

### BIG DEAL IN SACKVILLE

Canada Stone Co., Ltd., of Montreal Takes Over Sackville Freestone Company, Ltd.

Special to The Standard. Sackville, N. B., Dec. 16.—An interesting and well-authenticated rumor was in circulation around town today. It was to the effect that the Canada Stone Co., Ltd., of Montreal, a concern capitalized under Dominion charter at a million dollars for the purpose of operating the quarries throughout Canada, had taken over or absorbed the Sackville Freestone Company, Ltd., of this town. The Montreal concern is composed of leading business men, the majority of whom are largely interested in the transportation of materials and who were quick to grasp the opportunities offered. It is further understood that the Canada Stone Co. will likely take over other quarries in the lower provinces and other parts of Canada, in fact during the past season, Charles Pickard, manager of the Sackville Freestone Co., Ltd., and his brother, T. D. Pickard, of Vancouver, have secured control of three Nova Scotia quarries and two quarries in Northumberland county and are negotiating other purchases for this company. The Sackville Freestone Co. is undoubtedly one of the most valuable freestone quarries in these provinces. This move will certainly operate to the advantage of the Sackville concern on probably a more extensive scale than heretofore. It has been employing a large number of men during the past few years and has been shipping the products not only to the Maritime Provinces but to Quebec and Ontario as well.

### NAVAL DEBATE GOES OVER TO NEW YEAR

Continued from page 1. The Bank Act. Proposals with regard to a revision of the Bank Act will be laid before the Commons tomorrow by Hon. Mr. White, minister of finance. Additional safeguards in connection with the organization of new banks, with special provisions protecting the interests of subscribers in cases where the provisional directors fail to launch a bank effectually will be a special feature of the revision. This is found necessary in view of past experiences with certain banks that have become defunct. There will also be provisions enabling banks with fifty dollar shares to convert their capital into one hundred dollar shares. The object of this is the securing of uniformity among the banks. It is anticipated that the revision will demand a more elaborate annual statement or a balance sheet to be submitted by the directors to the shareholders at the annual general meeting. As has already been understood, there will be a provision for a compulsory shareholders' audit, and a special examination by the shareholders' auditor. This would be done at the request of the minister of finance, when he would wish it. Power to a bank in addition to their present power, to issue notes will also be given to issue also against gold specially deposited as security and as a guarantee of redemption. The interests of the farmers, it is understood, will be carefully supervised in the future and the consent of the Minister of Finance will have to be obtained before an agreement can be entered into between banks for the purchase of assets by one from the other. It is understood that these will be provisions that any director of bank, officer or auditor, will be liable to indictment who negligently prescribes, signs or approves of any return respecting the affairs of the bank which contains any false or misleading statements. This is in addition to the present liability which may be incurred for making wilfully false statements or returns. Mr. Stevens dealt effectively with the record of the Laurier government on the subject. It had rejected the original request of the Admiralty for assistance, and had asked it to draw up a plan under which a small amount of money could be spent. On the constitutional issue he welcomed the step taken towards imperial organization, and denied that Canadian autonomy would be endangered. Mr. Sinclair followed, speaking until 11.45 p. m. In the course of his speech he admitted that it would be impossible to build Dreadnoughts in Canada, and that they must be built in England. Mr. Ames moved the adjournment of the debate.

\*\*\*\*\* THE WEATHER. \*\*\*\*\* Maritime—Northwesterly gales; clearing and colder with snow flurries. Toronto, Dec. 16.—Since last night an energetic disturbance has developed off the northeast coast, and has moved in the Maritime Provinces accompanied by gales. Another pronounced depression is situated over Iowa this evening and promises stormy conditions in the Lake region. Cold weather has set in over northern Ontario and in Quebec. Min. Max. Ailsa .. 22 .. 38 Prince Rupert .. 26 .. 30 Que Appelle .. 10 .. 22 Winnipeg .. 20 .. 22 Victoria .. 42 .. 48 Vancouver .. 35 .. 42 Edmonton .. 18 .. 24 Battleford .. 12 .. 28 Calgary .. 14 .. 28 Montreal .. 18 .. 24 Quebec .. 28 .. 34 St. John .. 35 .. 48 Halifax .. 32 .. 48 \*\*\*\*\*

### UNITED STATES MAY BE ASKED TO SETTLE IT

Washington Has Heard from London that Action Along this Line May be Suggested. Washington, Dec. 16.—In regard to reports from London that the United States is being considered as a possible mediator in the negotiations between the Balkan allies and the Turkish government, to bring about a settlement of the war. It was stated here tonight that not since the actual outbreak of hostilities has this subject seriously engaged the attention of the officials in Washington. For several weeks before the final rupture came it is reported, there were suggestions emanating generally from European sources and understood to be cautious feelers thrown out from European chancelleries, that as America occupied a singularly fortunate position in the Balkan dispute in being absolutely free of any interest in the outcome, President Taft might add to the lustre of his administration by proffering the good offices of the United States to prevent the impending war. The suggestions, it is stated, were not favorably received in Washington, because they lacked the one element necessary to set in motion the machinery of mediation—an assurance that both parties to the controversy were willing to ask for it. With the beginning of the present war, according to reports in state department circles, all idea of mediation on the part of the United States was dismissed and that the plenipotentiaries now in London have broached this subject, has caused general surprise.

