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THE GOVERNMENT MAY RESIGN IF BEATEN ON THIS

Coal Question Scheduled For British Commons Today

MADE MATTER OF CONFIDENCE

Lloyd George Rallies His Supporters For Test of Strength on Motion Gowing Out of Order Cutting Cost of Household Coal

London, Nov. 28—(Associated Press) —Debate on the coal situation is scheduled in the House of Commons today following a motion by William Brace, a labor member, calling for the appointment of a committee to inquire into the cost of production, the output and prices of coal. The full strength of the Labor party is behind the measure. The government treats the question as a matter of confidence and has issued urgent instructions to its supporters. It is assumed the government will resign if the motion is successful.

The motion, which has many supporters outside the labor party, is an outcome of an order issued by Sir Auckland Geddes, minister of national service and reconstruction on Nov. 24, that household coal would be reduced ten shillings a ton in price. Piquancy is given the situation by the fact that many government supporters, coal mine owners and their sympathizers, oppose the government reduction as much as the labor party, although from another angle, consequently many pairs have been arranged for the voting to enable government adherents to escape an awkward situation.

It is not believed the government is in any real danger of defeat, but the importance attached to the matter is shown by the decision of Premier Lloyd George to intervene in the debate.

Incidental to this motion and an indication of labor's condemnation of the government's action, all members of the miners' federation who held places on the advisory committee of the coal controller resigned yesterday.

In presenting his motion today, Mr. Brace declared the Labor party had been trying to co-operate with the government in a grave and difficult financial problem, but that the government had declined to permit the party's co-operation.

ARRANGE WELCOME FOR COLONEL MacLAREN

Citizens of St. John will have an opportunity tomorrow morning to join in a welcome to Colonel Murray MacLaren and family on their return from their long sojourn overseas. While the train from Halifax will arrive at an earlier hour it has been arranged by the citizens' committee that the reception to the homecomers will take place at the depot at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. No doubt a great many friends will be there to join in the welcome.

LIEUT. E. J. CRONIN ON WAY HOME FROM RUSSIA

Friends of Lieut. Edward J. Cronin will be glad to learn that he is on his way home from South Russia where he has been actively engaged for the past year with the Royal Air Forces and that he has come out on top and through some very trying experiences even since the armistice. He left the war zone on November 1 for home via Constantinople, Saloniki, Rome, Marseilles, Paris, London and New York and should reach St. John around Christmas.

He enlisted early in the war. Mr. Cronin has won the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Russian Cross of St. George, with two war ribbons.

SASKATCHEWAN HOUSE WAS OPENED YESTERDAY

Regina, Sask., Nov. 28—The third session of the fourth legislature of the province of Saskatchewan was opened yesterday by Lieut.-Governor Sir Richard Lake. Geo. A. Scott, member for Arm River since 1905, was elected speaker. The speech from the throne indicated new measures in connection with temperance, education advances, teachers' residences, proportional representation in urban municipalities, enlargement of powers of rural municipal councils.

MAY BE GOVERNOR OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Ottawa, Nov. 28—The names prominently mentioned in connection with the British Columbia governorship are Colonel E. G. Prior, Walter Nichol and A. C. Flumerfelt, with the chances in favor of the first mentioned. He was minister of militia in the Tupper administration in 1896.

Bay Chaleur Codfish.

North Shore Leader—B. Crowley informs us that during the later part of October he in company with Patrick Crowley while fishing in the Bay Chaleur six miles off shore, near Elm Tree, caught seventy-two codfish in one day, one of which weighed 62 lbs. and was 4 feet, 9 inches long. Another day Mr. Crowley and Jas. Hurley landed 96 beauties. These fish are bringing 8 and 9 cents per pound.

CONDENSED.

Reports received at San Antonio are that fighting had broken out in Mexico City between the Obragon and Carranza factions. Carranza is reported to have fled to Queretaro.

