

FLORENCE, N. S. NEARLY WIPED OUT BY FIRE

Business Section Of Mining Town In Cape Breton Prey To Flames—Loss Placed At \$60,000.

FIRE APPARATUS SENT FROM SYDNEY MINES

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Oct. 28.—The town of Florence, three miles from Sydney Mines was about half destroyed by fire today. The fire started at ten o'clock this morning and before anything could be done to prevent its spread had made great headway.

WITH WIFE OF HIS PARTNER

Suit For Divorce Follows Disappearance Of R. W. Sawyer, Jr., And Mrs. G. F. McClelland From Cambridge.

Boston, Mass., Oct. 28.—Following the disappearance from Cambridge two weeks ago of Mrs. Edward F. McClelland, of 35 Lake View avenue, and about the same time, of Robert W. Sawyer, Jr., an intimate friend of the family, and a neighbor, suit for divorce has been begun in the Middlesex superior court by Mr. McClelland, who is a Boston attorney.

In his suit Mr. McClelland says Mr. Sawyer's name is mentioned. The affair is a surprise to Cambridge society.

The two men have been associated intimately for some years. They are both connected with the law firm of Brandeis, Dunbar & Nutter. Mr. Sawyer graduated from Harvard in 1902, and from the Harvard Law School in 1905.

Mr. McClelland is a graduate of Harvard in the class of 1895. Mr. McClelland, in verifying the rumor of the disappearance of his wife, said: "Yes, it is true that my wife has gone. She has been gone two weeks. I know of no earthly reason why she should have left us, for our lives were perfectly harmonious, until a man, whom I considered a friend, came into my life. I never suspected a thing of the kind, for we had no words except the very mildest kind of discussion of this friend."

"We have been married 11 years and have two children, two girls, one 10 and the other 7 years of age. I have not the slightest idea where she has gone. I have begun divorce proceedings, however, and the name of Robert W. Sawyer, Jr., also of Cambridge and a neighbor, is mentioned in them."

Sawyer left a wife and children here.

MINING TOWN LOST HEAVILY BY FIRE

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 28.—After fighting the flames from midnight until long after dawn, the tired residents of Bonswell, a mining town in Somerset County, today looked out upon a scene of desolation. Property to the value of \$75,000 had been destroyed. The hotel, business houses and seven dwellings were burned.

RIOTING AT BARCELONA.

Barcelona, Oct. 28.—At a meeting of the city council today the radical majority voted to tear down the defences erected about the doors and windows of the Jesuit college, and which it was alleged have transformed the building into a fortress.

Lady Tilley Retires from Presidency



LADY TILLEY.

MRS. E. M. SMITH NEW PRESIDENT

Annual Meeting Of Women's Canadian Club—Reports Tell Of Successful Year—Hope To Secure Quarters.

The annual meeting of the Women's Canadian Club was held last evening in the Assembly Rooms of the Nickel Theatre. There was a representative attendance of members and the proceedings of the meeting, with the reports submitted, showed the club to be in a flourishing condition.

A letter was read from Lady Tilley resigning office as president of the club, and Mrs. Smith spoke in feeling terms of the active interest that Lady Tilley had always taken in the organization. By the unanimous vote of the members present it was decided to elect Lady Tilley honorary president of the club for the ensuing year.

The report of the treasurer was read by Miss Travers. At the opening of the year the club had a balance on hand of \$17.18 and the receipts for the year, with this balance brought the total of cash received to \$290.68. The expenditures for the year were \$193.86, leaving a balance on hand at the opening of the present year of \$66.82.

Mrs. Gronlund read the secretary's report for the year. The executive committee had held ten meetings during the year, and had done good work. The club had a membership of 226, of which 76 were added during the year. Interest in public meetings had been held and the speakers who were heard by the club included such eminent Canadian men and women as Dr. Pringle, Prof. Adam Shortt, Prof. Kierstead, of the U. N. B., Prof. McGill of Halifax, Mrs. Sexton of Halifax, and Rev. R. E. Knowles of Toronto.

Work Accomplished. In December last the club had affiliated with the Women's Council and had also taken membership in the Association of Canadian Clubs. At the time of the funeral of the late King Edward VII. the club had made 800 mourning badges which had been worn by the members of the club, the members of the Canadian Club, members of the city police force and employees of the street railway. On the occasion of the unveiling of the monument to the late Sir Leonard Tilley, the club had placed a laurel wreath on the monument to a great Canadian.

