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ANNEX TO HIGH SCHOOL BEING CONSIDERED

9 MORE ROOMS PLANNED SAYS HEAD OF BOARD

Announcement Is Feature of High School Closing Today

UNUSUAL ESSAY

Miss Eleanor Chaisson Lauded At Exercises in St. Vincent's School

A STATEMENT by Dr. L. M. Curran, chairman of the Board of School Trustees, that the board had under consideration the building of an annex to the present high school to give nine more rooms, and a rather unusual essay of George Buckley, of Grade 11, in which he described some of the Christmas presents he would give to Saint John, Maritime Provinces and Canada, were the features of the high school closing this morning.

St. Vincent's Girls' High School proceedings were marked by eulogies of Miss Eleanor Chaisson, winner of several high awards.

The paper of Mr. Buckley showed that he had been giving careful study to the problems of the city, and possible solutions. The chairman of the School Board made appreciative reference to the work of W. C. Bowring, who for many years has been the leader of the High School orchestra, and J. P. Browne, musical instructor in the schools.

GIFTS FOR SAINT JOHN.

In his essay on "Santa Claus in the World," Master Buckley named some of the things he would give for Christmas presents to the city.

Among these he named new industries, a fair share of the grain shipments, a fair share of the city's business, a new railway station and a new high school.

FOR MARITIMES.

To the Maritime Provinces he would give an additional 1,000,000 population and largely increased tourist traffic with the necessary hotels and steamers to accommodate them.

To the Dominion as a whole he would give several more million people made up of bringing back those who were going to the United States and selected immigration from Europe.

To the C. N. R. he would give a few dollars surplus, he would give a national debt and to one of the other of the political leaders he would give a clear majority in parliament.

To the work of the League of Nations.

OVERCROWDING.

In calling on the chairman of the School Board to take charge of the part of the program calling for the presentation of prizes, W. J. S. Miles said this was the first time that the school had met in the assembly hall, on account of it being used for eleven weeks by Grade 12 as a class room.

All departments, he said, were overcrowded and unless there was a large number of pupils and the parents to the closing.

PRIZES PRESENTED.

He then called on A. P. Blake, manager of the Atlantic Sugar Refinery to present the prize of the Portmouthe Club for English in Grade 12 to Ambrose McGourty.

The Emma Pike memorial prize of \$50 for best marks in French was won by Miss June Isabel Currier. This was presented by Mrs. Silas Alward to Miss Currier's brother, the winner being a student at Queen's University.

The Governor-General's medal for Grade 10, won by Donald Fraser, was presented by Rev. J. S. Bonnell.

The High School Alumnae medal for Grade 9 was won by Mary Gray and presented to her by Mrs. Margaret Lawrence.

PREMIER SPEAKS.

The chairman next called on Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Premier of the province, to present to Donald Jones the Lieutenant-Governor's medal for highest marks in Saint John county in the high school entrance examinations.

The Premier said he wished to say a few words, though not for the prize winners but on behalf of those who had not won, some of them through no fault of their own. He said that in future years to consider the man and woman who failed and extend to them the helping hand. He then called Master Jones to the front and presented the medal to him.

The chairman's medal for best marks in the city in the high school entrance was also presented to Master Jones, Dr. L. M. Curran officiating.

During the exercise carols sung by the pupils of the high school and selected by the orchestra were much enjoyed.

AT ST. VINCENT'S.

The Saint Vincent's High School closing exercises, which were held in the parlors of the convent build-

Industries Offer To Back 10 Billion Franc Loan to Aid French Recovery

After Wandering For 41 Years, Ont. Man Returns to Family; Learns of \$60,000 Legacy

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—How Percy Booth Risley, estranged from his family for 41 years while he roamed half way around the world, and settled as a blacksmith in the little Ontario country village of Leply, a short distance east of Toronto, to be reunited with his brothers and sisters, and came into possession of a fortune of \$60,000 which waited him for years, has just been learned by the wanderer.