New Brunswick Man Met Sister Yesterday For The First Time

Elmer Avery of Cold Stream 25 And Girl Is 19

THEY MET IN ATTLEBORO

Jesse Pomery. Boston Lifer, Sees The Outer World — Whole Jerome Family to be Sent Back to P. E. Island

(Special to The Times.)

Boston, Mass., Nov. 28—Elmer Avery, aged 25, of Coldstream, N. B., and Miss Dorothy Merriam, aged 19, of Springfield, Vermont, brother and sister, met in Attleboro yesterday for the first time. The Avery family lived in Pocasset, but the parents died when Dorothy was nine months old. The boys were placed in The Little Wanderers' Home, Boston, and the eldest daughter, Rose, went into the home of an Attleboro family, later becoming companion to a woman. The girl died a year ago, but the story she told so interested her employer that the woman began an inquiry. She learned that the boys had gone to the New Brunswick village and invited them to meet their sister, but Elmer only could respond, as Rutherford Avery, the other, was ill.

Jesse Pomeroy.

Jesse Pomeroy has been granted unusual privileges during the last few years, ever since his sentence of solitary confinement was revoked. Recently he was permitted, with other prisoners, to walk outside the prison wall to a freight car near the prison from which supplies for the institution were taken. He marvelled at the wonderful development.

Jeromes to be Deported.

A family originally from Prince Edward Island passed the holiday at the immigration station awaiting deportation. It is considered the strangest case with which the authorities have had to deal. Mary P. Jerome, aged 17, whose case was reported last week, had been ordered deported. Mrs. Agnes Jerome, the girl's mother, who had been notified that her daughter was dead, came from Houlton, Maine, with three other children to claim the body. Upon arriving she was informed that her daughter was held at the station, and hastened down to Long wharf, where there was an affectionate reunion between mother and daughter.

The woman also found that her husband was in the detention pen under orders to be sent out of the country. He had served a sentence of six months in the house of correction, having been arrested upon complaint of the wife. The woman was virtually penniless, and the officials at the immigration station decided it would be best not to separate the family again. They will be sent back to their home in Prince Edward Island.

Jesse Pomeroy, noted life prisoner, partook of his forty-third Thanksgiving dinner in the state prison in Charlestown yesterday, along with the rest of 520 inmates, and proved a friend to ten of the number who have no friends to send them money or kind words. He recently received a check for $25 from a prominent State street business man. Of this money, Jesse divided $15 among the ten inmates. With this they were able to purchase extras.

GET AWARDS AS INVENTORS OF TANK

London, Nov. 28—(Canadian Associated Press)—A royal commission inquiring into the claims of tank inventors had awarded Sir William Tritton and Major Wilson £15,000 jointly. These are the principal awards. There are others but smaller for minor contributors. The commission expresses regret that it cannot recommend an award to L. E. De Mole, who, in 1912, reduced to practical shape the brilliant invention which anticipated and, in some respects, surpassed that actually put into use.

WATER STREET BUILDING IS BOUGHT BY COMPANY

An important real estate transaction was put through this morning when the Wilson Chemical Company, Ltd., concluded negotiations for the purchase of the Bourke building situated at 23 to 27 Water street. The new owners intend to renovate it to suit their requirements and will remove then from their present quarters at 72½ Prince William street.

MILLION FIRE AT BALTIMORE

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 28—A group of buildings formerly occupied by Johns Hopkins University and about a score of other structures in the square bounded by Howard, Ross, Monument and Eutaw streets, were destroyed or wrecked by fire early today, entailing a loss estimated roughly at $1,000,000.

GARMENT MAKERS AND CANADIAN TARIFF

Toronto, Nov. 28—Garment manufacturers at the annual convention of the Canadian Association of Garment Workers here yesterday expressed themselves as satisfied with the present tariff, although there was only a two and one half per cent spread in their favor between the finished article of the United States manufacturer and their raw material.

