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RUMORS OF DARK HORSES

Some Organizations Are Preparing a Surprise

IN VOTING CONTEST

Scots Brigade Still Ahead But Court La Tour Closed Gap With Big Vote Today—Only Five Days More.

With the end of the voting contest only five days away, the interest in the struggle is still as keen as ever. Today the vote showed the Klitties still in the lead, with Court La Tour a close second.

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WATER FLOWED ALL NIGHT LONG

Macanly Bros. & Co. Suffer \$2000 to \$3000 Damage by a Minute Deluge.

Between \$2,000 and \$3,000 worth of stock was damaged in Macanly Bros. & Co.'s dry goods establishment on King street last night, as a result of an escape of water from a radiator on the third floor being left open.

When employees awoke this morning they discovered water leaking through the ceiling at the rear of the store and a large amount of stock was completely soaked with water. An investigation also revealed that the water came from a radiator in the office on the third floor.

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Roosevelt's indiscreet letter to Mrs. Storer

Executive Mansion, Washington, Oct. 4, 1905.

ROOSEVELT TO "MARIA." "As to Mr. Root, the press in 1901 was able to remain in the cabinet on account of health and would be succeeded by Gen. Post, which would leave Paris vacant. I give in full a letter from the President in answer to what he said was written by my wife. I do this both because it is a letter for him to be proud of from (part from any reference to myself), and also to show that my wife's letter, which was in answer, was not spoken of only with an enger, was considered differently by Mr. Roosevelt at the time it was received."

WHEN MEMORIES CLASH. "There was no need of violent and insulting adjectives to show that the president disliked me and did not wish me to remain in the service or to retire from it in any customary way. While the past has shown that few men can differ with either the wishes or the memory of Mr. Roosevelt without at once becoming a scandal and a liar, I must make some comments on what he has given out at the White House. "That anything was ever written to the president by my wife to the effect that 'Mr. Choate and Gen. Post were not proper persons to be ambassadors' is news to both of us. For both these distinguished men we have and have had personal respect and good will, personally and officially. It would have been an honor to anyone to take any post offered by either of them after they ceased to occupy it. And the only feeling possible in one of respect that both of them have been lost to the public service since Mr. Roosevelt was re-elected."

BIG FIRE AT LONDON FERRY

AMSTERDAM, N. S., Dec. 13 (Special).—A serious fire occurred at London ferry this morning. The Knights of Pythias hall, three stores and one dwelling were burned. Among them was the store occupied by George L. Munroe, hardware. The stock was saved, but badly damaged. Munroe's insurance is \$1,000. Other information is not available.

Frederickton News

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 13 (Special).—The managers of the Nannary Dramatic Company have not yet made a settlement of the claim put in by their employees for salaries due. M. P. Mooney offers to pay the claim of the actors in full but Mr. Nannary declined the offer.

WANT REDUCTION IN DUTY

OTTAWA, Dec. 13 (Special).—Walter Chappin, of the Hamilton Bridge Works wants the duties on certain articles such as rolled plates and coils to be reduced. He says that the duties are the only establishment that turns out these articles who have agreed to a reduction. J. D. Ferguson asks for a decrease in the duty on slate. There is only one slate quarry in Canada and it cannot supply one-fifth of the market. The duty was increased in the last revision.

OTTAWA NEWS

OTTAWA, Dec. 13 (Special).—The sum of \$7,000 has been paid into the treasury of the province of Ontario for the purchase of the Eddy on succession duty. It will be remembered that Eddy has passed a large amount of the amount due from the estate, but there is still a large amount due. The estate will be settled without recourse to the superior courts in which there was an action entered against the Eddy heirs.

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The new reporter was very angry. He has developed quite an exalted opinion of himself since he has been getting invitations to banquets and mixing with the smart set and naturally resents any apparent disparagement of the part of any person to stand in his way. Had it not been for the philosophical attitude assumed by Colonel McLean, the young man might have vaulted over the gate and defied the keeper. But the colonel is an old campaigner and restrained his young friend, and the incident was permitted to pass. It would be well, however, for the city officials to arrange special transportation facilities for the new reporter the next time he crosses the harbor.

CHURCH HAS A SURPLUS

Brussels Street Church Will Close Year with Balance on Right Side.

At a business meeting held in Brussels street Baptist church last evening officers and committees were elected for the ensuing year. Though the financial report was not submitted last evening (it being reserved for the annual meeting at the close of the year), it has been learned that the church will close the year free of debt and with a surplus to start on for the next year.

HAD STORER IN MIND

"It may be that after carefully looking over the matter I should conclude that Bellamy was the man for the part. It may be that I should have to have someone else, of whom I have not thought at present, would be the best man, and if so, I should be in all my personal reference of mine in suit a matter so vital to the country."