Two months ago, while doing some work on the farm of Mrs. Mills, at Leaskdale, Ont., the latter commented on the similarity to Risley's name and that of two Barnardo boys she had raised. The name of one of the boys had been published, she said, in connection with his winning a prize from a journal in a drawing competition, and Mrs. Ockerman of Milton, had written her to ascertain if he was her missing brother.

Last Thursday Mr. Risley met Mrs. Ockerman at her home near Milton. Another sister, Mrs. W. Bonfield, who lives on the next concession to Mrs. Ockerman, was present at the reunion. Together they told him of the money that had been left to him, by relatives of his mother, and to his sister Maude, who died a spinster eight years ago. The money would total \$60,000, they said.

With Mrs. Ockerman, Mr. Risley then went to meet his only brother Joseph, who runs a dairy farm at Niagara Falls, Ont. Thus he has been reunited with every living member of his family, except one sister, Clara, who is in North Dakota.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—The United Mine Workers are preparing for a finish fight with the anthracite operators, in the words of John L. Lewis, president of the union, while the operators, he says, are ready to spend \$1,000,000,000 to crush the men's organization.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—The year ending November 30, 1924, gave exports of \$1,220,000,000 and imports of \$740,000,000—a favorable balance of \$480,000,000.

U. M. W. OUT FOR FINISH FIGHT IN PENNSYLVANIA

Lewis Expects Strike to Last Till Fall of 1926

FUNDS PROVIDED

Declares Operators Ready To Spend Billion to Crush Unions

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PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—At the third annual rural conference of the diocese of Antigonish held here yesterday, it was decided to establish a school for teachers during the year valued at \$100 each at the winter farms, college of agriculture, for the young farmers of Eastern Nova Scotia.

Says Communistic Sympathy In Navy

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Westminster Gazette's correspondent at Plymouth asserts that Communistic sympathies exist among the seamen of the Royal Navy.

OLDEST HORSE DEAD.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—"Old Bill," 57, and said to be the dean of all horses in creation, dropped dead in harness on John C. Sanders' farm yesterday.

STOCKING FUND CLIMBS TOWARDS \$2,500 MARK

Children Contribute Savings to Make Others Happy at Christmas—Skating Meet Proceeds are Added to Amounts Received.

WITH Christmas just one week away, generous donors to The Times-Star Empty Stocking Fund have boosted the total today to \$2,258.73.

THE FUND TODAY. Previously acknowledged \$2,088.08. Primary Class, Welsford United Church 3.03. Miss Plumpton 2.00. Ealey Co. 6.00. Two Little Boys 1.00. City Staff, Canada Life Assurance Co. 11.00. F. T. Leroy 5.00. Electric and Eastern Electric Co. 14.75. Friend 1.00. Lover of Kiddies 1.00. C. V. and D. 2.00. City Wet Wash Laundry 4.00. Mrs. J. Robert 1.00. Friend, St. Stephen 5.00. Children, New Deamark School 3.50. F. T. Leroy 2.00. T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd. 10.00. Friend 1.00. Clerical Bowling League 10.35. Skating Meet 8.35. N. B. Friend in Massachusetts 2.00. Total \$2,258.73.

Going To Europe



HON. GEORGE FORBES DEAD AT AGE OF 84

For Thirteen Years Was Member of P. E. I. Executive Council

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Dec. 18.—Hon. George Forbes, Vernon River, died yesterday afternoon, following an attack of pneumonia. Born November 23, 1840, Hon. Mr. Forbes entered politics in 1886, and represented his district in the local house of assembly until 1890, as a Liberal. He was 18 years a member of the executive council, and was widely known as a successful business man and farmer.

ST. LEONARD MAN MAKES ASSIGNMENT

Camille Nadeau Has Assets of \$5,300 and Liabilities Are \$16,035

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES-STAR. FREDERICTON, Dec. 18.—A petition of Camille Nadeau, of St. Leonard, to be declared bankrupt, was filed in the court yesterday.