Both reports were adopted as was also the report of a committee appointed to consider amendments to the constitution, and which recommended certain minor changes.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE NAVAL SERVICE

Ottawa, Oct. 28.—The following appointments have been promulgated by the minister of naval service: For Royal Naval College, Halifax, director of studies, B. S. Hartley, R.N.; Lieut., E. A. Nixon, R.N.; Engineer Lieut., E. E. Bartlett, R.N.

For Halifax dockyard, commander in charge, Commander E. H. Martin, R.N., who will also be captain of the Royal Naval College and have command of the "Canada"; Chief Engineer, Engineer Commander W. S. Frowd, R.N.

MICE PLAGUE IN INVERNESS

PLEASANT BAY CROPS RUINED BY RODENTS

People Driving Pests Into Pits By Thousands But This Does Not Appear Effective—Devastating Country.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Oct. 28.—Pleasant Bay, a remote settlement on the gulf shore of Inverness county, Cape Breton, is besieged by a mice plague. The population of the hamlet consists of some 40 families of English, Irish and Scotch extraction.

The place is rarely visited, but at the present the countryside is alive with the hairy animals. They have burrowed a network of subterranean roads and have proved very destructive to the hay crop. The cats are getting enfeebled and lazy and have grown weary of killing them. One man is said to have piled up 26 dead mice in front of a barn door as the result of one night's work. Vegetables, etc., are being destroyed and no remedy is in sight. The people have been driving them into pits filled with water, but in spite of the myriads destroyed in this manner, there seems to be no abatement of the pestilence.

\$50,000,000 CHINESE LOAN

Agreement Signed In Peking Yesterday By Which Group Of New York Bankers Will Offer Government Bonds.

New York, N. Y., Oct. 28.—An American loan of \$50,000,000 to the Chinese government has been consummated, it was learned here today. The group of bankers interested in this loan consists of J. P. Morgan and Co., Kuhn, Loeb and Co., the National City Bank, and the First National Bank.

The agreement as to the amount of the loan rate of interest and terms, it is stated, was signed in Peking yesterday by Daniel A. Senecal, of the International Banking Corporation on behalf of Willard D. Straight, former U. S. consul general at Mukden, now agent of the syndicate in China but who has been in this country for the past few months.

The bonds will be Chinese government bonds and will bear interest at five per cent, and it is expected they will be offered here and in European countries at par.

BROOKLINE MAN GOES TO WATERY GRAVE

Crawford C. Linton Found Drowned In Sudbury River—Rubber Boots Dragged Him Down After Falling Out.

Wayland, Mass., Oct. 28.—Crawford C. Linton, a wealthy Brookline man, was found drowned in the Sudbury river near the stone arch bridge, today. He came to Wayland yesterday to enjoy the fishing, hired a boat for which he paid in advance, and was never seen again.

SAILOR DREW KNIFE AND IS ARRESTED

Ole Nelson Attacked Capt. Eaton Of Schooner Wm. Moren And Is Placed In Jail At Vineyard Haven.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Oct. 28.—Ole Nelson, a seaman on board the schooner William Moren, Captain Eaton, Long Cove, Me., for New York, resisted the captain's orders by exhibiting a long bladed knife, and in consequence was arrested on the schooner's arrival at this port. He was taken before the district court at Oak Bluffs yesterday, charged with assault and fined \$25. In default of bonds he was committed to the county jail, to await trial in January.

WILL PROPE CONDITIONS MARKET

Complaint Of Violation Of Rules And Hints Of Worse Things Leads To Sworn Investigation.

ALD. JONES MOVES AT SAFETY BOARD

That the rules and regulations of the market are being openly and flagrantly violated, that certain stalls which the city has not leased to anybody are occupied and that somebody is collecting rent from the occupants and making no return to the city authorities, are among the complaints regarding the administration of the present Ald. Jones, Edward Wigmore, to introduce a motion at the meeting of the safety board last night calling upon the city council to appoint a committee to conduct an investigation under oath.

"There are other practices," said Ald. Jones in moving his resolution, "of which the users of the market complain, and which it is the duty of the council to look into. We must have a thorough investigation of all the conditions obtaining in the market, and see if matters cannot be straightened out and improvements effected where necessary."

