishing crew stubbornly.  
Ornamental stonework constituting the first story of the old hotel will probably be removed in sections. It is merely a facing. The plate glass windows have nearly all been taken out and salvaged. Some old chimney bases and foundations are yet to be rooted out.  
When this last vestige of the landmark is razed visitors to the city will receive a shock on reaching the head of King street. It is hard to imagine this particular spot without its Dufferin. With Trinity square exposed to view—and incidentally the northern blast, — Imperial Theatre looming like a Noah's Ark in the gapping space, the whole aspect of the south side of the Square is changed.  
Excepting perhaps the Court House, St. John's Stone Church, the old Congregational church, Union street (now Pythian Castle)—and some corner buildings, the Dufferin has been one of the few structures to escape the ravages of the fire of 1877, and carry on to this date.  
An elderly citizen actively interested in St. John's advancement for more than half a century, gave it as his opinion today that the erection of the new Admiral Beatty Hotel on the Dufferin site will so influence the trend of business traffic that a few years may find the city developing in new directions.

**DOPE IMPORTS LESS**

Morphine Brought to Canada Cut Fifty Per Cent. in Year.  
Ottawa, Feb. 23.—A remarkable decrease in imports of cocaine and morphine into Canada during the last 12 months, as compared with the preceding 12 month period, is shown by figures just made public, imports of cocaine which totaled 3,765 ounces in the 12 months ended January 31, 1923, dropped to 1,661 ounces for the 12 month period ended January 31, last. Morphine which was imported to the extent of 11,134 ounces in the 12 months ended January, 1923, came in to the quantity of 7,839 ounces in the 12 months just ended.

**Rowell Is Guest At Rideau Hall**

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—(Canadian Press)—Hon. N. W. Rowell, president of the Privy Council in the Union Government is a guest of the Governor-General at Rideau Hall. Mr. Rowell's name has been associated with the proposed appointment of a Canadian Minister at Washington, but he says his present visit is unofficial.

**Fails to Break Alaska Record**

Dayton, O., Feb. 23.—Lieutenant John A. Macready yesterday failed in his second attempt in two months to set a new world's altitude record. He reached an actual altitude of 34,983 feet. The record is 36,553 feet, held by a French aviator, Sadi Lecointe.

**REDUCTION OF 17 TO 35 PER CENT.**

Power Co. Directors Announce Reductions for Residences and Plants  
SCHEDULE IS GIVEN  
Statement Also is Made Relative to Improvement in Gas Service.

A further reduction in the rates for electricity for domestic and commercial lighting and power was announced today by the directors of the New Brunswick Power Company. The new rates will go into effect on March 1.  
The new rates will effect a saving of from 17 to 35 per cent. in the average charges for residence lighting and a reduction of from 12 1/2 per cent. upwards in the charges for commercial lighting. The new power rates will be felt more particularly by small users, particularly those using 200 kilowatt hours a month or less, but the reduction will affect all those using electricity for power purposes.

The following is a comparison of the new rates with those now in effect:

Residence Lighting  
New Rates  
8 1/2c. a k.w.h.  
Service charge, 80 cents a month.  
Old Rates  
1st 25 k.w.h. at 9c.  
Next 25 k.w.h. at 8c.  
All additional at 7c.  
For example, those now consuming 30 k.w.h. a month in their homes, pay \$2.65; under the new rates the charge will be \$1.80. For 20 kilowatt hours, the present charge is \$1.80 and the new charge will be \$1.50.  
Commercial Lighting  
New Rates  
1st 200 k.w.h. at 7c.  
Next 200 k.w.h. at 6c.  
All additional at 5c.  
Old Rates  
1st 200 k.w.h. at 8c.  
Next 200 k.w.h. at 7c.  
Next 400 k.w.h. at 6c.  
All additional at 5c.  
Thus those who use 200 kilowatt hours or less will pay 12 1/2 per cent. less than at present, while the saving to those who consume greater amounts will increase according to consumption.  
Alternating Current Power  
New Rates  
First 500 k.w.h. a month at 5c.  
Next 500 k.w.h. a month at 4c.  
Next 1,000 k.w.h. a month at 3c.  
Next 3,000 k.w.h. a month at 2c.  
All additional k.w.h. at 2 1/2c.  
Old Rates  
First 200 k.w.h. a month at 8c.  
Next 300 k.w.h. a month at 7c.  
Next 500 k.w.h. a month at 6c.  
Next 1,000 k.w.h. a month at 5c.  
Next 3,000 k.w.h. a month at 4c.  
All additional k.w.h. at 2 1/2c.  
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**Embargo On B. C. Logs Is Opposed**

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 23.—Opposition to an embargo on British Columbia logs on the ground that it would force the camps in the province to close down an extra month each year in addition to the two months during which they usually close, was voiced by operators at the opening session of the federal pulpwood commission here yesterday. It was said the export of British Columbia logs provided only about one week's supply for U. S. mills but that if the export of the province was stopped many operators would be forced out of business.

**Eight Year Old Is On Long Journey**

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 23.—On board the White Star liner Pittsburg when she docked here yesterday, was Peter Barnes, a bright English lad of eight years, who is traveling alone from the home of his uncle and grandparents at Birmingham, Eng., to the home of his mother in Vancouver.

Below zero