TROOPS IN N. S. STRIKE COST PROVINCE \$134,000

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 18.—The sum of \$134,000 is the amount the government of Nova Scotia has been asked to pay the department of National Defence at Ottawa, as a result of the sending of troops to Cape Breton, during the strike disturbance of last June.

Mrs. Annie Duffy Dead in Ormotto

FREDERICTON, Dec. 18.—Annie Duffy, wife of Frederick Duffy, of Ormotto, died here early this morning, aged 45.

PLAN QUEBEC VISIT

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask., Dec. 18.—With the primary intentions of strengthening the bonds of friendship, encouraging development of the west, and promoting better understanding between Eastern and Western Canada, the Association Catholique Franco-Canadienne, has organized an excursion from the prairies to St. Anne De Beaupre, in Quebec.

SCHOOL CLOSING

DETAILED programmes in connection with the closing of the city schools will be found on page 15 of today's issue.

FOUR KIDDIES BURN TO DEATH IN MASS. FIRE

Mother and Baby Are Carried from Burning Dwelling

BOTH BADLY HURT

Dead Children Were Trapped in Rooms and Could Not Be Reached

UNITED PRESS. HOLBEN, Mass., Dec. 18.—Four children were burned to death and their mother and a year-old baby were fatally burned early today, when the home of John J. Hoey was destroyed by fire at Dawson, a mile south of here.

SHIPMENT OF FISH FROM B. C. RECORD

Forty-three Cars Leave Prince Rupert For Eastern Canada and U. S.

PRINCE RUPERT, B. C., Dec. 18.—The largest single shipment of fish ever to leave this port, was dispatched yesterday, when a special train of 43 cars left for Eastern Canada and the United States.

YORK AND SUNBURY TEACHERS ELECT

SPECIAL TO THE TIMES-STAR. FREDERICTON, Dec. 18.—The York and Sunbury Teachers' Institute this morning elected officers as follows: President, G. B. Miller, Fredericton; Vice-President, Miss Mary Gramann, Devon; Secretary, G. E. Page. Additional members of executive, H. H. Stewart, Fredericton; Junction; J. West Smith, Ormotto; Esther Manzer, Ruslingorish.

THUG GET \$10,000.

DOWS, Iowa, Dec. 18.—Making captives of the town marshal, the telephone operator and the railroad operator and severing all wire communication with other towns, half a dozen bank robbers invaded this village early today, wrecked the safe of the State Bank of Iowa and escaped with cash and bonds amounting to \$8,000 or \$10,000.

OTTAWA BARBERS COMPLAIN

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Officials of the local Barbers' Union are protesting to the city council against the proposed plan to allow to remain open after seven o'clock. They urge that beauty parlors are "barber shops" and should be forced to observe the early closing by-laws.

BORDEAUX EXCHANGE BURNS

BORDEAUX, France, Dec. 18.—The stock exchange, one of France's architectural marvels, was destroyed by fire last night. The damage is estimated at more than ten million francs.

TY COBB 39 TODAY

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 18.—Ty Cobb celebrated his 39th birthday quietly among friends at his home here today.

ITALY'S DOWAGER HOLDS OWN

BORDIGHERA, Italy, Dec. 18.—A bulletin issued today concerning the condition of Queen Mother Margherita says she passed a fairly restful night with no change in the pleural pneumonia in the right lung. Her temperature at midnight registered a maximum of 101.2.

EQUALITY OF HUSBAND AND WIFE AGREED IN TURKISH WEDDING

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The first civil marriage in Turkey, that of a Turkish school mistress and a government official, took place yesterday at Eski Shehr, says a despatch from Constantinople to the Daily Mail.

PLEADS TOLERANCE



World News In Short Metre

BUCHAREST.—A settlement of Rumania's war debt to Great Britain is expected to follow quickly the settlement of the Rumanian debt to the United States.

BERLIN.—E. Kaldorf and Werner Lorenz were formally charged yesterday with plotting the assassination of Foreign Minister Stresemann.