The Wilson Box Company, of which T. H. Estabrook is president, were granted a lease of three lots in Lancaster for the purpose of having the company to enlarge its business. Several renewal leases were granted, and other business was dealt with. Ald. Vanwart presided and there were present Ald. Jones, Edward Wigmore, Scully and White, with the common clerk, Director Wilson, Chief Kerr and Capt. Turner, of the Salvage Corps.

Chief Kerr, of the fire department was heard. He wanted to see an opportunity to thank the board for his holiday. The convention had discussed many important questions, continuing the chief said that in all other cities the permanent staff of the fire department were in uniform. Most of his men were uniformed, but one man refused to fall in line. He thought an order should be passed obliging the men on duty to wear uniforms. He concluded by saying he intended to divide the men in Christian into two companies after November.

An application was received from the Wilson Box Company, Ltd., for lease of lots No. 44, 45 and 46 in Lancaster. T. H. Estabrook, president of the company and A. W. Wilson manager, were heard. They said they needed extra room for piling lumber and would like to have a lease for 21 years.

Ald. Scully moved that the lease be granted for 21 years at a rental of \$50 per year. Mr. Wilson said they proposed to spend \$25,000 on a building and hoped to do a big business in the industry.

Should Not Sell Land. Mr. Estabrook said there were rumors on the street that the city intended to sell its Lancaster lands. He thought the city should not sell any land likely to be necessary for the city's future. He was interested in a company that would like to buy land in Lancaster, but he hoped the city would safeguard the public interest and only let parties intending to utilize the land.

Ald. Jones said that the board should have a report from the engineer or director before taking action on the application. The Association made application for a lot of land south of the Agricultural Hall upon which to place a building that had to be removed from Sh. field street, owing to Continued on Page Two

LORE LANESBOROUGH SAILS FOR ENGLAND

Earl Grey's Secretary Expresses Opinion That Appointment Of Duke Of Connaught Has Been Definitely Made.

Montreal, Oct. 28.—On the Virginian which sailed for Liverpool today was the Earl of Lanesborough who for some months has been secretary to Earl Grey.

Lord Lanesborough said he believed the appointment of the Duke of Connaught to succeed Earl Grey as governor general of Canada had been definitely made, and that shortly after the return of the duke from opening the first parliament of South Africa he would come to Canada.

FELL SHORT OF BRUSSELS

Barine Le Comte Belgium, Oct. 28.—After having flown approximately 150 miles as the crow flies, in his attempt to reach Brussels from Paris in an aeroplane, M. Athelin landed here this evening and, owing to the darkness, was unable to proceed further. The aviator therefore failed of his purpose by about 20 miles.

BIG DEAL AT ST. STEPHEN

FREDERICTON FIRM TO OPEN BRANCH

Ganong Bros. Have Added New Wing To Candy Factory—St. Andrews Society May Be Formed.

Special to The Standard. St. Stephen, N. B., Oct. 28.—An important deal in real estate was consummated here today, when J. S. Clark & Sons, of Fredericton, purchased from W. J. McWha the building and premises on Water street, now occupied by Buchanan & Co. furniture dealers. The new owners are to take possession on December 1st. Buchanan & Co. recently purchased the store of Vroom Bros. and have leased the premises formerly occupied by that concern.

Ganong Bros. Ltd., will tomorrow begin the foundation for a new wing to their extensive factory premises. This new building will give an additional thirty thousand square feet of floor surface which is required for the rapidly increasing trade on their great chocolate specialties known all over Canada as "The Finest in the Land."

The new wing will measure 65 by 100 feet, four stories high and another story, 50 by 70 feet will be added to a part of their main building. The firm expects to complete the building early in the spring so as to have the necessary machinery installed before the busy season of 1911. They have, for nearly two months been running their plant three evenings each week in an endeavor to keep up with the demand. E. B. Hanson has the contract for the erection of the foundation for the new building.

Scotchmen in town met last evening and took preliminary steps for the organization of a St. Andrews society. The next meeting will be held in Elder Memorial Hall next Thursday evening, when officers will be elected and bye-laws adopted.

FRIENDS SEEK TO FREE MORSE

President Taft Will Be Asked To Release Imprisoned Banker On Parole—Claimed There Is Precedent.