GRAMPIAN IS SENT TO HALIFAX

Other Steamships May Also be Diverted From St. John — Mr. Grout Speaks of Proposal to Union

An official announcement was made at C. P. R. headquarters this morning that the C. P. O. S. liner Grampian, which was due here December 1, has been ordered to divert to Halifax, and that all C. P. O. S. steamers will be diverted from this port until a settlement of the freight handlers' matter has been reached.

H. C. Grout, general superintendent of the C. P. R. New Brunswick district, said today that he has sent a communication to the union, which he hopes will bring the matter to a head. He said the men contend that they need a higher rate in order to get a living wage. He maintains that he has made a proposition which will give them not only a living wage, but a higher scale than men doing the same word in New York or Boston are receiving, namely: Forty-eight cents an hour. At the present time the union is said to have a membership of 800, which number may be greatly augmented before the season gets well under way. Mr. Grout, said he is informed that there is nothing in the constitution to limit the membership, providing that applicants pay required dues. As a result, he said, twice as many men are seeking work as are required, and many have to remain idle for days at a time until their turn comes, and thus are unable to receive a living wage. In order to obviate this, he said, he offers to hire the gangs, all union men, and guarantee them steady employment for every working day in the week. If the occasion arises when more than the regular gangs will be needed, any additional union members seeking employment will be hired. This he said would do away with the men having to assemble every morning or night to see if there was a chance for work and thus lose hours standing around. This arrangement, he said, would guarantee the men steady employment and good wages.

ROYAL STANDARD OPENS VERY ATTRACTIVE SALE

The Christmas sale of the Royal Standard chapter, I. O. D. E., opened this afternoon in the Orange Hall, Germain street, with an abundance of attractive and useful articles on sale. The regent, Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, was assisted by committees as follows:

Home Cooking Table—Mrs. W. B. Tennant, Mrs. C. B. Allan, Mrs. F. J. G. Knowlton, Mrs. A. P. Crocket, Mrs. J. H. Frink and Miss Mary Travers.

Fancy Work and Novelty Table—Mrs. S. E. Elkin, Mrs. John Moore, Mrs. A. P. Barnhill, Mrs. J. W. Ryan.

Doll Table—Mrs. R. H. Anderson, Mrs. Fred Peters, Mrs. Alex Wilson, Mrs. T. E. G. Armstrong, Mrs. C. Wetmore Merritt, Mrs. Daniel Mullin.

Babies' Table—Mrs. Ernest Rowan, Mrs. F. Fraser, Mrs. Fielding Rankine, Mrs. Norman Sancton and Mrs. Shirley Peters.

Tea was served during the afternoon by a committee of young ladies in charge of Mrs. J. Pope Barnes, Mrs. H. A. McKeown, Mrs. F. J. Harding, Mrs. A. B. Holly and Mrs. Hammond Evans.

CONDENSED NEWS

Albert Thomas, French Conservative-Labor leader, is the first director-general of the international labor office under the League of Nations.

Sir Henry Brittain, M. P., of London, travelled by airplane yesterday from New York to Newport to have his thanksgiving dinner with Admiral Sims.

Wm. Findlay has been appointed business manager of the Toronto Globe.

It is reported that Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria has been placarded as candidate for the presidency of Bavaria in the elections to be held in February or March.

The situation between the Jugo-Slavs and Italians in Dalmatia is reported more serious.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of John Driscoll took place this morning from his late residence, 254 Waterloo street to the Cathedral where requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. Raymond McCarthy. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery. Relatives acted as pall-bearers.

The funeral of Michael Sullivan took place this afternoon from his late residence, 22 Brussels street, to the Cathedral where service was conducted by Rev. A. P. Allen. Interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

COURT MARTIAL.

A court martial, presided over by Lieut.-Colonel A. B. Snow, with Capt. R. H. Major, adjutant of 62nd Regiment, and Capt. E. M. Slater, adjutant of the 5th R. G. A., as members, was called yesterday for the trial of Private Edward Harrison, charged with escaping from confinement and also charged with deserting from service, and for the trial of Private John Shannon, charged with escaping from arrest. Both cases were heard and the one against Harrison determined, but the sentence has not yet been promulgated. Shannon's case was to be further dealt with this afternoon.