COPENHAGEN.—The Japanese steamer Tsuruga Maru, bound for Copenhagen from Japan, stranded last night on the Danish coast. Part of the vessel's cargo consists of airplanes.

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NEW YORK.—Gold coins to the value of \$16,000,000 will be distributed in Christmas gifts by employers and individuals in New York, judging from the withdrawals already made from the vaults of the Federal Reserve Bank.

REGINA.—Amalgamation of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company with the wheat pool was turned down at the annual meeting of the "Co-op," shareholders here yesterday. The meeting decided to defer the question of the sale of its facilities to the wheat pool.

MEIGHEN VISITS OWN CONSTITUENCY

Declares Government Holding Office For No Apparent Reason

ERIKSDALE, Man., Dec. 18.—Declaring that no political significance need be attached to his visit to Portage La Prairie, that his visit was simply to meet his constituents, and particularly those who had worked so hard to make his candidature in the recent election a success, Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader, last night spoke briefly to several hundred citizens here, and surrounding districts.

THE present government was hanging on to office for reasons best known to themselves, Mr. Meighen said, but patience was a virtue, and that the Conservatives were not without virtue.

THE occasion was the adjourned debate on a bill introduced to amend the summary convictions act for the purpose of awarding a jury trial in the case of appeals against summary convictions.

Labor, provincial and independent members, who hitherto have voted consistently with the government, sided with the opposition, the amendment being approved 24 to 23. The government, through Hon. Mr. Mansson, Attorney-General, had opposed the bill.

TEN PERCENT TURNOVER LEVY IS PROPOSED

President and Premier Are Impressed By Plan

FRANC IMPROVES

Capitalization of Tobacco Monopoly For 25 Million Francs Suggested

PARIS, Dec. 18.—A loan of ten billion francs, floated in France and abroad, the interest and amortization of which would be guaranteed by a 10 per cent. levy on contribution on the amount of the business turnover of all the great French industries, is proposed by the industrialists of Lille, Roubaix and Tourcoing as a solution of the financial situation.

The loan would form the basis of an autonomous amortization fund under government control. The plan is said to have greatly impressed President Doumergue, Premier Briand and Finance Minister Doumer, to whom it has been explained, and conferences between the industrialists and the finance minister, are to continue.

TOBACCO MONOPOLY.

A bill of capitalization of the tobacco monopoly to the amount of twenty-five billion francs, is being introduced in the Chamber of Deputies this afternoon. It is a socialistic measure sponsored by Vincent Auriol, and is meeting with much support from the other groups.

Stock lending five per cent. interest would be issued. Ten billion francs of this would be reserved for bearers of national defence bonds, ten billion for holders of French rentes or other state bonds, and five billion for fresh money. Four billion francs of the fresh money would immediately be turned over to the state as the nucleus of an amortization fund.

FRANC IMPROVES.

Both this solution and that proposed by the industrialists, have been received enthusiastically on the hour. One result was seen today when the franc, which opened at 27.53, to the dollar, rose to 27.61.

B. C. GOVERNMENT BEATEN IN HOUSE

Vote is Unimportant One, However; Was Opposed by Attorney-General

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 18.—The government was defeated on a minor division in the British Columbia House yesterday, but the vote was an unimportant one.

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THE WEATHER

SYNOPSIS.—Pressure is now highest over the Southern States and far northern Canada, and lowest over British Columbia, and the Gulf of St. Lawrence. The weather continues mild in Southern Alberta, elsewhere moderately cold.

SNOW FLURRIES.

MARITIME.—Fresh westerly winds, mostly fair today and Saturday, snow flurries, not much change in temperature.

NEW ENGLAND.—Fair to night and Saturday, little change in temperature, fresh to strong westerly winds.

TEMPERATURES.

TORONTO, Dec. 18, 1925. Lovest Highest during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. yesterday night

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Rows include Victoria, Calgary, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, St. John, Halifax, New York.