

## HALF MILLION FIRE IN TORONTO

Furniture of Thousands  
and Families Burned

Firemen Had Narrow Escape  
from Death—Fifty Planes  
Destroyed

TORONTO, Jan. 13.—The household furniture of about a thousand families was nearly destroyed this morning in a big fire in one of the storehouses of the City of Toronto. The fire broke out at 10:30 a.m. in a building on the corner of Yonge street. It is impossible to say how much the total loss will amount to, but it will probably be about a million dollars. The fire occurred in a "A" warehouse, which was built in 1890. It was a three-story building, and the fire started in the top of a long ladder against the east side of the building when he was suddenly overcome with smoke and fainted. He would have fallen had not a man immediately below seized him and held him until a rope was fastened to him and he was lowered to the ground. He was taken home in the ambulance.

## ALLAN, DOMINION AND C.P.R. LINES CUT RATES

MONTREAL, Jan. 13.—Following the action of the White Star and Cunard Lines in cutting rates, representatives of the Allan, Dominion and Canadian Pacific steamship companies at a conference held this afternoon, decided to make a cut in eastward second cabin and steerage rates to Liverpool and Scandinavian ports. To Liverpool, second cabin rates are reduced from \$42.50 to \$30, steerage rates on the Empresses and turbine boats are reduced from \$27.50 to \$17.50, and on other steamers from \$27.50 to \$16.25. To Scandinavian ports the steerage rates on the Empresses and turbine boats are reduced from \$27.50 to \$16.25, and on other vessels to \$12.50, and on other vessels to \$10.

## PROVINCIAL NEWS.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 9.—At a meeting of the executive of the Canadian Club held this afternoon, Mr. Joseph A. Chisholm, K. C., president of the club, Messrs W. M. Ross and David McKee were selected as delegates to attend the joint conference of the Canadian Clubs to be held at Ottawa on the 15th inst., in relation to a national park at Quebec and the proposed public monument.

CHATHAM, N. B., Jan. 10.—W. C. Winslow, K. C., received a despatch from Ottawa instructing him to accept an offer of \$15,000 to settle the suit of Snowball vs. the King. This was begun two years ago as the outcome of the government's expropriation to secure land for the Canada Wharf, the I. C. R.'s deep water terminal at Chatham. Snowball filed a claim for \$15,000 and the case was argued at St. John by R. A. Lawlor, representing Snowball, and W. C. Winslow agent for the Minister of Justice. Subsequently Mr. Lawlor offered to accept \$15,000 in full settlement of his client's claims. This the government has now accepted.

HAMPSON, N. B., Jan. 10.—The following officers of the Cornishian Lodge No. 12, A. F. & A. Masons, were installed this evening at Masonic Hall, Hampson station, this evening: W. W. Frost, W. M.; T. C. McDonald, S. W.; C. S. March, J. W.; J. M. Scoville, Sec.; A. Brittain, Treas.; Guy H. Humphrey, S. D.; A. Whitman, J. D.; Rex Cormier, S. S.; F. Williamson, J. S.; F. T. Atkinson, D. O. C.; F. N. Donald, I. G.; W. Jackson, Tyler. The installing grand

## EVERY SUFFERER FROM PILES SHOULD READ THIS CAREFULLY

Knowing the frequency with which people suffer from this ailment, Dr. Hamilton made an exhaustive study into the cause of piles.

He found that the lower part of the bowels is like a network of blood vessels, and if subjected to persistent pressure a section will bulge out and form what is commonly known as a pile.

The only effective mode of curing this trouble is the regular use of Dr. Hamilton's Pills, which can be taken before retiring. Next day will bring wonderful relief.

"I suffered up to about the limit of human endurance with piles," writes Miss Louisa from Cornwall, Ont. "I was employed in a factory here, but for a while had to give up work till I got better of this trouble. I read in the Montreal Herald about Dr. Hamilton's Pills, and after using them for two weeks was cured. I can recommend

## G.T.P. OFFICIALS AND CENTRAL RY.

President and Chief  
Engineer Inspecting

Looking Over Line Today  
in Company With  
Premier

MONTREAL, N. B., Jan. 13.—President Morse, of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and Wood, the chief engineer, arrived in Moncton this afternoon and left this evening to inspect the Central Railway with the object of buying or leasing the same.