As Hiram Sees It

"I suppose," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "you are just attending to the live stock and enjoying life these days."

"Me?" said Hiram—"no, sir. I got plenty to do. I'm gittin' out a few logs this winter. That there bud-worm fixed a lot o' the spruces an' firs, an' I'm cuttin' 'em down. I want a little lumber on hand next year, anyhow. I'll git it out an' haul it to the mill—an' with that an' the fire wood I'll hev enough exercise to keep me from gittin' rusty between now an' spring."

"I hear those hob-sleds creaking now," said the reporter," as they go over the humps and hollows and turn the sharp corners around the stumps on the tote-road. And I hear the twigs crackling in the frost, and see the sunlight sparkling on the snow. I even feel the snow from the boughs of a young spruce falling down my neck as I disturb them in passing. I see the horses straining under the load of logs. Hiram—if you talk much more you'll put me to the woods."

"It's a good healthy place," said Hiram. "No smoke like you hev to put up with in St. John. A woman told me yisteday she'd sold her clo'es-line because every time she hung out clo'es she hed to wash 'em over agin."

"Are the rabbits in the wood-lot turning white?" queried the reporter.

"Yes, sir," said Hiram. "I seen a white streak yisteday with the dog after it, an' he might as well try to ketch one of his own fleas."

"Has Mrs. Hornbeam made the first rabbit stew of the season?" asked the reporter.

"Not yit," said Hiram.

"Say to her," said the reporter, "that she will have a guest when the time and the rabbit are ripe."

"She'll be tickled to know it," said Hiram. "An' Hanner's rabbit stew is meat an' drink—yes, sir."

ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. JOHN DISTRICT LODGE

The St. John District Lodge, I. O. G. T. held its annual meeting last evening with No Surrender Lodge, Fairville, B. L. Kirkpatrick the district chief presided, eight candidates were given the district lodge degree.

Reports of officers showed a large increase in membership during the year, and the district lodge to be in a flourishing condition both financially and numerically.

After business and election of officers Henry McEachern, D. D. G. C. T. installed the following officers with the assistance of E. N. Stockford, N. C. T. as Marshall and H. Gardner as D. M. D. C. T., Wm. Arbo; D. secy, Mrs. Arbo; D. ass't-secy., J. McEachern; D. V. T., Mrs. T. Brown; D. Marsh, Mr. T. Brown; D. D. Marsh., Bruce Woods; D. Couns., H. Sardner; D. Chaplain, Alex Brown; D. E. Supt., Mr. Ferguson; D. Guard., Mrs. Lemon; D. Treasurer, Geo. Kelly; D. Sentinel, Miss M. Brown; D. D. G. C. T., H. McEachern; D. D. C. T., Bert Kirkpatrick.

An invitation for the next session was received from Thorne Lodge, St. John.

The session was one of the best attended for some time. A good number present represented the District District Lodge. The members of No Surrender Lodge served refreshments and were given a hearty vote of thanks.

PROTEST AGAINST BOOST IN THE FREIGHT RATES

Montreal, Nov. 28—At a meeting of representatives of the pulp and paper products manufacturers of eastern Canada yesterday, a committee was appointed to meet representatives of the railways at the earliest opportunity relative to the question of increased freight rates.

It was pointed out that should the proposed increase in rates become effective it would add to the cost of such ordinary necessities as roofing paper and felt, wall boards, toilet papers, paper bags and wrapping paper, thereby adding to the cost of living in a manner which the trade representatives present considered unjustifiable.

Felix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

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

Synopsis—The area of high pressure is now centered in the St. Lawrence Valley and there are indications of the northward movement of a disturbance from the lower Mississippi Valley. The weather is quite cold throughout the dominion.

Fair and Colder.

Maritime—Fresh northerly winds, fair and colder tonight and on Saturday.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Moderate winds, fair and cold today and on Saturday.

