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FARMERS HEAR OF A PROFIT OF $8,895 IN YEAR

Reports Presented to Woodstock Meeting Today

Mr. Crerar's Visit—The Matter of a Newspaper—Co operative Business of First Year Totalled $451,000

(Special to Times)

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 10—Reports presented at the annual meeting of the shareholders of the United Farmers Co-operative Company of New Brunswick, Ltd., held here this morning, showed that the first year's business up to Aug. 31 totalled $451,000, showing a profit of $8,895.36. A dividend of seven per cent has been declared.

C. L. Smith, president of the company, was in the chair and the reports were presented by Miss King, the secretary-treasurer, and S. H. Hagerman, general manager. Subscribed stock in the company amounts to $112,150, paid up capital is $52,982 and the balance is being held on call. There are 2,357 shareholders in the company. Headquarters are in Woodstock and branch stores are located in Woodstock, Hartland, Centreville, Bath, Andover, Red Rapids, Grand Falls, St. Stephen, Keswick, Middle Sackville, Point de Bute, Peterson, Victoria county, and Millville, York county. The establishment of branches in Fredericton and at different points along the North Shore also is being considered. An average margin of twenty per cent is aimed at in fixing selling prices which are made on a competitive basis. Yearly dividends of no more than seven per cent are paid on capital and the balance of profit after providing for a reserve fund is distributed to purchasing shareholders.

This will be pro rata with the amount of their purchases. Expenses this year were figured at between ten and twelve per cent., including the extra overhead expense of establishing branches. The head office and distributing centre is located at Woodstock, through which all purchases are made by branches. The membership of the United Farmers of New Brunswick is said to be about 2,000.

George F. Chipman, editor of the Grain Growers Guide, met a committee from the shareholders of the co-operative company at noon today to discuss the matter of the establishment of an official organ for the maritime provinces. The recommendations of this committee will be presented at this afternoon's session. Mr. Chipman looked over the plant of the Carleton Sentinel this morning, but it is understood that the location is regarded as not suitable and that Moncton is considered a more central point for the provinces. Mr. Chipman will not confirm the report until after the meeting this afternoon.

Although Hon. Mr. Crerar's mission to Woodstock has not yet been announced, it is understood that he is here for the purpose of including the farmers' organization of New Brunswick in the Canadian Council of Agriculture which represents at present the Farmers' Co-operative Organizations of Saskatchewan, Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario. The council is said at the present time to have no political aspect. From here Mr. Crerar will proceed to Kentville, N. S., where he will speak at a meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association. Mr. Crerar is a member of the Canadian Council of Agriculture. The movement to establish a newspaper in the maritime provinces is said to be part of a scheme for the institution of a chain of periodicals from coast to coast in Canada.

STERLING TODAY WAS AWAY DOWN

New York, Dec. 10—Rates on sterling exchange continued their downward course today, checks being quoted at $3.80¼ or 1½ cents lower than the lowest quotation reported yesterday.

In Wall Street.

New York, Dec. 10—Delay in the settlement of the coal strike and indications of further demoralization in foreign exchange contributed to the lower trend of prices at the opening of today's stock market session. Reactions were confined to fractions, however, with the exception of several of the active motors, oils, and railways shares, in which declines extended to a full point. Trading was unusually light, speculative interests waiting on word from the Indianapolis conference.

GERMANY AND THE TREATY

Paris, Dec. 10 (Havas)—The Allied notes handed to Kurt von Lersner, head of the German delegation at Versailles on Monday have been examined by the council of ministers at Berlin, and the German answer will probably be sent to Versailles today, according to a Berlin despatch to the Matin. It is said that Herr Peterson of Hamburg may be named a German delegate to carry on future negotiations concerning port and harbor matters.

LADY BEAVERBROOK WILL NOT RUN FOR THE BRITISH COMMONS.

London, Dec. 10—Lady Beaverbrook, who before her marriage was Miss Drury of Halifax, N. S., has declined the invitation of the Unionist committee for Ashton-under-Lyne to become a candidate for a seat in the House of Commons.