While in Moncton Messrs. Morse and Wood met Premier Roblin and also D. Pöttinger, General Manager of Government Railways.

## SEVERE PAINS IN THE GROIN

Trying Experience of a Well-Known  
Citizen of St. John, N. B.

The case of Mr. Chas. F. Olive, for years foreman in the "Gazette" of St. John, N. B., is a striking evidence of the power of Ferrozene.

No remedy has such a record for restoring sufferers from acute stomach and kidney trouble; it invariably does cure.

"For several years," writes Mr. Olive, "I have had kidney trouble and until recently I suffered torture. A few months ago my condition assumed a very serious form. I consulted several city doctors, used different pills, but without the slightest benefit. I suffered from an intense pain in the groin, and the increasing seriousness of my trouble prompted me to try Ferrozene. It gave me quick relief, and a half-dozen boxes cured. Ferrozene I can recommend as a specific for disordered kidneys."

Don't you try Ferrozene, too. 50c per box, at all dealers in medicine.

BRUSHING A HAT.

A hat should always be brushed in the direction opposite to the hair of a clock. Otherwise the pile of the felt is taken out and the hat given a cheap, poor appearance.

officers were: G. G. M., W. B. Wallace, and Acting D. O. C., David Dearness. The Cornishian Lodge has been holding the Superior School building and the acre of land upon which it stands on Everett and School streets, and are to be sold for the purpose of building a new school. The alterations and improvements are completed they will have one of the finest Masonic lodges in the province. After the installing ceremonies this evening there was the conferring of degrees, followed by the interchange of fraternal greetings and bountiful refreshments.

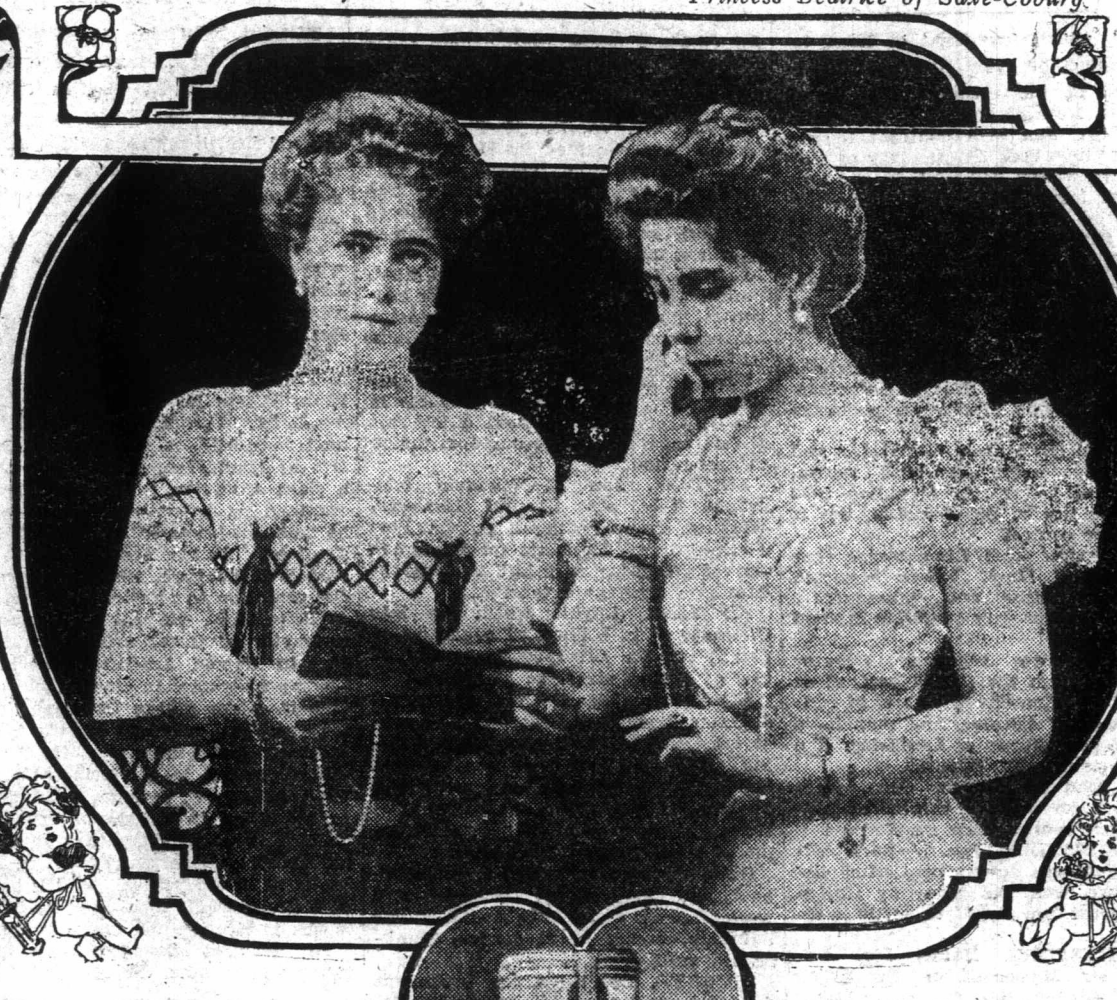
SUSSEX, Jan. 10.—Two Scott Act cases were heard here today before Magistrate Hornbrook. Both were adjourned for a week in order that additional evidence may be procured.