Superior—Fresh south and southeast winds, fair today. Saturday easterly winds.

New England—Generally cloudy tonight and Saturday. Probably local snows by Saturday afternoon or night. Northeast winds.

Lady Astor Elected; A Notable Victory

More Votes Than Two Opponents Had Together

Virginian Girl First Woman to Take Seat in British House of Commons—Unionist Wins in Isle of Thanet

Plymouth, Eng., Nov. 28—Lady Astor was elected to parliament from the Sutton division of Plymouth in the balloting of Nov. 15. The result was announced after a count of the ballots here this afternoon. The vote stood:

Lady Astor, Unionist, 14,495.
W. T. Gay, Labor, 9,292.
Isaac Foot, Liberal, 4,139.

Lady Astor became a candidate for the Plymouth seat in the British House of Commons after the death of Viscount Astor of Haverhall had left her husband heir to the title and necessitated his retirement from the lower house of parliament.

Lady Astor, who becomes the first woman seat holder in the House of Commons, was formerly Miss Nannie Langhorne of Virginia. She is the mother of six children, a fact of which she boasted on one occasion during her canvass.

In the by-election held in the Isle of Thanet division of Kent on Nov. 15, Edmond Harmsworth, Unionist, polled 9,711 votes, defeating Capt. A. J. West, Liberal, who received 7,058.

London, Nov. 28—(Canadian Associated Press)—Spen Valley is to have a coalition candidate against Sir John Simon, Independent Liberal, and Tom Myers, Labor. The Unionists have secured Col. Charles Fairfax, who pledges himself to support the premier and Andrew Bonar Law. Prophecy so far inclines towards the seat going to Labor.

As pointed out in the despatch, Lady Astor will be the first woman to take a seat in the House of Commons. Countess Markievicz was elected a member from St. Patrick's division of Dublin in the general election last year but, with the other Sinn Fein members elected in Ireland, has never taken her seat.

WANT REQUEST FOR A PLEBISCITE

Temperance Delegation Heard by Government Here This Morning—Other Matters

Much of the time of a government meeting here this morning was occupied with a discussion on temperance matters, with a delegation from the New Brunswick Temperance Alliance, consisting of Rev. Thomas Marshall, Rev. W. R. Robinson, L. W. Simms and F. H. Clark of Fredericton. They asked that the government pass a resolution at the coming session requesting the dominion government to arrange for a plebiscite on the importation of liquor from other provinces for private use under the bill lately passed by the dominion parliament.

The commissioners of the Great Marsh Road, J. P. Clayton, J. M. Donovan, and F. J. Rafferty were heard about the Marsh creek matter.

A delegation representing the recent Baptist convention in Woodstock asked that a time or date be set by the government to provide for additional registration of women voters. It was explained to them that as at present provided any person whose name was omitted could have it added to the voters' list by making affidavit with the sheriff of the county.

Last evening a delegation from the St. John Exhibition Association asked for a grant of $15,000 for the fall fair next year. Representatives of the St. John Law School asked for assistance towards increased accommodations and J. King Kelley, K. C., and Dr. Farris were heard in reference to assistance for the St. John County Hospital.

SPAIN BREAKS OFF RELATIONS WITH RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT

Madrid, Nov. 27—Spain has broken off all relations with the Soviet government of Russia because the Spanish embassy in Petrograd had been twice attacked and the Charge d'Affaires forced to leave Russia.

QUEBEC COURT DEALS WITH BOY'S MARRIAGE

Montreal, Nov. 28—Yesterday, by judgement of the superior court, rendered by Mr. Justice Duclos, the marriage of Rene Jutras and Lina Gatien was annulled. When the ceremony took place on April 21 last, Jutras was only fifteen. He left his parents home and went to Quebec, the girl following him there, and they were married according to the rites of the Catholic church. The boy's father entered proceedings to have the marriage annulled on the ground that his son was a minor and had married without his parents' consent. A written consent of the wife to the annullment of the marriage was put into the court record. Judgment was given granting the father's petition, but without costs against the wife, who pleaded that she acted in good faith in the matter. The boy had said that he was of age.