Expect Miners Will Accept Proposal of President to Settle

Return to Work at 14 Per Cent Increase and Commission of Three to Make Final Adjustment—Boston Stores on Short Hours

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 10—The general committee of the United Mine Workers of America reconvened a little before ten o'clock this morning for further consideration of President Wilson's proposals for ending the strike of 400,000 bituminous coal miners of the country. The proposals provide for the immediate return of the miners to work at an increase of 14 per cent in wages and the appointment of a commission of three for final settlement of the wage controversy.

Settlement of the strike along these lines is expected.

It was declared that the conservative element was in the majority, and that an agreement on the president's proposal for termination of the controversy was only a question of how long it would take to hear the arguments of all representatives who wished to speak.

BOSTON STORES ON SIX-HOUR DAY.

(Special to Times.)

Boston, Dec. 10—A curtailed train service went into effect at 12.30 o'clock this morning on all New England railroads with the discontinuance of ten per cent. of the regular runs to help in the conservation of fuel. Even with the announcement that the strike may come to an end within a few days, the reduced service will be retained until the industrial centres are at least free from the possibility of shutting down.

Boston retail stores beginning tomorrow, will open at 11.30 a. m. and close at 5.30 p. m., in compliance with the Federal Fuel Conservation regulations which permit such establishments to remain open only six hours a day.

In Toronto.

Toronto, Dec. 10—H. A. Harrington, provincial fuel administrator, said last night that there was no likelihood of foundries having to close down because of the scarcity of soft coal. An order was issued yesterday by the federal fuel authorities, that 150 carloads of coke, which had been held at the border on instructions from the director-general of the United States railways, should be released. As a result, the first coke started to come in yesterday. All coke will now be allowed to come freely into Canada.

Thirty-seven carloads of soft coal arrived in Toronto during the day and last night another thirty-one cars came in. This relieves the situation but very little.

SMALL BUILDINGS AND FENCES TORN DOWN FOR FUEL.

Chicago, Dec. 10—Frigid weather, accompanied by heavy snow, continued last night to cripple train service and to aggravate the situation caused by the scarcity of coal in the states west of the Mississippi river. The lowest temperature reported officially today was at Billings, Montana, where the mercury dropped to thirty-six below. Denver was shivering in the coldest weather since 1913 with the temperature twelve below.

Suffering was reported in some states, and in Kansas, where roads have been made impassable by drifting snow, fences and small buildings were torn down to get fuel. In the southwest the temperature ranged from twenty degrees below in northwestern Kansas to a few degrees above in Oklahoma and the Texas panhandle.

APPOINTMENTS IN NEW BRUNSWICK

(Special to Times)

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 10—The following provincial appointments are gazetted:

Mrs. Margaret Lawrence to be superintendent in New Brunswick for Dominion Council of Women for immigration of household helpers.

Carleton: — Walter Estabrooks, of Woodstock, in the county of Carleton, to be chairman of Board of Revisors for parish of Woodstock in place of Charles Gough, who has refused to act. Murray McLeod, of Hartland, to be justice of peace.

Charlotte:—Phillip Randoph Caswell to be school trustee for Milltown, in place of Frank C. Murchie, whose term of office has expired; term of office to expire June 30, 1933.

Kent:—Robert Kay, of McKee's Mills, parish of Wellington, to be justice of peace.

Kings:—Charles T. Raynolds, of Centre Millstream, parish of Studholm, to be a member of the board of commissioners for municipal home in the said county in place of D. H. Myers, deceased.

City and County of St. John:—A. W. Rowan, of City of St. John, to be issuer of marriage licenses. M. E. Grass, of City of St. John, to be justice of peace.

Victoria:—James Hiscock, of North View, to be justice of peace.

AGREEMENT WITH SOVIETS NOT MADE.

London, Dec. 10—No agreement has been reached with Soviet Russia on the exchange of prisoners question, according to an announcement by Lord Stanmore. He said the conditions proposed by Maxim Litvinoff, Bolshevik plenipotentiary, were too comprehensive to be accepted by the British government.