HIGHEST PRICE IN TWENTY YEARS

Finnan Haddies Are Now Worth 9 Cents per lb.—General Fish Market Good.

The price for finnan haddies has gone up another notch, bringing the retail figure to nine cents a pound. A local fish dealer told the Times today that he had not seen the price of haddies so high within the last twenty years, and attributes the unusual advance to the rough weather, which makes it very difficult to procure the fish. He says further that the cold weather makes it possible to ship them to the States as well as to the United States. The haddies now being offered for sale at the local fish markets are large, fat and very extra.

BRITISH OPINION OF CANADIAN PAPERS

MONTREAL, Dec. 13.—(Special).—A special London cable says: Before the Royal Colonial Institute, Arthur A. Heckett read a paper on the "Canadian Press." He took the line of high and cordial appreciation of the press and of the general opinion of the press and of the general opinion of the press and of the general opinion of the press.

THE FOX A GREAT MOUSE

(From the London Graphic.) The fox is an excellent mouse. He will lie and watch for a field mouse in the long grass like a cat, pounce upon it, kill it with a bite, and lay it on one side until he has caught another and another, when, picking them all up, he will wander away with them to serve them out to the mice. This fact was confirmed by witnesses in Scotland who were examined by a committee of the Board of Agriculture when taking evidence on the occasion of the plague of field voles on the Lowland sheep farms in 1905.

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A MYSTERY IN THE BAY

What is the Meaning of Light Seen Last Night

VESSEL ON FIRE?

A Burning Vessel May Have Been Sunk With All Hands or it May Have Been Big Fire on Grand Manan.

DIOBY, N. S., Dec. 13 (Special).—The people of Freeport and Westport, Lory and Brier Island saw a fire northwest of the islands last night, which every one thought was a vessel on fire, in the Bay of Fundy. S. S. Westport, Capt. Bryant Powell, sailed at 7 p. m. in an endeavor to save life and property if possible. The fire was plainly visible from the Brier Island signal station for some time and dark. After the boat left Grand Passage the fire gave one brilliant flash and then all was dark. The boat steered off shore three or four miles, but could find nothing further and returned at 8.30 p. m. In an interview by telephone with Mr. E. P. Paxon, president of the Inshore Steamship Co., he said that while it could be a burning vessel which might have sunk with all hands it was probably a big fire on the Island of Grand Manan, which had been extinguished, but he could not say and the sudden disappearance, which appeared like an explosion although no report was heard.

MORE RUSSIAN INHUMANITY

Prisoners Confined in Jail in Odessa Were Tortured Until They Became Insane.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—A London dispatch published here says a correspondent at Odessa, describing mistreatment of prisoners, writes of one man who has just finished a six months sentence in jail for a political offense. Through his appointment night and day a photograph fixed in the cell is given a long view of the prisoners have been confined in cells illuminated by the light of gas lamps, which result that they were made imbeciles within a few months.

WANTS SUNDAY LAW AMENDED

Montreal City Wants Certain Privileges on Sunday.

MONTREAL, Dec. 13.—(Special).—At a meeting of the legislative committee in City Hall last night, it was decided to ask for the City of Montreal certain exceptions to the new Sunday law coming into effect in March.

The amendment to the law to be asked for Montreal reads: "To permit on Sunday certain games, amusements or recreations, also the navigation of ferry boats for excursions."

The publication of the sale of newspapers was not mentioned, as it was the opinion that the privilege would be enacted by the Quebec legislature for the whole province.

FAILURES AND CLEARINGS

Canadian failures, according to Bradstreet, for November number 122, and liabilities aggregated \$94,722, decrease of respectively 15 and 33 per cent. from November a year ago.

Canadian clearings for November and the eleven months' period aggregate respectively \$105,337,450 and \$3,571,448,342, plus over the corresponding periods of 1905 of 20 and 18 per cent.

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Mrs. Eve H. Phelps Stokes. Photo by Morceau.

peration had driven him to commit burglary. "If your honor will release the prisoner in my custody," she said, "he will lead a Christian life. Both he and his fiancée have given me this pledge and I believe they are sincere."

Judge Platt granted the request with the proviso that Haworth should report to Mrs. Stokes every week. The prisoner was surprised by the police, they allege, one night last September while, as charged, he was engaged in robbing the home of Joseph T. Maron, in Lockwood avenue, New Rochelle. He jumped through the window each and fled, but he had a spotless life, until when out of work and engaged to be married, des-

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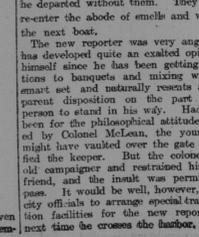
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