ACTION TO GET THE LIQUOR BACK

(Special to Times.)

Fredericton, Nov. 28—A Montreal wholesale liquor firm, which shipped five barrels to a local druggist, which were seized some weeks ago for alleged improper marking, has begun legal proceedings for the recovery of the liquor. Prohibition officials are contesting the action and are represented by P. J. Hughes. The firm is represented by J. J. F. Winslow. The hearing has been postponed for some days.

A judgment was delivered in the police court this morning in the case of a local physician charged with violation of the liquor act by illegal issuing of prescriptions. A convition was made and a fine of $100 imposed.

SKATING TODAY ON RIVER AT DEVON

Fredericton, Nov. 28—The St. John river here froze early this morning. There is skating along the Devon shore.

The Fredericton Hockey Club has been formed. A. McM. Staples is president and Harry Gibson, secretary. The proposed hockey league for New Brunswick has been discussed and the Fredericton team is anxious to become one of the league teams. Campbellton, Bathurst, Chatham, Newcastle and Marysville want to join.

BRITAIN GIVES HER ASSURANCE IN THE ADRIATIC MATTER.

London, Nov. 28—Great Britain has given Jugo-Slavia assurances that the Adriatic question will soon be taken up by the supreme council and that Great Britain's influence will be used to secure a just and equitable settlement in accord with the life and interests of Jugo-Slavia. This is according to private despatches.

LOCAL NEWS

TRAINS LATE.

The Boston train was twenty minutes late in arriving at noon and the Montreal one hour.

TO VANCOUVER.

J. A. Sinclair, chairman of the Workmen's Compensation Board for New Brunswick, has left for Vancouver, B. C., where he will attend a conference on matters pertaining to the work coming under the jurisdiction of this branch.

TO CHIPMAN.

Dr. J. F. L. Brown, district medical health officer will leave this evening for Chipman, to investigate the school building as a result of a complaint laid before him by the social service council.

CHINESE TRAIN DERAILED.

Six "silk" trains, as they are styled in railway parlance, will pass through the city today from Halifax, four from the steamer Metagama and two from the Megantic. One of the trains met with a slight derailment in the local yard near Stanley street this morning.

FOR 'DOWN AND OUT."

A large number of spectators were in the police court room this morning and the magistrate took advantage of this opportunity for making an appeal for the "Down and out fund," or as he termed it "The Ritchie fund." He went to the door and the spectators gave freely, so that the total amounted to $10.21.

ARRIVED SAFELY.

Vroom and Arnold today received a cablegram which will be heard of with pleasure by many about St. John. It announced the safe arrival of the two masted schooner Pesaquid, Capt. Densmore, from this port, at the Canary Islands. The message did not say when she arrived but she left here last September and some had begun to feel uneasiness when no news of her was received.

MARRIED IN BOSTON.

Nicholas Vassis, keeper of a shoe shine parlor in King street, returned to the city a very happy young man this morning with a young Grecian maiden as his bride. They were married in Boston on last Sunday in the Greek church there. The bride was welcomed very heartily by members of the Greek colony here this morning when she and her husband stepped from the Boston train and into his automobile which was waiting to take them to their home here.

WELL REMEMBERED HERE

At the V. G. Hospital in Halifax, on Monday evening Mrs. Whetsel-Moore, died, aged 73 years. She had been residing in Bedford for many years. She was twice married, her first husband being a Mr. Whetsel, who resided at St. John; her second husband died about five years ago.. She is survived by one son, F. W. Whetsel, who is in business in Toronto. A grandson is at present connected with the Royal Engineers at Halifax as a Cadet.

The Fox Industry.

Moncton Transcript—A large consignment of foxes passed through Moncton yesterday from Prince Edward Island, by Dominion Express. The shipment included about seventy-five foxes, silver blacks and silver greys, consigned to parties in Michigan, U. S. A. Mr. Jack Lea, a former Monctonian, was the consignee. It is understood that an equally large shipment is to follow in a day or two. The activity in the fox business this fall seems to indicate that the industry will again be a thriving one.