LITTLE LAD DOWN WITH THE SLEEPING SICKNESS.

Sarnia, Ont., Dec. 10—The first case of sleeping sickness in Lambton county was reported last night from Point Edward, where the little son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Corbett is lying in a comatose state after an illness of several days.

BEEF AT LOWEST PRICE OF SEASON IN FREDERICTON TODAY

(Special to Times.)

Fredericton, Dec. 10—The People's Trading Co., Ltd., with head office at Hartland, Carleton county, and capital stock of $20,000, has been incorporated under provincial charter. The company is empowered to engage in retail and wholesale business as merchants, farming, lumbering, milling, manufacturing and real estate. Those incorporated as Wm. N. Raymond, Guy Christian, Dean H. Shaw, Odbur Shaw and Henry Gibson of Simonds, Carleton county; Miles H. Rideout, Wm. H. Sipprelle, Arthur R. Sipprelle, described as W. H. Sipprelle & Son, Havelock, Hoyt of Wakefield, Carleton county; Woodford C. Craig, George W. Boone, W. D. Albright, Belyea and Wm. Burbar of Brighton, Carleton county; Thomas W. McCrea and Earle L. Campbell of Peel, Carleton county; Franklin M. Clark of Hartland, Carleton county. All but the last are classed as farmers.

In the country market here this morning beef by the fore quarter was sold for eight cents a pound, the lowest price reached this season. Mild weather is thought to be responsible for the drop. Previously this season the lowest price was ten cents a pound.

The resignation of C. N. Goodspeed as member of the sub-district board of health for the county of York has been accepted.

Rev. R. W. McCaul of Devon, Advent Christian; Rev. Harry W. True of Simonds, Carleton county, Advent Christian, and Rev. Frederick Geo. Francis of Moncton, United Baptist, have been registered to solemnize marriages.

WHAT FREDERICTON HEARS ABOUT THIS MILITARY MATTER

(Special to Times.)

Fredericton, Dec. 10—It is said on good authority that in the reorganization of the militia units of New Brunswick which is to be made as soon as possible, the infantry regiments which heretofore have existed in the province will retain their number and territorial designations and will not become battalions of the 26th or 44th regiments, as was proposed for the purpose of preserving the identity of the two overseas battalions which were allotted to this province. The battle honors which will be awarded to those overseas units, it is said, will be placed upon the colors of the five infantry regiments of the militia, as each contributed its fair quota of men to the overseas units.

One reason given is that the overwhelming majority of infantry recruits from this province did ont serve in either the 26th or 44th battalions but in units which originally were from Quebec, Ontario and the west. This province was used extensively as the source of drafts to keep those battalions at strength and give honor to other provinces.

The militia regiments which will have the honors are the 62nd St. John Fusiliers, 67th Carleton Light Infantry, 71st York Regiment, 73rd Northumberland Regiment, and 74th Brunswick Rangers.

Lieut.-Col. E. W. Sansom of Stanley, who in overseas services rose from the rank of lieutenant to that of lieutenant-colonel in the machine gun corps, is to join the permanent forces with his rank. It is understood that he will go to Ottawa soon and will serve with the machine gun corps of the permanent force.

COL. ANDERSON TO SUCCEED MR. SUMNER?

(Special to Times.)

Fredericton, Dec. 10—The provincial government this morning had before it a delegation from the Nashwaak Pulp and Paper Co., composed of N. M. Jones of St John, managing director, and A. P. Barnhill, K. C., of St. John, solicitor. Premier Foster said that the business discussed concerned developments in the business which the company has in mind.

Col. S. B. Anderson of Moncton was before the government. His business, it is understood, is in connection with a reorganization of the office of New Brunswick agent general in London. Possibly his appointment to the office made vacant by the death of F. W. Sumner will be made. Col. Anderson commanded the original 8th field battery, C. E. F., and later an artillery brigade in France.

