

WHERE WERE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE SHEDING ATTORNEY?

Mr. Carter Was Ill and Mr. McQueen Was in the West, It's Up to Mr. Robinson, or Mr. Sweeney or Both.

The report of the Crown Land Department for 1916 has been laid on the table of the House. It is addressed to the Lieut-Governor by some one unknown. "May it please Your Honor," is the inscription. "I have the honor to submit for your approval the Fifty-Sixth Annual Report of the Crown Land Department for the fiscal year ended 31st October, 1916." There is no signature to this. Hon. George J. Clarke, who was Minister of Lands and Mines, is dead, and his immediate successor, Mr. Slipp, is not in the House, and no signature is appended. But the report is really presented by the present Minister of Lands and Mines, Dr. Smith, and his signature should be appended to it, no matter who was in office when it was prepared. His failure to do so is a bad break on his part. Fancy the presentation of an anonymous official report to the Lieut-Governor! Ye gods and little fishes! Where was Secretary of State Carter that he didn't look after the unsophisticated Minister of Lands and Mines when the report was about to be issued? He should not devote all his time to coaching the Premier, but should look after the other fellows also.—Chatham World.

NEW YORK TROLLEY LINES IN TROUBLE

New York, May 20.—The financial condition of the New York city surface lines has reached a serious stage and it is possible receivers will be appointed. The president of the Interborough system states that unless more revenue is forthcoming a receivership for the trolley lines is inevitable. The street railway companies throughout the state will appeal to the public service commission at Albany for higher fares. Local traction stocks were weak in the stock market.

Births and Marriages.
Eleven marriages and seventeen births—nine boys and eight girls—were reported to the registrar during the past week.

GERMAN-BORN WOMAN FOR THE U. S. FIRST

Influences Her Husband,
Native of Halifax, to Enlist
in United States Army.

Boston, May 20.—Although born in Germany and having two brothers in the German army, Mrs. Helene M. Aiken, who has applied to the Somerville agent of the state aid authorized because of the war, urged her husband, Eli Aiken, a native of Halifax, N. S., to enlist in America's cause. At her solicitation he gave up a \$35 a week job, and is now drawing from Uncle Sam only \$15 a month. Although born in Leipzig she says she is an American first.

My brothers, she says, do not know what they are fighting for. They simply had to go when they were ordered. It was part of the German system of militarism.

BIG LUMBER FAILURE
Boston, May 20.—The Butterick Lumber Co. of Waltham, has filed a petition in bankruptcy. The company owes about \$300,000, including \$2,893 to the Campbell, McLaurin Lumber Co. of Montreal; \$3,167 to the L. M. Young Lumber Co. of Bangor, all for lumber, and \$3,892 to the same firm on promissory notes. Several other Maine companies are creditors.

LOST SON OF BROOKLINE, MASS., WOMAN ENLISTED IN CANADIAN REGIMENT

Young Man Enlisted in Montreal, Came Here and Went Overseas.

Boston, May 20.—After a long investigation for her long missing sixteen year old son, William, Mrs. William Sundell, of Brookline, has learned that he is now a private with a Canadian regiment in England. A postal card from Montreal sometime ago to a friend gave the family a clue and Mrs. Sundell's brother, George Blaser, went to that city and Ottawa to hunt up young William. But Billie was not to be found. Blaser learned that he had enlisted in an Upper Canadian battalion which had moved to St. John and Halifax before crossing overseas. Mrs. Sundell herself visited Canada, but all to no purpose. It is probable an effort will be made through diplomatic channels to have the boy sent home.

WOOL 52 CENTS A POUND.

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