The first case was that against George Doherty. John R. McIntyre appeared for the defendant and A. A. Wilson and Fred Sproul for the prosecution. The evidence went to show that liquor had been seized while it was an express wagon in Doherty's yard and before the defendant had signed the receipts for the goods. The defendant's counsel asked for a week's adjournment in order to secure additional evidence.

The second case was against Thomas Brown, the same counsel acting. It was shown that an analysis of plimber beer seized on the defendant's premises showed 3.4-10 per cent. of alcohol. The highest percentage allowed under the Scott Act is 2.2. A week's adjournment was granted in order that the beer may be analyzed in Ottawa.

## PRINCESS, MANY TIMES ENGAGED, TO WED AT LAST

The Crown Princess of Roumania. Princess Beatrice of Saxe-Coburg.



LONDON, Jan. 5.—For the first time in the history of England since Charles I. wedded Henrietta-Maria, daughter of Henri Quatre, there is to be an intermarriage between the English royal family and a royal, or ex-royal, family of France. Princess Beatrice, youngest daughter of the late Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha (formerly Duke of Edinburgh), and therefore, a niece of King Edward, is betrothed to King Alfonso of Bourbon-Orleans.

The betrothal is also noteworthy because it will mean an alliance between Protestant and Catholic royal families, but most remarkable of all, the betrothal will probably wind up the most romantic series of engagements, real and rumored, that ever fell to the lot of a princess.

Beatrice of Saxe-Coburg is only twenty-three years of age, but in July, 1900, it was announced that she was to be married shortly to Duke William Ernst of Saxe-Weimar, who was and still is her fiancé to the Dutch throne.

The year 1902 was very prolific in engagements to the Princess Beatrice. In July it was said she was betrothed to Prince Arthur, the only son of the Duke of Connaught. In August the rumor ran that she was engaged to the Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovich, and in September it was announced she had haughtily refused the Russian's hand.

In April, 1905, Princess Beatrice reappeared in the engagement list as betrothed to Grand Duke Boris, and in December last it was declared that she was engaged to marry that stout younger son of the Crown Prince of Portugal.

The man now spoken of as the really, really fiancé is a great-grandson of Louis Philippe, the dethroned King of France, is an infant of Spain, and, of course, a Roman Catholic. It is likely that both parties will adhere each to his or her own religion, and in so doing Princess Beatrice will follow the example of her elder sister, the Crown Princess of Roumania.

Princess Beatrice has gone to Frederick to take a special course in Slavic at the Provincial Normal School.

Miss Nellie Clark of the musical staff, Mt. Allison College, spent Monday with her friend, Mrs. Andrew Dunn, here.

SUSSEX, Jan. 8.—Before Stipendiary Hornbrook, in the police court, this morning the case against William J. McAdam, arising out of Scott Act case, was dismissed, owing to want of evidence. The defendant was arrested, charged with disorderly conduct and the case was up before the courts on several occasions. Mr. McAdam has instructed his counsel to take counter proceedings for slander and assault.

A case of peculiar interest was before the local court this morning. The plaintiff had been sold or killed and the defendant had been sold or killed and the plaintiff had been sold or killed and the defendant had been sold or killed.