The board of education and the government both are meeting this afternoon. It is not yet known whether or not the government will complete business by this evening.

CHINESE PASS THROUGH.

Two trainloads of Chinese passed through the city this morning from Halifax on their way to Vancouver to sail for China.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter, "have you a turkey to spare—and a few fowls and vegetables—and things like that?"

"Was you thinkin' of layin' in a supply?" ask Hiram.

"Oh, no—not for myself," said the reporter. "But about this time of year I devote a few thoughts to my neighbors. It's a habit. I don't know how I acquired it, but it comes to me along about this time every year and lasts for two or three days. I seem to see poor families in need of turkey and cranberry sauce and celery and a great many things such as I enjoy all the year round. It just seems to me—for at least two or three days—that I must do something for the poor things. And when I saw you it just occurred to me that you might have something to spare that I could distribute—and thank you so much."

Hiram surveyed the reporter with a cold eye for some moments before he replied. Then his whiskers began to work and he spoke with rather more vigor than is his wont.

"Mister," he said. "You orto be ashamed. Them poor people you're talkin' about didn't drop down here all at once for Christmas. They're here in July as well as in December. Whenever you was hevin' a good time they was hevin' a bad time. They keep slippin' down—slippin' down—till bimeby Mr. Wetmore takes 'em out to the Municipal Home, or Mr. Scott takes the children to the Children's Home, or they go to an orphanage, or the reformatory, or the hospital, or the buryin' ground. Some o' these people is down in spite o' themselves. They could a-been kep' up if they got help an' good advice when they needed it. Some is down because you let feeble-minded critters git married an' raise children. Some goes wrong because they're friendless an' the temptation is strong. An' you keep on hevin' a good time an' salve your conscience once a year. Mister—you're wuss'n a heathen—yes, sir."

LABOR MINISTER AND ARCHBISHOP CONFER

Hon. Mr. Robertson Sees Mgr. Gauthier About National Labor Union

Montreal, Dec. 10—Senator Gideon Robertson, minister of labor, was in Montreal for a few hours yesterday and had a conference with His Grace Mgr. Gauthier, auxiliary Archbishop of Montreal, in connection with the national labor unions. The minister left immediately after for Ottawa, and his grace, when asked about the conference, said he had no statement to make at present.

The purpose of the conference was to consider the position of the Catholic labor unions in the province of Quebec, their recognition by the department of labor at Ottawa and their relation to the international unions.

All the national labor unions in the province of Quebec are Catholic organizations. They have their stronghold in the city of Quebec, where they share about evenly with the international organizations; in Chicoutimi, where they control the whole field; and in Three Rivers, where they hold a good percentage of the laboring people.

In Montreal their movement has developed lately and several associations have been formed, mostly in branches not yet touched by the international unions. No conflict or clash between the national and the international has been reported so far.

DERELICT REPORTED WEST OF CAPE SABLE

Boston, Dec. 10—An unidentified derelict believed to be a schooner, was reported in latitude 43.03 north, longitude 66.47, in wireless messages received yesterday from the steamer Lake Farabee, bound from Huelva, Spain, for this port via the Azores and Halifax. The vessel was floating bottom up and was bearing 95 degrees west from Cape Sable, a distance of fifty-four miles.

The Aranmore Floated.

Quebec, Dec. 10—The Canadian government steamer Montcalm, which was despatched last week from Port Hastings in the Strait of Canso to the aid of the C. G. S. Aranmore, ashore near Harrington, on the north shore, succeeded in floating the stranded vessel yesterday. The Aranmore is making water, and will be towed to a sheltered harbor along the coast, where she will go into winter quarters. In the spring she will be taken to Halifax for repairs.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Colder With Snow

Maritime—Strong winds and gales, southwest to northwest; showery today, becoming decidedly colder by Thursday, with light snowfalls and flurries.

New England—Fair and much colder tonight and Thursday with a cold wave West to northwest gales.