### ATTEMPTED TO LYNCH JUDICIAL COMMISSIONERS

Lima, Peru, Dec. 16.—An attempt was made yesterday by the populace of Putumayo to lynch the two judicial commissioners, Senor Valencel and Dr. Romulo Parades, who were appointed by the Peruvian government to investigate the atrocities of the rubber fields made public by Sir Roger Casement, British consul general. The commissioners have appealed to President Billinghurst for protection.

### AMUNDSEN DECORATED WITH LEGION OF HONOR

Paris, Dec. 16.—President Fallieres today received Captain Roald Amundsen, the pole explorer, and handed to him the insignia of grand officer of the Legion of Honor. A decoration in honor of Captain Amundsen was given at the City Hall, and in the evening Amundsen delivered a lecture before a distinguished gathering. At its conclusion Prince Bonaparte presented to him the grand gold medal of the Geographical Society.

### HALIFAX WILL BE IN LEAGUE

Will Have Two Teams in Hockey League and Look Forward to Having St. John Next Year.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Dec. 16.—The M. P. P. A. will not break up. Halifax will be in the fight with two strong teams. The differences have been smoothed over. The Halifax Arena Company today decided to meet the demands of Sydney Moncton and New Glasgow, but instead of the visiting team making percentages of the gross receipts, the two latter mentioned clubs will be allowed a certain stipulated amount each for their games in this city. Under this arrangement, Sydney self-sustaining, as its club is, and in that regard level with Halifax, will be content with its own gate and to make whatever arrangements with New Glasgow and Moncton it sees fit. That, in a nutshell, is the way the matter now stands. But the Arena company will make it clearly understood that for this season alone will they grant such concessions. Next season Moncton will have its own arena and will be in with a new arena as well as Sydney will be on her feet, a six team schedule will be possible, to be worked out smooth and all the clubs should be self-sustaining.

### URGENT CANDIDACY ON LEON BOURGEOIS

Paris, Dec. 16.—A republican majority is doing its utmost to prevail upon Leon Bourgeois, the former Premier, to stand as candidate for the presidency of the republic. They are hopeful of success, but in the event that his refusal is definitive an urgent invitation will be extended to Raymond Poincare, the Premier, to accept the candidacy.

### AUSTRIAN CHARGES PROVED FALSE

Vienna, Dec. 16.—The official report of special delegate who investigated the charges that the Servians mistreated Austrian Consul Prochaska at Prised, declares the charges are trivial and that they should cause no friction between Serbia and Austria. This practically ends a serious cause for tension between the two countries.

### LATE SHIPPING

Arrivals. New York—Schr Abbie C Stubbs, St John; Itaaka, Gold River; Moonlight, Calais. Cape Henry—Schr Edda, Cheverie, N. S. Boston—Schr William D Marvel, Hantsport, N. S. Departures. Dec. 16.—Arrived—Schr Levuka, Orville, St John with merchandise; Glyndon, Sabean, Windsor. Cleared—Schr Glyndon, Sabean, Port Williams with 173 tons coal. Amt (severely)—Why do you flirt? Can't you remember that you are a married woman? From the Boston Transcript.

### BUSINESS IS BETTER THAN LAST YEAR

Bank Clearings Show Much More Activity Now Than in Same Month One Year Ago.

The condition of business in St. John, as indicated by the bank clearings, shows a great deal more activity at present than this time last year. According to the latest report of the Canadian clearing houses, St. John's bank clearings show a gain of 16.2 per cent, over the corresponding week last year. On the other hand the bank clearings for Halifax showed no gain; in fact there was a slight reduction of 0.3 per cent. The greatest gain was shown by Fort William, 79 per cent, with Moose Jav next, with 66.6 p. c. St. John's gain was greater than that of Vancouver, and about the same as the gains of Montreal and Toronto, which were 16.9 and 17.3 per cent, respectively.

### A LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Once the Christ-child was wandering in the forest. It was bitterly cold. The forest was dense and lonely, and night was coming on. By and by as he wandered he saw a tiny light glimmering through the pine trees. As he followed its beckoning ray it led him to the door of a poor forester's cottage. Although the forester was poor, he had a kind, loving heart and was always pitiful to those in distress. The little Christ-child, in the guise of a beggar, knocked at the door and begged for shelter from the rather insupportable cold. The forester, seeing only a humble beggar, felt pity for the poor wanderer and took him in and gave him food and warm comfort. Suddenly the poor guest changed into a beautifully shining vision and the forester gazed in wonder and joy into the face of the Holy Christ-child. There was a sprig of green on the mantel, for it was Christmas time. The Christ-child took the sprig in his hand and planted it beside the cottage door. Then he vanished from their sight. The little twig grew to be a beautiful evergreen tree that very night, and ever after, every Christmas Day, it bore presents for all the family.