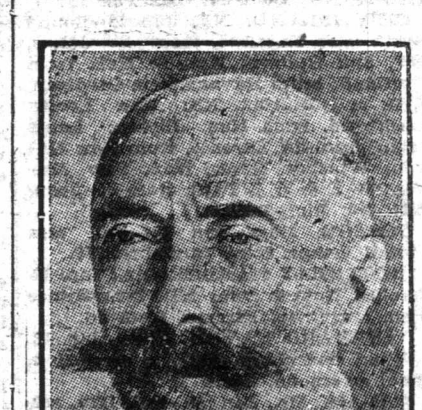
Mr. John Stewart has been appointed travelling inspector of I. C. R. locomotives and cars, to travel on all portions of the railway, and see that the locomotives are distributed, used and handled in such a way as to give best service to the railway, to see that freight trains are loaded to the full capacity of the locomotive, and to inspect engine houses and repair shops.

## GEN. STOESSEL FACES TRIAL

Evidence For and  
Against Him

Witnesses Described Russian  
Heroism at Port  
Arthur

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 13.—The court-martial of Lieutenant General Stoessel was resumed here today and the court began taking the testimony regarding the actual capitulation of Port Arthur.



GENERAL STOESSEL

Stoessel is expected to address the court personally in his own behalf concerning this point. General Kvonstov, a member of General Smirnov's staff, who participated in the negotiations, testified today that Japanese conditions were accepted without discussion because there was no time to consider individually the various points made. He said he gained the impression that the parties were a purely a cover for a pre-arranged surrender and that when, to his amazement, he saw the white flag sent in and asked the better purpose of his mission he was told: "To convey greetings of the new year to General Nogi."

This testimony of other officers was more favorable to General Stoessel. Colonel Goltzinsky, commander of the fort called the Eagle's Nest, maintained that the fall of this fort spelled the end of Port Arthur. The artillery was the highest point of all the fortifications and commenced every other defense.

The evidence brought out today concerning the final success of the Japanese has done much to restore the good name of the Port Arthur garrison, particularly with regard to the last days of the siege. It has been shown that and soldiers who defended certain important points like Fort Number 2 and the Eagle's Nest, died almost to a man, and the allegations made by General Smirnov that the fortifications were abandoned without a struggle, clearly have been disproved. The men in court today were moved to cheers when Colonel Goltzinsky related how the garrison under his command was time and again annihilated by the fearful rain of Japanese shells and bullets. Fresh volunteers, however, were always ready to move forward into the veritable inferno on this mountain top. Many soldiers left their detachments without permission to participate in the defense of the Eagle's Nest. The artillery on the summit had been disabled before the storm broke. The Russians repulsed the Japanese again and again with bayonets and hand grenades, stones and even their bare hands. When the Japanese advanced to the attack for the sixth time the Russian garrison, which was then reduced to one officer and two men, were forced to abandon the position. Many wounded men were left behind. These the Japanese bayoneted mercilessly. The commandant of Fort Number 2 brought forth from his position only ten men of the original garrison of five hundred, the rest of the detachments of sailors and sharpshooters sent into this fort having been wiped out to a man.

Corner Pearson was at Apohaqui this morning attending to the remains of the late William Buckley, who died as the result of injuries received at Apohaqui on Tuesday. The inquiry will be commenced tomorrow morning, and among witnesses to be examined will be the train hands who were in charge of No. 9 at the time of the accident.

SOME HARD KNOCKS

The injurious action of Coffee on the heart of many persons is well known by physicians to be caused by caffeine. This is the drug found by chemists in coffee and tea.

A woman suffered a long time with severe heart trouble and finally her doctor told her that she must give up coffee, as that was the principal cause of the trouble. She writes:

"My heart was so weak it could not do its work properly. My husband would sometimes have to carry me from the table, and it would seem that I would never breathe again. The doctor told me that coffee was causing the weakness of my heart. He said I must stop it, but it seemed I could not give it up until I was down in bed with nervous prostration. For eleven weeks I lay there and suffered. Finally husband brought home some Postum and I quit coffee and got well. Now I do not have any headaches, nor those spells with weak heart. We know it is Postum that has helped me. Dr. said the other day, 'I never thought you would be with you are.' I used to weigh 82 pounds and now I weigh 115."

"Postum has done much for me and I would not go back to coffee again for any money, for I believe it would kill me if I kept at it. Postum must be well boiled like the directions on package, then it has a rich flavour with cream is fine." Name given by the Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Well-Being" found in pages. "There's a Reason."