Prospect of Settlement of Irish Question, Says First Lord of Admiralty

MAKES FLIGHT FROM ENGLAND TO AUSTRALIA

Captain Ross Smith Succeeds and is the Winner of Ten Thousand Pounds

Port Darwin, Australia, Dec. 10—Captain Ross Smith, an Australian flyer, arrived here today from England, thus winning the prize of £10,000 sterling offered for the first aviator to make the voyage.

Under the conditions laid down by the Australian government when it offered a prize for making a flight from England to Australia, the distance of 11,500 miles had to be covered within thirty days. Captain Ross Smith left the Hounslow aviation field, near London, at 9 o'clock on Nov. 12. On Nov. 18 he reached Cairo and on Nov. 19 he continued his flight, and on Nov. 23 reached Delhi, India. From there he continued east until he reached Rangoon, turning southward at that city, making stops along the Malay peninsula, and in the Islands of Oceanica. He arrived at Bima, on Sunbawa Island, near Java, on Mondy night.

Port Darwin is near the northernmost tip of Australia, near the town of Palmerston.

An interesting phase of the latter part of the flight was an international contest developed between Captain Smith and Lieut. Etienne Poulet, a French military aviator. Poulet left Paris for a flight to Australia on Oct. 14, nearly a month before Captain Smith started for London. The Englishman caught up with Poulet in India. The aviators met in Rangoon on Nov. 30 and both left for Bangkok on Dec. 1. The two airmen started off nearly together from Bangkok on the day following. No reports have been received, however, as to the whereabouts of the French aviator after leaving Bangkok.

MAINE PRIEST FALLS 7 STORIES TO DEATH

Former Navy Chaplain is Killed in Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Dec. 8—Rev. Edward B. Henry, 41, a former chaplain in the United States navy and at one time connected with Catholic churches in Portland, Me., and later pastor at Whitefield, Me., fell from a seventh-story window of a prominent hotel here today and was so badly injured that he died in a short time without regaining consciousness.

He arrived in this city today and was joined at the hotel by his mother, Mrs. Edward B. Henry, and his sister, Mrs. Vincent Kerens, both of New York. They were about to leave the hotel on a shopping tour before going to Atlantic City for the benefit of his health when Fr. Henry returned to his room to get his overcoat.

As he was leaving Mrs. Henry called to him to raise the window, as the room was warm. When the priest did not return after a few minutes, both women went to the room. The daughter looked out the window, and, in horror, informed her mother what had happened.

A deputy coroner who investigated the case said he believed the priest fell out of the window when he was seized with an attack of vertigo. The window sill in the room is low, he said, and would permit a person to fall out very easily.

Fr. Henry was a son of the late Edward B. Henry, a prominent New York lawyer. His sister, before her marriage, was Jane H. Henry.

Fr. Henry left his charge at Whitefield to become a Knights of Columbus secretary. Later he was commissioned a lieutenant in the navy and was stationed at the Portsmouth, N. H., navy yard.

His sister told the coroner he had done valiant service during the influenza epidemic and finally contracted the malady. His health had been bad ever since and recently he had been at the Sacred Heart Sanitarium, Milwaukee.

Mrs. Keene told the coroner her brother was subject to attacks of vertigo. She believed, she said, he had fallen from the window while ill.

Portland, Me., Dec. 8—Rev. Edward B. Henry was well known in this city, where he was at one time connected with the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and also with the Sacred Heart church. While here he became afflicted with a mental ailment and was for some time in a sanitarium. When he recovered he was placed in charge of the church at Whitefield.

POLITICAL REPORT.

Toronto, Dec. 10—The Mail-Empire has this despatch from Ottawa today:

Sir Robert Borden spent the day (Tuesday) in Montreal, whither Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, preceded him on Monday, and where Hon. C. C. Ballantyne and Hon. P. E. Blondin, the other two Quebec members of the cabinet, are at present. The prime minister's trip, which had not been announced, gave rise to a good deal of servers were inclined to suggest that it presaged some shuffle in the Quebec delegation in the ministry, possibly with a view to increased French-Canadian representation.