### TERRIFIED TOMMY

William J. Burns, in an interview on the Rosenthal case in New York, said of a detective who failed: "He got his analogies wrong. He was like little Tommy. "Little Tommy, at the 'movies' saw a tribe of Indians painting their faces and asked his mother the significance of this. "Indians," said his mother, "always paint their faces before going on the warpath—before scalping, and tomahawking and murdering." "So you are the lady's maid?" began the relentless barrister. "Yes sir." "And where were you at seven o'clock on the evening in question?" "I was in my lady's room, sir." "For what purpose?" "I was dressing my lady's hair, sir." The barrister leaned forward, and spoke slowly and impressively. "Now, think," he said, "I want you to be very careful in answering this question. Was or was not your mistress in the room at the time?" According to Teaching. Minister—Now, Elmer, can you tell me what a gentleman is? Little Elmer—Yes, sir. He's a grown-up boy that used to mind his mother.—From the Chicago News.

### BANKER REFUSES TO GIVE EVIDENCE AT INVESTIGATION

Adjournment of Money Trust Enquiry Necessary—Will Carry Matter to Speaker of House for Settlement.

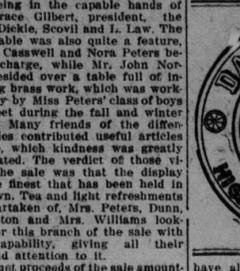
Washington, Dec. 16.—The refusal today of Frederick Lewisohn of the banking firm of Lewisohn Bros., New York, to make a statement as to the profit made by a syndicate formed to float the stock of the California Petroleum Company, forced an adjournment of the house money trust committee. The committee adjourned until tomorrow to allow Mr. Lewisohn to confer with his counsel Martin Vogel as to answering the question. If Mr. Lewisohn declines to answer the question when the committee meets tomorrow, the committee has the power to take the case to the Speaker of the house, who may certify the record to the District Attorney for the District of Columbia. It would be his duty to take the matter before the grand jury and ask for an indictment for contempt of the house, which is punishable by imprisonment.

### CHURCH SALE AT GAGETOWN

Gagetown, Dec. 13.—The ladies of St. John's church held their annual Christmas sale of work in the Temperance Hall, last Wednesday afternoon and evening. The weather was delightfully fine and a large number of buyers were able to visit the sale and make their purchases. The Woman's Aid table was in charge of Mrs. Smith, president, and Mrs. Casswell and Miss Peters, the senior branch table being in the capable hands of Miss Grace Gilbert, president. The candy table was also quite a feature, Miss F. Casswell and Nora Peters being in charge, while Mr. John Norwood presided over a table full of interesting brass work, which was worked solely by Miss Peters' class of boys who meet during the fall and winter months. Many friends of the different ladies contributed useful articles for sale, which kindness was greatly appreciated. The verdict of those visiting the sale was that the display was the finest that has been held in Gagetown. Tea and light refreshments were partaken of Mrs. Peters, Dunn, L. Weston and Mrs. Williams looking after this branch of the sale with great capability, giving all their time and attention to it. The net proceeds of the sale amounted to about \$120. This amount is the ladies' contribution towards keeping the church and rectory in good order. The county jail and offices through the energies of Sheriff Williams have now been completely furnished with a fine heating apparatus, the hot air system having been introduced. The worthy sheriff since taking over his office has certainly proved himself a very efficient officer, this fact is admitted from all quarters of Queens County. Besides being so effectually heated the sanitary arrangements

### DIED.

BOYCE—In this city on the 15th inst., Daniel B. youngest son of John E. and Annie Boyce, aged 3 years. Funeral Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, from 35 Chesley Street. JACKSON—At his son's residence, 9 Hospital street, City, on 16th inst., John Jackson, aged 92 years, leaving one daughter and one son to mourn. Funeral Wednesday, at 2.30 p. m. from 9 Hospital street. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend. BOURKE—In this city on the 16th inst., John, son of the late Wm. and Mary Bourke. Funeral on Wednesday, at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence, 6 Courtenay street.



have also been renovated, the very latest methods having been introduced. The sheriff is also working hard to get the court house renovated. Repairs are sadly needed on this building and it is to be hoped that his energies and efforts will be crowned with success. This is a matter not only for the shire town to assist in but also for every self-respecting inhabitant of Queens County. Mr. Howe, who has lately built such a commodious store on the front street, hopes to commence business tomorrow, Saturday.

### DRINK

### Royal Blend Scotch

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