She is the eldest daughter of King Edward. The Duchess of Fife is following an operation, necessitated by a chill, from which she never fully recovered, is worrying her friends. She is going to the south of Europe for the winter.

## WANT PLACE ON FIRE INSURANCE BOARD

Not Satisfied  
With Present Plan

Whole Thing Done by St. John  
Agents—May Ask Legisla-  
ture to Adjust Matters

FREDERICTON, Jan. 13.—The annual meeting of the Fredericton Board of Trade was held this afternoon at the City Hall. The chair was occupied by the president, Geo. Y. Dible, occupied the chair. There was a fair attendance. The chief business before the meeting was the election of officers. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, G. Y. Dible; vice-president, J. W. McCready; secretary, J. F. Winslow; treasurer, M. T. Tennant; counsel, J. S. Neill, J. D. Phinney, C. F. Chestnut, F. B. Edgecombe, J. J. Weddall, J. H. Barry, G. W. Hodge, H. F. Randolph, J. T. Jennings, W. E. Farrel, John Palmer, A. S. McFarlane; tourist committee, C. F. Chestnut, J. S. Neill, F. B. Edgecombe, J. W. McCready, R. P. Allen.

The president's address was a most creditable one, and Mr. Dible received the congratulations and unanimous thanks of all present. He expressed the opinion that it was the best address ever given to the body. The president in his address congratulated the citizens on the commercial success of the past year. He referred to the money stringency felt both in the United States and Canada, and said that the depression was felt here to a degree not a business failure had been reported in Fredericton within the past twelve months. Two new sanitary works had been completed—the sewerage and the filtration plant—and these were marked by the almost total absence of fever and kindred diseases, and this city in a future may look upon its health conditions with pride and take its position with any city in Canada.

Another important civic change was consummated during the past year in the introduction of the new assessment act. Its operation had met with little criticism, and it was hoped that it would call attention to the clause taxing the income of the merchant and manufacturer. He thought it most desirable and suggested the appointment of a committee to seek legislation to amend the act in this respect. Another event of the year was the holding of the exhibition. The Agricultural Society deserved every congratulation. It surpassed any previous exhibition held in Fredericton. One regretted to note the sale and removal of the Aberdeen, the Woodstock boat, and the Star Line now offering their boats for sale. The board should take some action in having a Woodstock boat placed on the route and assist the St. John-Fredericton service.

It was hoped that later the service would be improved by the grant of transcontinental companies. The president next referred to the desirability of having a union station and better car services. He had been interviewed and both promised the most careful consideration. It was to be regretted that so far there was no prospect of the rebuilding of the Aberdeen mills, and he would recommend the appointment of a committee to meet the mayor and council in order to bring the matter to a successful issue. He would also suggest that some action be taken in respect to concerns and companies having legislative franchises for the operation of public utilities. The chief of the fire department reported that the losses from fire during the past year came to only \$74,500. The president said he had reliable information to the effect that the average losses in 25 years was \$5,500. That the minimum fire premium paid any year was not more than \$50,000, paying altogether in 25 years at least \$1,500,000. Total losses in same period, \$127,500, leaving the enormous surplus of \$1,372,500. One fire insurance tariff is fixed altogether by St. John agents and while we have good insurance men here who have always done their best in the city's interest, still they have no voice in fixing the rate. The president said he would recommend that places on the board, still they be referred to the council to act upon. One and two were referred to special committees.

Henry Chestnut presented a lengthy report from the Local Improvement Association, and outlining certain proposed improvements, and asked the assistance of the board. This was referred to the council with power to act.

The Improvement Association include the extension of the market, building wharves, the building up of the river front opposite the parliament buildings and the improvement of the river. The ideas expressed about the two latter were of an interesting character. The proposition is to sell Queen's Park at the back of the city for \$400,000 per acre to the railways for a station, realizing therefrom \$15,000, the amount to be turned into the city and of this ten thousand, with what government assistance can be obtained to go towards the building up of the water front. The board expressed approval of the scheme and the council will endeavor to forward the Local Improvement Association plans. The Tourist Association presented its annual report, which was passed.

LAWRENCEBURGH, Ind., Jan. 12.—William H. O'Brien, until recently chairman of the Indiana Democratic committee, has accepted the appointment as treasurer of the Democratic national committee.