Walter Hume Long So Declares In A London Speech

Reported Resignation of the Irish Law Officers as Home Rule Protest is Given Official Denial —Order Against Sinn Fein

London, Dec. 10—For the first time in history there is every prospect of the Irish question being settled satisfactorily, according to a statement made in a speech last night by Walter Hume Long, first lord of the admiralty.

Dublin, Dec. 10—The Evening Telegraph today published a rumor which was heard in the courts today that Lord Chancellor Campbell, Attorney-General Denis Henry and Solicitor-General Daniel Wilson all have resigned as a protest against the home rule bill which the premier is expected to introduce in the House of Commons next week. All these officials are active members of Sir Edward Carson's Ulsterite party and signed the famous Ulster covenant against home rule, but the rumor is discredited because Andrew Bonar Law, lord privy seal, and Walter Hume Long, first lord of the admiralty, both are strong Carsonite members of the cabinet and it is not considered likely that the premier would proceed with a bill lacking their acquiescence.

If the rumor proved true it is believed it would mean a rupture of the coalition government and a general election.

London, Dec. 10—The report that the Irish law officers had resigned was officially denied last evening.

Dublin, Dec. 10—An order has been issued under the defence of the realm act closing the Sinn Fein organization and its branch offices, both of which are situated in Harcourt street.

London, Dec. 10—The Daily Mail says Premier Lloyd George will introduce the new Irish home rule bill in parliament on Monday. The bill provides for two legislatures with a co-ordinating senate, but the powers to be allotted to the senate have not yet been defined.

LOCAL NEWS

A HEALTH MATTER.

Dr. J. F. L. Brown, district medical health officer for the southern district, left for Gagetown today to attend to health matters in his disrict.

NO STEAK THERE.

The following was overheard at the police station this morning when the 'phone rang: "Hello! two pounds of steak? Why this is the police station, not a meat shop."

WILL HAVE RINK.

Commissioner Thornton has secured the permission of F. C. Beatteay, manager of the Stetson, Cutler Company, to use the mill pond, North End, as an open air rink. It is the intention to flood the rink during the thaw and rainstorm by closing the flood gates. The mill has ceased operations for the season.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of George McGovern took place this morning from the residence of his brother-in-law, Michael Quigg, 18 Clarendon street, to St. Peter's church. Requiem high mass was celebrated at nine o'clock by Rev. F. Healey, C.SS.R., and interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery. His nephews acted as pallbearers. The funeral was attended by many friends.

JUVENILE COURT.

At a session of the juvenile court this morning a lad was charged with truancy, but no information could be obtained, as the magistrate ordered that all spectators should leave the court. He continued by saying that the question of the establishment of a juvenile court has caused considerable discussion in the Woman's Council and other similar ladies' organizations, and this morning he intended holding a "juvenile court." He also said that since 1893 he had presided over the juvenile court, whenever there was any business to be disposed of.

HAVELOCK OFFICERS.

The annual meeting of Havelock L. O. L., No. 27, was held last night. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Kenneth J. MacRae, past master; John McEachern, W. M.; Samuel J. Holder, D. M.; J. H. Gyld, chaplain; Francis Kerr, Rec. Sec.; L. W. Mowry, F. S.; John L. Finley, treasurer; F. H. Napier, D. of C.; J. A. McEachern, lecturer; F. C. McLean, foreman of committee; E. W. Corbett, F. S. Purdy, Francis Kerr and J. H. Gyld, committee. G. Earle Logan, junior deputy grand master of the province conducted the election of officers.

THE SOUTH END RINK.

A meeting of the executive of the South End Improvement League was held last evening at the home of Rev. H. A. Cody, with C. M. Lingley in the chair. The league spent more money on its playground last year, for baseball and basketball, than it received. It has made for this winter a larger rink than that of last year, and will have a larger checking room, with separate rooms for girls and boys, and well heated. Commissioner Fisher consented to the use of a larger space in the building used. Commissioner Jones replaced the hydrant with a stand-pipe. While the work is not yet all done, the rink will be ready for use after the first cold snap.