ERECT GROUP OF CIVIC BUILDINGS WORTHY OF FUTURE

Ottawa Architect Would Tear Down Old Court House

WIDEN KING ST. EAST

"The Site is an Ideal One"—Make Provision For The Whole Group as Part of a Comprehensive Scheme

That it would be difficult, if not impossible, to obtain a suitable building by repairing the old court house, and that a wonderful opportunity would be lost if the city did not take steps to create a municipal and court building on and about the site of the old court house, were included in statements made in a report received this morning from Ross & McDonald, architects, of Ottawa, whose representative was here a short time ago and went into the situation with Commissioner Thornton.

The report is accompanied by sketches and plans of different suggestions outlined by the architects. Their general idea is that the location could not be better. They say: "We have never seen in any city an opportunity for so suitable an arrangement of civic buildings as this, nor one which could be so easily realized. Anything done at this time should be done as part of some such comprehensive scheme as this."

The report recommends the demolition of the walls of the old court house, saying that it would be difficult, if not impossible to use the old walls to advantage in the erection of a suitable building, and it would be a great mistake to attempt to do so.

"The site," they say, "is an ideal one, worthy of the great future which is in store for St. John." The idea of creating a civic centre around the present city hall is not considered good, as the building would be hidden, being as it is at the foot of a steel slope, but King square location commands a view of practically the whole city and harbor, and the municipal building would be the first thing to strike the eye of the visitor. He says it is a wonderful opportunity for the creation of a civic centre, and it would be short-sighted policy if it was ignored.

The plans submitted provide for a city hall and court house on the corner of Sydney and King streets, extending along King street, which, in their opinion, should be widened to the original street line, thus straightening out the bend which now exists The space now occupied by the city stables at the corner of Carmarthen and King streets would make an ideal location for a modern fire station, while the space at the corner of Leinster and Carmarthen streets could be utilized for city stables and garage.

The report explains that these plans could be carried out from time to time, but always with the ultimate view of creating in this block a group of civic buildings which would be a credit architecturally to the city and would serve the purpose for which they were intended in a more thorough manner than the present arrangement does

BOARD OF COMMERCE JUDGMENT IN MATTER OF GENERAL ELECTRIC

Ottawa, Nov. 28—In a judgement yesterday, the board of commerce finds that the Canadian General Electric Company of Toronto, as the holder of certain patents in respect of tungsten filaments, has made use of its rights so as to restrain trade and commerce in relation to the manufacture and production of incandescent electric lamps It points out that while the board has jurisdiction over monopolies, even when possessed or controlled by a single individual or company, and might, therefore, make a specific order, the Exchequer court has special jurisdiction over the matter of patents. Under section 13 of the act it is within the power of the board to make a report to the minister of justice when patents have been used in restraint of trade, and the minister may exhibit an information in the Exchequer court praying for a judgment revoking such patent. This court has been adopted by the board, the judgment stating that "this course will permit of the matter being further investigated by a tribunal technically equipped for that purpose."

JAP SQUADRON IS SENT TO FUCHOW

Paris, Nov. 28—(By the Associated Press)—The Japanese peace delegation in announcing that Japan was sending a light cruiser and two torpedo boats to Fuchow, China, for the protection of Japanese subjects, said instructions had been given the commander forbidding the landing of marines or the use of arms except in case of absolute necessity.

Fuchow is one of the treaty ports of China, where anti-Japanese disturbances had occurred. On Nov. 21 a despatch from Amoy said there had been serious boycott outbreaks in Fuchow, and that seven Chinese students had been killed and three wounded by Japanese subjects.

HOME FROM ENGLAND.

John J. Garrick, of the Canadian Drug Company, has returned from England where he was spending a vacation. He arrived in Quebec a few days ago on the Empress of France with his wife and child.