Washington, Oct. 28.—Friends of Charles W. Morse believe they have found a way for President Taft to let the convicted New York banker out of the Atlantic penitentiary without actually pardoning him. In effect it would be to parole Morse, but that end would be accomplished by issuing a "conditional pardon."

The banker's friends claim precedent is in their favor, and point out that President Cleveland pardoned a Federal prisoner conditionally, with the proviso that he report to the United States District Attorney every year for five years. While the plans of Morse's friends are not known at the department of justice, it was said that there is nothing to prevent the President from issuing a "conditional pardon," and that in such an event, the federal board of parole would be charged with the responsibility of looking after Morse.

Any proposition to parole Morse under the terms of the law passed at the last session of congress, as has been suggested, is out of the question, say the law says a federal prisoner may be paroled after having served one third of his sentence. Morse was sentenced to fifteen years, and would not be eligible for parole under that statute, therefore, until January 1915.

FREEMASON QUESTION COMES UP AGAIN

Ex-Ald. Denis Applies For Writ To Compel Catholic School Commission To Re-instate The 5 Teachers Dismissed.

Montreal, Oct. 28.—The sequel to the dismissal of the five teachers of the Catholic school commission on account of their alleged Freemasonry tendencies came today when a writ of injunction was applied for by ex-Ald. St. Denis to compel the commission to reinstate the teachers. The writ is returnable tomorrow and a lively legal fight is promised as the whole question of Freemasonry may be re-opened.

MACNAB LEAVES STAR.

Montreal, Oct. 28.—B. A. MacNab, for several years managing editor of the Montreal Star, has resigned and will be succeeded by Edward Beck, a Detroit newspaper man, who has recently been in charge of the Montreal Herald.

Opening of Big Y.M.C.A. Convention



SIR J. P. WHITNEY Premier of Ontario Who Welcomed 1500 Delegates at Convention.

PROGRAM FOR FIRST SESSION

Addresses Of Welcome By Lieut. Governor, Premier, And Toronto's Mayor—Dr. J. W. Robertson a Speaker.

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Oct. 28.—The international convention of the Y. M. C. A. with delegates from all parts of Canada and the United States, and some from Great Britain present, opened this morning in Massey Hall, with addresses by Ven. Archbishop Cody, of Toronto and F. S. Brockman, of China. About 1500 delegates have arrived so far and upwards of 2000 are expected. The formal organization took place at two o'clock this afternoon with an address of welcome by the mayor. Fraternal greetings were extended and the triennial report of the international committee given. From 5 to 6 o'clock a reception was tendered at the city hall by his honor the lieutenant governor of Ontario, the prime minister and the mayor.

This evening Dr. J. W. Robertson, chairman of the royal commission on industrial training and technical education spoke on the conservation of life in rural districts. Dr. J. A. Macdonald spoke on "The timeliness of the needs of Canada."

Problems of far-reaching importance to young men will be discussed at the convention. Prominent among the topics is "Safeguarding the boys of the continent."

Since 1876, when the international convention was held in Toronto, cities in the United States have been honored with the continental gathering. In this connection it is worth while to note that the Y. M. C. A. movement, originating 66 years ago, in a London mercantile establishment under the leadership of Geo. Williams, afterwards knighted, spread to Canada first and then on to the United States.

Growth In U. S. The first North American Y. M. C. A. was organized in Montreal in 1851. Four years later the international organization was perfected at Buffalo, N. Y., and since then the association has grown more rapidly in the United States than anywhere else in the world.

Nearly all of the foreign activities originate there, and most of the foreign secretaries are either Americans or Canadians. There are over 2000 associations in the United States, with an enrollment equal to seven times the enlisted strength of the United States army; the total attendance at its buildings in one year equals one half of the total population of the country; and the yearly attendance at its religious meetings and Bible classes would fill over 15,000 churches.

It is expected that the convention will comment favorably upon the co-operation of the association with the Boy Scouts in the United States and Canada, and that all associations will be urged to keep up athletic work. Organizing in non-Christian lands will be pressed with renewed vigor because foreign work has developed many new fields in which the movement has been wonderfully successful.

Lucien C. Warner, of New York, is the present chairman of the international organization, whose headquarters are in New York. Richard C. Morse, also of New York, is the general secretary.

THREE YEARS FOR \$4,000.