It was decided last evening to make an appeal next week to South End people for contributions to enable the league to carry on its work for the boys and girls.

MELROSE ONLY ONE OF 35 TO GIVE "DRY VOTE"

Attleboro Declares For License First Time in History

Hair Cut and Shave in Six Minutes and a Quarter—Bangor Boy Given Hard Choice on Witness Stand

(Special to Times.)

Boston, Dec. 10—With elections in fifteen Massachusetts cities yesterday the remarkable swing from no license which marked city elections held last week was continued. Attleboro, which boasted that it had never had a saloon in its 225 years, voted wet in spite of a vigorous campaign to keep the city's record spotless. Newton, for the first time in its history as a city or town, went for license by forty-six votes, and Beverly, with a dry record since it became a city, switched to the wet column. Malden and Everett also went wet the only time in their history. Medford voted yes for the first time in many years. Melrose held to no license by a slightly reduced majority, being the only city in thirty-five out of the thirty-eight in the commonwealth to take this stand.

William Cassiano, a barber at 2 Franklin street, last night wrested the New England championship for speedy barbering from Sebastiano Quartarone, of Lawrence, in a contest in Convention Hall, St. Botolph street. His time was six minutes fifteen seconds for a first class shave and hair cut, against thirteen minutes twenty-nine seconds required by Quartarone.

Arthur Shields, a nine-year-old Bangor, Maine, boy and grandson of Arthur R. Gould, president of the Aroostook Valley Railroad Company, broke down on the witness stand in the supreme court yesterday when called to say whether he preferred to live with his mother, Mrs. Mildred E. (Gould) Shields or with his father, Olen R. Shields, a brakeman on the Boston & Maine railroad, both of whom were in court.

The lad said that while his father, who brought him from Maine, and had always treated him "good," he would rather live with his mother, who had broken out in tears when she saw him cry. The boy will be cared for in a local institution while the law in regard to the right of the mother, a divorced woman, is being looked up.

MORE WENT OUT THAN CAME IN

Interest Payment at Ottawa One Cause—Net Debt Now Stands at $1,817,939,000

Ottawa, Dec. 10—Ordinary expenditure by the dominion last month exceeded ordinary revenue. Expenditure was $43,486,000; revenue, $31,618,000.

The heavy expenditure, however, is largely accounted for by a large payment of interest on war loan on Nov. 1. During the eight months' period closed with the end of November, ordinary revenue was $218,027,000, ordinary expenditure was $202,536,000.

Increase in net debt during November was $32,963,000 as compared with $20,394,000 in November of last year. The total net debt of the dominion is now $1,817,839,000.

MILITARY MEN RESENT SUGGESTION THAT THERE IS MUDDLE IN RECORDS

Ottawa, Dec. 10—There is no "muddle" in the records of the militia department, according to responsible officials who were shown a newspaper item which stated that it was impossible to find out the actual number of Canadian soldiers who served in France, because the records were incorrect.

"You might as well say that the affairs of any large business organization were in a muddle because there was an error of twenty-five cents in a balance sheet," remarked one of the officials.

It was explained that, by arrangement with the British government, Canada is assessed a certain figure for payment of the maintenance of her soldiers who served in France. While these soldiers were serving in France, the cost of their upkeep was paid by the imperial government, but now, in the general adjustment of accounts, Canada is trying to discover the exact amount which she owes to the imperial government for the maintenance of these men. In order to do this, a small statistical section has been for some time at work overseas and has lately been brought to Ottawa.

DECLARES RADICAL AGITATION IS DUE TO AN ORGANIZATION

New York, Dec. 10—Radial agitation in this country, with its resultant social unrest, is not due to economic conditions, but to an organization, artificially stimulated under the inspiration of the Russian Soviet government. This opinion will be submitted to the New York legislature, in an exhaustive report by the joint legislative committee, which has been investigating radical activities here since its organization last May.