

PLAN SCOTLAND CANAL TO COST \$100,000,000

Waterway From Forth to Clyde
65 Miles Long. Is Being
Urged.

London, Jan. 20.—Under the spur of the report of the royal commission advocating the immediate state control and rebuilding of England's inland waterways, renewed agitation has developed in many quarters in support of the projected Forth to Clyde canal. This plan proposes neither more nor less than a 65-mile battleship canal between the Forth of Forth and the Firth of Clyde. By its consummation the shipping interest in the country would obtain an inland waterway across Scotland, 36 feet in depth and 65 miles in its total length that would reduce all existing routes by about 160 miles. Engineers have figured that the work could be completed in nine years at an aggregate expenditure approximating \$100,000,000.

Project Not New One.
The project of the construction of a deep waterway connecting the North Sea and the Atlantic Ocean is not a new one. Interest already has been aroused in many quarters, and there is now no doubt that the next parliament will be petitioned for government financial aid in behalf of the project. The support of the commissioners of navigation and of the harbor trustees of 74 of the most prominent centres of the northern areas of the United Kingdom has been promised. Owing to the facilities and practical economies which the new channel would offer to foreign shipping, Denmark, Holland and even Germany, through trade and official bodies, have asserted their intention of using it. Such a new sea passage between Northern Europe and America, it is recognized, would avoid the shoals and tides of the English channel, and afford, so its proponents argue, the safest and most expeditious route from the east coast and the part of Northern Europe to the west coast as well as to Ireland and the United States and Canada.

Pleased With Suggestion.
"We are much pleased with the suggestion of the canal commission," said Admiral Sir Charles Campbell, honorary president of the organization that is agitating the project, "that the Government should be approached on the subject of how much money it will give to this waterway that would carry Dreadnoughts between the Forth and the Clyde. We certainly shall take steps to ascertain this point."
"We could start throwing dirt tomorrow if only the financial end of the problem could be solved. The cost, it is true, has been estimated at approximately \$100,000,000, but with recent inventions in excavating machinery a saving of quite 10 per cent might be effected on those figures. If the Government will guarantee 3 per cent interest on the capital required during the time of construction the whole of the money needed would be subscribed tomorrow. It only means diverting the interest on the Suez Canal shares for one year, and the thing would be done. But if, on the other hand, the Government would find half the capital, I think there would be no difficulty about the other half. The canal will be quite self-supporting when once it is opened."

SIX YEARS WITH THE ESQUIMAUX

Inspector Fitzgerald Prefers the
Little Fellows to the
Indians.

Six years up in the Arctic regions, among the Esquimaux and whalers, with only one short visit to civilization. This is the interesting experience of Inspector F. J. Fitzgerald, who is in the city in quest of recruits for his force. The inspector, says the Toronto Star, has an inexhaustible fund of information about the people who helped Peary discover the North Pole.

"There were six of us stationed on Herschel Island, 2,300 miles north of Edmonton," said he to the Star. "We were up there to look after the whalers, and see that the natives did not get liquor. But it was easy work, for the native are about the quietest lot of people I ever had anything to do with. The police man's job is law there. They wouldn't think of questioning it. Let me give an instance: 'A girl and boy married. The girl there marry at about 15 years, and the boy at 17. Well, these two married and the girl's father gave the couple a whale boat for a wedding present. But the girl died. Then the husband died, too, and the question was, 'Who gets the boat?'"

"The father of the girl claimed it, and they couldn't agree, so came to me. I advised them to come to some agreement, but they couldn't, so I took the case in hand. I concluded that, as the girl died first, the boat went to the husband. When he died, it went to his people, so I gave it to his father, who was in harder circumstances than the girl's father. They didn't have a word of objection to raise, and I gave judgment."

"The same holds good in their marriages. Some men die, and a young single fellow wants the widow. So he comes to me."

"He wants that man's woman, says he."

"Him want you?" I ask. They call women "him" there."

"Yes."

"Then take her. And that is all there is to it."

"They never act like Indians. If an Indian goes out with you, and you meet hard luck, he gets sulky. But that's not the way with an Esquimaux."

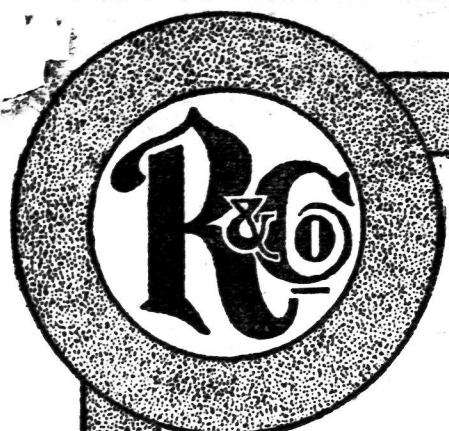
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MRS. DR. M'CRAE AGAIN PRESIDENT

W. F. M. S. of Presbyterian
Church Concluded Its
Convention This Morning.

SESSION SATISFACTORY

Larger Attendance and Excellent Reports—List of the Delegates Who Had Registered.