Boston, Oct. 28.—Pleading guilty to the larceny of \$4,000 from the New York and Boston Despatch Company, Joseph E. Minon, aged 35 years, was sentenced to the house of correction for three years by Judge Stevens in the superior criminal court today. Minon was for several years assistant cashier in the office of the company.

R. JOHNSTONE BRINGS DOWN A NEW RECORD

Wright Pupil Got Up To 8,471 Feet On Return From Middle Island—In Great Danger.

PICK AMERICAN TEAM TO DEFEND CUP

New York, N. Y., Oct. 28.—The crowd at Belmont park today was all for Ralph Johnstone when from middle Island Village, L. I., 55 miles off the coast, he brought back a new American record of 8,471 feet for altitude—the second he has added to his string in the international aviation meet. But the interest of the aviators was centred on the action of the Aero Club of America, which after a midnight session, chose Hamilton, Drexel and Brooks early this morning to defend the Bennett international speed trophy.

DeMars, in a Demoiselle, suffered the first accident of the tournament but came off with no hurt to himself and only minor damage to his machine. Just before the passenger carrying cross country race was started at 4 o'clock this afternoon, a note in the sky was seen far to the southeast. It was Johnstone's, respawning just where he had vanished in yesterday's sale. He circled the field and settled in front of the judges' stand, while the crowd waved, cheered and stamped. For once he had the center of the stage and Hoxey had to take the background.

His Story. "Tell you what, boys," said the hero, "It was just the mercy of Providence that I saved my neck. When I thought I was within touching distance of the new world's record, I kind of forgot all about the wind, and began to reach out for more height. Then I suddenly said to myself, 'young man, you better see how much gas you've got,' it's the truth I had just enough to turn over the two propellers. When I kept her nose up the juice ran down into the engine and she coughed. The minute I pointed down I lost my fuel and she began to sputter."

It was just like shooting the chutes, I'd take a header with the power off, and when the wind began to carry me out of control I'd point up a bit, get a little headway, run level for a hundred yards, then dive again. I wasn't much scared till I got down to earth and saw what a gale there was. Then I was frightened for fair. The only spot I could find to land in was a little patch not three times bigger across than the stretch of wings from tip to tip. If I went farther I was afraid I'd wipe out the entire village of Middle Island. If I didn't come down the engine would wipe me out. While I was tossing pennies with myself the wind turned me clean around and landed me front end backwards, but that was just what saved me. If it had come head first, the wind would have picked me up, tipped me over and smashed me to pieces."

The Outside Teams. The French team in the Bennett race consists of Latham, with a 100 horse power Antoinette; LeBlanc with a 100 horse power Bleriot; Auburn with a 50 horse power Bleriot; Simon and Barrier, both with 50 horse power Bleriot's are substitutes. For Great Britain, White with a 100 horse power Bleriot; Radley with a 50 horse power Bleriot are the team, with Ogilvie of the Wrich company of Great Britain and McArdle in a Bleriot as the substitutes.

There was no flight to the Statue of Liberty today because of too much wind. Moissant and DeLesseps, both tried but neither finished. Count Leaps took up his brother and landed unhurt in Garden City.

MAN SAID SUICIDE; HIS WIFE INDICTED

St. Albans, Vt., Oct. 28.—Mrs. Frank C. Averill, of St. Albans town, was indicted for the murder of her husband by the Franklin county grand jury late today. The jury which had been especially summoned to consider the case, had been hearing testimony since yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Averill has been under arrest since Saturday last when she was taken into custody following an investigation by State Attorney Johnson. Averill died at a hospital in this city, Oct. 21 from gunshot wounds. He was taken to the hospital late the night before, and in his few moments of consciousness told the officers who had been called in, that he had been shot accidentally.

The Averills were well known residents of St. Albans town. Mrs. Averill since her arrest has maintained her innocence and not motive nor anyone to have shot Averill is known.

MORE C. P. R. CHANGES.

Montreal, Que., Oct. 28.—The following changes are announced in the Passenger Department of the C. P. R. A. C. Shaw, General Agent, Chicomago, to be assistant general passenger agent, Winnipeg, succeeding H. W. Brodie, who was recently appointed general passenger agent at Vancouver. A. B. Calder, General Agent, Seattle, succeeds A. C. Shaw as general agent, Chicago.

E. E. Penn, General Agent, San Francisco, succeeds A. B. Calder, as general agent, Seattle.