The 26th annual meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the London Presbyterian Church, which opened last evening, after one of the most successful sessions in its history. The officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

The Officers.
Honorary president, Mrs. Murray, London, re-elected; president, Mrs. McCrae, re-elected; first vice-president, Mrs. Weir, Glencoe, re-elected; second vice-president, Mrs. Inkster, third vice-president, Mrs. Malcolm, of Dutton; fourth vice-president, Mrs. Watson, Thamesford; treasurer, Mrs. R. Donaghy, London; recording secretary, Miss McAdam, St. Thomas; corresponding secretary, Miss L. M. Fraser, London; secretary of supplies, Mrs. Middleton; assistant secretary, Mrs. McEachren; tidings secretary, Miss Gibson, all of London.

Reports of Auxiliaries.
The great portion of the morning session spent in hearing reports from the various auxiliaries of the district, and all were found to be eminently satisfactory and were adopted. A report of the committee on resolutions was read by Mrs. Monroe, of Birr.

The Delegates.
Among the delegates who registered were: Mrs. McCrae, Wilton Grove; Mrs. Watson, Thamesford; Miss L. M. Fraser, London; Miss J. Woods, of Crumlin; Jessie C. Colvin, Ivan; Agnes M. Caverhill, Ivan; Miss E. Argo, Ivan; Mrs. F. Ballymore, London; Mrs. T. R. Shearer, Melbourne; Mrs. J. Henderson, Hyde Park; Mrs. A. M. Haig, West Lorne; Mrs. D. Hyndman, West Lorne; Miss Jean Shipley, Falkirk; Mrs. Murray, London; Mrs. Strathairn, Miss Malcolm, Dutton; Emma Hail, Glencoe; Bessie Campbell, St. Thomas; Mrs. Trump, St. Thomas; Miss Ferguson, St. Thomas; Mrs. W. Bain, Newburgh; Mrs. D. Fletcher, Newburgh; Mrs. F. Nicholls, Coldstream; Mrs. D. R. Thompson, Cowal; Mrs. Fletcher and Miss McTavish, Cowal; Mary Shipley, Falkirk; Mrs. Robert Clark, Cowal; Miss Atkinson, Mrs. Archer, Miss McAlpine, Wardsville; Miss Craig, Miss Jennie Murray, Wardsville; Mrs. Phloxes, London; Mrs. Robertson, St. Thomas; Miss Chalmers, Kintore; Mrs. A. Crawford, Caradoc; Miss T. Murray, Westminster; Mrs. Watson, London; Mrs. A. McAlpine, Ait's Corners; Laura Dore, London; Mrs. Scott, Port Stanley; Mrs. Leithbridge, Tait's Corners; Mrs. Rolan, London; Mrs. J. Wilson, Dorchester; Miss McLean, Bideford; Miss Lill, Han Gray, Miss Neva Snell, Mrs. Currier, Belmont; Miss Potter, Kintore; Lena McPhail, Largs; Miss Buchanan, Campbellton; Miss Walker, Crinan.

BACK WAS BROKEN ABLE TO BE ABOUT

Mr. A. G. Rogers, Injured in the
C. P. R. Yards at Gal,
Returns Home.

Mr. A. G. Rogers, the C. P. R. fireman who had his back broken by being knocked off an engine on the morning of Oct. 19 last, and was operated on at the Gal Hospital by Dr. MacKendrick, has so far recovered that he is now able to be up and about a little to a certain extent. In a few weeks, the doctor expects, he will be able to walk with the aid of a cane, which is a great triumph for surgery, and reflects great credit on the attendant physician.

THREE MEN KILLED

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 21.—Three men were killed and two seriously injured by a fall of rock in the Jermyn No. 3 colliery in Old Forge yesterday. All of the killed were foreign laborers. Dominick Powell, a miner, had his skull fractured, and will probably die. Two of the men were robbing pillars at the time of the accident. When the roof fell on them the three ran to their assistance, and were caught in the second fall. It took a large force of the mine several hours to dig out the dead and injured men.

NEW CUSTOMS OFFICERS.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 21.—John Halstead, of Harrow, and Charles Qualins, of Windsor, the latter being former game warden, have been appointed additional immigration officers at the Windsor dock. The increase in the staff has been made to relieve customs officers, also required to do the work of immigration officers.

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London; Mrs. A. E. Sutherland, Glencoe; Mrs. J. Zoller, Miss W. McAlpine, Glencoe; Mrs. J. Burnett, Dorchester.

A FAST GAME.
Owen Sound, Ont., Jan. 21.—Owen Sound and Markdale played a junior O. H. A. hockey match here last night, the game resulting in this score: Owen Sound 6, Markdale 5. Play was fast all through, although the ice was soft. The score at half-time was 1 to 1. After half-time Markdale scored three

straight. Owen Sound then scored, and after about five minutes Markdale found the nets again. Then Owen Sound scored three in quick succession, making the game 5 to 5. The teams decided to play the tie off, so played five minutes each way, and Owen Sound scored one goal, making the total 6 to 5.

It's as difficult for some men to keep a promise as it is for some women to keep money.